



Breaux '24 named Rhodes Scholar finalist



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Chase Breaux '24 (center) participates in a discussion with other Wabash students. The senior went through multiple rounds of interviews and applications to be named a Rhodes finalist.

CHRIS ZIMMERMAN '25 | STAFF WRITER • With the end of the semester right around the corner, it's time for seniors to make plans for when their time as a student at Wabash comes to a close. Chase Breaux '24 was named a finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship, an accolade that a Wabash student has received nine times, which is more than any other liberal arts institution in the state of Indiana. Ultimately, Breaux was not selected as one of the Rhodes scholar recipients, but his nomination as a finalist gives significant reason to celebrate.

Breaux is a political science major and a black studies minor from Houston, Texas and a brother of the Kappa Sigma fraternity.

On campus, he has taken leadership positions through his involvement with Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse, 'shOUT and the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies. After his time at Wabash, he plans to attend law school and influence public policy in order to reshape the criminal justice system in a way that provides justice for all, regardless of identity or wealth.

Susan Albrecht, Wabash College Fellowship Advisor, described the Rhodes scholarship as the "gold standard" fellowship; one that considers academic achievement, academic and extracurricular leadership ability, and potential to create positive change in the candidate's field of choice.

"There are 16 Rhodes districts in the US, with each district naming 12 finalists and ultimately selecting two winners each year," said Albrecht. "From a pool of roughly 1,000 nominated applicants, Chase was one of 192 finalists, out of which the 32 US Scholars were chosen."

Chase's past accolades make it no surprise that he was a finalist. He is the recipient of three nationally renowned scholarships including the Obama Voyager Scholarship for Public Service, the Gilman Scholarship for study abroad, and the Point Foundation Scholarship.

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For whom the Bell tolls

129th Monon Bell Classic ends in heartbreak



PHOTO BY ELIJAH GREENE '25

Little Giant Stadium went silent as DePauw scored the game-winning touchdown in the Monon Bell Classic on November 11, 2023.

ETHAN WALLACE '25 | SPORTS EDITOR • Despite the result, the 129th Monon Bell Classic will go down as one of the greatest matchups the rivalry has ever seen. On November 11, Wabash and DePauw made history, when the two teams sent the Bell Game into double-overtime, where the Little Giants would fall 33-30. A gripping game of back-and-forth highlights, the contest saw Wabash surpassing expectations from the kickoff into the final seconds of the game.

Before the game, many speculated whether Wabash would be able to get past the Tigers' defense which had given up only 109 points in nine games. The Little Giants managed to do so in spectacular fashion as the score continued to climb over four quarters.

The Tigers, who only allowed an average of 72 rushing yards per game, were unable to stop the Little Giants on the ground. Wabash ran the ball for 310 yards and three

touchdowns on 50 attempts. Their 6.2 average gain was nearly triple the 2.6 average DePauw gave up over the season.

Nine of Wabash's 31 points were sent through the uprights by kicker Brody Rucker '26 who went three for four during the game.

Cooper Sullivan '24, extended his school record by leading the Wabash receivers with 41 receiving yards. Just behind him, Derek Allen Jr. '24 caught three passes for 30 yards. Quarterback Liam Thompson '24 was 11 for 21 through the air, which was good for 114 passing yards.

With his final performance, Thompson surpassed Ohio Wesleyan's Mason Espinosa as the NCAC all-time career passing yards leader with 11,149 career passing yards. Thompson also holds the record for passing yards in a single season, which he set at 3,588 in 2022.

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Global Health Initiative establishes direct admit program



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Members of the Global Health Initiative work with children in Peru as part of their immersion trip on July 7, 2023.

HAIDEN DIEMER-MCKINNEY '26 | STAFF WRITER • The Center for Business, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship and Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse organizations have been prominent programs with a direct admittance program.

Now, Wabash's Global Health Initiative (GHI), has joined the ranks of also being a direct admit program.

The GHI is a very competitive program where students can learn and work in global public health with opportunities to serve communities locally and internationally. All members of the program are guaranteed a summer intern-

ship after their freshman or sophomore year and an immersion trip to Peru.

Professor Eric Wetzel, director of the GHI, believes this is a large step for the development of the GHI..

"Before the direct admission, it was really no different than a prospective student doing general admission," said Dr. Wetzel. "Of course, the college admissions has been using the GHI as a draw for students for some time, particularly those interested in health professions after Wabash."

Jill Rogers, the Wabash College pre-health advisor and coordinator of the GHI, believes the ben-

efits of a direct admit program in tandem with the GHI will help students significantly. "Membership in the GHI has always been open to students who have an interest in community building, non-profit work, and public health," said Rogers. "The new direct admit program offers an opportunity for incoming freshmen to engage immediately in mentoring relationships with upper classmen, membership in the student-run Public Health Organization (PHO), and a guaranteed public health internship after their freshman or sophomore year."

The GHI has had significant impacts on Wabash students for years.

"Having global health experiences early in their college career is a transformative experience for students; they will learn a lot about who they are and what motivates them," said Rogers. "Global health allows students to be part of something meaningful that is bigger than themselves, and they develop the confidence to be leaders and change-makers in their future professions. Moreover, starting with mentors and fellow students who share their interests and outlooks can give incoming students that sense of belonging that makes Wabash such a special place. We know

that the transition to college is challenging, and being a part of the GHI gives freshmen a built-in community."

"This change will raise the profile of Global Health at Wabash and get more guys into the incredible set of opportunities that global public health offers, not just here but after Wabash," said Wetzel. "It's competitive and will allow us to really look at students with wide interests who want to be part of this work."

The GHI also guides students to help them in their future endeavors.

"Like others in the GHI, Direct Admit students will have the opportunity for leadership development, project management and other 'soft skill' building experiences through our classroom, community work, and internships," said Wetzel. "Everyone deals with global health issues, so we're interested in getting guys from across campus involved. The GHI and global health is not just for guys who want to go to med school."

As the GHI is a highly selective program home to mostly pre-med students, Rogers illustrated how being a part of GHI sets them apart from other applicants with aspirations in the medical field.

"Medical schools want to see that applicants are strong students who care about the world they live in," said Rogers. "GHI Direct Admit students will be able to provide evidence to medical school admissions committees that they are living humanely by participating in local, regional, and international public health opportunities. Experiences provided through the GHI give pre-med students stories to share about their education and motivation. The GHI direct admit program gives students many ways to show admissions officers how they hope to serve, grow, and alleviate suffering."

Like Wetzel mentioned before, Rogers emphasized how well-rounded the GHI is in its benefits to all students.

"Many other professional schools and employers will appreciate the skills and lessons learned by GHI direct admit students," said Rogers. "The GHI is certainly a home to many pre-med and pre-health students, but students from all disciplines are welcome to participate in the GHI. Some of our most active alumni have gone on to work in policy, law, and entrepreneurship. We look forward to getting to know GHI Direct Admit applicants interested in all of these professions."

This week in U.S. news

All the news you need to know



Congress: With Friday's deadline on a funding bill for the federal government looming large, newly elected House Speaker Mike Johnson is turning to a bipartisan solution to avoid a potential government shutdown. Johnson's budget plan, which is usually decided exclusively by the majority party, features an unusual layered deadline system that funds some federal agencies to January 19 and others to February 2. The temporary funding the bill provides does not include aid to Israel or Ukraine that President Biden requested, nor does it cut federal spending like Republicans have called for, but Johnson argued that it would allow Republicans to battle more effectively for budget cuts later in the year. Johnson's middle of the road approach turned off dozens of Republican Representatives, and the House Freedom Caucus announced their intention to vote against it. The GOP's slim majority in the House thus makes it necessary for Johnson to extend a hand across the aisle to Democrats, a move that cost his predecessor Kevin McCarthy the office of Speaker. However, Senate Republicans have voiced support for the measure, with Republican leader Mitch McConnell calling it a "solution." If Johnson can pass the bill with help from his colleagues across the aisle, it seems likely a government shutdown would be avoided.

In other Congressional news, Rep. Gabe Amo became the first Black Congressman from Rhode Island. Amo took his oath of office Monday after winning a special election for David Cicilline's seat, who stepped down during the summer.

Supreme Court: The Supreme Court endorsed for the first time a code of ethics after months of controversy surrounding reports that multiple justices had infringed upon ethical guidelines. Most of the reporting focused on Justice Clarence Thomas failing to report travel and hospitality provided to him by wealthy Republican donors over a period of decades, but actions of Justices Alito and Sotomayor were also brought into question. However, critics point out that the new ethics code lacks a manner of enforcement, and fails to introduce new ethics restrictions. In a statement released alongside the code, the justices wrote that the code is meant to clear up the "misunderstanding" that they regard themselves superior to the ethics principles that govern judicial conduct.

The code's issuance comes during a term in which the Court will rule on an assortment of important cases that address gun rights, gerrymandering, and 1st Amendment rights. Two landmark social media content moderation cases, from which the 2023 Wabash Moot Court problem was created, will also be heard, and the rulings will have a substantial impact on how free speech is defined on the internet.

by Elijah Wetzel '27

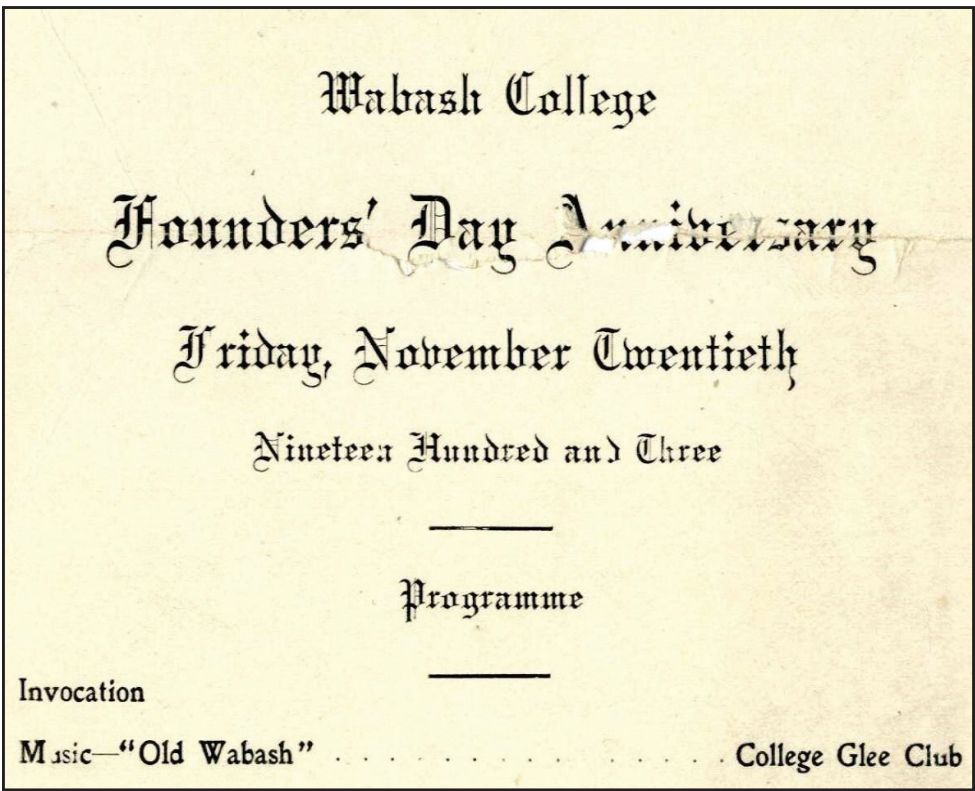
2024 Elections: With the 2024 Presidential election less than a year away, the race for the Republican nomination is heating up. Former President Donald Trump once again skipped a GOP debate last week, citing his advantage in the polls as the reason for his absence but no doubt also wanting to focus on his ongoing legal battles. That left Ron DeSantis, Nikki Haley, Chris Christie, Tim Scott and Vivek Ramaswamy to go head-to-head on key issues like aid to Ukraine, border security, and cybersecurity. All five candidates avoided attacking Trump directly. Trump, despite his absence from the first three debates, still leads heavily in the polls, garnering support from over 50 percent of GOP voters compared to the 15 percent of DeSantis, his closest competitor. Just days after the debate, South Carolina Senator Tim Scott dropped out of the race, narrowing the field further after Mike Pence dropped out last month. Scott's withdrawal came as DeSantis and Trump both scored key endorsements in Iowa. Nikki Haley, who butted heads with Ramaswamy in last week's debate over her daughter's TikTok usage, announced a \$10M ad campaign across Iowa and New Hampshire with aims to overtake DeSantis as the race for who will be Trump's main rival in the primary accelerates.

In other 2024 election news, longtime Senator from West Virginia Joe Manchin announced last week that he will not seek reelection in 2024. Manchin's seat in a deeply red West Virginia district will likely be picked up by a Republican, and deals a significant blow to the narrow Democratic majority in the Senate.

Founders’ Day through the years



Founders’ Day celebrates the men who founded Wabash College in 1832. On November 21 of each year, Wabash students, staff, and alumni recognize the history of the College and celebrate the foundation created by those before them.



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Breaux named Rhodes finalist cont’d



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Chase Breaux ’24 underwent an extensive interview and application process to eventually be named a finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship. The Rhodes Scholarship is considered one of the most prestigious fellowships in the world.

“I tend to focus on opportunities that focus on empowering marginalized communities or people pursuing careers in public service,” said Breaux.

Professor of Political Science Scott Himself ’85 has taught and mentored Breaux throughout his time at Wabash.

“Chase is very articulate,” said Himself. “He speaks with a deep, resonant voice that tends to get people’s attention. While he is kind, Chase is also like a dog with a bone in the heat of arguments that matter, and the arguments that matter most to Chase deal with social justice.”

Breaux’s experience partaking in various fellowship application processes has allowed him to reflect on what others should value when considering fellowship opportunities.

“Do what matters to you,” said Breaux. “Find organizations or clubs that allow you to engage with the

things you care about. Work internships in areas you care about to get real-world experience. This, coupled with your studies, will allow you to build out your skills and knowledge in the area you are most invested in so that you are competitive for fellowships and jobs.”

Albrecht believes in the importance of fellowship and scholarship opportunities, as experiences such as “studying abroad, learning a critical-need language, teaching English overseas, doing research, or pursuing a graduate degree in another country” will help any career path.

“The application process itself helps a person identify what matters most to them and helps them learn how best to present their story and to advocate for themselves,” said Albrecht.





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Cousin Rick's Pick Three

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Overall Record: 4-5



Jaguars (vs. Titans) at -6.5 (Jaguars ATS) -112

Jacksonville, and more specifically Trevor Lawrence, have awoken from their typical early-season sleepwalk earlier than normal. On the other hand, the Titans look poised to enter a rebuild, now sitting firmly at the bottom of the AFC South and testing out rookie QB Will Levis. I don't think much needs to be said beyond that; with Jacksonville firing on all cylinders and the Titans seemingly limping into TIAA Bank Field, I find Jacksonville more than capable of winning by a touchdown or more.



Kansas (vs. Kansas State) at +8 (Kansas ATS) -110

Given the current status of Kansas's injury report, this pick may age poorly before Friday, but I feel there's enough to like with Kansas at home this year to warrant this selection. Last Saturday, Kansas's second-string QB Jason Bean, who's played most of this season, went down with an apparent head injury, and though the third-string Cole Ballard was able to muster a strong second-half comeback, it was not

enough to overcome the Red Raiders. At the moment, Kansas has expressed an equal likelihood that any of their three QBs may play, but as this is the Sunflower Showdown and Kansas is already out of the running for the Big 12 crown, I'd be willing to bet the Jayhawks put their best foot forward at QB regardless of injuries. The fact that the line on this game places it just above the two possession mark, coupled with Kansas's strong home performances this season, including an upset against Oklahoma, means I'm highly in favor of picking the Jayhawks to at least cover at home.

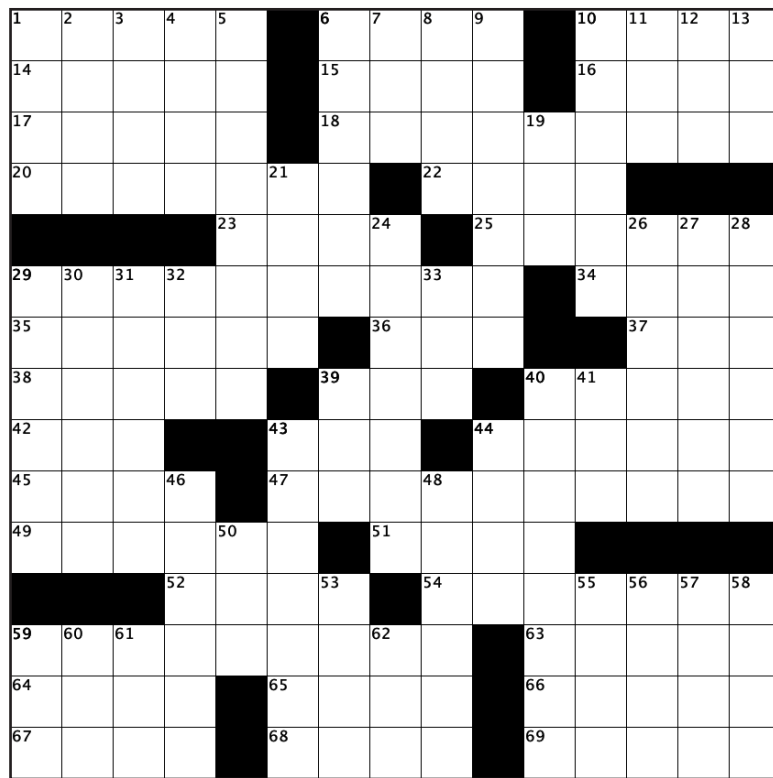


Washington (@ Oregon State) at +2.5 (Washington ML) +114

Similarly, be prepared for some major line movement on this game, but not for the same reasons. While Oregon State is no slouch and they do have home field advantage, the Huskies are a likely playoff team and deservedly so. While the question regarding Washington has been whether or not they can go on the road and perform against high-caliber opponents, performances against USC and Arizona have silenced teams. Home or away, Heisman candidate Michael Penix has shown tremendous composure in tight games this season, leading a reliable offense that keeps Washington in games and solidifies clutch wins in the final moments of games. Oregon State has not been quite as battle-tested, and while DJ Uiagalelei is a high-caliber passer himself, he's not considered one of the best in the country. Sometimes in these primetime games with the playoffs on the line, the game has a tendency to come down to such pedantic things; expect Penix to have his Heisman moment and the Hus-

'Hmm...'

Crossword by Logan Weilbaker '25



Across

1. Masquerades
6. With a subdued smile, perhaps
10. Cache deposit?
14. "Cats" poet
15. Warrior or reverse warrior
16. Prayer ender
17. It's benign, you hope
18. *"You got me!" ... or what the starts of each starred clue might possibly say
20. Not on tour, say
22. Goes bad, as meat
23. Home of Cyprus, technically
25. Perform acupuncture
29. *It's swung by some pinch hitters
34. Meat order
35. Allergic reactions
36. 2011 Blue Sky film set in the city of the same name
37. Controversially classroom inits.
38. Circumvent
39. Lower the lights
40. June celebration
42. Nothing
43. Space race vehicle?
44. "I can't hear you!"
45. They might be tight or split
47. *80s fashion accessory
49. With intensity
51. Nessarose's domain, per "Wicked"

52. "Get off my ____!"

54. Word repeated 10 times at the start of a hit AC/DC song
59. *Childrens' aerie
63. Ear ring?
64. Possess
65. Musk
66. Supplement
67. Uncle to Luke and husband to Beru
68. Just say no
69. AFC Richmond coach

Down

1. "Delicate shades of pink and blue" fraternity
2. Big Bash attendee, for short
3. Letter between Kilo and Mike
4. Pirate's haul
5. Ran out of clothing?
6. Distilled drink
7. Classic shout-out on live TV
8. Brezhnev's land, in brief
9. Scold
10. One "in distress"
11. Electric guitarist's need
12. Preceder of hee or pee
13. &
19. Four Corners-area tribesman
21. Puts to work
24. Shorten into one volume, maybe
26. Proceed at a fork in the road
27. Room where meat used to be stored and prepared
28. Starts a new paragraphs
29. Tried to get a better look at, maybe
30. Gorge
31. Tristan's operatic lover
32. X, in Cyprus
33. Take ____
39. Old whatsurname?
40. First European country to reach Japan in the 16th century
41. Pirate's potent potable
43. Layered board
44. Eye liner?
46. Blood-filtering organ
48. Like some graves
50. Scat syllable
53. Hosiery shade
55. Nothing
56. Clothes, in slang
57. Parts of psyches
58. "I shot a man in ____."
59. However, briefly
60. Uncooked, as meat
61. First lady?
62. Seth, to 61-Across



Scan for solution!

Wabash offers opportunities, amenities to students on campus over break

JAKE WEBER '25 | STAFF WRITER • With campus gearing up for a week-long break from classes for the quickly-approaching Thanksgiving holiday, many students will be heading home to celebrate with their families and take some well-needed rest and relaxation. Yet while the campus may seem empty and barren next week, there will still be small pockets of students who are unable to go home for one reason or another.

These students, often either international students or students from across the country, will find themselves stranded on campus waiting for the return of the masses. For many, it is simply not financially feasible to go home for only one week due to the current prices in the travel sector.

Regardless of why they stay, stranded students can take solace in the fact that there are opportunities available for them here in Crawfordsville. On Tuesday, November 21, there will be a free Thanksgiving dinner on campus for students who RSVP, and there will be another Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, November 23 for the LGBTQ+ community and overt allies at St. John's Episcopal Church for those who register.

There are other resources available for students who are stranded on campus during breaks aside from just Thanksgiving. There are stu-

dent shuttles that can take students to local stores for them to purchase goods if they do not have their own vehicle, and additional food resources available in the student food pantry in the Ginny Hays House for those struggling with food insecurity while Sparks is out of operation.

These resources amount to more support for our students compared to other Great Lakes Colleges Association institutions. DePauw University requires all students to vacate campus over any break and other campuses charge fees for remaining on campus.

"I think Wabash is doing enough in the Thanksgiving break," said International Student Association President Arman Luthra '26.

Wabash does not charge its students a fee for the week-long Thanksgiving break, but will charge students who remain on campus during the winter break because of its longevity.

For international students, much of the break is spent studying, playing video games or hanging with other international students who are also stranded on campus.

"It's not very fun," said Luthra. "I am fortunate enough to go to a friend's place for Thanksgiving, but I was here for Fall Break and that was sad. Nobody's here on campus, you see your domestic friends celebrating and you see your friends back home

celebrating."

This isolation can also contribute to feelings of homesickness and loneliness, which many stranded students already struggle with while far from home.

While on break, clubs and organizations stop hosting events, leaving a feeling of boredom for many. Amy Weir, Director of International Programs, encourages students to take initiative and look for things that interest them in the community.

"It is really good that LeAnn Parrish has her updates about things you can do in town," said Weir. "Downtown Crawfordsville is really close. Dress for being outside and then go to whatever is happening in town."

The best piece of advice that Weir has for stranded students: plan ahead.

"When you're so busy during the semester, planning ahead can be difficult," said Weir. "A lot of students fail to plan ahead adequately."

By planning ahead, students can anticipate and prepare for more challenges they may face, and can have a more productive break.

For some international students, there is an opportunity presented for those who elect to participate in the Community Friends program that pairs international students with local host families to help immerse them in US culture.



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Members of the International Students Association pose with President Scott Feller on the steps of the International Center. International students are among those that struggle the most over extended breaks.

"If domestic students can, they should definitely try to invite international students to their places so that they get to experience American culture and they don't feel lonely on campus," said Luthra.

His experience seeing American Thanksgiving and Christmas traditions has been a window into more American culture, and made his experience over break much more enjoyable.

First Generation: Life and identity at Wabash



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Wabash's first generation college students pose on the Chapel steps on November 8, 2023, National First Generation College Student Day. First-gen students include current students, faculty and administration.

HENRY CHILCOAT '27 | STAFF WRITER • Wabash, while being an institution surrounded by legacy, is host to a vocal population of first-generation college students and staff. While their struggle often goes unnoticed, the challenges they face within the halls of campus are very real.

Many faced obstacles even getting into college in the first place. Dr. Noe Pliego Campos, a new assistant professor at Wabash and a recent recipient of his doctorate in history, was the first in his family to achieve any higher education. While his intelligence was clear from a young age, his undocumented status prevented him from seeking out college. Even after getting his green card at age 11, he struggled to conceptualize college and the admissions process.

"I didn't know what college was," said Pliego Campos. "My older cousins didn't see themselves going to college, but when they'd talk to me about their experiences in high school and what they understood about higher education, they really saw potential in me."

Despite this, Pliego Campos persisted, inspired by friends and teachers who wanted him to succeed. While he didn't end up going to his dream school, he performed well at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, in part thanks to a community program for first-generation college students the school hosted. Within the group, he learned how to approach academics critically, which eventually led him to apply his unique perspectives to study Latin American history and culture and pursue graduate school.

"It wasn't that college wasn't an option," said Pliego Campos. "I just didn't know what it would look like and what my route to college would be."

As for Wabash itself, around 30% of students and 20% of faculty workers are the first in their families to obtain higher education (per the College's website). The conversation of how the school accommodates first-gen students and staff has become more prevalent than ever.

Senior Benjamin High '24 strongly identifies with this group. Though both of his parents attended college at one time, neither obtained a degree. While High believes there is an aspect to the modern college system that inherently discriminates against first-generation students, he emphasizes that the school does well in easing new students into the challenge of high-level academics via classes like Freshman Tutorial and Enduring Questions, and acknowledges their efforts to support first-generation college students with generous financial aid.

"There are things that you can't get past as a college. No one's going to be able to really prepare students for life that they've never experienced," said High.

"But you can do your best. They put forth the effort to be accommodating for first-generation students."

High likens the college to a "level playing field," where first- through fourth-generation students can have the same opportunities to thrive socially and academically. While he felt somewhat uncomfortable his freshman year contending with legacy students, that has since dissipated, replaced by an admiration for the brotherhood aspect of Wabash. He feels more at ease having conversations with peers about their differing college experiences, regardless of their status as first-gen students or otherwise.

"There's no feeling of being lesser to students who have parents who went to college or anything like that," said High. "And a lot of the differences between my experiences and somebody who has that kind of were equaled out by meeting other guys. Meeting juniors or seniors who had been through the gamut of things already and could kind of offer me advice."

"No one's going to be able to really prepare students for life that they've never experienced, but you can do your best. They [Wabash] put forth the effort to be accommodating for first-generation students."

- Benjamin High '24

Wabash's sense of community often draws first-generation college students as well as faculty to love it. Michelle Janssen, who has served as Wabash's Dean for College Advancement for nearly a decade, highlights that Wabash, unlike some other institutions, has no "caste." A first-generation student herself, Janssen felt her life was changed when she attended college. While she describes Wabash as an "egalitarian" landscape, she stresses that it's important for the College and its students to keep looking for opportunities to equalize its students even more, whether that be through providing meals to students who are food insecure or more approachable housing options for international students. Measures like these, she hopes, will change the lives of first-generation students the same way her college experience changed hers.

"It set me on a path to work at a college like Wabash and be able to make sure that other people like me got a chance not only to change their lives but also change their family's lives for generations," said Janssen. "That's what education does. It's the cumulative effect."

Carrie Newcomer review: Folk at its finest

LOGAN WEILBAKER '25 | MANAGING EDITOR • "A Great Wild Mercy" is the definition of folk, no matter how you slice it.

At face value, this is a beautiful album to listen to.

Folk music traditionally features instruments native to the culture it comes from, and in rural America, this usually means the acoustic sounds of guitar, fiddle, mandolin, double bass, banjo, etc. "A Great Wild Mercy" checks all the boxes.

Newcomer and her trusty Taylor guitar set the tone for an acoustic symphony, joined by longtime collaborator Gary Walters on keys. The music of the album is in some places a lively jig entreating you to tap your foot along, in other places a mournful ballad that seems to float through the air, and always — to an Indiana boy like me — reminiscent of home.

This album was released at the perfect time, because with Thanksgiving coming up, I can't wait to turn it on in the kitchen while I help prepare the feast.

It's an impressive feat when an album succeeds on so many levels. The music is amazing, but the true beauty of "A Great Wild Mercy," is in Newcomer's songwriting.

As a type of music, folk music essentially means music that is written for and about people in a given culture.

"What defines folk music for me is a freedom of subject matter and topic," Newcomer said in an October 5 interview with *The Bachelor*.

She takes every bit of that freedom in "A Great Wild Mercy," opening with the title track that serves as her own personal declaration of beliefs. She starts the album off with a bang, showcasing what drives and inspires her as a songwriter and a human being.

One of my favorite songs on the album is "Potluck," which perfectly encapsulates the experience of a community meal that anyone growing up in the midwest knows all too well. It is simple in its message, yet profound in the intimacy and vividness with



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Carrie Newcomer performs in Salter Hall on September 27, 2023. Newcomer has been a regular performer at Wabash, returning to campus every few years as a favorite in the Visiting Artist Series.

which Newcomer describes the scene.

For many of the songs on "A Great Wild Mercy," the beauty is in the simplicity.

No song represents this better than "A Book of Questions," which I love for its accessible poeticism. "Ever kissed in a busy café?" the song asks. "Ever watch an oncoming train or gathering storm? Did you work in a bookstore? Have you ever made a grilled cheese? Did you lose a lover or friend?" It's one thing to be clever or complex, but truly impressive songwriting comes from being vulnerable and true to oneself.

In the song "A Tissue or Two," for example, Newcomer describes how her mother would take care of her when she was sick as a child — something most of us have likely experienced — and how she still carries with her those lessons from childhood. The writing is narrative: not

overly complicated or sophisticated, but true.

Each track on "A Great Wild Mercy" presents less like a song and more like a poem, telling intimate stories of life and all its moments that all of us have experienced, but few of us take the time to truly appreciate. Newcomer's brilliant songwriting, delivered in the sweet lull of her alto voice, offers listeners an opportunity to reflect on this life. She revels with us in these universal experiences, and in doing so, invites us to draw closer together.

While the last remnants of autumn still hang from the trees, pour yourself a warm beverage, pull on your coziest mittens and listen to the hidden wonder that is "A Great Wild Mercy."

FINAL VERDICT:
5/5 WALLYS



‘Indiana is where I belong’: ‘Hoosiers’ screenwriter visits campus



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Angelo Pizzo answers a student's question during the screening of 'Hoosiers' on November 8, 2023.

LOGAN WEILBAKER '25 | MANAGING EDITOR • What do you think of when you think of "Indiana"? For most, Indiana means small towns, nice people, family farms and above all, high school basketball. No film captures the true essence of rural Indiana life quite like "Hoosiers," written by Angelo Pizzo, who visited campus last Thursday, November 9 to deliver remarks in conjunction with a screening of his iconic film in Ball Theater.

Pizzo credits a large part of why "Hoosiers" feels so homegrown to his Bloomington, IN upbringing, but jokingly emphasizes his love of basketball over any knowledge of high school basketball.

"I grew up in Bloomington and fell in love with IU

sports," said Pizzo. "Being right off campus, I used to go to practice every day. I hardly went to any high school basketball games, but I never missed an IU basketball game."

When an attempt at working in world politics during the Vietnam War and a brief stint as a ski instructor in Aspen both spun out, Pizzo moved to Southern California, learning the ropes of filmmaking in a hodgepodge of industry jobs.

"It was at that point where I decided I wanted to develop this idea I always had of taking this relationship of the people in Indiana with basketball and [telling] the story," said Pizzo.

Of course, that story would come to be known as "Hoosiers," the movie we all know and love today: but it didn't come about without its fair share of obstacles. Just when his project had been greenlit, his production company disbanded, and Pizzo set out to pursue his script independently.

"I worked in the business for seven years," Pizzo said. "It never crossed my mind to be a writer. It never crossed my mind to even try it myself."

After going through draft after draft to complete the original script, the project was ready to get started, but Pizzo needed someone to direct it. He turned to none other than David Anspaugh, his Sigma Nu fraternity brother at Indiana University.

"We had always talked about it," Pizzo said. "We decided to be an Indiana team and try to raise the money and make it ourselves."

As the great film critic Roger Ebert wrote following the film's initial release, "What makes 'Hoosiers' special is not its story, however, but its details and characters."

Viewers around the world can relate to the heart and the true, emotional storytelling, and there are all sorts of niche references that true Hoosiers will pick up on adding to its authenticity. In one scene, George tells Coach Dale, "You start screwin' up this team, I'll... send you up the Monon Line!" Not to mention the line that all Wallys go crazy for, "I think if he (Jimmy Chitwood) works really hard, he can get an academic scholarship to Wabash College."

"When I came up with the idea of doing the film about Hoosiers, I wanted the state of Indiana to be a part of it, like a character. We wanted to hire as many people from Indiana as possible. People that just knew it intuitively, how people behaved, how they walked, how they talked, how they chewed gum. Probably 98% of the cast and crew were Indiana people," said Pizzo.

If the film feels close to home, that's because it is. Much of the filming took place in New Richmond, approximately 10 miles northwest of Crawfordsville. The whole heart of "Hoosiers" lies in its name, the story of Hoosiers, as told by Hoosiers, filmed in Indiana.

"I lived in Southern California longer than I lived in Indiana," said Pizzo, "and yet I came back here, because Indiana is where I belong. These are my people. This is my tribe."

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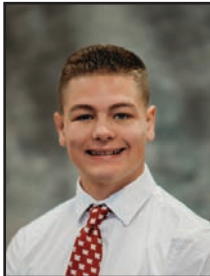
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Independence from political idolatry



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Today, our nation is facing a culture of crises that is crippling our democracy. This includes crises of public-health, the economy, public-safety or most fundamentally, of self-identity. However, it is important to recognize that America's origins can be traced back to times of intense anxiety, during which religion played a pivotal role in helping people overcome similar crises.

Currently, the religious demographics in our country are more widespread and diverse than ever, but radical transformations have negatively impacted the political landscape. Today, the key shift lies not in the scale or inequalities of existing circumstances, but in the current approach for handling such difficulties through politics.

It is overwhelmingly evident by several metrics such as church attendance and self-identification that Americans are growing less religious. This has also negatively impacted the importance of religion in the lives of Generation Z, leading to a sharp decline in community engagement, political involvement and overall happiness.

Religious nones are less likely to participate in political affairs, volunteer or take part in any type of community work compared to their religious counterparts. And this is not the only generation that is falling behind. A recent study by the Barna Group found that 42% of current Christian pastors have also considered leaving the ministry.

The main reasons for high pastoral resignation are stress, loneliness and current political divisions. Ironically, these are the same things that church pastors attempt to help resolve for their attendees. The problematic challenge for ministries today is often that political idolatry has replaced religious beliefs.

While Americans continue to seek purpose and meaning in their lives, a considerable portion have resorted to politics as the lone answer, only to find themselves unsatisfied and alienated. Meanwhile, this notion has disenfranchised politics and individuals involved in political affairs.

Contemporary politics, regardless of party, uses fear, falsehoods and disinformation as tools to vilify opposing factions in pursuit of power. Unfortunately, these negative aspects of politics often lead people to completely disengage from political involvement due to ignorance, confusion and a genuine loss of trust.

Consequently, Christian churches find themselves deeply divided on the appropriate role of politics, yet they must remain

focused on properly shepherding the faith of congregants. The real question is how can Americans not succumb to political idolatrous behaviors in times when such political participation is frankly needed?

Here is a pathway and vision that will help relieve this question:

The church needs to embrace a spirit of religious revival that examines its own political motivations and confronts the pervasive falsehoods entwined within political engagement. Churches must promote civic education, service-learning and civic engagement within their communities.

Unfortunately, in 21st century school-systems, curriculum promoting civic-education has been neglected due to political polarity. Churches should encourage ministerial education through civic engagement projects at local Boys and Girls Clubs, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, or the YMCA's. This will develop awareness among students that the fundamental principles of volunteering, sacrificing, and working for the betterment of society align with religious ideals.

This starts with churches building relationships with local school systems, federal agencies, and local non-profits. It is crucial for churches to actively seek out political outsiders to prevent marginalizing political entities.

This is foundational within the church because societal happiness is seemingly dependent on civic engagement. Individuals who are involved in a church or religious organizations are more trusting of others, think more highly of their community and simply devote more time to outside groups. Individuals within the church have a mission to foster opportunities for people to engage in political processes together.

Therefore, people within the church should steward the youth toward satisfactory political behaviors. These steps will work because it defeats the distressed alternative of simply neglecting the purpose of politics by reestablishing a moral vision for what it ought to be.

I believe that if each American actively wrestles against political idolatry, it can help people find a fulfilling new vision for political prosperity. In his First Inaugural Address, Ronald Reagan said, "It does require, however, our best effort and our willingness to believe in ourselves and to believe in our capacity to perform great deeds, to believe that together with God's help we can and will resolve the problems which now confront us. And after all, why shouldn't we believe that? We are Americans."

America is a nation worth saving, so churches must embrace politics in a way that exalts the truth, not in a way that only promotes a politician's radical agenda. This is just one of many ways to reclaim our nation's dignity during crisis among other solutions.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

RAP IT BEFORE YOU TAP IT

Hi-Five to the parents who went viral this week for throwing their toddler an NBA YoungBoy-themed birthday party. Who better to honor with a party theme than a 24-year-old rapper with 11 children? Clearly "never broke again" wasn't referring to his condoms.

'THEY'RE NOT DUMB GUYS, THEY'RE JUST SIG CHIS'

Hi-Five to Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson for visiting Capitol Hill this week to talk Armed Forces recruitment and the XFL with U.S. Senators. No matter what career path Sigma Chis choose after Wabash, it sounds like The Rock might be a good contact for you.

HOW WILL WE HEAR THE TKES?

Hi-Five to Doritos Silent software for saving us all from hearing the crunch of Doritos in streamers' microphones. Sure, the more cost-effective solution is just to choose a healthier, less chemically-altered snack, but where's the fun in that?

THE PETER TINGLE

Hi-Five to the "Madame Web" trailer for giving us a sneak peak of Sydney Sweeney as Spider-Woman. We haven't been this excited for a superhero film since Marvel casted Angelina Jolie and Salma Hayek in "Eternals"

INTO THE LIONS' DEN

Lo-Five to the Anderson basketball players for bringing their girlfriends to the game. Don't you know Wabash is the rizz capital of the world?

Clarity from the College



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The Monon Bell Classic at Wabash College, a cherished tradition, is widely anticipated as one of the most entertaining and meticulously organized events on the annual calendar. Having personally partaken in the excitement as a football player in previous years, my perspective underwent a significant transformation as I was not suited up this year. While this side of the tradition had many upsides, an unexpected event unfolded, which tarnished the way I saw how this event was orchestrated and my time at the game in general.

As I made my way towards the tailgate area to reconnect with family and friends and to relish in the festive atmosphere, I was stopped and informed that my student ticket did not permit re-entry into the stadium. This surprising news wasn't exclusive to me; several others around me faced the same predicament, giving rise to a collective sense of frustration and confusion.

The non-reentry policy raised not only logistical concerns but also broader questions about the fairness and impact on the overall experience of students. Beyond inconveniencing attendees, there emerged a valid concern regarding health and safety. Acknowledging the prevalent consumption of alcohol at pre-game tailgates, the lengthy lines at concession stands became a significant hurdle for inebriated fans seeking essential refreshments during halftime. This situation was made even worse by the fact that numerous students, unaware of the re-entry restriction, found themselves denied access back into the stadium.

The decision to offer re-entry tickets at an additional cost sparked additional discontent among students. It prompted speculation and raised questions about the underlying motives, leading to doubts about whether this

was an attempt to extract additional funds from the student body. The lack of a clear and transparent explanation only intensified the frustration, leaving many students dissatisfied with the imposed restrictions and the perceived lack of consideration.

To address this multifaceted issue, it is imperative to explore solutions that balance crowd control and student satisfaction. One proposal involves implementing a ticket scanning system upon exit. This system, combined with the possibility of requiring a Wabash ID or Canvas account for re-entry after the game has commenced, could effectively regulate stadium access. By allowing students to enjoy the halftime festivities without the need for expensive re-entry tickets, this approach seeks to strike a fair compromise.

While the intention behind the non-re-entry policy may have been to control the number of people entering the game, it inadvertently resulted in student dissatisfaction and detracted from the overall experience. It is crucial to recognize that students attending the Monon Bell Classic contribute significantly to the spirited atmosphere, and their enjoyment of the event should be a priority.

In acknowledging that finding the perfect solution may be challenging, it remains disheartening to witness fellow Wabash students turned away during a game, particularly when their only aim is to partake in the festivities or address basic needs during halftime. Such practices seem incongruent with the values and expectations associated with Wabash College. It is my sincere hope that the administration will engage in a thoughtful reconsideration of the current policies and work towards a fair and reasonable resolution before the next home Bell Game. In doing so, Wabash can ensure that this cherished tradition continues to be a source of pride and enjoyment for all its students.

As a final note, regardless of re-entry tickets or not, let's go get that bell back next year. Our beautiful trophy of the Monon Bell game deserves to be rung on our campus and not locked up by illiterate children down south. Bell-less or not, Ding Ding.

We need to appreciate our veterans



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November is a special month on campus. It is the month when students finally get a break from rigorous studies and go home for a week to celebrate Thanksgiving with their loved ones. It's a time when Wabash football plays the historic Monon Bell Game against our enemies down south, but November is also National Veterans and Military Families Month. I believe November is an important month, particularly with November 11th being Veterans Day, but I also question if we as a campus do enough to recognize these veterans and their families?

Wabash College is a place that is known for many campus traditions and a rich history. One of these tremendous histories of campus is the military history on campus.

One example of this is the Roll of Honor outside of Center Hall, which I believe is one of the most fascinating parts of campus. The Roll of Honor has inscriptions of the names of all of the Wabash men who served in the Civil War.

Another exaple of the military history throughout our campus is our beloved football field, which was at one time used as a training ground for troops. Wabash was also one of several colleges that took part in a training program known as the Student Army Training Corps (SATC) that not only educated men but also trained them for the military.

The Armory itself is yet another example of the College's rich military history. The second floor of the Armory, where we now have team meetings for football, was at one time used as a mess hall for feeding troops.

Even our beautiful Chapel has a connection to the deep rooted military history at Wabash, as it sits where military barracks existed at one time.

Staff Editorial:
Respect the
listserv

Alright, guys. The reply-all slip-ups were funny for a while. Even funnier were the responses of “Classifieds” to said replies. And while we were all still laughing, Wabash men banded together in a staggering display of campus unity to form 37-person email chains. Sure, they clogged up our already-full Outlook inboxes, but at least we all got a good chuckle out of it.

Ever heard of a dead horse? No matter how much you keep beating it, it ain’t gonna run any faster.

For starters, it’s just not entertaining to anyone any more. If somebody accidentally replies all to a campus-wide email, how hard is it to just delete the thread and go on with your day? Contrary to what the man in the mirror tells you, you are not the funniest man to ever grace the halls of Wabash. It’s probably a better look just to sit down and shut up.

More importantly, however, it’s a blatant violation of the trust the College has put in us as gentlemen and responsible citizens to monitor our own student email listserv. You may not realize it, but this privilege is a unique one. Very few — if any — other colleges and universities allow their students the unrestricted ability to contact the entire campus community. This usually involves some sort of vetting process, where you have to have your message previewed and approved by someone or multiple someones.

As everyone’s favorite uncle once said, “With great power... comes great responsibility.”

Please, let’s all do our part to make this shared experience bearable.

Remembering a legacy



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A few weeks ago infamous coach Bob Knight garnered headlines in Indiana and beyond one last time as news of his passing became public. Within a long coaching career, Bob Knight was most famous for his role as the head coach of the Indiana University Men’s Basketball team from 1971-2000, during which he won three NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Championships. Despite or potentially in spite of his success, Bob Knight was not without his detractors or criticism.

As a result, news of his death has been anything but peaceful. Detractors and advocates of the man have once again begun to argue over his legacy. On the other hand, many simply believe Bob Knight is entitled to respect in his passing, and that a eulogy is no place for criticism, while others worry of the potential whitewashing of Mr. Knight if they were to deny his criticisms. Either way, the death of Bobby Knight has once again stirred the dust of the many questions the man’s life posed; or more importantly, many questions important to sport and its value in our society.

One of many reasons why I felt compelled to write this piece is my own confusing opinion of Bob Knight as not only a fan of IU basketball and basketball’s collective place in the State of Indiana, but as a proponent and fan of the potential sport has to offer. The appreciation of our generation for these things, at least in my experience, is quite devoid of Mr. Knight and his legacy. My experience with Indiana basketball has been vastly different, in which the defining moments of my passion have been moments such as Christian Watford beating #1 Kentucky on a buzzer-beater, not the final buzzer of a completed championship run, placing young Hoosiers such as myself in a precarious position.

Nevertheless, as Hoosiers, we’re often forced to reconcile with Indiana’s past. Many Hoosiers claim, “In 49 states, it’s just basketball,” and the foundation of such a bold claim is largely built on the legacy of Bob Knight. As a result, the question we’re inherently forced to face in reconciling with our own history is do the ends justify the means. Victim or villain of it, many considered Mr. Knight a product of his era; a man known as a disciplinarian, but one who for at least a time got results. Notably, the first sixteen years at Indiana University could largely be considered a different experience than the last thirteen. From 1971 to 1987, the Indiana Hoosiers appeared in four Final Fours, in which they won three National Championships in 1976, 1981, and 1987. From 1988-2000, IU appeared in one Final Four in 1993. Perhaps it was increased media attention (a group Bob Knight already was not fond of) that caught an already-existing trend or perhaps frustration at a possibly changing world and diminishing returns amounted to increased aggression and anger; either way Bob Knight’s tenure at IU ended in 2000 after a series of events regarding the mistreatment of players became national news.

Personally, I’m not here to take sides, but since the late 90s, the reality of Bob Knight has posed many questions in not only how we think about contro-


versy, but how we think about sport. Sides, for one, are often drawn along the line to the above question: do the ends justify the means? The staunchest supporters of Bob Knight, many of which are former players, have praised what can only be described as military tactics. To them, greatness is a direct product of grit and dedication, and though basketball is just a game, men like Bobby Knight are molders of men. Still, detractors believe Mr. Knight’s efforts were not so black-and-white; that such ideas about character development are antiquated. To them, Bob Knight was no molder of men or man himself, simply a tyrant seeking glory through others.

While the answer may certainly be more complex than either side’s position, both inevitably bring up valid points not only about Bob Knight, but the value of sport. While entertaining, sports are treated as an important part of our development; as a tool to instill many of the things Bob Knight at least stood for. Perhaps this is why the man remains so controversial today, as to reflect on Bobby Knight is to reflect on your very core ideals about your own drive, work ethic and development. Its likely why its been so hard for some to eulogize him, as to pay respect to the man is to pay respect to things you either inherently agree or disagree with. Nevertheless, and with controversy aside, its important to remember Bobby Knight, whether he be as a tragic figure or hero. Its important to look at Bobby Knight in his passing and reflect on our own views. Accountability in sport is important, in both using sport to develop accountability and holding that developmental process accountable. As a result, it’s important to remember his legacy entirely.


Wally’s Wall: Headshots

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Submit your Monon Bell haircut.




Evan Dickey '26



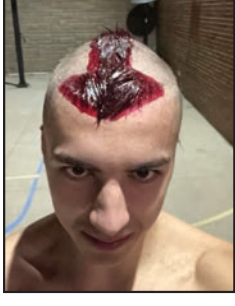
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The first in an annual series as
Wabash approaches 2032.



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While most of us are home visiting families next week during break, Wabash will celebrate our 191st anniversary on Tuesday. If you’re unfamiliar, that’s when nine ministers knelt in the snow on November 21, 1832 to found what would become Wabash College.

Over the years, the College has celebrated the occasion sporadically — sometimes with great fanfare, celebration and speakers — and many times not at all. Even though Thanksgiving wasn’t established as a holiday until Lincoln’s proclamation during the Civil War, late November is still an awfully awkward time to found a college, let alone celebrate it.

But inconvenient is no reason to skip over such an important milestone. Last year, the College — recognizing that our bicentennial was a decade away — started rekindling this lost tradition. We think Founders’ Day deserves support and celebration.

Just yesterday, our keepers of tradition, the Sphinx Club, asked Brett Driscoll '24 to address this founding spirit in a Chapel Talk, and the club hosted an early TGIF dubbed Founders’ Fest on the Mall. On Monday, Archivist Nolan Eller will host a virtual talk on Whenever. Wherever. Wabash. on our founding through the letters of Edmund Otis Hovey, a founder and original Trustee.

Still, why should Founders’ Day matter?

Because by the act of kneeling in the snow, those nine ministers demonstrated their abiding faith in establishing this school. Many had left their families behind with little fortune but an abundance of belief and commitment to their mission.

According to a Founders’ Day address delivered by legendary professor William C. Placher '70, they were “New England opponents of slavery in a part of Indiana with significant southern sympathies” and were regarded as “Presbyterian radicals” and “a public menace.” Dr. Placher also said, “Ever since, Wabash has had its share of administrators, faculty, trustees and students who would stand up for the unpopular point of view.”

Founders’ Day doesn’t stop with our founding. Their act inspires a throughline as each generation makes its mark on this place, adapting to meet the needs of a changing world while still holding to our common values.

Those who followed refined our liberal arts curriculum in an ebb and flow of majors and requirements, and the advent of Comps. They created and amended a code of conduct, The Gentleman’s Rule. They colonized fraternity chapters starting with Beta in 1846 to rechartering Theta Delta in 1992. One-by-one, they added a football team in 1884, then basketball in 1897, all the way to volleyball in 2019. They established and grew the Sphinx Club, Glee Club, the MXIBS, ‘shOUT and La Alianza. The founding of Wabash is an act we do every day.

Just as each birthday might cause us to pause and reflect on our own lives, recognizing Founders’ Day allows us to consider our college’s mission, our values, and why we do what we do. On our anniversary, we all stand as founders of the next generation of Wabash. What will you do to carry on that audacious and bold founding spirit in your time at Wabash?

'Wabash may not always win...'

Comic by Preston Parker '26

We may have lost the Bell game, but let us not forget what we still do have on this wonderful campus of ours...

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Wrestling bests Albion College in home opener



PHOTO BY ELIJAH GREENE '25

Wabash wrestling — in their only home meet of the fall semester — emerged victorious with a definitive win against Albion College on November 9, 2023. Winning the dual 25-12, Wabash had several standout performances. Ray Arebalo '25 (left) manhandled his opponent at 174 pounds, resulting in a 6-0 win and 3 points for Wabash. At 4:08, the horn sounded as Jesse Herrera '26 (middle) pinned his Albion opponent and celebrated with the sizeable crowd in attendance. This win marked the first of new Head Wrestling Coach Jake Frederickson's (right) career as head coach of Wabash wrestling.

Basketball returns to Chadwick Court

Turnovers spoil close game against Anderson University

Ahmoni Jones

26 Points

7 Rebounds

3 Assists



PHOTO BY WILL DUNCAN '27

Ahmoni Jones '24 led scoring with 26 points in the Little Giants' home opener against Anderson University on November 14 at Chadwick Court.



PHOTO BY WILL DUNCAN '27

The Chadwick Crazies celebrate a play in the Little Giants' home opener against Anderson University on November 14 at Chadwick Court.



PHOTO BY WILL DUNCAN '27

Edreece Redmond '24 drives from the corner in the Little Giants' home opener against Anderson University on November 14 at Chadwick Court.

ETHAN WALLACE '25 | SPORTS

EDITOR • The wait is over, Wabash fans. The 16th-ranked Wabash basketball team returned to Chadwick Court for their home opener on Tuesday, November 14 against Anderson University after a 71-58 victory over Mount St. Joseph University. A struggle on multiple fronts, the game against Anderson showed that Wabash has more work to do before they are ready to take home the conference championship for a third year in a row.

Head Basketball Coach Kyle Brumett selected a strong opponent for his team to face in their second nonconference game. Both teams were champions of their respective conferences in the 2022-23 season and returned their top scorers.

The Little Giants opened with a volley of early threes to establish a quick nine-point lead. However, as their shooting cooled down, they struggled to get past the Ravens's sturdy zone defense. By halftime, Anderson had taken the lead.

"We were definitely flustered offensively at times yesterday," said point guard Sam Comer '24. "We knew they were going to run a zone, and we prepared for it in practice leading up to the game, but I think we underestimated how effective their zone was going to be. It was unlike any zone I have ever played against in a game because they had wings with long arms that played up along the three point line."

The team's passing was a mixed bag all around. Sixteen assists would normally go down as a successful night of ball movement. But thirteen turnovers, most coming off stolen passes, allowed the Ravens to offset the assists by scoring 21 points off turnovers.

"Our older guys have to take care of the ball," said Brumett. "If you look at our turnovers, it's not like we went out and had one guy turn it over five or six times. It was collective. And the way you handle that is by collectively cutting the turnovers down."

Wabash came out on top in rebounding numbers as they gathered 42 rebounds to 39 by Anderson. However, 26 of the Ravens' rebounds came in the second half, as the time ticked away on Wabash's opportunity to tie the contest.

One resounding positive for Wabash was the inspired jeering of the Wabash crowd. Their heckles, no doubt, were part of the reason the Ravens' shot 35% from the free throw line. This kept the Ravens' lead from ballooning, when they led at the end of the game and

Wabash was forced to foul.

Ahmoni Jones '24 led scoring with a monster 26-point night, adding seven rebounds. He kept Wabash afloat for most of the first half. Vinny Bucilla '25 was the only other Wabash player to reach double digit scoring.

Another issue that would affect the Little Giants was poor production from the bench, which is supposed to be one of the team's biggest assets. After the game, Brumett took responsibility for this, saying that he had left the starters in too long.

"I probably let our starters play a little bit too long," said Brumett. "And then when we needed to sub it was later than normal."

The Little Giants lost with a final score of 72-67.

Basketball will have a busy Thanksgiving break. The team will face five opponents before the next issue of *The Bachelor*. The weekend of November 17-18 will see the Scarlet and White travel to Jacksonville, Illinois for the Bill Merris Tournament at Illinois College. The first game will be against 21st-ranked North Park University. The second opponent is yet to be announced. Tuesday, November 21 and Sunday, November, 26 the team will go up against Earlham College and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, respectively.

The team's first game back from the break will be the first game of their conference season against DePauw who was picked to finish fourth in conference by the NCAC coaches' preseason poll.

The Tigers 0-2 (0-0 NCAC) faced Anderson in their first game of the season, where Anderson would command a dominant 79-63 lead when time expired. And while head-to-head comparison makes Wabash look like a pretty certain favorite, DePauw has few players who know how to score. At the end of their 2022-23 season, after a loss to Wabash, the Tigers graduated Elijah Hales, who led their team in scoring and was second in the NCAC in points-per-game last season. Their other graduate was mediocre at best. So, the Dannies will have enough talent to make it a game.

For Wabash, winning the NCAC is going to take a great season over the course of three months. And there's no better way to start than blazing past DePauw in the first conference game of the season on Wednesday, November 29 at Chadwick Court.

Cross country rounds final corner

TREY SCHEUB '26 | STAFF

WRITER • The cross country team left a mark on the 2023 season, showcasing resilience, dedication and a hunger for success that has set the tone for the program's future. Led by Head Cross Country Coach Tyler McCreary, Joseph Barnett '24 and Drake Hayes '24, highs and lows marked the team's journey and a collective spirit that propelled them to new heights.

The season kicked off with high expectations. According to Barnett, he believed expectations were not only met but exceeded for the team. Speaking on the team's focus, Barnett emphasized their dedication to the conference, setting the stage for what would be a season of success and growth.

The aftermath of the 2023 spring track season laid the foundation for the cross country team's success. Coming off a track season filled with confidence. Losing the Outdoor Track Conference fueled the team's determination to return stronger for the cross-country season. This intensity would prove key to the team's expectation of excellence throughout the season.

"We knew we were going to have a good season," Barnett said.

Coach McCreary noted the transformation within the team.

"After losing, the team was different," said McCreary. "They were dialed in and serious."

The consistent performance was a key theme emphasized by McCreary, who labeled it "the most fun" he's ever had coaching. He noted the team's exceptional fitness levels, attributing their success to a summer of hard work and dedication.

"Putting it all together and winning the conference was really big for us," said Barnett.

The achievement was the result of a year of relentless effort and a team that, according to Barnett, "did accomplish what we were capable of doing."

Hayes echoed this view, recognizing the team's top-tier runners and expressing pride in how far the program has come.

Key points in the season, such as a second place result at the Greater Louisville Classic, provided the team with confidence and experience. Barnett emphasized the importance of improving fitness through hard aerobic training, which played a crucial role in gearing up for the significant meets toward the end of the season.

However, the journey was not without its challenges. Both Hayes and Barnett mentioned battling illness and overcoming injuries, demonstrating the team's perseverance. Coach McCreary acknowledged setbacks, including small injuries, but emphasized the team's resilience in overcoming these struggles.

The season's attitude was characterized by execution, motivation, and unity.

"We never had a bad workout all year," Barnett said.

"Every day, everybody's sticking together. It was huge for keeping us motivated," said Hayes.

As the season concluded, Coach McCreary's biggest takeaway was the team's journey from seventh to first, highlighting their strength and dedication to the school and program and setting the tone for years to come. The Wabash cross country team's 2023 season was not just a collection of races but proof of the determined team that refused to be defined by setbacks, ultimately leaving a lasting impact on the Wabash cross country program.

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The Wabash football captains march out on the coin flip of the 129th Monon Bell Classic on November 11, 2023 at Little Giants Stadium.

"I'll definitely just look back on my time with my friends more than any of the records," said Thompson. "And that's what I'll remember more than anything. I'll look back on it with a lot of perspective and gratitude, because we got pretty lucky to have the group of guys that we did. It was pretty special."

On defense, the Little Giants struggled to contain a prominent DePauw offense, but were able to make some key plays to put the Scarlet and White in a position where winning was a possibility until the very end.

DePauw would break the goal line first just under four minutes into the game. Quick to respond, the Scarlet and White sent Cade Campbell into the endzone on a five-yard handoff to tie the game.

The first big defensive moment of the game was an interception by Mike Holsclaw '26 on DePauw's second drive of the game. It was a big moment, the type of momentum boost that the team feeds off, the sort of play where the fans on both sides realized that the Wabash team really did have a shot at taking down their undefeated opponent.

The second was a game-saving PAT block by Steven Thomas '24 late in the fourth quarter, which tied the game, making up for the two field goals that Wabash put up against a DePauw touchdown.

The fourth quarter expired with Wabash and DePauw tied at 27 apiece.

It is rare to see firsts in a rivalry that has persisted for more than a century, but the game saw the first overtime in the history of the Monon Bell Classic. Wabash would win the coin flip and line up on the defensive end.

The final defensive stop was a fumble recovery by Jake Pasch '26 in overtime, which set up Wabash for the would-be game-winning field goal.

However DePauw had one last trick to play, and blocked Rucker's field goal attempt. This sent the game into double-overtime. After a stunted offensive possession, the Little Giants kicked a field goal to go up 30-27. But in college football, each team gets an offensive possession, so the Wabash defense marched out to play for the game. A stop would win the game. A touchdown by the Tigers would result in a loss.

The teams ended the game with a difference of just 11 yards of total offense with Wabash picking up 424 total offensive yards to DePauw's 435.

The final play of the game was an 11-yard passing touchdown to the Tiger's tight end, who broke free in the middle for the game winner.

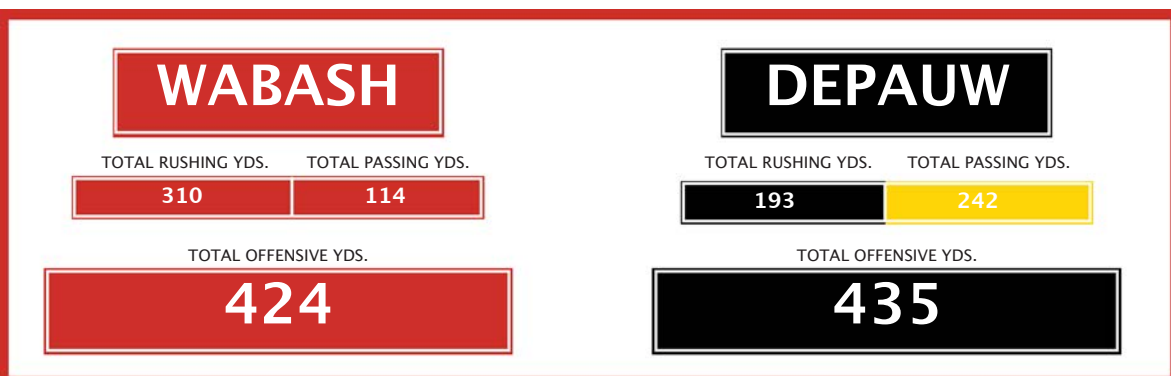
"It's a weird feeling," said Sam Long '25. "Of course you're proud of how well the season went.

You're proud of how well your buddies played and you're proud of everyone who was involved in Wabash football and just how successful we really truly are. But to just lose on one play, when half the crowd is screaming their heads off and half the crowd is in silence. I think a lot of us are still processing it."

Although the game would go down as a loss, the final chapter in the class of 2023's football season will be remembered as one of their bests. Going toe-to-toe with an excellent opponent demonstrated the commitment they had built up over the season.

"Sometimes you don't always get the bounce that you need to win," said Thompson. "We played well enough to win the game. It was not for lack of effort by any means by anyone on the team, by anyone on the field, by any coaches. Sometimes it just doesn't go your way."

"The best thing about Wabash is that this game isn't going to define anybody's quality of life for the next 60 years," said Head Football Coach Don Morel. "We feel awful about losing that game, but we have nothing to be ashamed of. We have nothing but great things ahead of us in our lives as players and coaches and that really is the beauty of Wabash College."



Getting ready for gameday with Coach Bernhardt

ETHAN WALLACE '25 | SPORTS EDITOR• Although it is still early in the season, Wabash swimming and diving has some important meets ahead and will have to rely on their work at practice to prepare them for an upcoming dual meet against DePauw. This week, *The Bachelor* sat down with Head Swimming Coach Will Bernhardt to learn about the weekly practice schedule that keeps the swim team one step- or stroke- ahead of the competition.

Monday starts with a team meeting, where players are encouraged to share what they did well during the previous week. After that they have a normal practice.

"We start each Monday afternoon practice with a roundtable-type atmosphere, where they have to go around and say one thing that they did well at the meet and one thing that they noticed a teammate did well at the meet," said Bernhardt.

Tuesday is a busy day for swimmers, who have a morning and an afternoon practice. The morning practice is focused on building power. Part of their practice is allocated to doing team lifts in the gym, while the rest is spent in the water. The team uses a special pulley-system attached to buckets that can be filled with water. The other end of the pulley is harnessed around a swimmer's waist to give them a huge amount of resistance.

"Basically, guys put a belt on that's then attached through a bunch of pulleys, and they swim out and the pulley with the water goes up," said Bernhardt. "So it's a bit of resistance training, where they have to really dig in and allocate their power because we're putting in anywhere from 20 to 30 pounds of water and they have to pull that through."

In the afternoon, swimmers

practice for their individual races. The swimmers who do longer events will focus on stamina while those who do short distance events focus on speed.

Accompanying most practices is a dryland circuit on the pool deck, where the athletes do exercises that help with shoulder stability and injury prevention, using bands and medicine balls.

Wednesdays are the midway point for the week and usually serve as a rest day for the team.

"We have some Wednesday's off here," said Bernhardt. "That is something new we've started this year. I want to give them a full day of just rest and recovery. Wednesday is a midweek break, where they can breathe, they can get caught up at school, they can find time to meet with groups or professors. It was really well received and in the month of September and October they really enjoyed having Wednesday off and then we saw greater performances and practices."

Thursdays are very similar to Tuesdays with a morning lift and afternoon practice for the swimmers.

Divers follow a similar practice schedule to the swimmers, except they don't have early morning diving sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"We've tried having them [divers] roll out of bed at 6 a.m. and go jump up on the board and do twists and things like that," said Bernhardt. "But if your mind is not fully awake, those things can be very dangerous."

Fridays are what Bernhardt calls "Friday night fights" where the team has a chance to finish the week by mimicking the competitive race day environment. After an hour of regular practice, individual swimmers have the opportunity

to do call outs amongst each other for whatever race they choose.

"One person will call out another guy and say, 'hey, I'm challenging you to a 50 freestyle,' or a freshman says, 'I'm gonna challenge all the seniors to 100'," said Bernhardt. "It's basically a chance for them to get up and race."

Over the season the team has already done a variety of fun challenges that bring them together and prepare them for gameday. Bernhardt explained how, for one Friday night fight, they had done a March Madness-style bracket where the race was chosen by rolling dice.

"The purpose behind it is that I don't want our guys to back down from any race or anything that they're going to do," said Bernhardt. "I'm trying to put them into that mentality of racing and getting into that moment where they're going to be able to come up against anyone and do what they need to do."

Saturdays are usually spent at meets, where the team sets out to accomplish their goals and demonstrate their improvement.

Next for the Little Giants is the Gail Pebworth Invitational on September 17-19 at the Class of 1950 Natatorium. Then, on December 1 Wabash will travel to Greencastle to go head-to-head with DePauw in a dual meet between the rival schools.

"It's always going to be more than just a meet," said Bernhardt. "It's the Bell Game for us. It means more going up against your rival. It's one-on-one. We'll see them at the invite this weekend but it's different at an invite. This time it's mano a mano, one team versus the other. They're on the other side of the pool. We're on this side of the pool."

Diemer-McKinney: Spring sports offseason reports

HAIDEN DIEMER-MCKINNEY '26 | SPORTS WRITER• With fall sports coming to a close and entering their offseason, *The Bachelor* spoke with athletes in spring sports to see what they've been doing to get ready for their upcoming season.

Baseball:

For baseball, the focus for the offseason is to stay on top of strength and conditioning.

"We are doing everything we can to be as strong, fast, and physical as possible so that our bodies are ready for the season," said pitcher Caleb Everson '26. "The pitchers give their arms a break, but the hitters still spend a lot of time hitting in the cages."

Because baseball has a pretty long offseason, patience is key for Everson when getting back into the flow of official practices.

"From previous offseasons, I've learned that it's a long off season," said Everson. "And it's much more about staying healthy and making gradual progress rather than rushing to do as much as you can right away."

Everson identified his focus for the upcoming season.

"As an individual, I just want to do everything I can to help our team win," said Everson. "We were right there last year, and I'm excited to see our work pay off next spring."

Lacrosse:

For lacrosse, a promising freshman class and slight changes to the NCAA's regulations on practices have contributed to an encouraging offseason.

"This new class of freshmen are highly motivated and they're already contributing to our culture in a big way," said Quinn Fitzgerald '26. "This year has been different because the NCAA has given us a lot more days of practice to work with, so the extra time together has been super beneficial for us."

An emphasis for the offseason is to push themselves and break barriers in training everyday.

"All that previous off-seasons have told us is that we need to work harder if we want to get to where we really want to be," said Fitzgerald.

For Fitzgerald, developing as a group and racking up conference wins will be key to a successful season.

"I think that for me, this season is about taking that next step," said Fitzgerald. "We showed last year that Wabash Lacrosse is on the come-up, and that we aren't the same team that used to be the laughing stock on campus. Conference games like Hiram, Wittenberg, and the school down south are all ones that we need to win in order to really establish ourselves as a team that needs to be taken seriously."

Volleyball:

For volleyball, a key emphasis for the athletes is to stay strong in the offseason.

"We are all hitting the gym, working out to keep us in shape," said Luke Davis '24, captain of the team.

Another key emphasis for the team is the participation of captain led practices.

"Something I've learned from the last couple years is the importance of captains' practices," said Davis. "When we come back in early January, we need to be ready to go physically, but we also need to keep the chemistry, which practicing together can build that chemistry, and help keep it over the off season. These practices also help us stay on schedule for the more grueling spring season where we practice every day."

With it being a long season, maintaining a strong mindset through the ups and downs will be key to a successful year.

Tennis:

For tennis, one main focus for the team is to keep consistency in the weight room.

"Guys are expected to do two lifts per week," said Cole Borden '24. "Many are doing more to build extra strength."

A lesson from previous offseasons is to stay disciplined in a time where the team isn't forced to

practice.

"In previous off seasons, it is easy to make excuses to not hit and workout because you get off the mandatory routine," said Borden. "To combat that, we are trying to build dedicated times to get our hits in so that we can keep our good habits going."

Strength is important for Borden's focus on the season.

"My focus is on strength," said Borden. "I am going to be as physically strong as possible to stay healthy all season to move and hit at a higher velocity. This will give me a competitive advantage over our opponents."

Golf:

In golf, it is also important to stay in proper physical shape.

"I have taken this offseason to further commit myself in getting in better physical shape because I think this was something that I felt could improve my golf game by working on this over the offseason," said Matt Lesniak '25. "Come spring semester is when I plan on using the indoor facility to ensure that I will be back in full swing of my game come the spring season."

Golf is unique with there being a fall and spring season. For Lesniak, it's important to not hammer training too much in the off-season, and instead value less as more.

"Over previous golf seasons I found that I had a hard time setting down the clubs due to the fear of losing my consistency, which I found to mentally wear me down, both determination and the love for the game," said Lesniak. "This is what influenced my decision to take a break from the game, which I'm hoping translates to a fresh mind coming back into golf in the spring season."

Coming off a promising fall season, Lesniak seeks to take advantage of every opportunity he gets in the spring season.

"In the fall season, both myself and the team started to perform much better than before, which I believe can be accredited to our focus on playing the game more mentally than physically," said Lesniak. "My personal goal is to fully submit myself to this focus to eliminate all mental mistakes because that is what will be required for both my and the team's success."

Track:

The track & field team is looking to right the wrong from last year's outdoor conference meet, as they finished second behind Denison. For Howie Steele '24, the offseason is all about development and getting out of the comfort zone.

"This fall, a lot of our focus has been centered around becoming better overall athletes," said Steele. "We've been challenged with some new exercises and concepts that might expose any weaknesses that we can correct before competitions begin."

In this offseason as opposed to previous ones, Steele has displayed intellectual humility by taking a step back and emphasizing the areas where he thinks he can improve.

"I felt like this off-season I had a clear idea of my strengths and weaknesses as an athlete," said Steele. "So I really had to take it upon myself to take aspects of sprinting where I might be lacking and improve my abilities in order to be the best athlete I can be."

Along with many other athletes on the team, the focus for the season will be to redeem the outcome of the outdoor conference meet last year and set new limits to what the team is capable of.

"Over the summer, I thought a lot about how fast the last three seasons went and how much more there is to accomplish for not only myself, but our team as a whole," said Steele. "My goals this year don't really revolve around championship rings or other accolades, but instead just being able to look myself in the mirror at the end of the season and saying that I left it all on the track for my coaches and teammates."

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