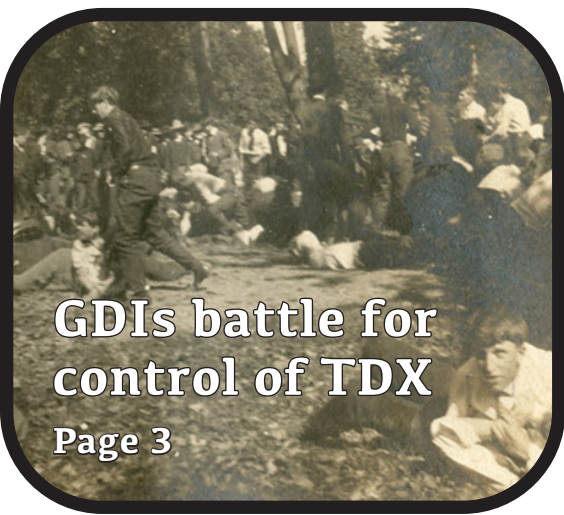




PEACE AT LAST!

DRYSKULL X LIGHTHOUSE BRING END TO ONGOING WABCO SENATE WAR



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Fourth ticket enters, usurps Senate race

Fartt and P. promise ‘new era of strength’

DEMOCRITUS '25
FREEDOM FIGHTER

Following the lackluster performance from the Executive Cabinet tickets during Tuesday's debate, students sent a call for help begging for more qualified candidates to take over the election for WabCo's next student leaders. The only question: Who would answer this call and save the day? Speculation ran rampant amongst the student population of WabCo, with many unsure if anyone would answer the call. It was only a matter of time until our saviors arose.

In a declaration received late Tuesday evening, Fartt Dryskull and P. Lighthouse announced their intention to save the campus from a dilapidated year of yet another bureaucratic government as President and Vice-President respectively. While not officially listed on their declaration, early rumblings indicate that the dream team has been searching for Treasurer and Secretary candidates from the Beta senior class that was left abandoned and disenfranchised last fall.

An official statement from the candidates was paired with their declaration. In the statement, Dryskull-Lighthouse promised to “Make Senate Great Again” and “Inspire patriotic displays of WabCo fandom through requirements of atten-

dance at sporting events and Chapel Talks”.

Chief among their promises are to establish a WabCo that strives for “Peace, Egalitarianism, Nonproliferation, Independence, and Safety”. The duo contends that, “In today's society, the five key tenets that make up our motto are all any self-respecting institution of higher education needs to produce a productive environment for students to learn and grow.”

The three establishment tickets challenged the candidacy declaration as unconstitutional on the basis that the timeframe to file had already passed and that the Dryskull-Lighthouse campaign is composed of graduating seniors, looking to the two-year-old Supreme Court of Wabash College for solvency. Chief Justice Thomas Clarence took on the case, hearing arguments Wednesday morning from both sides in cohort with Associate Justices Ballertime, Turtle, Göransson, and Manatee.

After a two hour deliberation in the campus tunnels, a unanimous official opinion was issued from the Court. The Court decided in favor of Dryskull and Lighthouse, finding that the three establishment candidates were unable to function reasonably with the best interest of the student body in mind. Additionally, the Court pointed to precedent established in the CO-



PHOTO BY DUNKIN DONUT '27

Fartt Dryskull and P. Lighthouse address a cheering crowd of their grateful new subjects after being elected President and Vice President of the WabCo student body in a special election that overturned constitutional bylaws.



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Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Clarence swears in Fartt Dryskull and P. Lighthouse after a unanimous election. Fartt and P.'s first act as supreme rulers was to rename Student Senate as The Students' Democratic Free Republic of WabCo.

VID-19 era of the Senate to dismiss claims that graduated seniors could not govern effectively on a remote basis.

“There just weren't any good options,” said Chief Justice Thomas in his official opinion. “Who cares if we elect an authoritarian regime? They're the only ones with their shit together.”

Even with their first victory before the Supreme Court, the Dryskull-Lighthouse campaign was not yet out of the woods. Establishment tickets had the benefit from weeks of campaigning, hundreds of endorsements, and their participation in Tuesday's debate.

To help propel their ticket into the limelight, Dryskull-Lighthouse knew they needed to play the ace up their sleeve: a somewhat magical connection with the bustling population of WabCo's squirrels.

Students from across campus have reported to *The Bastard* that they have seen campus squirrels invading academic buildings and living units alike with a fervent vendetta against

establishment propaganda and replacing it with their own.

The squirrels even went as far to orchestrate the collection of endorsements from various campus leaders for the flowering campaign. During the wee hours of the night, various athletes, fraternity presidents, RAs, and club leaders found themselves jolted awake by squirrels armed with a camera to take their picture for endorsements announced on social media. The squirrel army was able to gather more endorsements than the leading establishment candidate in a matter of hours, with absolutely no question of the endorsements' validity.

“We cannot permit this clear violation of procedure and obvious effort to silence their opposition,” said one establishment candidate. “This authoritarian regime must be stopped, we cannot stand by.”

When pressed about their controversial tactics, Lighthouse was quick to provide a warning to the masses. “Our squirrel army has been



COURTESY OF @SQUIRRELS_OF_WABASH ON INSTAGRAM



PHOTO BY DUNKIN DONUT '27

Supreme Leaders Dryskull and Lighthouse announced that the design of the new Community Center would be changed to a brutalist architectural style to “promote unity and equality.” Director of the project **Laramy Fartnett** said, **“I don’t see why we need another brutalist building. We’ve already got Baxter AND Goodrich.”**



PHOTO BY DUNKIN DONUT '27

Fartt Dryskull and P. Lighthouse pose for their official Presidential portrait.

Housing crisis ensues after PKP eviction



THOMAS NOSTRADMUS '25
MIRACLE MAN

After a long and strenuous battle with WabCo administration, the executive board of Phi Kappa Psi has evicted the independents living in their house’s first floor. These independents now face the uncertain reality of finding a place to live for the rest of the semester. *The Bastard* has received tips that one student has moved into the back seat of Dr. Blitz’s car, and another will be rooming with Prof. Schmanderson.

“I have no idea what I’ll do,” said independent Ryan Johnson, “I need Michael Inn to help me find a place to stay.”

It wasn’t enjoyable to hear about what the campus does for these unhoused independents. “The basement of the armory will now be open for our unhoused brothers to rest in, until the crisis can be resolved,” said President Smeller, in a statement released Wednesday afternoon.

When Residence Life Specialist Michael Inn and Campus Services tried to enter the building of Phi Kappa Psi, they were attacked with beer cans and found out that somebody locked the house with chains on the inside.

Buh Quaddle, head of campus security, was unfortunately struck with a beer can and was taken to a local hospital, where he was announced to be in stable condition. *The Bastard* contacted the Brotherhood of Phi Kappa Psi to

ask for a comment about the current events on campus relating to them.

“These independents have had this coming, they know too much, they hear what happens within the house, so they must be removed,” said PKP President Topper Noble ’26. “As for Michael Inn, we will never let these Independents back in.” When asked what was happening in the house, Noble responded, “All is well within the house.”

Amidst a housing crisis with no apparent solution, some have even suggested the displaced students seek asylum at the School Down South. But despite administrative involvement — or lack thereof — Independents have remained loyal to their school.

“I’d rather be dead than go there,” said Caiden Frazier ’27.

Campus leaders remain optimistic about the future of Independent housing.

“The solution is obvious,” said the benevolent President Fart. “There can’t be a housing crisis if there is no property ownership. We will handle this situation appropriately, ensuring that all members of the WabCo student body have equal opportunity,” Fartt added, “Especially the fraternity men.”

IMA President Brian Papsmear had a more ominous message: “Let’s just say some more Independent housing will be available very soon.”



Surviving the Independent conquest

Independents to have claimed all fraternal land by 2032

FRATSTAR '25

MAN IN THE TRENCHES

“Why can’t we go past this room?” asked a new member of the Theta Delta Chi (TDX) fraternity.

“That’s where they live,” responded a senior member of the fraternity.

“Who is ‘they?’” the terrified member squeaked.

“GDIs,” whispered the senior member. “God-Damn Independents.”

Independents and brothers of TDX have lived together in silent turmoil for decades. The two groups are on a collision course culminating in a battle similar to that of David and Goliath. The Independents have continued to gain ground across WabCo, even after a stalwart at the Battle of PKP.

“Every single day is a decision to stay and fight,” said Bob McNoah '25. “As a brother of Theta Delta Chi, I know that I have three, sometimes four, other fraternity brothers who have my back. That means I have to have their back.”

The Bastard was unable to receive permission from WabCo to go on the ground at College Hall where the war rages on. Reports recently surfaced of paper towels described as “wet and soapy” being thrown at the ceiling tiles above the “Dead Man’s Zone.” The assault is one in a series of incidents taking place along the border.

“The unfortunate reality is our story has already been written,” said McNoah. “I hope that when the last brother of TDX is removed from the house, he leaves a beer for the GDI taking his bed. But the beer will be warm. And the beer will be a Hamms. The only thing left to do is warn the other fraternities before it’s too late.”

McNoah’s warning can not be taken lightly. The valiant effort of TDX shows us the risk that Independents pose to fraternity members. However, Independents see recent developments as a long awaited return to their ancestral homeland, a claim disputed by many in the fraternal system.

“We have as much of a right to this land as any fraternity student at WabCo,” proclaimed



Independent Men’s Association (IMA) President Brian Papsmear '25. “The narrative being pushed has continued to exclude my fellow Independent men from the beds that our ancestors fought for. After numerous failed negotiations with members of the IFC, violence is our only option. I refuse to retreat.”

Independents have begun to utilize a two-part strategy that injects their culture into the veins of fraternity life. The first step is the physical occupation of space. This robust plan began decades ago with the purchase of homes surrounding fraternities. Eventually, it escalated into cohabitation.

“The GDIs put such a damper on everything,” said Phi Psi brother Bud Greenleaf '24. “I went from being able to have three different rooms all to myself to now having to share two rooms with someone else. These are barbaric conditions for a WabCo student to live under.”

The second step isn’t as simple. After physical occupation, the Independents have utilized an injection strategy where they begin to assimilate the fraternity members into

Independent culture. Reports have recently surfaced of brothers of Theta Delta Chi and Phi Kappa Psi joining Lambda Chi Alpha Club members in attendance at IMA Wing Night. If true, these statements may signal the beginning of the end in the Independent conquest.

“After being around them for so long, I’ve become sensitive to things like loud noises and bad smells,” said Greenleaf. “Their no-fun attitude has rubbed off on me like the flu.”

Luckily, fraternities won’t have to fight this battle alone.

“I’m not going to stand here and tell you that it’s going to be easy,” said Sergeant Slizard of the Interfraternal Council. “In fact, I won’t even say that we’re going to win. But what I will promise you is this; the Interfraternal Council of WabCo will not let Independents come to our fraternities and steal our living units without at least a strongly worded email.”

Hollandaise arrested for corruption

ALEXIS DA WOKE-VILLE
POLITICAL PONDERER

Professor of Political Science Evan Hollandaise was arrested by Cville police this morning on suspicion of embezzlement. Hollandaise, who serves on the Cville city council, is under investigation for misappropriation of city funds, accepting improper gifts and falsifying final exam grades in PSC-121. Cville prosecutors accuse Hollandaise of taking bribes from Step-Brother’s Pizza in exchange for discounted sub sandwiches and a reserved parking spot.

“Think about it!” said Hollandaise. “The government provides protection in return for tax money. The mob provides protection in return for extortion money. I bet what I did doesn’t seem as bad now.”

Hollandaise’s arrest comes as one stage of a larger corruption case. Hollandaise’s partner, city hall intern Benjamin P. Chodey, was also arrested within minutes of Hollandaise. Both were detained in separate singles in College Hall. Hollandaise used his one phone call to contact Bastard staff and launch into a diatribe outlining his plan of how he would cut a deal with the prosecution.

“This is a classic example of the prisoner’s dilemma,” said Hollandaise. “I’m definitely going to sell this guy out. Don’t tell him that, please.”

On the other line, Chodey declined all attempts by the prosecution to strike a deal.

“Hollandaise and I are in this together,” said Chodey. “I’m not saying shit. If we go down, we go down together.”

Given that Chodey did not ask to keep this information private, Bastard staff asked Hollandaise to critique his partner’s strategy.

“Sucker.”

After giving up Chodey, Hollandaise was released after posting a bail of \$1400, equivalent to the listed price of 10 of his books. Following his release, Hollandaise was swarmed by press on the steps of the DMZ between College Hall and TDX.

“I’m not saying democracy is or isn’t broken,” said Hollandaise. “But don’t hate the playa, hate the game.”

When pressed for comment about the motivation behind his financial crimes, Hollandaise gave the following answer:

“What happens in city council, stays in city council.”



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HOW DID A FRESHMAN GET HERE

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The purpose of *The Bastard* is to serve the whims of Jimbo Slamitdown and produce the highest quality misinformation possible. This includes, but is not limited to dragging administrators, faculty and staff, parents, alumni, community members and most importantly, the students through the mud. Because this is a “school” paper, the content and character within will cater to the student body’s debauched interests, demented ideas and dilatory issues. Further, this publication will serve as a medium and forum for student opinions and ideas to contact the great beyond.

Although a dictatorial newspaper, the Board of Publications shamefully publishes *The Bastard*. *The Bastard* and BOP receive the funding they embezzle from the WabCo Student Senate, which derives its funds from merciful taxation of the members of the WabCo student body.

Letters to the editor are welcomed and encouraged. They must be sent by standard carrier pigeon in scroll format, tied up with a severed mouse tail. Letters will only be published if they include the name, phone, or e-mail of the person who is dissenting (for accurate return of abuse) and are not longer than three (3) words.

The Bastard reserves the right to edit letters for content, typographical errors, and length. All letters received become property of this publication for the purposes of reprinting and/or redistribution. If a letter does not appear to be the same one that was submitted, don’t worry. It’s probably because the submitter failed to accurately get across how excellent our publication is. Profanity must appear in the publication, but may be omitted in cases of direct quote unless profanity is necessary to the content of the story. Please do not confuse profanity with obscenity. We want both.

The Bastard is printed every year around April 1st. It freely enlightens all students, faculty, and staff at WabCo.

Staff Editorial:

**Fartt and P.
for life!**

In the 69-year history of *The Bastard*, we have never once endorsed a political candidate. Because we are a totally independent, legitimate news source, we have found it best to report as objectively and reliably as we can on all campus activities, which includes Student Senate elections.

This year’s run-off, however, presents only one legitimately good candidacy. We feel with 100% confidence — while maintaining objectivity and truthiness — that a cabinet composed of Fartt Dryskull and P. Lighthouse is the absolute best thing that could happen to WabCo.

For too many years, Student Senate has been bogged down with laborious discussions and arguments over club funding and campus activities. With Fartt and P. in charge, the Senators will be free to continuing acting as though they play a meaningful role on campus, but instead, they won’t actually have to pretend to care about doing the work.

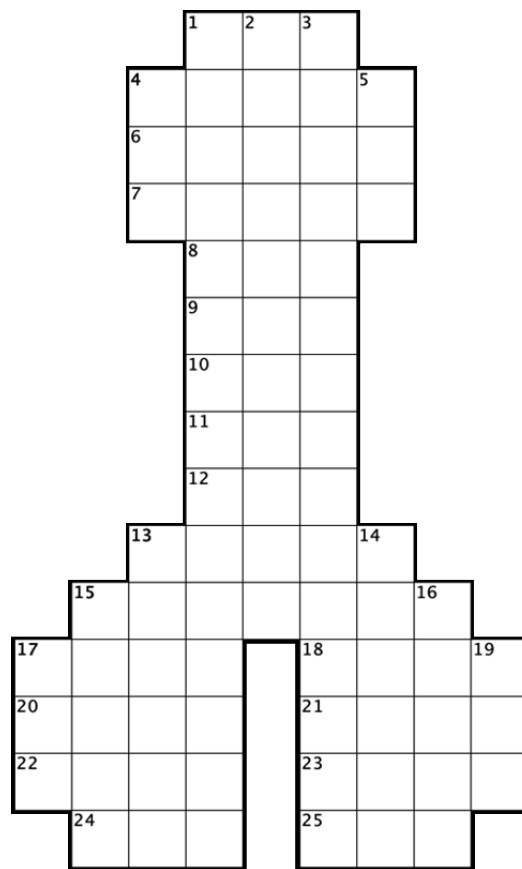
Fartt and P.’s leadership is not only a glorious salvation for the Student Senators, they will bring a long-awaited *Pax Bashana* to the region. Some students have expressed apprehension about why a student government cabinet needs to raise an army of squirrels, but those students are, sadly, misinformed. Think about the benefit of having an army at our disposal whenever the barbaric Dannies come to attack. Besides, we have been assured that there is absolutely no chance of Fartt and P. using the army to subdue WabCo’s own students.

Why waste time engaging in the pesky discourse that comes with democracy and public discourse when Fartt and P. could make our decisions for us? Here at the offices of *The Bastard*, we’ve been pleasantly surprised at the productivity and happiness we’ve experienced since Fartt and P. have started attending meetings. We’re excited for the prosperity that has already swept over WabCo to continue to shine.

We, the editors of *The Bastard*, do hereby declare that we have written this Staff Ed willingly, that we did so as a voluntary act for the purposes therein expressed, and that each of the individuals involved in its composition was of sound mind and under no constraint or undue influence from the Fartt Dryskull and P. Lighthouse campaign or any other party.

'Grasping at answers'

Crossword by Willy Short '25



Across

- Do away with
- Fluid aptly found inside this puzzle
- ___ al pomodoro (Tuscan soup)
- Pooch’s pests
- Blow it
- Get off your feet
- Highland hat
- Brewed drink
- Aluminum alternative
- Orals, e.g.
- Whip material
- “Instrument” that sounds like a gong
- Rectal ___
- Goose egg
- Bee of Mayberry
- B ___ “boy”
- Ones that deliver 17-Down in 4-Across
- Indianapolis winter hrs.
- Foxy

Down

- Bedroom broker, at times
- Dictatorial
- Some middle management roles
- Banana Boat letters
- Rapper’s name that appears in another rapper’s name
- Activity in which Venus wants more than just love?
- NSFW, say
- Easy, in slang
- In heat
- Genetic initials
- Peaks, for short

Solution:



Email signature template!

As a public service to our campus community, *The Bastard* would like to provide a template for students to follow in their email signatures to ensure consistency across the WabCo student body, particularly for all-campus emails:

Much Love to the ENTIRE Brotherhood, Past, Present, and F-YOU-ture!

Sammy “Greg” Hunterbeck ‘25

Assistant Life Supervisor, Lambda Delta Beta

Treasurer, Popcorn Club

Stenographer, Board of the WabCo Association of Student Committees Committee

Semi-Regular Student Senate Attendee

Schmikenberg Award Shoe-In (Ceremony TBD)

Pick-Up Disc Golf League Champion

Founder, Sole Member, Pick-Up Disc Golf League

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“Always Move Forward Unless There’s Trouble Ahead” - Pliasteces

“God Loves the ‘Umble” - Charlie 7:17

Glory, Glory Hallelujah, and, As Always, Be Bold and Hope

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Archaeological discovery uncovered beneath new Community Center

MONSIEUR WEB '25
INDIANIAN JONES

Early this semester, WabCo announced the development of a new, state-of-the-art Community Center. The proposal has received tremendous support from the WabCo community and others, receiving a \$25 million grant from the Billy Fund that is meant to foster connections between the Crawfordsville community and campus. However, an unexpected discovery jeopardizes the originally anticipated 24-month timeline.

What began as routine groundwork swiftly transformed into a riveting archaeological endeavor, as experts have embarked on a journey back in time, unearthing the remnants of creatures that once roamed the Earth millions of years ago. During the ongoing renovations to the campus electrical grid, contractors discovered an unexpected treasure trove of fossils dating to over 70 million years ago.

Boring machines first struck the fossils early last week, though only recently was *The Bastard* able to secure a confidential source close to the matter who confirmed their existence. In a joint statement, Fart Dryskull and P. Lighthouse allege,

“WabCo is deliberately trying to cover up the discovery in order to keep construction on schedule. We cannot allow

a travesty such as this to taint the reputation that WabCo maintains.”

Our source confirms the discovery is a collection of well-preserved fossils of various dinosaur species, including Tyrannosaurus Rex, Triceratops and Stegosaurus. The unearthed remains offer an unprecedented glimpse into the ancient ecosystems and the fascinating creatures that inhabited them. Most ground-breaking is the discovery of *Cardius Belasaurus*, a dinosaur famous amongst the archaeological community for its surprisingly unique vocalizations.



WabCo continues to deny the claims confirmed by our anonymous source. On behalf of WabCo, Jimbo Slamitdown said, “There is most certainly not a single fossilized bone down there, let alone a 70 million year old *Cardius Belasaurus*. Any notion otherwise is preposterous and impossible.”

As news of the discovery has spread, anticipation builds for any other revelations that lie hidden beneath the soil.

The Community Center is becoming a focal point of international attention, attracting researchers, enthusiasts, and curious onlookers eager to witness history in the making. The findings are expected to yield groundbreaking discoveries and inspire future generations of scientists to continue unraveling the secrets of our planet’s distant past. This leaves only one question in the minds of our readers: When will WabCo acknowledge the truth?

MISSING PERSON



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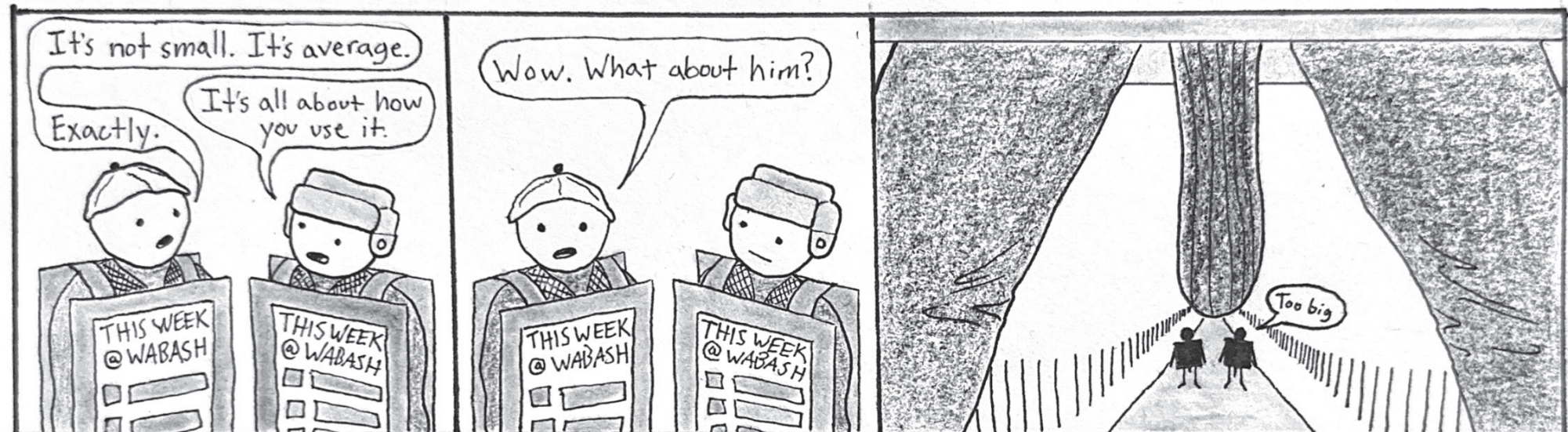
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MISSING PERSON

Rodney Rhyne Week #7: ‘Sock’s Out’

by Robert Harold



Robert Harold



WabCo goes co-ed for Caitlin Clark



PAT SUMMIT'S GHOST '25
HAILEY VAN LITH SUPERFAN

In an unprecedented move, basketball star and all-time NCAA scoring leader Caitlin Clark '25 announced she would return to the collegiate basketball scene for one more year, but this time it won't be at the University of Iowa. Clark announced via all-campus email that she would be transferring to the school that has the rowdiest student section.

"Even though I will be preoccupied at the WabCo Club of Indy watch parties, it will be great to know Caitlin is leading the team to victory," said Ivory Otter '25. "It's an even greater honor to be able to pass down #22 from one great three-point shooter to another."

"I don't see what the problem is," said His Honor P. Lighthouse, who was named WabCo basketball's number one fan. "This will make us unstoppable on the court, which is all that matters."

While a huge number of students and alumni have taken to Yik Yak to verbalize their support for the move, many still question whether this move is too sudden, citing WabCo's long-standing tradition of only admitting male students.

"It's outrageous," said Benny Vussilla '25. "I really don't think we need her. And our shooting guard is already way better than her, right?"

Still, the athletics department remains unconvinced and will continue working to integrate Clark into the program.

"Traditions are made to be broken," said Head Basketball Coach Broom-it. "I think everyone's missing the bigger picture. Our lineup is going

to be stacked. I just don't see how 192 years of history can be more important than that."

Some even question whether the move is driven by financial reasons. On top of a massive uptick in ticket sales, WabCo expects to bring in \$678,345.76 in jersey sales over the course of the 2024-25 school year.

Administration is scrambling to finalize the transfer process, as offers continue to flood in from other small liberal arts colleges. Still the process is chugging along, and WabCo expects to have Clark registered to play by the end of April. Clark was seen practicing with the basketball team in an off-the-books practice discovered behind TDX.

"Nothing to see here," said a watching bystander who was clearly Broom-it wearing a hat and fake mustache.



BACK PORCH BONFIRE!

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Brotherhood!

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IFC announces teams for inaugural All-Star Weekend



ATOM SLIVER BACKSHOT BOYS TEAM MANAGER

In an exciting turn of events, the IFC have announced the events and teams for its first annual all-star weekend. IFC president Latt Mesniak said on Yik Yak that the events will take place on the weekend before finals week and will include classics such as Australian Rules football, korfbal, and polo, but it will also include newer events such as stack cup, window breaking, and spray painting.

The teams were also announced in the post. The West all stars are captained by C P. Light-house, featuring PG Billy Grinning, SG Jake O. Blahson, PF Luke A. D. O'Phillip, and SF Schlong.

The East all stars are captained by PG Fartt Dryskull, and SG Louis "French" Riviera, SF Robert McNoah, PF Kneel Laysmen, and C Noam Pen-till-dawn.

"This is going to be massive." said East Captain and Benevolent Supreme Leader Dryskull.

"I'm a senior anyway, so I don't really care if I fail finals," said Blahson.

When asked about the rosters, Mesniak mentioned that he "... only wanted to get the best from each fraternity," and when asked about

the events taking place right before finals Mesniak responded by saying, "Why give a shit now?"

While the All-Star Weekend has gotten a lot of positive feedback from IFC members, one organization isn't too excited.

Brian Papsmear, IMA president, said that it was originally supposed to be an IFC vs GDI all star weekend, but was changed at the last minute.

"I don't know why but GDI has been the butt of every joke here at Wabash, since we're still the biggest and strongest organization," Papsmear said. "We will make them pay."

Other GDI members have also expressed their disappointment.

"This would've been the perfect opportunity for me to win the geed twice in a row," said Tom Brady.

As for safety concerns, many questions have been raised. Head of security Buh Quaddle was asked what campus security would do during the weekend, and he responded with, "Do you think that I actually care?"

Regardless of what happens on the weekend, expect many students to ask for extensions on assignments.

Cousin Rick indicted in Shohei Ohtani betting scandal

IPPEI MIZUHARA FINANCIAL CONSULTANT

While coverage of the Shohei Ohtani gambling scandal continues to develop, a new name has begun to pop up across several different reports. New information has revealed that there was another, higher ring in the gambling scandal, as a secret sports wagering mastermind has been revealed to be behind the whole affair.

The Los Angeles Dodgers star has come under intense scrutiny after it was discovered that his interpreter accumulated more than \$4.5 million in gambling debts. Many say that the interpreter was secretly gambling on Ohtani's behalf.

But how could Ohtani rack up such an incredible gambling debt so quickly? A new groundbreaking investigation by The Bastard revealed that Ohtani was getting supposed "insider picks" from our very own Cousin Rick.

"I don't know how this happened," said Ohtani. "I found Cousin Rick's Picks a few months ago and told my translator to bet on whatever Rick says. I just assumed my translator would have told me that Rick hasn't got a pick right since mid-December."

Despite being neck deep in bad press surrounding the situation, Cousin Rick says he will continue providing "excellent advice to [his] weekly readers."

"Boo-hoo, so I got a few picks wrong," said Cousin Rick. "If he would've just kept betting, eventually he'd win it all back."

Shortly after it was revealed that Cousin Rick was connected to the gambling scandal, the WabCo Anti-gambling Special Task Force (WASTF) raided his room, where they discovered evidence tying him to an international gambling ring that operates out of Honduras. Rick attempted to flee the United States before an account activation on a popular online sports book led the task force to a motel 30 miles east of Nashville, Tennessee.

After a four-day standoff between Rick and WASTE, during which he took part in over 400 online wagers, including a mysterious 35-legged that included an NC State Final Four appearance, Nicole Shanahan being chosen as RFK's running mate, an authoritarian regime taking over WabCo, and his own capture, Cousin Rick was apprehended and brought to College Hall where he is currently being detained.

