

Brooks '24 named CIBE director

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STAFF WRITER

Few alumni return to Wabash so soon after graduation, but Matthew Brooks '24 has done just that. This fall, Brooks begins as Program Manager for the Center for Innovation, Business and Entrepreneurship (CIBE). The same program that helped launch his own career.

Brooks' Wabash résumé was extensive even before he graduated. He majored in Rhetoric with minors in Business, Economics, and Mathematics, served on the Sphinx Club executive board, captained the rugby team and spent three years as a lead consultant for CIBE.

“CIBE has done great work; now it’s about making that the standard.”

- CIBE Program Manager Matthew Brooks '24

“Wabash gave so much back to me,” said Brooks. “It opened a lot of doors and CIBE was a big part of that. Being able to come back and open more doors for current students is something I’m really passionate about.”

After earning his degree from Wabash in 2024, he completed Notre Dame’s ESTEEM program, a master’s in STEM entrepreneurship that paired coursework with hands-on consulting projects. He hopes to apply the lessons he learned from Notre Dame to his work at Wabash.

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Wabash’s fourth quarter surge comes up just short against No. 15 JCU

Little Giants fall to 4–1



PHOTO BY BRAIDEN FOSTER '26

Luke Purichia '28 stares intensely at John Carroll players on October 4, 2025, in Cleveland, Ohio.

SEAN BLEDSOE '26
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In an action packed fourth quarter, the Little Giant football team fell short to No. 15 John Carroll after almost catching up to the Blue Streaks. JCU entered the game as the No. 16 team in the country, and although the final score was close, Wabash

fell to the nationally ranked squad 28–31.

John Carroll came out firing on all cylinders in the first half of play. In the first quarter, Nick Semptimphelter, the Blue Streak quarterback, marched his offense 79 yards down the field, and on the ninth play of the drive, he found Cohen

Klimak for the first score of the game.

The next JCU touchdown came thanks to a blocked punt by Cohen Klimak and recovered by Eric Kasperowicz. In the blink of an eye, the Blue Streaks struck quickly to a 14–0 lead.

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Dr. Briscoe-Smith coming to Wabash to talk about belonging

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Underlying all the forbidden walkways, an endless fight song and an active fraternal system, is the strong desire to build community amongst Wabash men. It is no secret that Wabash has emphasized not only helping students develop an identity, but learning how that identity fits into a larger environment. Wabash is continuing its effort of teaching to build community on October 22, with Allison Briscoe-Smith coming to give a talk.

Briscoe-Smith is a child psychologist and serves as the Diversity Lead of Student Life at the University of Washington and as a Senior Fellow at UC Berkeley’s Greater Good Science Center, is giving a talk about creating spaces where people feel genuinely seen, valued and understood. Briscoe-Smith has worked with schools, health-care providers, non-profits and media companies to build spaces of genuine belonging.

Professor of Rhetoric Sara Mehlretter and Special Assistant to the President for Belonging and Community Jill Lamberton both worked to help bring Briscoe-Smith to campus and are excited for the student body to hear her message.

“Briscoe-Smith is a dynamic and interactive presenter,” said Mehlretter. “Students who attend will walk away with ideas for action steps to increase belonging in the Wabash brotherhood.”

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End in sight for Israel and Hamas, 200 stuck on Mount Everest and Argentine economy falters

News around the world

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STAFF WRITER

Israel and Hamas close to peace deal

A breakthrough in the ongoing Israel-Gaza conflict may be closer than expected. Recent U.S.-led peace talks in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, have potentially produced a viable deal. The talks, held on October 7—exactly two years after the Hamas-led attack on Israel—come amid a devastating war that has claimed more than 67,000 lives. As Israeli forces continue military operations in Gaza City, thousands of residents have been displaced and left without access to critical humanitarian aid. Against this backdrop, the Trump Administration has introduced a comprehensive peace proposal. U.S. President Donald Trump described the chances for a deal as “really good.” The proposed 20-point plan calls for an immediate ceasefire. In its first phase, Hamas would release 48 Israeli hostages in exchange for the release of more than 1,000 Palestinian prisoners. The agreement would also ensure the delivery of full humanitarian aid to Gaza, and stipulates that Hamas would play no role in future governance. Notably, the plan leaves open the possible creation of a future Palestinian state. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has agreed to much of the proposal, but remains opposed to the creation of a Palestinian state. Hamas has signaled support for the hostage exchange, but has not addressed Israel’s key demand for disarmament. Despite these unresolved issues, the plan has received broad international backing, raising hopes for a long-awaited resolution to the conflict.

200 trapped on Mount Everest during winter storms

A fierce winter storm struck Mt. Everest on October 3, bringing devastation to hikers in the remote Karma Valley. More than 200 trekkers are stranded near the eastern Kangshung face, enduring perilous conditions such as relentless snow and biting winds. These conditions have also hampered rescue operations. The severe weather has rendered access routes nearly impassable, significantly complicating efforts to reach those trapped. Hundreds of local villagers and specialized rescue teams have been mobilized to clear blocked paths and provide assistance. The timing of the storm—during Everest’s peak climbing season and coinciding with China’s national eight-day holiday—has exacerbated the crisis, with an unusually large number of visitors in the region. Meteorologists note that a storm of such magnitude is atypical for the month of October. Authorities have suspended ticket sales and closed entry to the area to prioritize rescue efforts. Concerns are mounting over the threat of hypothermia, as stranded hikers remain exposed to extreme cold with limited means of escape. Thus far, there has been one confirmed

fatality: a 41-year-old man who succumbed to hypothermia and altitude sickness. Despite the ongoing challenges, more than 350 hikers have been successfully rescued, offering a glimmer of hope amid the adversity.

Argentina looks to President Donald J. Trump for economic support

The economy of Argentina is faltering, as Javier Milei, the president since 2023, shifts gears to save the country. When he was first elected, it was thought that Milei would fail his presidency due to what many saw as undeniable flaws. People were petrified of his doctrinaire libertarianism; they thought he would adopt harsh policies and leave the country virtually ungovernable. His first year in office proved critics wrong; he was not only competent, but many saw him as politically exceptional. To date he has achieved much for his country, including liberalizing markets, lowering inflation, prioritizing state companies and overturning rent controls. Unfortunately, he discussed abolishing the peso and adopting the dollar, a promise that was too much. Milei was forced to defend the very currency he vowed to eliminate, and to prevent the peso from collapsing he created an exchange-rate band which promised to use the government’s scarce dollar reserves to prop up the currency, if its value wobbled. If investors lost confidence for any reason they would rush to sell their pesos and trigger the collapse of the government, which is exactly what occurred. Ironically Milei was the one who pushed to eliminate these types of government interventions, and due to his party losing elections in early September, many investors panicked and sold their Argentine stocks, trading their pesos for dollars. With the peso on thin ice, he sought out support from the U.S. President Donald Trump, who agreed to back the peso. With Argentina now relying on the U.S. for economic stability, the nation’s path to recovery is now tethered to the U.S.



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Argentine President Javier Milei and President Donald J. Trump shake hands in Washington, D.C.

Motocross of Nations wraps up in Crawfordsville



COURTESY OF LEANN PARRISH

Australia took the trophy at the 2025 Monster Energy FIM Motocross of Nations hosted in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

PHILIP HARVEY '29
STAFF WRITER

The Motocross of Nations event took place October 3, at the Ironman Raceway here in Crawfordsville. The Ironman Raceway is no stranger to hosting prestigious racing events with the Pro Motocross Championship, the Grand National Cross Country Series and the ATV MX National Championship all being held at the venue. However, this race stands apart from the rest, as it’s the first international level event hosted at the raceway, with 36 countries having participated. Larger than that, though, is the story of how the Crawfordsville community came together to show hospitality and enthusiasm to visitors from abroad.

Tom and Lori Shaver, the owners of the Ironman Raceway, are the most notable players for making this event possible. They established the track on their farm in 1995, and since then have grown and reinvented the course multiple times to make it a premiere event on national circuits. With Indianapolis – the proverbial Mecca of motorsports – just an hour down the road, this local “mom-and-pop shop” track has carved out a truly special reputation of its own.

“They’ve been working so hard to develop their track,” said Leann Parish, Community Partnerships Coordinator for

Wabash College. “They’ve continually traveled to other tracks to learn how to improve theirs. They’ve put in their bids [to host Moto Cross of Nations] a couple of times and been looked over. It’s been in the U.S. a few different times, but never been in Indiana.”

The location for The Motocross of Nations is decided on by a bid system. Last year Tom and Lori lost out to Winchester England, but they applied again this year and were awarded the bid.

Once they created the opportunity, more local heroes helped to take the race home. Heather Shirk and Stephanie Timmons of the Montgomery County Visitors & Convention Bureau, were able to acquire grant money for the festivities and even a new “Visit Montgomery County IN” app. This and the work put in towards coordinating everything by the Visit MoCo team made “Motoville Oktoberfest” possible.

“When several members of our community traveled to Winchester for MXoN 2024 at Matterley Basin, one thing stood out—the event was contained to the racetrack, and the surrounding communities hardly knew it was happening,” said Stephanie Timmons, Associate Director of the Montgomery County Visitors & Convention Bureau.

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“At Notre Dame, all my classes revolved around my capstone project,” said Brooks. “That consistency made a huge difference. I want to find ways for CIBE students to connect what they learn in class with their consulting work more regularly.”

Brooks starts as CIBE Program Manager on October 13, but he doesn’t plan to make any changes to the program right away. He wants to observe the current state of the program first.

“I had a phenomenal experience in CIBE, but not everyone does,” said Brooks. “My goal for the first 90 days is to see where the program is now and how we can make that experience consistent for every student.”

Brooks also wants to push the CIBE further into new technologies. He believes AI tools can help students streamline research, develop strategies faster and focus on higher-level thinking—skills that matter well beyond campus.

“CIBE has always been about innovation,” said Brooks. “Artificial intelligence is already reshaping business, and not teaching students how to use it effectively would be a disservice.”

Current CIBE consultant Jackson Hughes ’26 is excited to see Brooks step into the role. Knowing Brooks from his days as a student, Hughes knows the potential Brooks has to make a major impact on the CIBE program.

“CIBE has been the perfect experience for building professional skills throughout my time at Wabash, and I couldn’t be more happy for my fraternity brother to come back as a leader,”



Former Rugby Captain & President Matthew Brooks '24 breaks the team down in the last recorded Monon Keg Game on November 11, 2023, in Little Giant Stadium.

said Hughes. “I have no doubt Brooks will make an impact in CIBE similar to the impact he made on campus during his four years here. His return will help students gain perspective on the real world and learn about graduate school at a high-level program like Notre Dame’s ESTEEM program.”

Brooks recognizes the strong foundations CIBE has. His long term goal is making sure each consultant gets the best out of the program.

“I want to see how far we can push our students to be better and push our engagements to be better as well,” said Brooks. “CIBE has done great work; now it’s about making that the standard.”

For Brooks, the new job is both a homecoming and a mission.

“This place made me who I am,” said Brooks.. “Now it’s my turn to pay it forward.”

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“They returned determined that Crawfordsville would be different. For MXoN 2025, we planned not just a race at Ironman Raceway, but a community-wide celebration. Our goal was to create experiences for both ticket holders and local residents. We brought the parade downtown, drawing visitors into the heart of our community to shop and dine. We also provided bussing to connect race fans with local businesses and activities.”

A parade featuring all of the teams has preceded every Motocross of Nations event in the recent past. This year 38 teams from 36 countries rode in pickup trucks around the streets of downtown Crawfordsville, with an estimated 10,000 people attending the parade. The wide streets were made narrow by the encroachment of so many eager enthusiasts. Some fans even went so far as to bring engine housings of chainsaws with the blades removed so as to create improvised noise makers. Some even climbed the sides of the trucks housing racers in order to party with them.

All the festivities created a need for volunteers, though, and Wabash provided. Most of the 72 people needed to carry 36 banners in the parade were Wabash volunteers. The majority of them, in fact, were members of the swim and dive team, with coach Will Bernhardt doing photography. Ike O’Neal ’27 coordinated volunteers for all manner of tasks in and surrounding the parade. Jerri Rose ’29, Brady Reeves ’29 and Tobin Seiple ’29 carried the USA’s banner. The critical effort was centered around the “Motoville Oktoberfest”. Members of The Loosey Goosey experience performed at Pike Place early in the evening. Little Giants during the festivities also sold merchandise and ran the Kid’s Corner. Julio Cruz-Romero ’28 and Kris Skandoval ’29 worked mainstreet with Parish. A cohort from the Kappa Sigma fraternity worked to clean up after the event. Overall, it was a unique experience that would not have happened were it not for the support of the Crawfordsville community.

'shOUT constructs 'Rainbow Road' to celebrate LGBT History Month

In an annual tradition, members of 'shOUT and the Wabash community placed flags along the brick pathways on the mall



PHOTOS BY WILL DUNCAN '27

Leann Parrish takes more responsibility

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STAFF WRITER

Entering her fourth academic year at Wabash, former Crawfordsville elementary school teacher and school administrator Leann Parrish has continued to be a cornerstone of the Wabash community. However, her story starts long before she began serving the College.

"I'm actually married to an alum of the college, class of 2010," said Parrish. "I started dating my husband while he was here and we got married in the chapel, so I have a long history with Wabash."

Parrish's responsibilities are many – notably serving as the campus events coordinator, community partnership coordinator and – in addition to her prior responsibilities – now taking new responsibilities as the campus scheduler.

Parrish began working for the College in July of 2021 as the campus events coordinator, but organizing events can be challenging at a campus with so much going on. With her newest responsibilities as the campus scheduler, Parrish hopes to be a critical partner with students that are scheduling events. Parrish stressed that it is important for students to schedule events at least two weeks in advance – and ensure that they wait for approval before sending all-campus emails.

"One thing that I've found that students can get really frustrated with is when they've put in all this planning time to coordinate an event and then they submit it in the event scheduler and then they realize that it doesn't get approved because it's up against a different event that we can't sched-



PHOTO COURTESY OF LEANN PARRISH

Leann Parrish (second from right) volunteers for the Motocross of Nations parade, just one of many local events she helps either directly or indirectly.

ule against," said Parrish. "I want to support students to make your event as successful as possible. The last thing I want to do is deny a request for an event that you have been working diligently on."

Parrish expanded her role at the College for the first time in July of 2022 as the community partnerships coordinator. Parrish has used the role to strengthen Wabash's relationship with the Crawfordsville community.

"One thing we've noticed is that students see Wabash as their home away from home, but they don't always see Crawfordsville as their home away from home," said Parrish.

"My goal is to help students feel more comfortable in the community and have safe opportunities to get out in the community and start to see Crawfordsville as a place that is home. I try to do that by reducing barriers to attending events."

Many students are familiar with Parrish's regular emails that contain information about community events, one of the many ways she works to make Crawfordsville a home away from home for Wabash men. However, she also helps coordinate many programs for the College.

"She has done a great job of alerting the Wabash com-

munity about things going on in greater Crawfordsville that we might be able to participate in," said Dean of the College Todd McDorman. "She has also helped connect particular classes and student groups with the community."

Outside of connecting Wabash men with Crawfordsville, Parrish also meets monthly with the fraternity philanthropy chairman to discuss community service projects and other great opportunities for community service.

"It's a lot easier to get involved in a project that is already happening than to de-

velop your own project," said Parrish. "My job is saying, 'Hey, did you know there's a trunk or treat event coming up this Halloween?' This gives students an opportunity to sign up for events already happening."

Parrish also supports fraternities by tracking community service hours, a task she began two years ago. Since she began tracking hours, the College saw a 13% increase in the number of service hours, with the 2024-2025 academic year having 6452 hours of community service across all ten fraternities.

Parrish's most recent role has been assuming the responsibility of being the College's campus scheduler.

"It really came about because I do so much with the community and events that I have a good understanding of the flow of the schedule," said Parrish. "I'm able to say 'hey, this weekend I can encourage people not to have an event that needs a food truck because all our food trucks will be at the Motocross of Nation.'"

As the campus scheduler, Parrish organizes when events take place to make sure that events are spaced out so that charities don't consume each other. For those interested in hosting events with an audience, Monday and Wednesday lunches tend to have less events going on. Students interested in hosting packed events or participating in community service can reach out to Mrs. Parrish at parishrl@wabash.edu.

Thomas Barwicki: French TA finds belonging



PHOTO COURTESY OF THOMAS BARWICKI

French Language Teaching Assistant Thomas Barwicki poses with the French flag during the Motocross of Nations parade on Friday, October 3.

GABE ROBINSON '29
STAFF WRITER

Few foreigners are as interested in American culture as French teaching assistant (TA) Thomas Barwicki. Hailing from Paris, France, the Ph.D. candidate in American Literature joined Wabash's academic community through the Fulbright scholarship, the extremely selective language exchange program.

Barwicki has spent much of his life studying the culture of the United States. After working on his degree at the Université Paris-Est Créteil, Barwicki decided to embark on a new path of cultural exchange. He would not just study American culture, but experience and contribute to it firsthand. He proceeded to apply for and receive the Fulbright scholarship, and after a year of reduced funding and visa issues, he eventually found himself in an unfamiliar environment in rural Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Since then, Barwicki has had exposure to everything, ranging from our generously wide roads to our culinary arts of fast food, and with that comes a fair share of culture shocks.

"You can just say hi to anybody in the street," said Barwicki. "It would be seen as a bit odd for me to go up to a stranger [in France] and strike up a conversation."

Barwicki has rapidly adapted to American culture, frequently interacting with his students and adopting American greeting practices, simultaneously improving his teaching style, resulting in well-earned recognition from professors for his professionalism and pleasant demeanor.

When asked about the difference in education styles between a liberal arts environment and a bigger French university, Barwicki remarked that the French education system tends to be more formal, and largely lecture-based.

"It's easier to teach," said Bar-

wicki. "It's a more friendly environment than in France. We have these differences between the teacher and the students, even at university. In university, there's always a big difference. Here, it's closer."

This intimate academic environment is by design. Not only is it a hallmark of Wabash, but it is something that the French department emphasizes in their own way. French Department Chair Karen Quandt had this community in mind when selecting Barwicki. While Barwicki is still learning and mastering his teaching arts, Quandt provides a strong role model for him here at Wabash.

"I like to say that we're mini, but mighty, so that kind of goes with the Little Giant motif," said Quandt. "We're a small program,

but I would say we're a high-quality program, and that we're very dedicated to our students."

Barwicki has dove into the liberal arts college experience, and you can often find him working with students outside of classroom hours in small group or singular settings.

However, cultural exchange is not a one-way street.

"Some students in French 301 and I are trying to restart the French club that has a bit of that controversial past," said Barwicki. "Sometimes people invest their time in it, sometimes they do not. So each year it's different. And this year we want to try to come back a little, and this is one of our projects."

As to the social scene of Wabash College, Barwicki has greatly

enjoyed the variety of American sports events available.

"I was not a sports guy originally, but I really love the community here," said Barwicki. "I really love to get involved in the football games. When we had homecoming the previous week, we had a few soccer games. I really liked going there, because it's, I guess, underrepresented. I feel like it deserves more actual highlights."

As for his future, Barwicki seeks to complete a master's degree and Ph.D in American literature.

Barwicki has already found a fast home at Wabash, not least of all due to the strong community he has found here. However, what makes this even more rewarding is the chance to finally interact with the culture he has studied for so long.



Cheers to Juan Hernandez and the Glee Club for Keeping the Sons of Wabash Singing!

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'One Battle After Another' reminds us why movies rock

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The greatest American film of the 2020's has just hit theaters, and it is exactly the kind of movie that this country has been thirsting for throughout the decade. Long-touted as a visionary director, Paul Thomas Anderson – director of many acclaimed movies such as 2009's "There Will Be Blood" and 2017's "Phantom Thread" – cemented his place in cinematic history with the release of his latest film: "One Battle After Another." Backing up such a talented director is an all-star cast of some brand-new actors and household names.

The film follows the washed-up junkie Bob Ferguson (Leonardo DiCaprio) after Colonel Steven J. Lockjaw (Sean Penn), an adversary from his days as a revolutionary, finally locates him. The two become locked in a tight race to find Bob's daughter Willa (played by the promising newcomer Chase Infiniti) as the integrity of America's government and culture deteriorates.

Bob's fumbling-yet-authentic demeanor, his daughter's rebellious wit and Col. Lockjaw's chilling presence are very familiar traits. Such non-subversive leads could struggle to carry the film if not for their masterful performances. An early scene between Bob and Willa is their only on-screen interaction before the plot kicks off, but the incredibly convincing rapport between DiCaprio and Infiniti is enough for the

viewer to completely invest in the relationship. The tangibility of their familial love for one another makes the question of whether or not they will reunite a gripping one.

These high stakes are then amplified by Anderson's magnificent directing. "One Battle After Another" is an action film just as much as it is a drama, and each set piece gets the viewer's blood pumping. The film mostly sets realistic chase sequences in very tangible environments. Usually before the chase, each location is established in full, a thrilling tactic most often used in horror movies. The laws of physics and the limits of technology are both carefully attended to so that the impact of the action is uninterrupted by unfitting plot convenience. The rhythm of these scenes is also crafted with precision thanks to the score and the editing.

The onslaught of antagonists also tightens the film's tension to a lock. Col. Lockjaw and his associates are each competent and threatening forces that keep Bob and Willa on their toes. Whenever a protagonist actually outsmarts their foes, it is usually in a clever way that delights the viewer and feels earned.

While the film's tender moments and thrilling action would be enough to sell it alone, "One Battle After Another" also owes its success to the writing. Despite heavily focusing on contemporary political issues, the film's thematic content is timeless. The story contrasts the self-fulfill-

ing nature of hope and the self-destructive nature of corruption. Both the revolutionaries of The French 75 and the cultlike authoritarians of The Christmas Adventurers are fictional, but they believably stand in for real groups and ideologies of both modern and historic America. In an era where most blockbusters do not dare address controversial real-world issues, "One Battle After Another" proves that bringing hope to the ugly side of modern life is cathartic enough to be worth the risk.

As is evident by the lackluster marketing and unflattering box office returns, "One Battle After Another" may not be the kind of masterpiece that the public flocks to see anymore. Good word-of-mouth and critical reception can only go so far in the modern age, especially because movie stars like DiCaprio may not hold the same ubiquitous appeal any more. Perhaps once it hits streaming or after the awards race begins, "One Battle After Another" will find a second wind. Either way, the film will undoubtedly be remembered as a testament to an older style of filmmaking set against the modern world.

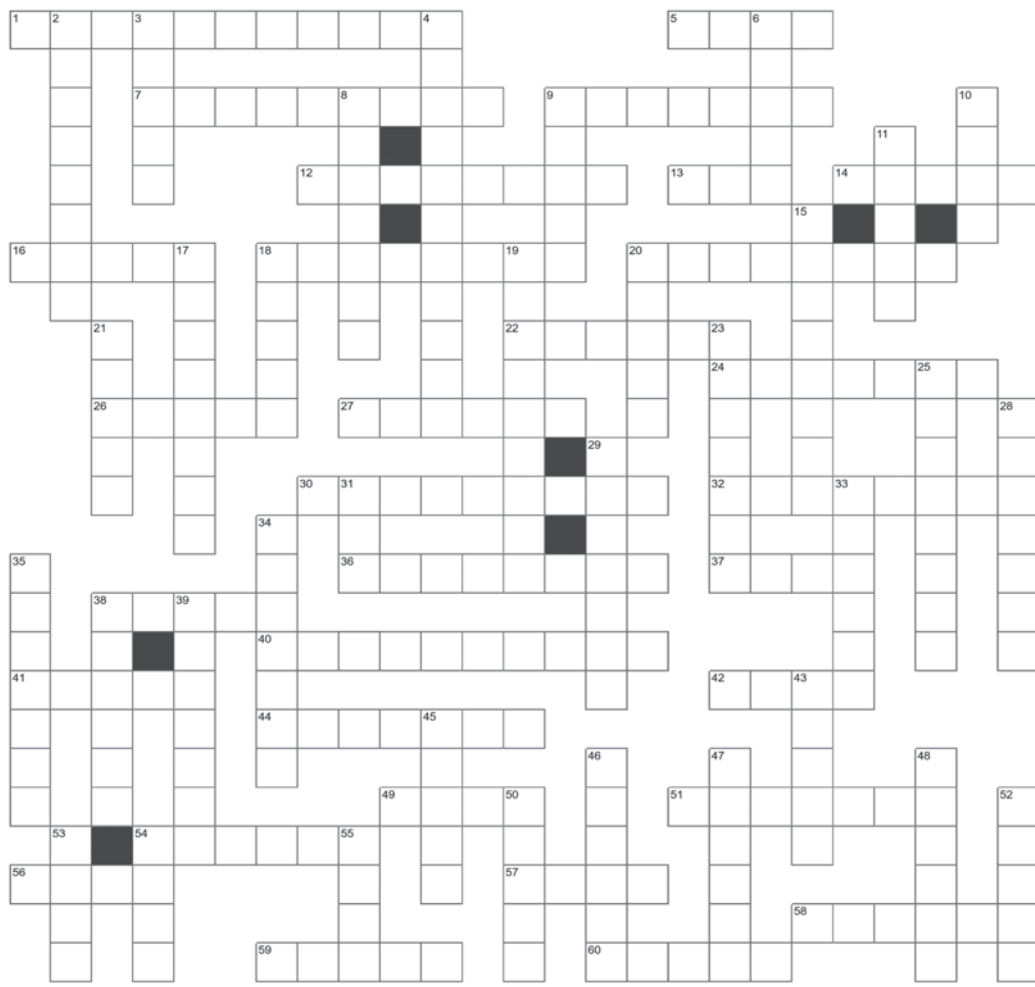
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5/5 WALLYS**



COURTESY OF THE VARSITY CINEMA

'Be legendary'

Crossword by Tanner Quackenbush '26



Across

1. Wilt, NBA scoring and rebounding giant
5. Bryant, basketball scoring great
7. Maria, former tennis world No. 1
9. David, English soccer star
12. Diego, Argentine soccer legend
13. Chris, Olympic cycling champion
14. Monica, tennis champion
16. Ben, known for his legendary striking ability
18. Ted, Red Sox hitting great
20. Novak, tennis major titles record holder
22. Johan, Dutch soccer innovator of "Total Football"
24. Jonathan, British triple jump record holder
26. Simone, gymnastics GOAT
27. Shelly-Ann, Jamaican sprint champion
30. Annika, dominant female golfer

32. Steve, Olympic rowing champion
36. Jackie, baseball pioneer
37. Babe, baseball's legendary slugger
38. LeBron, NBA scoring leader
40. Michael, F1 racing champion
41. Hank, baseball's 'Hammer'
42. Billie Jean, tennis trailblazer
44. Katie, dominant Olympic swimmer
49. Steve, former 1,500m record holder
51. Cristiano, Portuguese soccer scoring machine
54. Arnold, golf's 'Arnie'
56. Gordie, 'Mr. Hockey,' played a game at 52 years old
57. Steffi, German tennis legend
58. Michael, most decorated Olympian in swimming
59. Jesse, Olympic long jump and sprint legend
60. Chris, tennis 'Ice Maiden'

Down

2. Lewis, F1 racing superstar
3. Lionel, Argentine soccer superstar
4. Martina, tennis Grand Slam winner
6. Tom, NFL quarterback with many Super Bowl wins
8. Legendary racehorse
9. Barry, controversial home run king
10. Nathan, figure skating champion
11. Carl, Olympic long jump and sprint star
15. Kirsty, paralympic swimmer

17. Jack, golf's 'Golden Bear'
18. Tiger, golf major champion
19. Phil, golf's 'Lefty'
20. Steve, former jockey
21. Sergei, pole vault record setter
23. Roger, tennis Grand Slam record holder
25. Joe, Yankees' 'Joltin' Joe'
28. Wayne, NHL's all-time leading scorer
29. Patrick, Chiefs' star quarterback
31. Bobby, Bruins' legendary defenseman
33. Lou, Yankees' 'Iron Horse'
34. Bill, Celtics' championship center
35. Alex, F1 driver and paracyclist
38. Michael, NBA legend with six championships
39. Joe, 49ers Super Bowl winning QB
43. Rafael, 'King of Clay' in tennis
45. Stephen, NBA three-point king
46. Zinedine, French soccer maestro
47. Florence Griffith-, sprint record holder
48. Mike, long jump world record holder
50. Johnson, Lakers' iconic point guard
52. Valentino, MotoGP legend
53. Usain, Jamaican sprint record holder
54. Brazilian soccer icon
55. Jerry, NFL receiving record holder

Scan for answers!



Allison Briscoe-Smith cont.

OWEN VERMEULEN '28
FEATURES EDITOR

Professor Lamberton believes this talk is extremely beneficial for an all male college to have.

"I think there are some gestures of care and connection that many men are very good at," said Lamberton. "But [making connections] is something we know a lot of men struggle with. Not only do men struggle with it, this current generation of [college students] can struggle and feel disconnected even though they have more tools for connectivity."

Wabash has done more to cultivate a culture of connection than most have. Emphasis has been put on success outside of the class as well as inside. This talk can help us expand on our success and continue to be innovative.

"One of the greatest things about Wabash is how students in this community reach out and support one another," said Mehlretter. "We saw that this past month with the Mental Health Mile. Our students are eager to create brotherhood and cultivate real connection with the Wabash community of students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the College. This talk will be an opportunity to consider new ideas and strategies."

Briscoe-Smith brings a perspective and expertise that we don't get the chance to hear often. One of the ways Wabash has cultivated the community it has, is through speakers that help us challenge our understanding of

the world.

"One of the reasons I'm particularly interested in her is that she is a child psychologist," said Lamberton. "I'm interested in what we can learn about how we care for and cultivate resilience in ourselves and others after we've experienced trauma."

It's not often that you get to hear from a speaker as knowledgeable and qualified as Dr. Briscoe-Smith. She's a speaker that has even faculty excited for what they can learn from her.

"Dr. Briscoe-Smith is an inspiring colleague," said Mehlretter. "From the first conversation I had with her, she prompted me to ask questions and think about how I create community that brings people together across differences. She has made national impact with leading organizations like Interfaith America, Campus Compact and Resetting the Table. She is an example of 'practice what you preach' - she helps people feel belonging, and she works in community with others to reflect, think critically, and create action."

At the end of the day, each person is affected by speakers differently and there is no telling what you will walk away with. The only thing you can do is show up.

"This talk is for students who want to lead in creating connections and impact," said Mehlretter. "Come ready to talk to your Wabash brothers during this talk!"

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Wallies in the wild: Overcome the almond



Mason Naaman '24

Regardless of the route we take in life, we bring with us a ball and chain from our friend, the almond. Yes, the almond. You see, our brain houses an important structure called the amygdala, which you guessed it, is shaped like an almond. And it puts elbow grease into alerting and protecting us from threats via the ball and chain, for better or for worse. In the case of the Dannies driving up 231 for the Bell Game this year...absolutely justifiable. But in many other instances, I believe the almond prevents us not from danger, but from growth.

As a med student about to enter clinicals, I have constant battles with the almond. I distinctly remember working with my first real patient at a volunteer clinic in West Lafayette. Here I am, a ridiculously good looking man whose parents work in accounting/sales, about to provide care to a real, underprivileged patient and then report to a real resident. The ball and chain tightened around my ankle. Can I really do it? What if I fail? What do I do?

We do as our alma mater says: we always fight. We overcome the almond and face the world as Wabash men. That is one of the greatest lessons I learned while at Wabash. You are not here to just get a job. You are not here to do it alone. You are here to be challenged. You are here to learn how to best the almond so that you may grow yourself and others. In my mind, that is a mission of our faculty, our organizations, and our traditions here at Wabash.

So, I took a second. I took a breath. I thought about how God has blessed me. And I stepped in. That's the steel-cutting moment. That's beating the almond. Did I absolutely crush it? My jokes did but that's beside the point. These moments are not about succeeding; it's about overcoming the fear of failure.

Think about moments in your life where the almond is at work. Recognize times where you look down and see the ball and chain. Wabash teaches us to fight, and more importantly, how we can fight and grow together as a community. The fight you will have most in your life is with yourself. Take the step. Raise your voice. Overcome the almond. You will be glad you did.

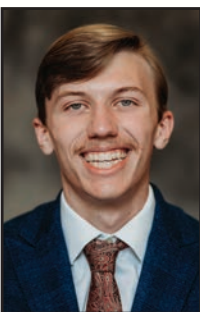
"Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you." 1 Samuel 12:24



PHOTO BY ELIJAH GREENE '25

Mason Namaan '24 tests a Sig Chi over his knowledge of the fight song at Chapel Sing on September 22, 2022.

You intellectually belong here



Nicholas Green '27

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Nothing feels worse than struggling and feeling like you cannot improve. Nothing feels worse than failing to maintain the GPA you wanted or falling short of the goal you set for yourself. Despite this, however, this is one of the safest environments to experience those failures. Speaking from experience, it does not feel that way in the moment. The frustration and stress overwhelm any greater positive outlook. But that positive outlook is important for the next day after you have slept it off. I have found that insisting to myself that "I will be ok" prior to exams and papers has allowed me to bounce back from the bad grades quickly. Many professors are willing to discuss and work with you if you are struggling. Between the Writing Center and the Quantitative Skills Center, there is no shortage of academic assistance. Many of my classmates also volunteer assistance when asked. It does not feel like it in the moment, but there is help around you. People will help pick you up when you need help. If you can convince yourself of that fact, you will be able to face those low scores with far more confidence.

It is also important to remember that you are here for a reason. In the first semester or seventh, we have all shown enough academic ability to justify our presence here. You may feel outclassed by other students, but it is important to remember that they are your peers. They are in the same class, at the same college. Perhaps they are not struggling in the manner you currently are, but they are not perfect. Everybody here has received a bad grade. Everyone here has had their awkward remarks or unedited final drafts. Your experience is not exceptional. Truly, we have all been there, and we all continue to be here. I know that these are not your first thoughts when you receive a bad grade. But try to keep these things in mind next time you feel outclassed. You will be fine, you deserve to be here and you are intelligent enough to make this work.

It's not the end of the world



Paul Hawsworth '28

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We're entering the dog days of the semester, and with that comes a stressful time for many. Academics are quickly ramping up and mid terms are right around the corner. Many students have been away from home for the entirety of the semester and some guys are going through a ringer in their personal lives. Whatever difficulties or stresses you may be facing, I want to share an important affirmation to help you keep moving forward: it's not the end of the world.

It's easy to be overwhelmed at a place like Wabash. You're held to a higher standard by your professors, coaches, club leaders and friends than you are at just about any other institution. And with a lot on your plate, it's easy to make mistakes or come up short in one area or another. Whether it be bombing the first exam in a class for your major or getting chewed out by your coach at practice, it's important to remember that, while your struggles are real, the sun will still come up tomorrow and you'll have another opportunity to get better.

Sometimes issues will persist longer than just one bad exam or one bad practice. Obviously every setback isn't as black and white as that. When those long-term issues arise, I like to add "it'll be fine" to my affirmation. Remind yourself that there is a light at the end of the tunnel and you will grow from whatever challenge you're battling. Taking a step back to remember what you're gaining from your challenge may help you to both not lose purpose in your situation and keep pressing forward.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

CARDINAL SIN

Lo-Five to the Cardinals for fumbling 2 potential TDs after a 75-yd run and an interception, which eventually led to them losing the game. I guess they must've watched film on AD Mitchell.

THERE'S ALWAYS NEXT YEAR

Hi-Five to the Toronto Blue Jays for defeating the New York Yankees and going to the ALCS. Maybe \$500 million more on free agents will get the Bronx Bombers ring #28 next year...

THANK THE BUS DRIVER

Hi-Five to Andrew Ross '26 for ending the dominance of Rylan Hendricks '26 as passenger of the week. Can't get a Victory Royale every time, even if you're Ninja.

MONON CLUB

*Hi-Five to the Wabash golf team for defeating D***uw this past Tuesday. The golf team was able to avenge soccer's loss to D***uw as the A team placed 8th in the Wabash Invitational.*

LEHENNESSY

Lo-Five to LeBron James for faking his retirement for a Hennessy ad. The only people happy about that ad are JR Smith and Michael Jordan truthers.

There is a common sentiment that I have encountered among college students, both here and on other campuses. I first encountered it my freshmen year, and I heard it again the day that I am writing this. "I don't feel smart enough to be here." In the past three years, I have heard some versions of this phrase numerous times. Senior or freshman, friend or stranger, STEM or humanities, Wabash student or otherwise, across all of these demographics this insecurity emerges. I want to share some of the ways I have overcome these feelings in my own academic career. Of course, I am not claiming to be immune to this insecurity. Just this semester, I have had my fair share of low quiz scores and rough papers. However, I have gained a sense of security in my abilities, and I hope that this piece encourages some of that security within you, should you need it.

First, remember that college is not supposed to be easy. All higher education, but Wabash especially, is supposed to challenge your abilities in order to improve them. We say that "Wabash is hard" so frequently that I feel it loses meaning, but that saying is not inaccurate. Our classes assign challenging work frequently and expect rigorous performance in the classroom itself. Our standards and practices are not meant to be achieved easily. By design, we exist in an environment meant to push us beyond our current abilities, and part of that pushing is failure.

Bad grades and bombed exams are devastating. I'm not going to sit here and pretend that they do not sting.

Should Chapel attendance be required? Indiana basketball is a blue blood



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As I enter my third fall on campus, with the semester persisting and eventually leading into the spring, I have noticed that the chapel becomes increasingly deserted. At the same time, many students on campus claim that they are miserable or that there is nothing to do. As the lack of brotherly camaraderie grows throughout the year, perhaps mandatory Chapel is a solution.

First, let's address the argument that students do not have enough time because they are busy with schoolwork. This is false; every student has at least thirty to forty-five minutes each week that they waste doom-scrolling or engaging in brain rot.

Secondly, the sense of isolation that many students feel at the beginning of the spring semester could be alleviated by gathering together and singing 'Old Wabash' next to those in your living unit at the Chapel. Imagine how much easier it would be to talk to someone new at Grub Hollow or while walking to class if, each week, we all shared a common experience. The conversations might start out about a Chapel Talk, but could quickly lead to something deeper after a few weeks.

When you think about things that truly bring Wabash together, what comes to mind? For me, and I assume it would be similar for others, there are four things:

- 1. Homecoming
- 2. Monon Bell
- 3. National Act.

These are the events people talk about for the rest of the year. After homecoming, everyone will reminisce about the incredible Chapel Sing win that Lambda Chi Alpha had or how this year we'll win the Monon Bell game because of a new scheme. These shared events bring us together. They are what make Wabash special. They are what we will talk about in 40 years!

So, why not consider adding a weekly campus-wide event to bring us all together? All I ask is for each person to spend thirty to forty-five minutes each week with their Wabash brothers. If we want to truly change something that many complain about, we as a campus, need to do more to leave our rooms and participate in campus life. I challenge each person to invite someone you don't typically see at Chapel to go with you! In that invitation, a conversation—and perhaps a friendship—can be formed.

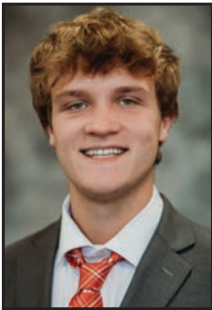
If we decide to require attendance, it could be used as a metric for graduation. If you achieve perfect attendance (with no more than three absences), then you are eligible for distinction or another positive incentive. It might sound extreme to some, but I feel increasing participation and attendance will bring the Wabash Spirit to campus all the time.

Think about the effects of requiring students to attend Chapel and imagine the effect it could have on a student, especially during the mental health Chapel Talks. The students who tend not to attend chapel or other campus events are the ones who will benefit the most from this new requirement.

So what do you think? Mandatory Chapel? It's only 45 minutes!



PHOTO BY WILL DUNCAN '27
Josh Massaquoi '26 gives a Chapel Talk about LGBT identity at Wabash on October 17, 2024.



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College basketball has an enriched history of important figures, bloody rivalries and historic universities. From John Wooden to Bobby Knight, many prominent basketball coaches have cemented their respective universities into the conversation of the greatest college basketball programs of all time. This is where we get the loosely defined term "blue blood", meaning a team that generally relates to prominence and history within the college basketball realm.

To show prominence and history in college basketball, this means you must compete at the highest level, year in and year out. UCLA and Kentucky lead the pack with eleven and eight national championships respectively. Kentucky being the winningest program in college basketball history, closely followed by programs at Kansas, North Carolina and Duke. To be prominent, you obviously must consistently dominate but most importantly you must win the big game: national championships.

This is where my argument for Indiana Basketball as a blue blood begins. Like mentioned above, you must win national championships to be considered a blue blood. National championships do not simply fade away as time goes on; championship winning teams are forever stapled into history as legends and heroes for their school. The argument of national championship banners getting "dusty" is a lazy comeback to discredit very prominent and historic basketball programs.

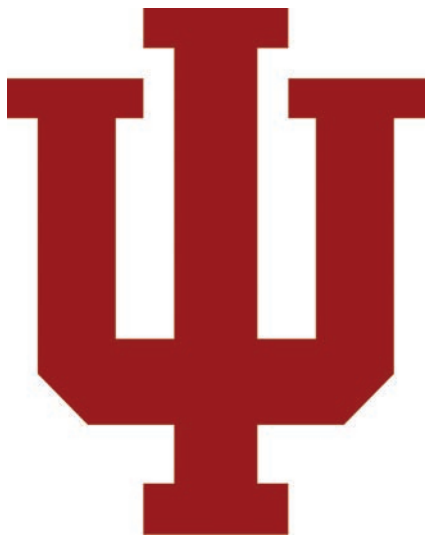
Indiana men's basketball has won five national titles (1940, 1953, 1976, 1981 and 1987), been to 8 Final Fours have been ranked in the AP polls for 580 total weeks. Additionally they hold the most recent undefeated season (1976). With five national cham-

pionship banners, this lands Indiana tied for 5th with Duke for most championships in college basketball. These are very prominent statistics if you ask me!

Now if you would have asked 40 years ago if IU was a blue blood, there would have been zero debate that the answer would be yes. However, recent debate has sparked the question of removing Indiana from this esteemed list due to recent lack of success. I do see this point as valid, but it is hard for me to completely disregard the rich history of the program.

Why should recent success matter more than historic success? If fans are willing to throw UConn and Villanova into the conversation of blue bloods how does that remove Indiana? UConn and Villanova were nobodies during the IU banners, but now suddenly they pick up a couple championships in the past 20 years; does this time frame matter more than 1950 to 1990? It doesn't sit quite right with me.

My official college basketball blue blood list consists of Kansas, Kentucky, Duke, Indiana, UNC and UCLA. If we go based on the definition of a blue blood, all six teams clearly meet the criteria of being prominent in the sports as well as having a rich history of success. Indiana belongs on the list, and no one can convince me otherwise. Are they ranked as the 5th or 6th best program on this elite list, possibly? Does that matter? No, not to me. Let's go Hoosiers!



COURTESY OF IU

Wally's Wall: Time Management Tips

Nicholas Green '27

The most helpful study advice I received was to go somewhere else to get work done. Trying to write at the desk you play video games isn't going to work. The mental and physical separation provided by the Lilly Library or the Rogge Lounge helps to increase your productivity and quality of studying.

James Wallace '26

Microsoft Outlook and To-Do work well together to give me every tool I would usually use in a physical planner but with the flexibility of being on my computer, phone or iPad, so they help me organize my days. Whenever I have homework or projects to work on, I set aside specific time periods for each project - and when I work, I make sure my phone is out of reach.

Evan Furuness '26

I use the acronym "WIN" which stands for "What's Important Now". It helps organize what I have to do by order of importance. Shout out Coach Morgan for that!

Henry Chilcoat '27

Don't ever study in the same place twice in a row. Diversify your study spots to prevent your work habits from becoming stale.

Michael Cruzado '27

A good time management tip that has worked for me has been utilizing the Outlook Calendar (on both computer and phone) in combination with a planner. This has allowed me to keep on top of all the events and locations that I need to be at while also keeping track of assignments and little details of things that I needed to take care of. This has allowed me to effectively plan my time and work ahead.

Evan Bone '26

I prefer to go somewhere quiet when I start a paper. Brainstorming and planning in silence works best. Once I have thought through a paper, I don't mind throwing on music to help me focus or to give me some motivation. Organizing my time to have multiple writing sessions helps a lot. Having fresh eyes helps me catch old mistakes.

Jack Bohrer '26

I make myself so busy that I don't have time to slack off, forcing me to be constantly productive.



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Swim and Dive team preps for first meet following historic end to 2025 season

DAGIM HUNTINGTON '29
STAFF WRITER

Coming off one of the most successful seasons in the program's history, the Wabash College swimming and diving team is ready for another successful year in the pool with the bar being the highest it has ever been. The team ended last year's season on a high note – placing third overall at the Conference championship.

"We are feeling hungry after our conference performance from last year," said Co-Captain Aidan Mason '26. "We are looking to get back into the race mentality."

Head Coach William Bernhardt says the key isn't a new approach to training – instead, it will be as simple as belief.

"We just had a team that really bought into everything we were doing," said Bernhardt. "We didn't do anything crazy new. We did small incremental things here and there, but the guys were all together. They wanted to do it for each other."

The togetherness the team had was the difference between the past years and the 2024 season, which saw Wabash get closer to the big conference powers of Kenyon and Denison. While the Little Giants typically have finished top 3, their home win-to-loss ratio has improved from 2-1 a few years back, to going undefeated last year in the Class of 1950 Natatorium.

This constant improvement throughout their recent success can help them with their team unity to boost their ambitions this fall. With

the team graduating a smaller senior class last spring, they welcome a larger group of freshmen who will immediately help shape the team's identity.

"Each year the expectation is the same — we want to close that gap with Kenyon and Denison," said Bernhardt. "But how we get there changes because every group of guys is different. The freshmen are bringing a lot of new energy, and our returners have bigger goals after what they accomplished last year."

With the first meet of the season this weekend at Purdue University, Bernhardt sees it as an early chance to gauge the team's chemistry.

"You kind of get your team identity after you start competing," said Bernhardt. "Last year it took us about two to three meets to figure out who we were, and I expect that process again."

The Little Giants swim team also consists of divers as well, where they have expanded the roster that Bernhardt believes could be one of the strongest in recent years.

"We've got three divers this season, and that's exciting," said Bernhardt. "Our freshman, Fox Seebach '29 from Phoenix, is learning and growing every day. We also have our senior Alex Arruza back after two great seasons. They're hungry, and they're ready to compete with anyone."

Other new additions outside of the pool also should lead the team to success. The weight room recently received velocity trainers, a new tool designed to measure power output

and track improvement over time. Bernhardt believes the technology will help the team establish commitment to hard work, not substitute it.

"The framework stays the same — we've got to put in the hard work to get the results," said Bernhardt. "But how we get there changes year to year."

The team has also been putting in the work inside the pool too – something that has brought the team closer together.

"We've been destroying ourselves in the pool," said Mason. "Our team has never been closer and everyone is super excited."

Even with the early-season challenges including injuries, and a few departures, Bernhardt has remained optimistic.

"I just want to see them come together again," said Bernhardt. "Last year we had four full classes for the first in years, and it made everything more enjoyable. You could see that progression from freshman to senior year, and that's what makes this team so special"

As our Little Giant swimmers dive into a new season, the goal is to build on a historic finish with the same spirit of unity that carried the Little Giants in the past. Bernhardt and his swimmers' confidence is an indication that Wabash's pool will be full with team love, energy and ambition.

"It's going to be a good year," said Mason. "I couldn't be happier to be leading my team alongside Dane Market '26 and John Allen '26 in our final year."



PHOTO BY ELIJAH GREENE '25

A member of the Wabash College swim and dive team swims in their meet against Centre College on October 27, 2024, in the Class of 1950 Natatorium.

Rugby moves to 4-0 in big win against IU Bloomington Reserve

TONI GRANDINETTI '28
STAFF WRITER

Wabash Rugby steamrolled Indiana University Bloomington's reserve side 52-7 to improve the Little Giants' record to 4-0 on the season. The dominant performance by the squad underscores the grit and winning mentality that Head Coach Kelly Romano has continued to steer the team towards.

"The morale and level of play were equal this past weekend," said Romano. "I definitely saw the team take it to the next level. They came in there, set the tone and went with it the entire game. That's how they ended up with such a score."

The team-first mentality was highlighted by various players scoring during the game on October 4 in Bloomington, Indiana. The Little Giants punched 10 scores into the try-zone, spreading out the scores across the team.. Colton Cooper '28 had a standout game, putting in two tries as a forward, showing that backline players aren't the only men who can take ankles and win the hearts of fans.

"No one expects forwards to go out on the pitch and make flashy moves," said Cooper. "But a few of us went out there and juke some guys out – it was a lot of fun."

Co-Captain Isaac Ward '27 also had an impressive outing, scoring three tries and connecting with Rowan O'Daniel '28 for an assist – marking O'Daniel's first score with the team.

"Everyone loves scoring, but it's a different kind of feeling when you're making other players better," said Ward. "It's a team sport and you're only as good as your weakest link, so if you can elevate everyone around you, you're going to be a better team overall."

However, one glaring issue faced the team during the outing was conversion kicking. The team went 1/10 on conversion kicks, leaving 18 points sitting on the table. James Rusher '27 was the only kicker to convert this weekend.

"We scored a lot of tries, but we missed out on a ton of points in kicks," said Co-Captain Adam Frey '27. "These next weeks we are going

to be focusing on drop kicks – the goal is that if you score the try then we can be confident that you can make the conversion too."

The defensive play by the Little Giants was standout – almost holding the Hoosiers scoreless. This was assisted by the continuous offensive momentum and intensity displayed by the Little Giants.

"I saw a lot of defensive intensity from our side," said Rugby Club President Silas Mills '27. "Everyone was pushing each other to be better – you can really see the difference when the guys are out on the pitch having a good time."

The Little Giants have proven themselves against three different programs in four matches, posting a point differential of +105, with 23 tries scored across the team. Their next test will be on October 25 at Taylor University in Upland, IN, playing a 7s tournament. The team will end their season at home on November 8 with the 'Back at Bash' 10s tournament in Little Giant Stadium.

Redpack competes in Louisville

CARTER MCCALL '29
STAFF WRITER

Facing off against more than 400 runners from around the nation, the Wabash College cross country team turned in a solid performance Saturday at the 2025 Louisville Cross Country Classic, competing in the men's silver division at E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park.

The Little Giants were led by Johnathan Loney '28, who completed the 8,000-meter course in 27:06.0 – finishing 187th overall. The race featured a highly competitive field made up of teams from NCAA Division II, Division III and NAIA programs from across the country.

Close behind Loney was Samuel Carpenter '29, who clocked in at 27:16.8 for 208th place, showing strong potential. Jack Loftus '29 followed in 27:23.0, placing 219th and continuing to establish himself as a reliable contributor for the team.

Austin Jewell '27 (28:00.7) and Sawyer Lewis '28 (28:47.7) rounded out the scoring five for Wabash, finishing 274th and 258th respectively.

Despite the tough competition and a deep field, the team remained focused and determined, using the race as a key development opportunity in the heart of the season.

"I love the tough competition," said Nash Ochs-Wald '29. "I think it enhances the racing experience and makes it more fun."

St. Bonaventure's Clay Peets captured the individual title in commanding fashion, finishing in 24:12.2. Otterbein University took home the team title with a tight score of 153 points, narrowly edging out Mount Union (155). St. Bonaventure placed third with 209 points in a race that featured more than 40 teams.

Though Wabash did not place in the top tiers of the team standings,

the meet served as a crucial test for the squad, especially for the younger runners adapting to collegiate-level competition. With three of the team's top five finishers being underclassmen, the Redpack's future appears promising. It also helped give a sneak peak of where the Little Giants stand in comparison to the other teams in their conference.

"We have conference championships coming up in a month," said Evan Shupe '27. "We got to see the depth of a lot of the teams in the conference."

The Little Giants will now turn their attention to their next competition: the Augustana Interregional Invitational, set for October 18. With valuable lessons learned in Louisville and a week of training ahead, Wabash aims to build on its performance and sharpen its tactics as the postseason draws closer.

Golf team places 8th in home invitational at Broadmoor

WILL DUNCAN '27
PHOTO EDITOR

The beginning of this week saw the Wabash College golf team host their annual Wabash College Invitational at Broadmoor Country Club in Indianapolis, Indiana. The team played a great brand of golf, finishing eighth overall in an extremely talented pool of teams.

With the Little Giants shooting a 304 in their opening round – followed by a 296 in the second round – the last round became vitally important to play well in. With help from Leo Dellinger '29, the team finished the third round shooting a 293, their best round of the tournament. The team's final score ended up at 29 over-par (893) for the 54-hole tournament.

Nationally ranked Emory College came away with the win shooting an absurd 834 (-30).

Despite the extremely impressive play of their opponents, the Little Giants had many positive takeaways from these past few days. Dellinger led the way for the team finishing T-23 with a 219 (+3). The freshman's strong performance would turn out to be the only under-par round produced by a Wabash man.

Sean Bledsoe '26 finished T-33 with a final score of 225 (+9).

Though there weren't many stand-out performances, the team's overall success came from a sense of consistency.

"The team has improved our mental endurance and discipline on the course," said Dellinger. "It shows how much this team cares about constantly improving ourselves and our teammates."

The Little Giants placed over other NCAC programs such as DePauw, Wooster and Ohio Wesleyan. The final round surge to beat the school from down south is something that the team hasn't done in quite some time.

"It gives us some momentum going into the end of the year knowing the work is starting to pay off," said Dellinger.

With the Little Giant's season coming to an end, the team is hopeful for continuous improvement and development.

"I know I left plenty of shots out there, and I know every other guy shares the same sentiment," said Bledsoe. "We don't have another tournament this fall, but we all know what we need to individually work on in order to be in good shape for the progression of the spring season."



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Charlie Seaburg '29 hits his putt during the Wabash College Invitational on October 6, 2025, at Broadmoor Country Club in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Emotions run high as soccer falls in rivalry clash

TONI GRANDINETTI '28
STAFF WRITER

When Wabash and DePauw meet, records don't matter — pride does. Tuesday night at Fischer Field, the stands were packed, the drums were beating and every tackle carried extra weight. The Little Giants struck first, but the Tigers clawed back to equalize before halftime. After the break, DePauw took control, ultimately defeating Wabash 4-1 in one of the most emotional matches of the season.

Freshman Danny Escobedo '29 opened the scoring in the 18th minute off a creative combination between Ben Church '28 and Ethan Simmons '29. The early goal lit up the Wabash sideline and crowd, giving the Little Giants a surge of belief. But DePauw responded before halftime, leveling the match and setting the stage for a tense second half.

Despite the scoreline, the effort never faded. Wabash fought for every loose ball, embodying the grit and heart that define this rivalry. Thirty-one fouls and six yellow cards

told part of the story – the passion told the rest.

Angel Vazquez '26, who played his final rivalry match, reflected on the night with emotion and pride.

"Well, playing my last game against DePauw felt emotional," said Vazquez. "I mean, I wish we won the game like we should've, but I know we played our hearts out, and that's what matters the most. For the team and what's left of the season, the only thing we can do is fight every battle with heart and confidence and see what God has for us along the way."

Head Coach Chris Keller emphasized the lessons learned moving forward.

"We have to get better at sustaining an initial lead," said Keller. "With experience and by scoring more to give ourselves some cushion."

Looking ahead, the Little Giants turn their focus to a schedule full of NCAC play, starting with Saturday's road trip to Wooster — ready to turn heartbreak into hunger.



PHOTO BY WILL DUNCAN '27

Ben Church '28 hugs Ethan Simmons '29 after they assisted Danny Escobedo's '29 goal in Wabash's match against DePauw on October 7, 2025, at Fischer Field.

Wabash's fourth quarter surge comes up just short against No. 15 JCU

Little Giants fall to 4-1

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As the second quarter got underway, Semptimphelter went on another passing spree to put John Carroll up 21-0. The Little Giants finally gained positive momentum thanks to the play of Brand Campbell '27, Xavier Tyler '26 and Cole Dickerson '28. The drive stalled in JCU territory, but Brody Rucker's '26 record-tying leg came in to provide three points for the Little Giants.

The very next Blue Streak drive, however, seemingly crushed all of Wabash's momentum as Semptimphelter threw for his third touchdown of the game to put John Carroll on top 28-3 going into the halftime break.

The third quarter did not see much action other than a Wabash field goal to make the deficit a total of 22 points.

JCU kicked a field goal to start the fourth quarter, but after that, the Little Giants continued to fight like they always do.

On the very next Blue Streak possession, Semptimphelter suffered a 30-yard sack to the

likes of Carson Foxen '28 that resulted in a fumble, setting up the Wabash offense at the John Carroll three yard-line.

"That moment was so surreal for me," said Foxen. "All the work I put in with the team had finally come to fruition, and it really changed the momentum in our favor. Even though we didn't come out hot in the first half, the team really embodied the WAF mentality and gave it everything we had in the second half."

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That fighting spirit resulted in TJ Alexander '26 punching the ball into the endzone, giving the scarlet and white their first touchdown of the game. Campbell then found Nick Witte

'28 on the two point conversion to put the score at 14-31.

The Little Giant defense forced a three-and-out on the next John Carroll offensive sequence and Campbell eventually found his way into the endzone to get the deficit down to ten points.

Another Blue Streak punt allowed Campbell and the Wabash offense to set up shop once again. Campbell found Witte on a 45-yard heave that resulted in the third consecutive Little Giant touchdown.

All of a sudden, John Carroll's lead was only three points. With 1:46 left in the game, Rucker attempted an onside kick, but the Blue Streaks were able to handle the pressure and recover the kick, sealing the deal and giving Wabash their first loss of the season.

"The performance in the second half really showed us how resilient this team is," said Alexander. "At the same time, it was really frustrating to get started so late because we know how good we can be. I felt like we weren't fully convinced that we could hang with those guys until it was too late. So going



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Sam Ringer '26 scans the field during Wabash's game against John Carroll on October 4, 2025, in Don Shula Stadium in Cleveland, Ohio.

forward it will be important to remember what it felt like to click in that second half and carry that momentum into the rest of the season."

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Looking forward to this week, the Little Giants will host the Ohio Wesleyan Battling Bishops at Little Giant Stadium. The team will look to regain that winning feeling, but they know they have to be focused on ev-

ery single play to earn their fifth win of the season.

"The message this week is being resilient and playing with a chip on our shoulder," said Alexander. "We want to remember that bad taste left in our mouth left from the John Carroll game and make sure we let the rest of the teams on our schedule feel our pain."

"The mentality going into OWU is to show everyone in our conference that Wabash came to play," said Foxen. "Our key focus this week is taking things day by day, making sure that we are honed in on the present and perfecting our mistakes from the week prior."

Kickoff for the Wabash vs. Ohio Wesleyan game is set for 1:00 p.m. EST at Little Giant Stadium on Saturday.



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Brand Campbell '27 attempts a pass while Lucas Copenhaver '27 blocks during Wabash's game against John Carroll on October 4, 2025, in Don Shula Stadium in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Bledsoe '26 breakdown – NCAC football Week Five power rankings

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Week Five saw a couple close games, one blowout, and one game that was completely irrelevant. You'll know which game that was, but there were some big shifts in my rankings this week. Take a look!

#1 DePauw (5 – 0)

GOOD HEAVENS! Was a 75 point shutout really necessary? You guys are so unbelievably rude, even though everyone knew this beforehand. I mean, your school kind of has that rapport (stealing Wabash baseball jerseys and goalpost pads, egging students' cars on our campus and calling Wallies slurs). You guys are just adding fuel to the fire. You need to write a well-written apology to the Yeomen. Teams may not have an opponent going forward because of your reckless behavior! Anyways, you disgusting creatures have a bye week this week. Enjoy it because the following week you are going to get struck by lightning!

#2 John Carroll (4 – 1)

Okay, I respect you guys. It was a well-deserved and hard fought win against the Little Giants, but I hope you now understand what we mean when we say, "Wabash Always Fights!" Giving up 22 points in the fourth quarter isn't a good look for the No. 15 team in the country. And for those of you that are wondering, the Blue Streaks didn't put their second string guys in. They played fewer defensive players than Wabash did, so Wabash's points were not garbage time touchdowns against backups. The

Blue Streaks thought they had the game in the bag. Not a good sign, and if I was your head coach, I would be pissed. Can't believe you guys moved up one spot in the national rankings after that performance. Have fun playing the red and white Tiger team in the conference tomorrow.



#3 Wabash (4 – 1)

A rough and disappointing weekend solidifies our Little Giants in my third spot. Like I said, though, Wabash did not go down without a fight. The boys in scarlet and white battled it out to the very end, and it had to make John Carroll sweat some bullets. There are always positives from losses like the one against the Blue Streaks, and the positive from this loss is that Wabash knows that it can compete with top-ranked teams in the country. With that being said, the Little Giants will look to let out some

of their frustration on Saturday against Ohio Wesleyan. We may be on a 75 point shutout watch, but don't worry, Bishops. We'll pray for your well-being after we teach you some lessons about playing football. Sko Bash!



#4 Wooster (3 – 2)

Where did that come from? 14-12 over Wittenberg? Are you kidding me? That is insane! Especially after the Tigers held the other terrible Tiger team to no points in the first half. Don't think that just because you're here means that you get to stay here without paying any rent or dues. You have to earn your way to stay up here. Your first test is this weekend against a Denison team that is hungry after getting beat badly by Wabash and then having an average game against a poor OWU team. It

won't be an easy task, but you're apparently capable of doing it. Just keep blowing those bagpipes boys!

#5 Denison (2 – 2)

Because you guys only beat OWU on Saturday, I've got to let Wooster take the four spot



with their massive win against Wittenberg. You have the opportunity to take their spot in my rankings this weekend. Be some good Big Red boys and prove to me that you deserve to be in the top half of the conference.

#6 Wittenberg (2 – 3)

Frauds! I gave you guys the four spot last week in confidence after holding DePauw scoreless in the first half. And after that, you go on and get beat by Wooster of all teams? Really?!? That's the last time I ever entrust you guys with

a top five ranking. Sit in the bottom half where you belong! Whoever that coach was that ranked you first in the preseason poll is as dumb as Patrick Star. Maybe dumber. Don't get electrocuted this weekend. I heard blue lightning stings the most.

#7 Ohio Wesleyan (1 – 3)

I really don't have that much to say about you guys this week because you're literally the most forgettable team in the conference. You lost 20-35 to Denison, and you did nothing spectacular except letting Denison score 21 points in the fourth quarter to let all of your hopes and dreams of winning the game slip from your prophetic hands. Wabash will welcome you with open arms on Saturday because those boys are looking for someone to take out their frustration on. But again, we'll pray for you after we take a belt to your butts.

#8 Kenyon (0 – 4)

You guys did nothing this week. No game = none of Sean's attention. Have fun against the Yeoman. There's a chance it's a forfeit because of how the Dannies mauled them.

#9 Oberlin (0 – 5)

Are you guys okay? Like seriously. I know those Dannies are cruel people, and I know they like to make people's lives a living hell. They sure did that to you guys. I hope you can field a team against Kenyon. I want to see one of the winless teams actually win something. Please don't tie if you do decide to play.