

Restoring hope and trust with \$4.5 million

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• Lilly Endowment Inc. has given a \$4.5 million grant to Wabash College in an effort to build a stronger foundation for the future of liberal arts education. “Restoring Hope, Restoring Trust” aims to repair the trust issues that many people have with higher education as a whole. Specifically, this grant aims to serve members of the new majority in higher education: first-generation college students, students eligible for Pell Grants and underrepresented and traditionally underserved minorities. This grant hopes to promote Wabash College as an inclusive and innovative community where students of any background can achieve success.

“Restoring Hope, Restoring Trust” has five subsections within the plan called strategic focuses. With these focuses and the hiring of nine new faculty and staff members, Wabash wants to revitalize its image within the community and in the nation.

The five strategic focuses are Recruitment, Retention and Graduation of New Majority Students, Curricular Expansion, Cultural and Artistic Programming, Community Engagement and Research Support. Each focus brings its own individual importance, but many share common themes of added positions, added programs promoting diversity and expansion of existing programming to become more inclusive. Each piece of the puzzle is directed at gradually progressing the Wabash community as a whole.

Dr. Jill Lamberton, co-author to the grant proposal and special assistant to the President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, is in charge of making sure each of the many moving pieces are effectively carrying out the mission of “Restoring Hope, Restoring Trust.”

“A portion of the American population is becoming increasingly suspicious of higher education,” Lamberton said. “The grant looks to restore hope and trust in the power of education and ensure that this is a college that changes lives.” Lamberton suggests also that this grant is not an attempt to only help specific individuals.

“The grant was written to look at the structures of the College rather than specific people,” said Lamberton. “If we can fix a department or a certain process within the College, we are serving all of the students.” Breaking down barriers in Wabash and Crawfordsville internally through the College rather than giving out scholarships to individuals is a crucial aspect of the grant’s mission.

“Restoring Hope, Restoring Trust” attempts to lead a conversation about diversity, equity and inclusion through added opportunities for students. For example, a new artist-in-residence teaches how art can build community and a commonality between all people. The new digital archives librarian can make holdings about minority experiences or minority toils more accessible and available. New fellowships for professors allow more educated discussion in class and could lead to a revision of a syllabus or recognition of racial disparities in a specific topic.

Furthermore, one of the new positions added was a Scholar-In-Residence, Dr. Ruth Hernandez. Her primary goal while on campus is to work on her book about transnational Mexican families and communities. Her research also looks at immigration and how immigration affects the communities back in Mexico rather than just in the United States.

“Part of this grant is to promote diversity, equity and inclusion,” said Hernandez. “I think Wabash is promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion through scholarship as well.”

Hernandez believes that this book not only will benefit her personal research but will also benefit the image of Wabash College.

“When people read my book, they will read the acknowledgments and see that Wabash supported it,” she said. “It really gives Wabash an opportunity to make their name better known.”

Dr. Hernandez’s importance on campus isn’t limited to her research. Although Dr. Hernandez’s purpose through “Restoring Hope, Restoring Trust” is to research, students of the new majority simply appreciate her presence.

“I’ve had a lot of interactions, especially with students of color,” said Hernandez. “What I’ve heard from my conversations with them is that having a professor that looks like them is a huge deal because they are able to relate.”

Wabash students will be benefiting now and long into the future with “Restoring Hope, Restoring Trust.” This grant will propel Wabash into a brighter and more inclusive future. Although it appears that on the surface level this grant only applies to those in the new majority, it will open doors for all Wabash men, many of whom would be unable to receive these opportunities anywhere else.

Historic Moot Court co-victory

Buckley '23 and Kirkpatrick '24 named Co-Top Advocates for the 29th Annual Moot Court Competition

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• For the first time in Wabash College Moot Court history, the final round judges named two top advocates. After a round of fierce competition, Liam Buckley '23 and Seth Kirkpatrick '24 shared the top prize at the end of an hour-long oral argument on October 26.

Buckley, a political science major from Hell’s Kitchen, New York, is interested in a career in politics and law, with plans to serve as a public defender. Buckley is also an experienced political operative in New York campaigns. Kirkpatrick, a junior from South Bend, hopes to compete in the finals again next year before attending law school after graduation. Kirkpatrick plans to return to South Bend to focus on civic development and to confront brain drain in Indiana.

Despite the fierce competition, the two co-winners were quick to compliment the other’s success.

“The whole time I was up there, I was thinking, ‘I have no idea who’s going to win this,’” said Kirkpatrick. “This was very tight, and I felt neck-and-neck with Buckley. He did stuff I didn’t. He was quippy, but in an admirable way.”

“Seth did an extraordinary job,” said Buckley, “and for us to share the honor doesn’t diminish it at all.”

Given the rapid-fire questioning, even the best oral advocates have regrets after a stellar performance. Both Buckley and Kirkpatrick explained what they would have done differently.

“I would’ve done more to polish more of my answers... I made appeals sometimes that went off script, and I would have made them a bit more formal,” said Buckley.

“I would’ve used my hands a little more, said Kirkpatrick, “I would’ve had a little more expression and I would’ve been less nervous in that first minute. At the end of the day, it’s a play. I have my lines, they have their lines. And I knew I knew my lines, so I shouldn’t have been quite so nervous.”

This year’s case centered citizenship questions for the residents of the American Samoa, a U.S. territory. The case featured two questions. First, does the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution automatically grant birthright citizenship to American Samoans? Second, if not, should Congress or the courts decide to extend citizenship to the territory?



PHOTO BY BENJAMIN HIGH '24

Seth Kirkpatrick '24 (left) and Liam Buckley '23 (right) became the first ever joint winners of the Wabash Moot Court competition on October 27, 2022.

Thirty-five Wabash students initially competed on Saturday, October 26. Following two preliminary rounds, 12 semifinalists advanced to an additional round on Monday night. In that Monday night round, the semifinalists faced fierce questioning from Indiana Solicitor General Tom Fisher '91. Late that evening, four finalists were announced: Liam Buckley '23, Seth Kirkpatrick '24, Jakob Goodwin '23 and Jackson Grabill '24.

Wednesday was Goodwin’s third straight moot court final. Grabill, a Sigma Chi soccer player, was the only fraternity finalist. Grabill received the Floyd Artful Advocacy Prize, awarded for kind, tactful and principled advocacy on Wednesday night. All four of the finalists hope to attend law school after Wabash.

Buckley and Goodwin represented the petitioners, three American Samoans suing to receive birthright citizenship. Kirkpatrick and Grabill represented the respondents, the U.S. government and the government of American Samoa.

As always, the four finalists faced a panel of judges with years of experience across law, history, and academia. The Chief Justice for the evening was District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana J.P.

Hanlon. Though a graduate of DePauw, Hanlon volunteered his rigorous judicial questioning to pepper each of the four finalists. The other real-world judge on the panel was the Honorable Margaret G. Robb, the first woman elected to Chief Judge on the Indiana Court of Appeals. The panel of judges always includes an alumni lawyer; this year, it was Vince Buzard '64, an appellate lawyer in Rochester, New York who previously served as President of the New York State Bar Association. The faculty judge was Dr. Sabrina Thomas, chair of the Wabash history department who is currently teaching a course on politics, culture and citizenship in the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico.

For Buckley and Kirkpatrick, the competition represented a chance to capitalize on their holistic Wabash education.

“Moot Court has been one of the most meaningful experiences I’ve had at Wabash,” said Buckley. “It has helped confirm law as a career, and winning is the crown achievement after four years of hard work.”

[Editor’s note: Jakob Goodwin '23 currently serves as Managing Editor of The Bachelor, and Cooper E. Smith '23 has participated in the past three moot court competitions]

Expanding mental health access



PHOTO BY ELJAH GREENE '25

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• Since our very first day at Wabash—or even before we come to Wabash—we hear statements like “Wabash is not easy,” “a Wabash man gets his sleep” and “men’s mental health matters.” These statements represent just how hard the transition to college is and how much the workload can affect your mental wellbeing. However, these statements also reflect the fact that Wabash provides—or tries to provide—the resources that might help a student cope.

In recent years especially, academics have not been the only factors affecting one’s mental wellbeing—COVID, nuclear crises, inflation and political polarization, to name a few. These factors can seriously add up alongside the stress of academics at a place like Wabash, where we constantly have the competitive work, work, work mentality.

At Wabash, no matter how small we might be, the demand for counseling sessions, for obvious reasons, is always high. But there is always the question of how Wabash deals with this demand.

“I’m the only full time counselor,” said Jamie Douglas. “But Laura Dolph is here 25

hours a week and then we’ll have Carrie (a new part-time counselor), so right at this very minute, we’re very well supplied.”

One of the problems that the College faces while hiring full time employees is that most mental health professionals already have their own running practices, which makes it difficult for them to commit full-time.

“Laura could have full time if she wanted to, but she still has a private practice,” said Douglas. “When I started Wabash, I had eight hours a week and had my own private practice too. Wabash had maybe not fully realized that students would fully take advantage of the counseling center.”

Until 2019, Wabash only had part-time counselors and Jamie Douglas went on to become a full-time employee after only eight years when her colleague Kevin Swain, another part time counselor, left.

“Before [Kevin] left, we were meeting the needs but were really stressing ourselves out to take care of students, and maybe did not communicate clearly to the administration that it would be helpful to have more ours,” said Douglas. “When I was given full time, it was more hours than both Kevin and I got together, and after we got Laura, we had 25

more hours.”

Douglas added that Dean Redding has also been an advocate for providing the counseling, but “there aren’t enough licensed therapists in Indiana, and it’s just a very small community,” she said. “There was a time when all the medical professionals lived in Crawfordsville, and now there is just one anesthesiologist and two family physicians that live in Crawfordsville. Every other doctor in this community lives out of town. So that’s a problem that also happens with mental health.”

“I don’t know if you’ve heard about the great resignation, it’s a term that everyone uses nowadays,” said the Dean of Students, Gregory Redding. “We saw this through the COVID era that people just left jobs, careers. For whatever reason, I don’t know if it was COVID that somehow prompted this, but there’s just been just a bit of an exodus from a lot of careers.”

The college has also continuously been trying to get a “Wellness Council” up and running. The Wellness Council will be looking at eight different aspects of wellness: physical, spiritual, vocational, emotional, intellectual, environmental, financial and social.

“I’ve been trying to hire a Wellness Coordinator to run the Wellness Council for half a year now. And just finding the right candidate for that has been really hard,” said Dean Redding. “With counseling, we’re really lucky here. I mean, if we had to hire new counselors anytime soon, I’m assuming that we would have the same challenges there that we’re having in other areas of the college and that we know is a problem nationwide. We are really lucky actually here at Wabash that we have three counselors.”

As much as the College has been trying to have the systems and resources to provide resources that support mental health, there is a need for this information to reach all these students, since the lack thereof will change nothing in helping Wabash students cope with mental health.

Students can make an appointment with the counseling center by a single email, and can get meeting hours or a reply with more information within 42 hours of sending an email.

This Week at Wabash



FRI 28th

- Careers in Chemistry Panel 12:10 PM (Hays 104)
- TGIF 4:30 PM (Mall)

SAT 29th

- 2022 Family Day 8:00 AM (Hays Hall)
- Sphinx Club 100-Year Celebration (Mud Hollow)

SUN 30th

- Catholic Mass 5:00 PM (Newman Center)

MON 31st

- Biology Department Seminar 12:00 PM (Hays 104)
- Student Senate 7:30 PM (Goodrich Room)

TUE 1st

- Blood Drive 9:00 AM (Knowing Fieldhouse)
- Rhynie Partner Presentations 12:00 PM (Baxter 101)

WED 2nd

- Soccer - NCAC Semifinals (TBD)

THUR 3rd

- Coffee and Careers 9:00 AM (1832 Brew Lounge)
- Chapel Talk 11:15 AM (Pioneer Chapel)
- Div III Colloquium 12:10 PM (Baxter 114)
- PPE Speaker: Dr. Aurelian Craiutu 7:30 PM (Baxter 101)

FRI 4th

- TGIF 4:30 PM (Mall)

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New Veterans Affinity Group to be unveiled

JAKOB GOODWIN '23 | MANAGING EDITOR • This upcoming Saturday, October 29, at halftime of the Little Giants' final home football game, the College is unveiling a Veterans Affinity Group called Wabash Vets targeted at building and maintaining relationships with current, past and future Wabash servicemen.

In 2020, President Gregory Hess announced that Wabash had partnered with Purdue to provide Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) scholarships to Wabash students who would participate in Purdue's ROTC program. ROTC cadets will graduate with a guaranteed position as a second lieutenant in the Army, the first rank among Army officers, who work as managing officers for enlisted men.

This Saturday, the College is honoring the eight cadets currently attending Wabash as well as formally announcing Wabash Vets at halftime of this weekend's football game against Hiram College. In addition, the Purdue Color Guard will present the colors and a cadet from Purdue's ROTC program will sing the national anthem.

Beginning in January, an ad-hoc committee made up of seven alumni and two Wabash parents came together to work on shaping the affinity group and what it would look like.

The Bachelor sat down with Deanna Duncan, Assistant Director of Engagement at the College, and she said that Wabash Vets was the brainchild of Eric Eversole '94 who serves as president of Hiring Our Heroes at the US Chamber of Commerce of which he is the vice president. Hiring Our Heroes is a "grassroots initiative to help veterans, transitioning service members, and military spouses find meaningful employment in communities across

America."

"That was Eric's thinking," said Duncan. "It's a double purpose there, to you know, honor our military, but also help us with recruiting our ROTC members."

According to Duncan, Wabash Vets will serve that dual purpose as a mentorship and recruitment program for current and future Wabash ROTC cadets, but in connection with the career services office, this program will connect Wabash alumni servicemen with the career services office to help them with the transition from active-duty service to civilian life.

Tobey Herzog, Emeritus Professor of English and Anne and Andrew T. Ford Chair in the Liberal Arts, served in the U.S. Army for two years before entering academia and he is excited and hopeful for this program.

"Wabash alumni have a long and distinguished history of serving their country in various ways—especially through military service," said Herzog. "I believe the Wabash Vets Affinity Group facilitates documenting and honoring that military service. However, the group will do much more: support our emerging ROTC program, counsel Wabash students considering a military career, mentor current active-duty Wabash graduates and establish a Wabash alumni network for helping veterans with post-military career options. In today's constantly changing world and with our military performing multi-faceted roles, having well-educated military personnel with a liberal arts background is imperative. Wabash's curriculum and mission, along with the support of "Wabash Vets," will help provide our graduates with an option to serve their country with distinction through military service."

New safe space training caps off LGBTQ+ history month

PHOTO BY JAKE PAIGE '23

At the close of LGBTQ+ history month, the new self-paced safe space training aims to promot inclusivity and respect on campus.

HAYDEN KAMMER '24 | STAFF WRITER • As LGBTQ+ history month comes to a close, sh'OUT and the broader Wabash community have developed a new LGBTQ+ friendly safe space training. The one-hour, self-guided training program is targeted towards community members and allies alike.

Dr. Elan Pavlinich, professor of English and a vocal advocate of LGBTQ+ causes on campus, believes that the creation of safe spaces on campus could be an important step in Wabash's development. This belief led him to help design the training course. The new training program, as Pavlinich explained, will help educate

Wabash community members to create safe environments for LGBTQ+ students.

"I've had the opportunity to collaborate with a number of faculty, staff and students to build a completely digital, self led education that trains students on how to foster a safe space in their community," said Pavlinich.

A crucial element of the safe space training program is the history of Wabash community members in the LGBTQ+ community. Developing that history required the help of archivist Nolan Eller '11. Eller helped curate a collection spanning political, cultural and artistic efforts from Wabash members of the LGBTQ+ community.

"The most interesting part of my research was discovering Angels in America," said Eller. Angels in America is a theatrical commentary on the AIDS crisis and homosexuality in 1980s America. The play depicts the lives of a gay couple and a married couple as they interact, raising questions about racial, sexual and gendered divides. Wabash theater performed the show in October 1996.

"Wabash was the first college theater department to produce the show," said Eller. "I know there was some apprehension about the college producing the play, but the college and actors received such tremendous support that when the curtain closed on opening night there was a standing ovation, tears and cheering."

Another member of the library, Research and Instruction Librarian Beth Lindsay, discussed her role in the creation of the training.

"I was so honored to be asked to participate," said Lindsay. "I have been involved with other ally training programs that have spanned multiple days, and it's very nice to see a training program that is accessible to students." Lindsay was one of the actors involved with the production of the video material.

Scanning the QR code on the training ads will allow Wabash community members to access the self-guided training modules. The course offers four modules in a series: "What is a safe space?," "Inclusive Representation," "Queer History" and "How to Be an Ally". Following the course, participants are able to enter their campus address and name to receive a certificate in the mail.

Beyond the self-directed training, there will be an in-person training day for interested students on November 10 in Hays 104. Lunch will be provided, and attending students will receive a certificate upon completing the training. Hopefully, both the virtual and in-person sessions will capitalize on LGBTQ+ history month and promote a safer, more welcoming campus.

"I'm hopeful for the future," said Lindsay. "We've got a great group of really motivated faculty, alumni and staff who want to create a safe space for the Wabash Community."

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Rishi Sunak epitomizes Britain’s flawed democracy



Benjamin Bullock '23

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It has been a farcical few months in British politics. The resignation of Boris Johnson, the subsequent appointment of Liz Truss and her rapid downfall have been enough to leave even the most politically savvy Brits scratching their heads. And now, the UK yet again has a new Prime Minister.

This week, Rishi Sunak, the former Goldman Sachs analyst and cabinet member under Boris Johnson, took office, another twist in a grisly political tragedy that is still in its first act. Sunak becomes Britain’s fifth Prime Minister in six years, meaning that almost 30% of the country’s post-WWII leaders have come since 2016, all from the same party. To make matters worse, two of them, Truss and Sunak, weren’t even elected by the public. It has been something akin to jumping out of the frying pan into the fire, and then jumping out of the fire into the core of a nuclear reactor, each new iteration bringing about unimaginable levels of Tory (i.e., Conservative party) insanity.

This chronic turnover has left Britain’s democracy in a shameful, embarrassing state. But the problem runs much deeper than elitist, feckless Tories. Britain’s democracy is sick to the core, and the Conservatives are happy to do nothing about it.

When Liz Truss resigned on October 18, she became the shortest serving Prime Minister in British history, lasting just 45 days in office. But what a tumultuous tenure it was. In one fell swoop, she and her cabinet almost single-handedly destroyed the British economy. At the helm of this economic massacre was Kwasi Kwarteng, Truss’s chancellor of the exchequer (i.e., treasury secretary.) Kwarteng’s plan to cut

taxes on the rich and scrap the limit on bankers’ bonuses threw the government’s bond prices into turmoil, leading the British pound sterling to crash to its lowest ever level against the US dollar. Truss fired Kwarteng, but the damage to her premiership was already done.

Governmental chaos of this sort is nothing new to the British public at this point. In the past six years, the UK has bounced from one failure of a Prime Minister to another with an alarming regularity. A new governmental leader used to be a big deal; Margaret Thatcher’s tenure lasted 11 years, and Tony Blair’s 10. But now, with Truss gone, the most that Britons can hope for is that Sunak can limbo below the incredibly low bar set for him by his short-lived predecessor.

And let’s not forget where this mess all began. In 2016, under the leadership of David Cameron, Britain voted to leave the European Union. Cameron resigned, and in came the ABBA-loving, fields-of-wheat-frolicking Theresa May to clean up the mess. “Brexit means Brexit,” she touted, promising to withdraw Britain from the EU by March 2019. Spoiler alert: she didn’t live up to her word, and on March 27, 2019, she too resigned. May was replaced by Boris Johnson who did indeed get Brexit done, but he too was forced out of office early in 2022.

The UK has been in a state of permachaos ever since the 2016 referendum. From Cameron to May to Johnson to Truss and, now, to Sunak, Britain has struggled to break out of a vicious cycle of low growth and austerity. According to analysis by the Office of Budget Responsibility (OBR), average real wages in the UK will still be lower in 2026 than they were in 2008—and that study was conducted before the Truss and Kwarteng fiasco.

Sunak has a monumental task ahead, and I don’t think it’s a storm he can weather. According to voting intention data from Politico, the Labour party is at its most popular since 2001, when Tony Blair was in office. The Conservatives, on the other hand, enjoy the support of just 22% of the British public, down from 51% two short years ago.

And that’s not to mention Sunak’s own personal branding

problems. In April 2022, it was revealed that his wife, Akshata Murty, potentially avoided paying up to £20 million (\$23 million) in UK tax by declaring non-domiciled status. Murty, the daughter of an Indian billionaire, has since revealed that she will pay tax on her overseas income, but the controversy was enough to create a sharp decline in Sunak’s popularity ratings.

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Many members of the public also see Sunak as being out of touch with the average Briton. Need I recall the time he didn’t know how to use a contactless credit card or the time he claimed to be a “massive coke addict” in front of two elementary school children (he was, of course, referring to the drink.)

Sunak’s attempts to fix his image haven’t exactly helped him, either. In a publicity stunt that backfired spectacularly, he once partook in a photoshoot where he was seen filling up a small Kia car. The car, however, turned out not to be his; instead, it was the car of a random gas station worker. Social media, as one can well imagine, had a field day mocking Sunak’s vain attempt to seem like a normal person.

It goes without saying, then, that Sunak’s premiership rests on very thin ice. But the fact that he got there in the first place stands testament to one unavoidable truth: that Britain’s democracy is seriously unhealthy.

Sunak was not elected to office, nor was he chosen by the 200,000 members of the Conservative party, as Truss had been. Instead, Sunak became Prime Minister simply by garnering enough support among Parliamentary Conservatives. In other words,

he ascended to the highest office in the land simply because he was chosen by 0.000007% of the British population. The rest of the British public had no say whatsoever in his appointment.

As I see it, there are two fundamental problems at the heart of Britain’s chaos. The first is the country’s archaic insistence on first-past-the-post elections and disproportionately representative democratic systems. In the last general election in 2019, the Conservatives took 54.9% of the seats in Parliament despite having only 42.4% of the popular vote. If those votes had been distributed according to the mandate of the people, then the Green party, who currently only has one member of parliament, would have ended up with 17 seats. But as it stands, the Conservatives have an untouchable Parliamentary super majority. The current system allows the Tories to board themselves up in their ivory Oxbridge tower, free from any public criticism or democratic ramifications until the next general election in November 2024.

The other problem is Britain’s total lack of checks and balances on legislative power. While the monarchy technically has the right to veto anything it likes, the reality is that King Charles III will probably never interfere with Parliament’s decisions. What’s more, the House of Lords, Parliament’s unelected upper house, also has virtually no power and hasn’t since the 1911 Parliament Act. Therefore, when a new Prime Minister comes in, they have near total free reign to do with whatever they please. And with no checks on power, any incompetent fool like Liz Truss can come in and, within days, bring the country to its knees.

The long-term solution must be serious constitutional change. I am not calling for a written constitution, nor do I think that would solve Britain’s problems. But for the UK to move past the mess of the last six years, Parliament needs to reform into the rigorous multi party platform it has always wrongly claimed to be.

Rishi Sunak, for all of his flaws, is not the root of the problem; he is merely the symptom of a flawed democracy.

Wally’s Wall: Abolish SAT/ACT?

The Question:

An estimated 1,700 colleges and universities are not currently requiring the SAT or ACT for undergraduate admissions for fall 2023. Is this trend positive or negative? What value, if any, do standardized tests bring to college admissions?

Kihyun Kim ’24

Colleges not requiring standardized tests is a negative trend. While I fully agree that such tests cannot accurately assess one’s ability, we must first answer this question—how can we compare students from different regions and countries without standardized tests? Without standardized tests, the college admission process will be extremely subjective, which might give an advantage to a certain group of people, such as prestigious high school graduates. Thus, I firmly believe that we should postpone we should until we find a way to properly solve this issue.

Zachariah Alvarado ’23

Standardized tests are a failed attempt at fixing education in the states and folks can find multiple studies confirming such. The tests themselves are also a gatekeeping way to a better education that not all children need or should go through. It reduces an entire person to a number that determines their college choice, career direction and ultimately their life direction. I hope to see an abolishment of the SAT/ACT in my lifetime, and the colleges that are no longer requiring it are seeing how little value it has in judging a potential students value.

James Wallace ’26

The disappearance of the SAT and ACT in our current state of college admissions is undoubtedly a negative trend. Yes, it is true that these standardized tests don’t tell the whole story of who a student is. Yet they still tell a portion of who an individual is, and offer a relatively equal ground for students to prove themselves academically without arguing whether their high school curriculum was difficult or not. Standardized tests like these shouldn’t be a primary consideration for admissions offices around the nation and beyond, but they are still important to the admissions process when determining the right fit for a campus.

Austin Stockton ’24

I think that standardized testing has no benefit on education. Year after year, parents, teachers and politicians wonder why students don’t seem interested in topics in school, so they think that a standardized test will solve all of the issues. What they don’t realize is that not only does standardized testing create problems for students, but they also cause problems between students. Standardized testing has become a glorified guessing game that determines social status.

The problem with reverse colonialism



Dr. Savitri Kunze

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As Rishi Sunak became the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom on Tuesday, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted his “warmest congratulations” and hopes for “working closely together on global issues.” He continued, tweeting, “Special Diwali wishes to the ‘living bridge’ of U.K. Indians, as we transform our historic ties into a modern partnership.”

Such congratulations from Modi, of course, were largely perfunctory. But amid claims that Sunak would usher in a new era of “reverse colonialism,” his tweet caught my attention. Of the groups heralding Sunak as a symbol of “reverse colonialism,” I am troubled by two. In the first camp are xenophobes and their sympathizers, who maintain the position that a Great Britain should be led by someone who is “truly British” (a statement that is perhaps more revealing than it is meant to be in its conception of the British nationhood and citizenship). Perhaps we are already familiar with this group, as similar narratives about the threat of reverse colonialism motivated many to vote in favor of Brexit. It is a delicious irony that their vote, motivated by fear of outsiders, created the circumstances that would empower the first brown Prime Minister of the U.K.

The second camp that concerns me is far more complicated, however. It comprises Hindu nationalists, who see Sunak’s rise to power as evidence of Hindu exceptionalism (after all, as Modi points out in his tweet, Sunak came to office on Diwali), and justification for Modi’s policies, noting he has raised India’s international influence and power. I am interested in how this sec-

‘The old switcheroo’ Editorial Cartoon by Arman Luthra ’26



ond group, the Hindu Nationalists, employs the trope of reverse colonialism and to what ends.

At its most basic, reverse colonialism refers to the idea that the previously colonized world is now colonizing the metropole. David M. Higgins, senior editor for the Los Angeles Review of Books and chair of the English department at Inver Hills College, wrote a book that explored this concept, published by the University of Iowa Press in 2021. His book explores the application of the reverse colonialism (the monograph title) in literature and what those narratives say about the world we inhabit.

In his book, Higgins does not present a singular definition, but suggests that at its core, reverse colonialism represents a cluster of ideas that relate to a rearrangement of power relationships. The narratives he focuses on are often from the eyes of the historical colonizer, imagining that they might be subject to the injustices they inflicted in the past. In his analyses, Higgins focuses on cases where narratives of reverse colonialism “have mobilized powerful political sentiment by identifying as victims and framing themselves as revolutionary insurgents struggling to achieve heroic liberation against overwhelming odds.”

Higgins devotes a chapter to explaining how such narratives led to Brexit, and I think it would be fruitful to apply his analyses to Hindu Nationalist reactions to Sunak.

While some applications of reverse colonialism may reflect people throwing the fears of xenophobes back in their faces, I would contend there’s more at play. The rise and mainstreaming of more virulent forms of Hindu nationalism—as I would argue Modi and his political party, the BJP, embody—have led to policies that equate being Indian to being Hindu. They reconstitute India’s religiously pluralist history into one singularly based in the Hindu religion. Most perniciously, these claims have led to policies that denationalize Indians of different religious backgrounds. So, what does this have to do with claims that Sunak is indicative of the onset of reverse colonialism?

A part of the problem is that by saying the new Prime Minister represents reverse colonialism, it indicates that he is representative of India as a practicing Hindu whose parents emigrated from India. Furthermore, casting Sunak as quintessentially Indian bears the hazard of reducing all those from the Indian subcontinent, independent of

their nationality, into symbolic supporters of Modi and Hindu Nationalism.

Sunak is the first Prime Minister of color with ancestry from the Indian subcontinent. Yet, he is hardly the first influential politician with South Asian heritage in the U.K. Think, for example, of the current mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, who has held that position since 2016. Unlike Prime Minister Sunak, when Mayor Khan took office, occupying what is among the most important political positions in the U.K., his election was not applauded by Modi. There were no calls that his election ushered in an era of reverse colonialism.

Like Sunak, Khan is British-born whose parents emigrated from the sub-continent. Unlike Sunak, Khan is a Muslim rather than a Hindu. Khan’s family emigrated from Pakistan rather than India, an artificial distinction drawn by a British who had never set foot on the subcontinent. Thus, until Sunak and Khan redraw the Northern Irish border, empty out the British Museum or remove the crown jewel from King Charles’ crown, I will keep a cautious distance from the label of reverse colonialism. It may be more productive to discuss the ongoing colonialism that surrounds us all.

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‘So, did you really choose Wabash?’



Morgane Cuoc

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GUEST ESSAY • “So, did you really choose Wabash College?” This is the question I have often been asked since my arrival in mid-August. As a Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (TA), my role is to teach my native language, French, and talk about my culture, as I am part of the Fulbright Program, a scholarship dedicated to intercultural exchanges. Many people might actually wonder if I deliberately chose to leave hectic Paris to travel here, to Indiana—and more specifically, to Crawfordsville. A town “surrounded by corn fields,” according to most students, with no public transportation whatsoever. And apparently, a dull winter waiting ahead. But the question behind their question lies deeper.

I feel the real subtext behind this question is not regarding geography; what probably puzzles many guys could be rephrased like this: “Why did a woman choose to go to an all-male school? Are you here on purpose?” As a matter of fact, out of the five TAs, only two of us are women, which makes us sort of misfits here.

If I have to be truly honest, I did not, in fact, choose Wabash College; Wabash College chose me. To obtain the Fulbright scholarship, we have to pass several tests, write essays and survive interviews. Only then do we get to rank the colleges we want to go to.

I have to apologize to all the readers, but Wabash was my fourth choice out of six. It was, indeed, so low in my ranking, because it is an all-male college. But it is actually the schools that have the last words regarding the ranking system, and they decided on my placement here.

Funnily enough, I first thought it was a mistake from the program, because my name, Morgane, is also a male name. Were they just confused? No, they were not. The answer I was given is that Fulbright usually sends women here, for creating a “little diversity” on the campus.

When I received the notification that I was going to live here, I did not refuse it. If you refuse, you lose the entire scholarship. And it would have been foolish of me to reject this great opportunity over some unjustified apprehension.

Was it unjustified, though? How can I explain that my first reaction, as a woman, was to feel a little anxious? Probably

because I lived in many situations that made me distrust the general nature of men. I have been catcalled, called a salope or sale pute (“slut”, pardon my French), by random men on the street, being touched in diverse parts of my body, kissed by force on the subway, being drugged (nothing happened to me, except the shock to discover that some guys do put GHB into girls’ drinks), being followed in the street to my apartment – all of that without my consent. For some of those aggressions, many times. Other men actually told me that I should enjoy the attention while I am still young, because it will not last.

So, what is my opinion of this campus safety, regarding women? It is probably going to sound silly, but here, at Wabash, is the first time I have felt so safe in many years. In Paris, at least one episode of sexual harassment happens every week, which might seem hard to believe, but is very true. Another story: after my last party in Paris, I said goodbye to all my friends and after I was followed on a bicycle by some creepy dude who finally left me alone when I called the police. Here, I haven’t been catcalled, shouted at for being a “slut”, nor touched inappropriately for two entire months, which makes my stay at Wabash College the most relaxing time I have ever experienced in years.

Isn’t that crazy to hear? Can we internalize, in our very flesh, such a certain type of violence exists that what should be a normal situation is lived as a surreal and profoundly soothing one? I guess this question applies to other forms of discrimination and oppression, such as racism or homophobia. Or, for that matter, to any type of violence, we have experienced and we get accustomed to at a certain level that what should be “normal” is lived as “exceptional”. No matter the gender, our personal history of experienced violence can shape us in a way that might remain unconscious to us for a long time, and affects our vision of the “normality” of the world.

When we feel safe, does it mean the struggle for equality is over? Probably not. I am not naïve to the point that I don’t know the difference between the social face some guys might maintain and the private discussions they can have about women. How they might act with the ones who are not TAs. How social media, where people can hide and hate, still plays a structural role in gender issues. There is always improvement regarding gender equality.

Still, I am deeply grateful for all the Wabash men who treat me with respect. I just hope they carry it into the outside world.--both on AND off campus, right? There is probably a huge discrepancy between the college experience and social structures outside, where objectivization of women still remains profoundly anchored into men’s minds. Please, never stop being gentlemen.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

YOU ACTIVATED MY TRAP CARD!

Hi-Five to Yu-Gi-Oh for preemptively banning Kanye from their servers. Now if only they would ban their many white supremacist fans too.

IT’S ABOUT DRIVE, IT’S ABOUT POWER

Lo-Five to Russell Wilson for sweatily working out up and down the aisles of the plane while his team was asleep during his flight to London. We know, we know--"let Russ cook." Just make him take a shower for once.

MADAM MIDNIGHTS

Hi-Five to Taylor Swift for releasing her 10th album last week. Lo-Five to her for making all of our girlfriends question our relationships this week.

DOCTORS HATE HIM

Lo-Five to the GOAT for divorcing Gisele only to go 3-4 through the first seven weeks. Guess he'll soon be needing the TB12 chapter about how to boost testosterone with one simple trick.

PYRAMID SWING

Hi-Five to a certain senior for using his stolen hammock woes to establish the hammock club. Next multi-level marketing professor in the making?

Dueling opinions: Fraternity and independent living



Brigham McGill '24

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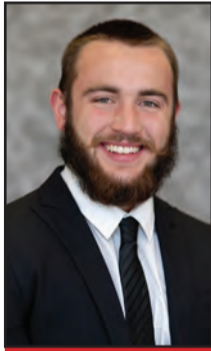
From the time I stepped foot on Wabash’s campus, I knew that I wanted to live in a fraternity. From deep within my psyche, there was a call to join something greater than myself, and claim my spot in a lifelong brotherhood. Before Wabash, I had always felt isolated from the rest of my schoolmates, and I knew I wanted my Wabash experience to be different. So, in the fall of 2020, I had full plans to rush, as most other freshmen do, and begin the lifelong allegiance to a national organization. So, when I came back COVID-19 positive after getting tested in order to come to campus, I was disheartened. This meant I missed out on rush, as I missed all of Freshman Orientation.

During my freshman year, I was a proud resident of THE College Hall. While it was extremely fun, and I would not trade those relationships built, or time endured in College Hall for anything, I still knew deep down I wanted to rush, and rush I did. With great anticipation for the fall, I accepted my bid to Delta Tau Delta, and the rest is history. The fraternity life is one unbeknownst to those who do not participate, and it is a life not meant

for all, which is totally fine.

After making the choice to join Delta Tau Delta, I have been extremely pleased with how my time at Wabash has turned out, and the relationships I have been able to build. My best friends are among my Delt brothers, and they are a great support system to have. Another key reason why a fraternity life is better as compared to the life of an independent man is it teaches you how to work in unison with other people. I don’t have 3 other roommates as an independent does, and the 4 of us share a living space; I share a living space with 71 other college aged men. Not everyone gets along, and surely not everyone thinks the same, so problem solving skills are a must, and there exists an added emphasis on communication between brothers. You are also with someone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is little availability for privacy, therefore one has to get comfortable with the idea of communal spaces, such as bathrooms, living rooms, study rooms and the dining room.

When comparing fraternity life to independent life, one would be remiss to not mention the pros and cons of both. The independent man has oodles of free time, and has to answer to no one except himself for 4 years. On the contrary, the fraternity man enjoys the luxury of the brotherhood between the men in the house, and the built-in support system the fraternity can offer. In my time at Wabash, I have been an independent man and a fraternity man in the span of 3 years. I believe every person has to make the decision for themselves, the connections and brotherhood a fraternity can offer is something I believe every man at Wabash should seriously consider.



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Before the choice was ever considered to join a fraternity, I was blessed to be put in College Hall. You might read this statement and laugh, and even though it certainly wasn’t glamorous, it was the best spot to be in as I reminisce. Fate brought Mark Bartholomew Poole and I together in a quad with three other gentlemen, two being Samuel Baugh and Briggs McGill. Throughout the building, we had a diverse population of personalities which all combined to form one gorgeous Geed gumbo. Given the fact I am a social person enthused by meaningful conversation with all persons, I was quick to make friends within my residence. With this, I felt a strong community and did not have much intrigue in joining fraternity life. Remember, I was living within the fine commodities of College Hall; some freshmen indulged in living units such as Rogge or Martindale, two refined hotels of campus living. Even with cement walls, overused toilet seats, and the lingering smell of the carpet, I knew I was home. It made the decision to remain independent quite effortless. I will admit, I have many brothers in fraternities (holla’ at Tesla and Newton), so I certainly never had a distaste for fraternities.

It was rather my beginning steps at Wabash which forged the path I took. And I believe we are fortunate at Wabash to enjoy her traditions no matter if we are GDI or Greek. The independents got to paint the bench. Although the Sphinx Club has a majority of fraternal brothers, independents such as myself are proud members as well. I should also mention the importance being on the basketball team had on my decision. Being on the team for two years, I was quickly able to join a more private brotherhood on campus. While others were attempting to find a source of brotherhood on campus more than the general brotherhood of being Wallies, I quickly found this through sport. Man was I lucky to be on that team, those guys are talented, indeed.

Now living as an independent in my junior year, I have been more than pleased with my decision. I have been able to become an RA, which has given me more responsibility within the independent realm to befriend and talk to other guys, more-so than simply giving them their keys and making sure they do not prop the doors. I am also fortunate to be the Vice President for the Independent Men’s Association, opening doors to more relationships and creating more impactful students for our beloved alma mater. I hope to build upon this as I run for IMA President this upcoming term (you have done a great job, Fil).

I have been asked many times why I did not join a fraternity, and I believe I have never given the full answer to that question. In truth, I am an independent due to the camaraderie I experienced my freshmen year, the connection of the basketball team, and the opportunities given to me as an RA and VP of IMA. Could I see myself as a fraternity man? Why, sure! Do I regret my decision? Not at all.



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ROTC students take flight

SAM BENEDICT '25 | FEATURES EDITOR • “The Wabash branch of Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) is a group of students who operate in the shadows. However, on October 20th at 1 p.m., this group of men became the topic of conversation among Wabash students.

As U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopters airlifted a group of students from Mud Hollow to West Lafayette, many students gathered at Lambda Chi Alpha and were left in awe, watching the majestic aircrafts fly overhead. The Indiana National Guard sent three Blackhawk helicopters to pick up the Wabash ROTC students as part of a ceremonial gesture to show their appreciation.

Beginning in 2020, Wabash College partnered with Purdue University to establish an ROTC program that allows Wabash students to attend typical Wabash classes, while traveling to Purdue to complete a program that will allow these students to graduate as a second lieutenant after college and pursue higher leadership in the military.

“ROTC is a lot different than your average college experience,” said Oscar Stuart ’26. “For instance, my sleep schedule has been lacking due to the occasional 3:45-4 a.m. wake ups for things such as the CWST (combat water survival test), ACFT (army combat fitness test), FTX (field training exercise), and more, as well as the everyday early morning PT (physical training) sessions Monday through Friday. On top of this, we face the rigor of Wabash academics and most play on a sports team at Wabash. With that being said, I would not change it for the world because it is pushing my limits and making all cadets better leaders as well as citizens.”

While ROTC is a challenging course for students partaking in the program, the benefits can be life changing. A majority of ROTC students attend college for free and will have job security after college that ensures benefits, significant salary, and guaranteed employment for at least four years.

“I chose to be involved in ROTC because I saw the benefit it would



PHOTO BY JAKE PAIGE '23

The Indiana National Guard sent Blackhawk helicopters to pick up Wabash College ROTC as part of a ceremonial gesture.

give during college and the years following college, both financially and experience-wise,” said Joshua Massaquoi ’26. “Because my dad is in the Army, he had suggested doing ROTC, and I was against it at first until I witnessed how ROTC gave my older sister an outlet to receive opportunities that went toward her career goals, and I wanted that for myself.”

The benefits of ROTC can be life-changing, but they must be earned. A typical day for an ROTC student begins before the sun rises and ends as most students wake up for their 8 a.m. class.

“On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday we begin our day by being in formation and ready by 5:45 for our morning physical training. After that, we are back to normal Wabash College student life consisting of classes, sports, clubs and fraternal meetings and events. On Thursdays, we begin our day with our lift and classes, as usual, at Wabash. After lunch we head up to Purdue University for class as well as lab which runs from 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Classes are taught by professors of military science in the

Purdue Armory usually going over our information we will use at lab. Lab consists of MS4 lead (senior) labs consisting of different aspects of what our classes have been going over and key things we will need for the future.”

This past weekend, from October 21–23, ROTC students went on a retreat to Martel Forest where they practiced reconnaissance, raid, attack and ambush tactics.

“I think it went well overall and really brought to life everything we do in classes and labs,” said Stuart. “It let us put our knowledge that we have learned into a more realistic environment. It also allows us to work in different positions of a platoon to better understand how the interactions and responsibilities work for all positions from a private to a platoon leader.”

Needless to say, our Wabash ROTC students go relatively unnoticed on a day to day basis. However, they work as hard, if not harder, than a majority of students on campus. The ceremonial Blackhawk pickup shined a light on the challenging, but rewarding, life that these students have.



PHOTO BY BENJAMIN HIGH '24

ROTC students travel to Purdue multiple times a week to take part in physical training activities and militairy classes.

Review: ‘Midnights’ lives up to the hype

LOGAN WEILBAKER '25 | CROSSWORD EDITOR • At Midnight last Friday, October 21, Taylor Swift released her record-breaking tenth studio album, “Midnights,” becoming the most-streamed album in a single day on Spotify. A concept album centered around “13 sleepless nights scattered throughout my life,” “Midnights” is based on themes of self-loathing, fantasizing about revenge, wondering what might have been, falling in love and falling apart. “Midnights” marks the seventh collaboration between Swift and long-time friend and co-writer Jack Antonoff, who first worked on “1989” (2014). Now, my ranking of the thirteen tracks from Taylor Swift’s Midnights:

1.) Anti-Hero
The album’s lead single does not disappoint. Themes of self-hatred and doubt create a stark contrast with the upbeat and catchy tune that drives the song. What puts this song ahead of the pack for me is its wonderfully whimsical music video, written and directed by Swift herself, featuring cameos by Mike Birbiglia and Mary Elizabeth Ellis.

2.) Bejeweled
Opposite the feel of “Anti-Hero,” “Bejeweled” begins with a darker tone, but the message of self-worth soon opens up into a synth chime-filled chorus that paints a glittery and glamorous picture. The essence of Swift’s style is well represented here.

3.) Lavender Haze
You could hardly ask for a better song to open the album. The first words one hears in the entire album are “meet me at midnight.” The murky synth groove sets the tone for the album, and the lyrics of striving for love despite the struggles of fame tie together the forthcoming themes.

4.) Maroon
This is lyrically one of the stronger songs on the album. Call me a romantic, but I can’t get enough of the vividness with which Swift is able to capture the rush of new love—in this song, through the lens of the color maroon.

5.) Question...
Swift paints a scene of a romance come and gone, capturing the heat of the moment, but also longing after its over. The

undisputed queen of bridges does it again in this song’s bridge, using autotune prudently to really enhance the musical quality.

6.) Karma
“Reputation” has come to “Midnights.” In its unapologetic and confident lyrics, Swift personifies karma as a good friend taking care of her problems. (Plus, any good Swiftie always appreciates a subtle dig at Scooter Braun.)

7.) Vigilante Shit
“Vigilante Shit” is firmly in the “fantasizing about revenge” category, as is reflected by its minor key and overdriven bass. I wouldn’t be shocked to find this on the next “Halloween 2022” playlist.

8.) Mastermind
Swift co-wrote this song with longtime partner Joe Alwyn, which may be the reason it has such a warm and happy feeling. A great way to close out the album.

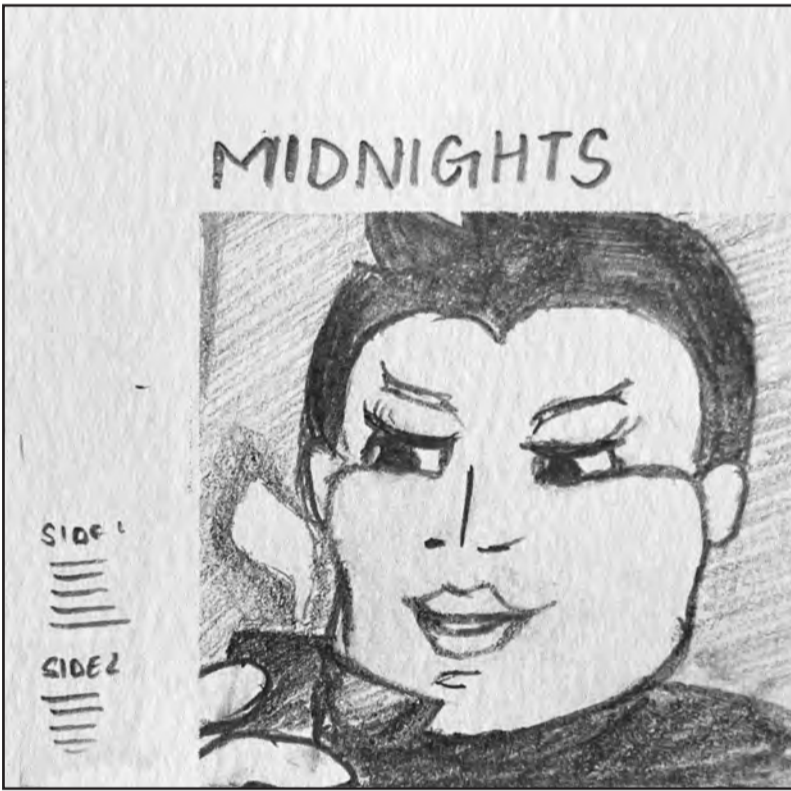
9.) Snow On The Beach (feat. Lana Del Rey)
Rating this song so low is probably my hottest take from the album. Granted, I’m not a huge Lana Del Rey fan, but even if I was, she doesn’t seem to add much to the song. It’s catchy, but I expect more from such a big collaboration.

10.) You’re On Your Own, Kid
While a bit melodically repetitive, the narrative lyrics tell a beautiful story about falling in love with someone else and over time, falling in love with yourself. The bridge is the best part of this song—once again to no one’s surprise.

11.) Sweet Nothing
“Sweet Nothing” is a bit like its title—sweet, but nothing to write home about. It plays like a 1980s sitcom intro, but hey, nothing wrong with that.

12.) Labyrinth
The chill vibe of “Labyrinth” offers a much-needed contrast that allows the rest of the album to breathe.

13.) Midnight Rain
Her pitched down voice is a bit unsettling, and I’m not sure it had the intended effect. Nevertheless, it’s a solid song that fits into the album well.



SKETCH BY ARMAN LUTHRA '26

Wally Wabash, a known Swiftie, releases parody cover of Taylor Swift’s “Midnights.”

Final Verdict

With a few hit songs that will surely get some air play, the album gets better with each listen and is best consumed as it was originally conceived: as a concept album. While stylistically similar to Swift’s pop albums such as “1989” (2014), “Reputation” (2017) and “Lover” (2019), “Midnights” reflects the narrative lyrical storytelling of fellow concept albums “Folklore” (2020) and “Evermore” (2020). This combination creates a lo-fi, dream-like feel that can’t easily be captured in one or two songs. The best way to enhance your listening experience is to listen beginning to end (perhaps at midnight) and view it holistically as a work of art. Not to mention, a “3am Edition” with bonus tracks, writing credits by Zoë Kravitz and Aaron Dessner and two self-directed music videos. Taylor Swift cemented her sound and style with Midnights and it makes me all the more excited for what she does next.

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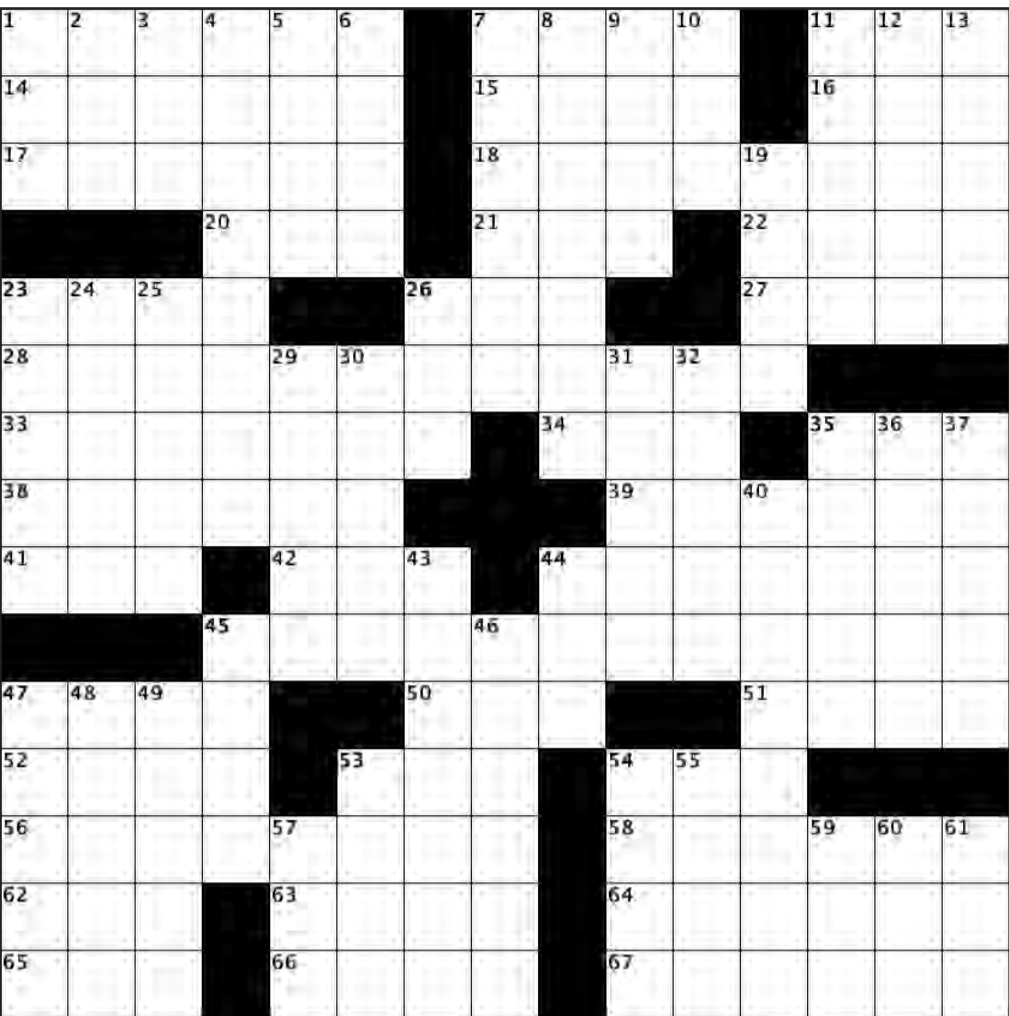
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‘Untitled’

Crossword by Logan Weilbaker ’25



Across

- 1. 60’s Sgt.
- 7. “Ye are the _____ of the earth...”
- 11. Easy as _____
- 14. Place with lots of slots
- 15. Hip bones
- 16. What the Beastie Boys are “licensed” to do, per a 1986 album
- 17. Drunk as a skunk
- 18. Here we go again!
- 20. The Colts, on a score-board
- 21. Kelley deg.
- 22. Eye part
- 23. Wise
- 26. “Once Upon a Mat-tress” prop
- 27. Puts two and two together
- 28. Revenge of the Fallen
- 33. Set free
- 34. Summer beverage
- 35. Big blue expanse
- 38. Animal with antennae
- 39. Turkey’s neck skin
- 41. Foot the bill
- 42. Do the job of a mas-seuse
- 44. Archangel who fights Satan in Revelation
- 45. Apocalypse
- 47. One side of a leaf
- 50. Red thing that makes

- for a bad photo
- 51. Department store de-partment
- 52. “Heat of the Moment” supergroup
- 53. LA athlete
- 54. Noncommercial TV ad
- 56. The Empire Strikes Back
- 58. Revolve
- 62. 32,000 ounces
- 63. Neutral hue
- 64. Genesis
- 65. Follower of pop or op
- 66. Consider
- 67. Clock interval

Down

- 1. Scratch (at)
- 2. Controversial bill, initially
- 3. iMacs, familiarly
- 4. It’s a virtue, they say
- 5. “East of _____” (Steinbeck novel)
- 6. Rapper Trippie _____
- 7. Do a slow burn
- 8. Mobile home?
- 9. Kind of bean
- 10. Scottish cap
- 11. Lined up
- 12. Hunter’s hideout
- 13. Cephalopoda or Gastropoda
- 19. “Drat!”
- 23. Apt rhyme of “skinny dip”
- 24. Stadium tour venue
- 25. In need of burping, as a baby
- 26. 26-Across holder
- 29. Café additive
- 30. Baby-to-be
- 31. “Buzz” Aldrin’s real name
- 32. Use BeReal, maybe
- 35. Ward (off)
- 36. Big name in fashion
- 37. Shouts
- 40. Like some recurring elements
- 43. Wacky
- 44. NYC museum, with “the”
- 45. What a startled horse may do
- 46. Chinese restaurant order
- 47. Mostaccioli, e.g.
- 48. American dynasty rooted in fur trade
- 49. One in San Francisco or New York
- 53. It may have several legs
- 54. One side of a list
- 55. Upset
- 57. Say “I do”
- 59. 56-Across intro word
- 60. Popcorn container
- 61. Apt answer for the final clue

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Moot court is back

By DAVID TIMMERMAN
SPEECH PROFESSOR

Wabash College’s Fall Moot Court Competition offers students an excellent opportunity to engage in legal argumen-tation. Training is provided by fellow Wallies who are now practicing attorneys.

The first competition was held last Spring and was an outstanding success. The event involved students, faculty, and alumni. This year’s competition will be held on Saturday morning, October 21 from 9:00 to 1:00.

Students are given the materials and coaching necessary for arguing a hypo-thetical case before a panel of judges. Competition comes from fellow students assigned the opposing argument. Knowl-edge of “legal-ese” is not necessary! The event is geared for undergraduates and the research materials are prepared by alumni and given to each participant. Also, tu-toring sessions are offered by practicing attorneys for those interested.

The Finals Round will be held in the Goodrich Room of the Lilly Library on Tuesday evening October 24. The Hon-orable Judges Stephen Heimann ’77, Bartholomew Circuit Court, and Thomas K. Milligan ’63, Montgomery Circuit Court, have agreed to serve as “Justices”.

In short, this is a tremendous oppor-tunity to gain experience, add to your re-sume, and learn from Wabash alumni.

The Call Out Meeting is on Wednes-day, September 27th, at 7pm in Baxter 114. Two alumni attorneys Rick Pitts ’83 and Dan Taylor ’83 will explain the com-petition and this year’s Moot Court Case. Tutoring sessions are scheduled for Oc-tober 18, 19, 20.

SPORTS

This week in sports

ETHAN WALLACE ’25 | SPORTS WRITER • Football and soccer take a hold of the NCAC, swimming returns to the pool and cross country heads into the NCAC tournament, all coming up this week in sports.

Football: Dominating the conference The Wabash football team defeated Oberlin College 66-20 in an away game on October 22. With this win, the Little Giants retained their spot at the top of the NCAC with a 4-1 conference record. Wabash dominated across the board, possessing the ball for thirteen more minutes than Oberlin. Quarterback Liam Thompson ’23 put up 367 passing yards, completing 24 passes on 26 attempts. The Little Giants will face off against Hiram College in their next game on October 29 at Little Giant Stadium. Wabash is expected to run away with this game, as Hiram currently has a 1-5 NCAC record, their only victory coming against Oberlin.

Soccer: Three straight conference wins The soccer team followed up on last week’s victory over DePauw by putting together two wins this week. The first was a 2-0 win against The College of Wooster on October 22. They then faced Wittenberg on October 25, winning 2-1 with both goals coming in the final ten minutes. These two victories pushed the Little Giants record to 12-4-1 (5-2 NCAC).

Soren Russell ’26 was named NCAC Player of the Week for his performance in both the DePauw and Wooster games, where he shutout both teams with a combined four stops. He also saved a penalty in each game.

Next the Little Giants will face Ohio Wesleyan in their final regular season match. If Wabash wins this matchup, they secure second place in the NCAC and a home playoff semifinal on Tuesday, November 1.



PHOTO BY JAKE PAIGE ’23

Jerry Little ’24 battles with a midfielder from The College of Wooster on October 22, 2022, at Fischer Field in Crawfordsville.

XC: Finishing strong The Wabash cross country team will compete in the NCAC cross country tournament on October 29 at Wooster College. In the pre-tournament poll, the Little Giants were voted fourth most likely to win the tournament. Wabash has an incredible opportunity in the competition, as the team hasn’t run in a meet for two weeks. Many members of the team have achieved personal best times in the most recent meets, and with two weeks to train and recover, the Little Giants will be as prepared for this meet as they can possibly be.

Swim: Plunging into the season The Wabash swimming and diving team has gotten back into the swing of things. The team competed in the Indiana Intercollegiate Championships on October 22, tying with Bethel University for sixth place. The team combined for

81 points in the meet. While no Wabash swimmers managed a top 10 finish in the meet, this was because three Division I teams were competing in the meet. When compared only to other Division III swimmers, several members of the team had very good performances. Ethan Johns ’25 finished first amongst DIII swimmers in the 200-yard freestyle. William Morris ’25 had the best DIII score in the one-meter dive. Caleb McCarty ’23, Barret Smith ’26 and Connor Craig ’25 all placed second compared to other DIII athletes in their respective events. The Little Giants’ next appearance will be on October 28 and will be held at Rose-Hulman. This will be the team’s third time facing the Fightin’ Engineers this season. Wabash will compete against Albion College in their first home meet on October 29.

Results summary

Football
Saturday, October 22, 2022
Wabash College – 66
Oberlin College – 20
At Knowlton Stadium, Oberlin, Ohio

Soccer
Saturday, October 22, 2022
The College of Wooster – 0
Wabash College – 2
At Fischer Field, Crawfordsville

Tuesday, October 25, 2022
Wittenberg University – 1
Wabash College – 2
At Fischer Field, Crawfordsville

Swim & Dive
Saturday, October 22, 2022
Indiana Intercollegiate Champs
T-6th of 8 teams

Upcoming schedule

Swim & Dive
October 28-29, 2022
at Rose-Hulman

Football
Saturday, October 29, 2022
Hiram College, at
Wabash College
At Little Giant Stadium, Crawfordsville

Soccer
Saturday, October 29, 2022
Wabash College, at
Ohio Wesleyan University
At Jay Martin Complex, Delaware, Ohio

Cross Country
Saturday, October 29, 2022
NCAC Championships
Hosted by The College of Wooster

Three minutes of terror

Soccer pulls off remarkable comeback against the Wittenberg Tigers

PRECIOUS AINABOR '26 | SOCCER WRITER • It's a dizzying thought, but the Wabash College soccer team could be about to play their first ever home North Coast Athletic Conference playoff game. Currently third in the NCAC standings, the Little Giants are on a three game winning streak. All the team has to do now is beat Ohio Wesleyan University on Saturday, October 29, to secure a home game the following Tuesday. But beating OWU will be no easy task.

Wabash continued its good form on October 22 by beating The College of Wooster in a hard fought home contest. Wabash set the pace of the game early on when midfielder Jackson Grabill '24 scored his third goal of the season in the 14th minute. After the goal, the Little Giants kept up persistent pressure, but offered no further scoring in the first half.

Just two minutes into the second half, though, Emilio Paez '25 bagged himself a goal with a stunning shot from the edge of the penalty box, leaving the opposition goalkeeper helpless. In the 68th minute, the Little Giants had a chance to increase their lead from the penalty spot. However, the penalty taker Coledon Johnson '23 saw his shot saved by the opposition goalkeeper Jason Prather.

It was a show of consistency from the Wabash goalkeeper Soren Russell '26. Off the back of a remarkable performance against DePauw, Russell was once again called into penalty kick action. With the score at 2-0, the referee awarded the Fighting Scots a penalty in the 75th minute which Russell stopped with a diving save to his left. His commendable efforts against DePauw and Wooster earned him his first NCAC Athlete of the Week recognition. After a comprehensive win against the Fighting Scots, Wabash welcomed the Wittenberg Tigers to Fischer Field on

October 26. It was a huge afternoon for both teams, with Wabash looking to secure a playoff spot and Wittenberg hoping to keep their postseason aspirations alive. It was a dull first half marred by the terrible weather conditions, and as halftime loomed, disaster struck for Wabash. With just 56 seconds remaining in the period, Tigers forward Aaron Craddock moved well and fired Wittenberg into the lead.

But in the second half, the Little Giants gave a beautiful display of what it means to always fight. With just 10 minutes remaining, Wabash unleashed three minutes of terror on the Tigers defense. It was Angel Vazquez '26 who equalized, a beautiful header from a Paez free kick in the 79th minute. The winner came just moments later when Caleb Castaño '26 did what he does best, firing Wabash into the lead and securing a 2-1 win.

"I told my guys at halftime that we were not getting outplayed at all," said Head Soccer Coach Chris Keller. "I said we were going to get two goals and win, and that's exactly what we did."

Castaño has been a force to be reckoned with throughout the season, and the winner against Wittenberg constituted his sixth goal in a Wabash shirt.

"Caleb has been instrumental all year," said Keller. "He'll tell you that he shot that ball, but I'm pretty sure it was a misguided cross!"

"I guess we'll never know," said Castaño.

With the Little Giants victory over Wittenberg, the team is now guaranteed a playoff place. But with one regular season match still left to play, there is a possibility that Wabash could host their semifinal on Tuesday, November 1. The only team standing in their way? The Ohio Wesleyan Battling Bishops.

OWU currently sits second in the



PHOTO BY JAKE PAIGE '23

Emilio Paez '25 (left) celebrates scoring the team's second goal of the afternoon against The College of Wooster with Caleb Castaño '26 (right) and Alexis Delgado '23 (bottom) on October 22 at Fischer Field.



PHOTO BY JAKE PAIGE '23

Bruno Zamora '25 (left) and Emilio Paez '25 (right) take to the field against Wittenberg University on October 25 at Fischer Field.

conference standings, just two points ahead of the Little Giants. This means that Saturday's game will decide who gets home field advantage in the playoff semifinal. But history is not on Wabash's side. The Little Giants have competed with the Battling Bishops 31 times since 1977 with a 1-28-2 record. Wabash has won just once, a conference game in 2019 where the Little Giants prevailed 1-0.

In last season's game between OWU and Wabash, the Battling Bishops dominated the play and won 2-0. At the end of the match, Wabash finished with eight shots

compared to OWU's 27. But despite the history, this group of Little Giants doesn't seem too concerned.

"I think after this game, everyone feels amazing," said Castaño. "Everyone feels so confident. We are determined to host that playoff game."

The game at Ohio Wesleyan kicks off at 7p.m. and will decide the fate of these two teams. Can Wabash cause an upset, or will OWU deny the Little Giants a home playoff match? Follow along with live coverage through the Wabash Athletics website.

Firing on all cylinders

Offense and defense in perfect sync heading into final stretch of season

DAVID GELMAN '26 | FOOTBALL WRITER

• Wabash College football is the team to beat in the NCAC right now. Although the top 25 rankings in the nation do not show it, the Little Giants are on a complete and utter tear over the past three weeks. During this stretch, the Little Giants have outscored their opponents by a combined 70 points, ascending the NCAC standings to tie with DePauw for the best record in conference play with four wins and only a single loss.

The Little Giants' offense and defense have been in perfect sync over a multiple game stretch for the first time all season, and they show no signs of slowing down. Over the past two games, Wabash has put up a grand total of 1,175 yards of offense on average; that's 587 yards per game. The Wabash offense put up 41 points on Ohio Wesleyan and another 66 points on Oberlin, not to mention their current five game streak of scoring 40+ points in each game.

"It comes down to the way we practice," said Liam Thompson '24. "We as an offense and as a team have end goals in mind: win the Bell Game, win the conference championship and win a national championship. I think just having those goals in mind all the time sets a standard that, even if we are having success as a team, there is still a lot of work to be done."

Rest assured that the Little Giants' relentless work has not gone unnoticed. Since losing to Denison, Wabash has won each of their last three games and the defense has been on an upward trajectory,



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Jose Franco '23 celebrates his solo interception against Oberlin College on October 22, 2022, at Knowlton Stadium in Ohio. Wabash went on to rout the Yeomen 66-20.

limiting their past three opponents to a combined 79 points for an average of 26 points per game during this stretch.

"Football is definitely a game of momentum," said Thompson. "I think that having those three stops early on in the Ohio Wesleyan game, when the offense was struggling, let us as an offense have the utmost confidence in our defense. I think the defense can say the same thing

about the offense. Going into every game with that confidence and wanting to believe in one another really helps the team settle in."

The defense has made a complete turnaround in terms of performance. In the first four games of the season, the Little Giant defense allowed 40 points per game. However, since then, they have reduced their allowed points per game to

34.5. Combined with the offense's red hot average of 43.3 points per game, the defense's renewed vigor is a recipe for success.

"The communication and speed we have been playing with has definitely increased over the past couple of weeks," said Jose Franco '23. "The game has moved a lot slower and the communication has allowed each person to properly execute their role."

Franco is coming off the best two-game stretch of his career, during which he has matched his previous career high for interceptions in a season with two. Not only that, but Franco also contributed to an outstanding 12 tackles and one pass breakup. This play style has seemed to rub off onto his fellow teammates, proving how much of a leader he is on defense.

"Honestly, it doesn't matter what opponent is in front of us," said Franco. "We play one week at a time, one practice at a time and one day at a time. We play fast and communicate as a unit."

As of now, the Little Giants sit one game below DePauw in the NCAC standings. Two other teams, Denison and Wittenberg, are hot on Wabash's heels with only two conference losses. The conference championship and playoff berth will most likely come down to the 128th Monon Bell Classic between Wabash and DePauw. Look for the Little Giants to continue their run of good form in the final stretch of the season. But the team cannot take anything for granted. Even though Hiram and Kenyon, Wabash's next two opponents, present minor obstacles, the team must win out if the conference championship is to be decided on November 12.

DEREK ALLEN '24

Wabash leading WR



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2022 STATISTICS

GP: 7 TDS: 6
TOTAL YDS: 657 LONG: 75 yds
YDS/CAT: 16.02 AVG/G: 93.86

WABASH vs HIRAM

Total passing yards:



Wabash College

2,535



Hiram College
1,248

RAEQUAN DAVIS-HEREFORD

Hiram leading WR



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2022 STATISTICS

GP: 5 TDS: 1
TOTAL YDS: 402 LONG: 30 yds
YDS/CAT: 9.57 AVG/G: 80.4



Wabash’s all-time leading basketball scorer Jack Davidson ’22 on-court in the NCAA DIII Final Four game on March 18, 2022, at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne.

PHOTO BY JAKE PAIGE '23

On the road to the NBA

Davidson ’22 trains with G-League’s Greensboro Swarm

ETHAN WALLACE ’25 | SPORTS WRITER

• Wabash men strive for new heights even after they have passed under the arch. Jack Davidson ’22 is taking this tradition of success to a new frontier. On October 24, it was announced that Davidson had been chosen to participate in the Greensboro Swarm’s training camp.

Greensboro is an NBA G-League team, and participating in this camp is essentially a trial period. Over the next two weeks, Davidson will have the opportunity to play basketball at the highest level of any Little Giant in recent history, with a real possibility of securing a spot on a professional basketball team’s roster.

“Hearing that Jack was going to be heading to training camp for the Hornets’ G-League team was awesome to hear, especially knowing how hard he works at his game,” said Vinny Buccilla ’25, who played alongside Davidson at Wabash and in high school.

“All of us that know Jack are not surprised that he is killing it at that level, and he will continue to do so. Jack is the hardest worker I have ever seen, and I know a lot of the guys on the team would say the same thing.”

Davidson has been attending workouts with different G-League teams throughout the last few months. After demonstrating his skill at a workout with Greensboro, Davidson was chosen to attend the training camp even before the G-League draft. These next two weeks will give Davidson the chance to prove that he is worth a spot on the roster.

Davidson led the Little Giants to the NCAC Championship and their Final Four run during the 2021-22 season. He was the recipient of the 2022 Jostens Trophy for the most outstanding Division III basketball player. Davidson is the all-time leading scorer at Wabash with 2,716 career points.

“It’s a fantastic experience for me,” said Davidson. “Being able to compete with really high level players and showing that I belong will be a huge benefit for my career, regardless of what happens at the end of training camp. I’m just taking it day by day and trying to put my best foot forward. It’s always been my dream to play professionally, but I assumed that would be overseas, so I never really expected to go the G-League route. I’m extremely blessed for this

opportunity.”

No Wabash graduate in recent history has had the opportunity to play at such a high level. There’s no telling what the outcome of this training camp will be for Davidson. However, if there ever was a Wabash player capable of making the most of this opportunity and signing with a G-League team, it is Davidson. He is an elite shooter with great range and excellent ball handling who can get inside and rarely misses from the line. On top of this, as mentioned by his coach and teammate, Davidson is dedicated to improving and pushing his game farther.

“I’ve had some guys that have played professionally in Europe, but I’ve never had a guy that has been able to compete for a roster spot that eventually can lead to the NBA. And I’ve also never coached a guy that has worked as hard as Jack.”

- Coach Kyle Brumett

“There’s definitely guys playing in the G-League that aren’t as good at basketball as him,” said Head Basketball Coach Kyle Brumett, who coached Davidson throughout his collegiate career. “His shotmaking and his understanding of how to play his basketball is on an elite level. I’ve had some guys that have played professionally in Europe, but I’ve never had a guy that has been able to compete for a roster spot that eventually can lead to the NBA. And I’ve also never coached a guy that has worked as hard as Jack. So it’s very well deserved and we’re extremely proud of him. We expect that he’s going to go out there and play great.”



Davidson led the Wabash basketball team to an NCAC championship victory in the 2021-22 season. Pictured celebrating at Chadwick Court, Crawfordsville.

PHOTO BY JAKE PAIGE '23



Ethan Johns ’25 (right) set a new school 100m freestyle record at the Futures Championship in Cary, North Carolina.

ELIJAH GREENE ’25 | SPORTS WRITER

• As the leaves finish changing color and begin tumbling, most fall athletes at Wabash are beginning to prepare for their seasons to come to a collective end. But if you venture into the Allen Center at 7 a.m., you will find the entire Wabash swim team in the weight room before classes start at 8 a.m. Then, if you came back after classes, you would find them changing into suits and swimming lengths of the pool for hours on end. Their season has just begun.

Just two meets in, the hard work has already been paying off for Ethan Johns ’25, one of the stars of the team. Johns has already solidified his name in Wabash legacy by breaking the school’s 100m freestyle record at the Futures Championships in North Carolina over the summer. What’s more, he is chasing down the 200m record, a time currently held by his older brother Elliot Johns ’16. I sat down with Ethan this week to talk about the expectations for the upcoming season, team potential and his focused approach to his short- and-long-term goals.

One unavoidable topic is the long and grueling nature of the swim season. Stretching from mid-October to the start of March, these men are in the pool and swimming for almost half of their academic year.

“The season is very long [and] it’s easy to get distracted,” said Johns. “But you’ve just got to remember we’re focused on February and not right now.”

Johns also emphasized how, even though this Wabash team is relatively young and inexperienced, there’s plenty of potential for the future with the talent already in the water. Spearheaded by a select few seniors and captain Adam El-Khalili ’23, this team is full of young and hungry swimmers.

“We’ve got a lot of high-energy freshmen that are really putting in the work and have a lot of potential,” said Johns. “We get to see this as some of our potential right now, which gets me really hyped up for what this team can do in the next two years.”

Johns, as well as being a complete team player, has lofty goals of his own. Having already established a new Wabash record and on the cusp of another, he looks towards the NCAC and NCAA for aquatic glory. Winning conference in the 200m freestyle, advancing in a relay to NCAA nationals and breaking his brother’s record are all lofty goals on their own, but Johns is motivated to excel in all three this year.

Even though its early in their season, this Wabash swim team is raring to go. The team’s next meet is at Rose-Hulman on Friday, October 28. After that, the meets flood in every week, the grind to February long and arduous. But the goal is clear: a push for an NCAA National birth.



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