



Lambda Chi Alpha defends Chapel Sing throne

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Lambda Chi Alpha secures back-to-back chapel sing victories

NATHAN ELLENBERGER '26
MANAGING EDITOR

Ladies and gentlemen, we have a Chapel Sing winner. Lambda Chi Alpha thundered to their second victory in a row on September 25, establishing themselves not only as a frontrunner in the race for the Homecoming title, but a Chapel Sing powerhouse for years to come. Sigma Chi followed in second place and Phi Gamma Delta secured the third spot on the podium.

Recently, Sigma Chi went on a historic three-peat from 2021 through 2023 before Lambda Chi Alpha ended their dynasty last year. With another back-to-back victor in Lambda, Wabash may have another Chapel Sing streak on its hands.

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- Drew Rathbun '26

“We put so much into this song,” said Lambda Chi freshmen Ethan Simmons '29. “It’s all self-driven. We put so much work into this – it was a grind and we’re so proud.”

The hard work the Lambda Chi freshmen put in was also recognized outside of their Associate class.

“Our freshmen have worked really hard,” said Lambda Chi junior Alejandro Gomez Alejo '27. “It means everything to the house, winning back-to-back.”

After dethroning Sigma Chi last year, the Lambda Chi Alpha house had a throne to defend – and defend they did.

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Homecoming on the horizon after Little Giants stomp all over Scots 34-7

SEAN BLEDSOE '26
SPORTS EDITOR

The Little Giant football team traveled to the College of Wooster on Saturday to play the Fighting Scots in their first North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) matchup of the season, and it was nothing but a Little Giant domination. Wabash emerged victorious with a final score of 34-7.

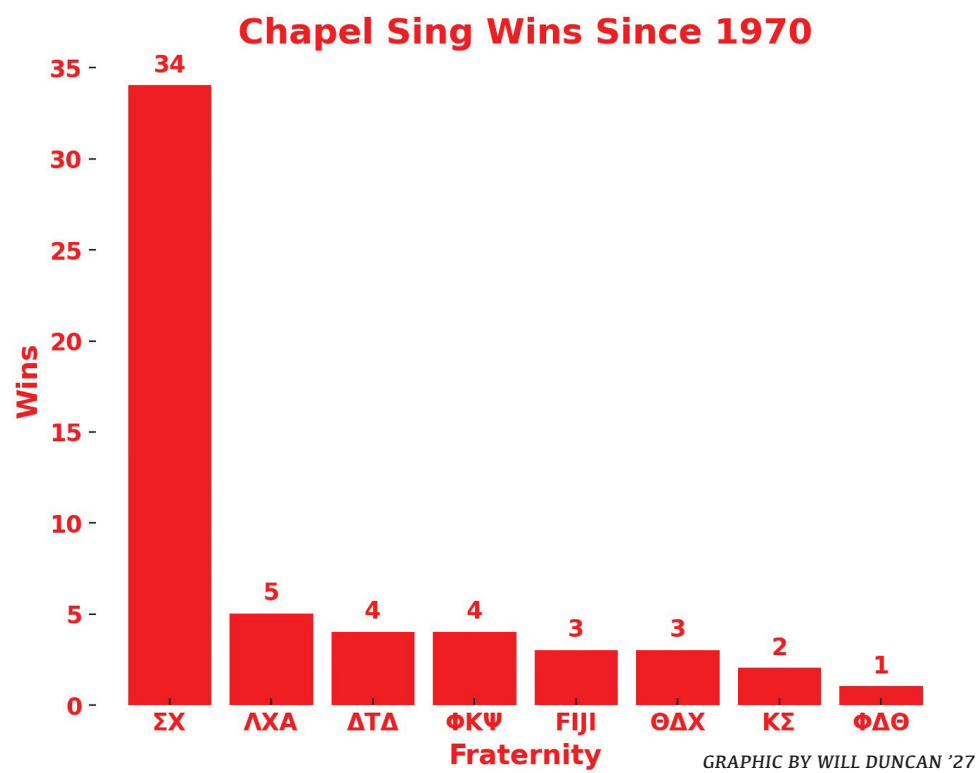
“We are hungry and dreaming big, so we don’t focus much on the past. Our attitude is that we are focused on beating Denison this Saturday.”

- Head Football Coach Jake Gilbert '98

five plays for quarterback Brand Campbell '27 to find his receiver Luke Adams '27 to give the Little Giants a 7-0 lead.

The rest of the first quarter and most of the second quarter was a stalemate, as both offenses couldn’t find the momentum to get down the field. But as the seven-minute mark approached, the Wabash defense turned up the heat on the Wooster offense as the Scots were deep in their own territory. Sam Ringer '26 found his way into the pocket to sack Boyle and force a fumble, which was recovered by Camden Singer '28. The Wooster turnover led to Cole Dickerson '28 striding into the endzone to put the Little Giants up 14-0 going into halftime.

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2025 Homecoming award winners

Presented by the National Association of Wabash Men, these 13 individuals are being recognized for their significant impact to the College. Prepared by Wabash Chief of Staff and Director of Strategic Communications & Secretary of the College Jim Amidon '87.

HONORARY ALUMNI PRESENTED BY THE NAWM



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Phil Kenney H'24 serves as a member of the Wabash Board of Trustees.

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Phil Kenney H'24 served two terms as a member of the Wabash Board of Trustees, but his appreciation of Wabash College began in 2008 when his son, Vince, was recruited to play football and continued through his son Patrick's graduation from Wabash. As President and now CEO of his family business, F.A. Wilhelm Construction, Phil has worked closely with the planning and design of the College's new Community Center, and also provided leadership for the renovation of Martindale Hall and the construction

of Little Giant Stadium. Phil and his wife, Colleen, have been big supporters of Wabash's remote recruiting efforts, WLAIP, and the Athletic Department.

Clyde Morgan H'11
Clyde Morgan H'11 became Head Track and Field Coach in 2008 and brought with him his MOWNBU mantra ("Men of Wabash, Northing Breaks Us"), which has become a rallying cry for Wabash men on and off the track. Coach Morgan has led Wabash to nine conference championships in indoor track and 11 outdoor championships, and he and his staff have been recognized as Coaching Staff of the Year 18 times. Beyond the scores of conference



PHOTO BY WILL DUNCAN '27
Head Track and Field Coach Clyde Morgan H'11 stands with the 10 North Coast Athletic Conference Outdoor Championship trophies that his team has won during his tenure.

champions and All-Americans, Coach Morgan has been a life coach to a generation of Wabash men, mentoring students, fostering leadership and personal growth and challenging our men to lead effectively through adversity. He encourages men to "embrace the grind" because "Nothing Breaks Us."

Cheryl Everett H'25
Cheryl Everett H'25 has been the Glee Club's accompanist for three decades, providing the quiet heartbeat of music for the College. She has worked with five different Glee Club Directors, while traveling with the Glee Club to England, Scotland, Wales, Ecuador, Taiwan, Estonia, Latvia and

Lithuania, as well as all parts of the United States. She has been praised by Glee Club members for her wisdom, guidance, and unwavering presence in their lives. She has also taught piano and organ lessons to

generations of Wabash students, and was awarded the Teacher of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award by the Indiana Music Teachers' Association.



PHOTO BY ELIJAH GREENE '25
Cheryl Everett H'25 stands after accompanying the Glee Club during the Glee Club's annual Homecoming concert on September 14, 2025, in Salter Hall.

ALUMNI AWARDS OF MERIT PRESENTED BY THE NAWM



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(Top-left, clockwise) Jay Allen '79 speaks at an event in the Ott Residential District. Jake German '11 was recently honored as an "Up and Coming Lawyer" by Indiana Lawyer. Eugene Anderson '83 has made an impact within Wabash, as well as in and alongside governments at the city, state and federal level.

Jeremy Wright Distinguished Young Alumnus Award

Jake German '11 graduated from Wabash summa cum laude and gave the Commencement address for his class. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi and President of the Sphinx Club. After graduating from IU's Maurer School of Law, Jake joined the international law firm Barnes & Thornburg in its Indianapolis office. His skill in policy development and intergovernmental relations helped him become a partner in just eight years. He has been honored as an "Up and Coming Lawyer" by Indiana Lawyer and was in the IJB's "Forty Under 40" Class of 2025. He serves on the boards of Little Red Door Cancer Agency and the Bill Cook Foundation, and is the College's legal liaison to Barnes & Thornburg.

Fredrick J. Urbaska Civic Service Award

Eugene Anderson '83 has had a remarkable career as a change agent in and alongside governments at the city, state and federal level. At Wabash, he was chair of the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies and a Hall of Fame standout in football and track. The NAWM recognizes his commitment to the communities in which he's lived, volunteering for dozens of nonprofits, including the Circle City Classic, Indy Jazz Festival, United Way and the United Negro College Fund. He has also served in leadership roles with the African American Mayors Association, the US Conference of Mayors, National League of Cities, the Business Council and Diamond Scholarship Charitable Fund. Today, he is President and CEO of ENA Strategies in New Jersey, and he continues to provide wise counsel to MXIBS members through the Thanksgiving Project.

Frank W. Misch Award for Distinguished Service to Wabash

Jay Allen '79 was elected to the Board of Trustees more than 20 years ago, and served as chair of the Budget and Finance and Trusteeship committees before he was elected Chair of the Board in 2017. He served in that role for eight years, during which he presided over the transition from presidents Gregory Hess to Scott Feller. As a member of the Campaign Executive Cabinet, Jay led the Giant Steps Campaign to a successful conclusion – raising a record \$250 million. His focused leadership helped the Board (and College) make great strides in risk management, budget forecasting, risk engagement and mitigation, and endowment growth. He and his wife, Susan, have invested mightily in upgrades to the Allen Center – the Wabash building that bears his family's name.

Clarence Jackson Career Achievement Award

Col. Chuck Killion '87 majored in English and was a member of Beta Theta Pi at Wabash, before graduating from the IU Maurer School of Law in 1990. From there, he went on to a distinguished 30-year career as an officer in the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps, becoming one of the foremost military justice experts of his generation. He was a JAG at Air Force Space Command and Staff Judge Advocate and Depute Director of the Legal Office at US Northern Command and NORAD. He received extraordinary recognition for his accomplishments in the Air Force, including the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Force and Army Commendation Medals.

HONORARY BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Presented to alumni who left Wabash early and have led distinguished lives. These awards are presented by the Board of Trustees.

John L. "Jack" Wyatt '58

A Crawfordsville native, Wyatt attended Wabash for two years before enlisting in the United States Navy as an Aviation Cadet. After his service, he returned to Crawfordsville to join his father's office of Northwestern Mutual Life, where he provided his clients care and compassion for 61 years. He and his wife, Beverly, were married in the Wabash Chapel in 1960, and a year later Jack began to lead Boy Scouts Troop 342 – a position he held for most of his adult life. He received the Silver Beaver Award for Leadership and the Lifetime Achievement Award in Scouting, as well as a Sagamore of the Wabash – Indiana's highest honor. For long periods of his life, Jack was an advisor to Tau Chapter of Beta Theta Pi, served on its Alumni Advisory Council, and was part of Wabash's Fraternity Advisors.

Dr. Thomas A. Bridge '74

A biology major and member of the Glee Club and Phi Gamma Delta during his time at Wabash, Bridge – like many pre-meds of his era – left after three years to enroll in the IU

School of Medicine. After graduation, he completed a family practice residency in Fort Wayne before settling in Lafayette, where he was a family physician for 41 years. He served as Medical Director of Franciscan Home Health and Hospice Care and was an Adjunct Clinical Professor at the IU School of Medicine. His son, Andy '01, followed in his father's footsteps to Wabash and Phi Gamma Delta, and is also a physician.

Dr. Stephen Cougill '64

A Kappa Sigma at Wabash, Cougill left after three years to enroll directly in the Indiana University School of Dentistry, which was a popular path in his era. After earning his DDS, he served as a staff dentist at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas during the Vietnam War. After his service, he returned to his hometown of Indianapolis – Franklin Township – where he opened a small dental practice to serve his friends and neighbors for more than 40 years. Along the way, he was active in the Franklin Township Little League and Exchange Club, and he encouraged his sons, Scott '87 and Andrew '98, to attend Wabash.

OTHER AWARDS PRESENTED BY THE NAWM

Butler-Turner Student-Alumni Engagement Award

As Director of Safety and Security at Wabash, Eugene "Buck" Waddell has been deeply involved in the lives of Wabash students. He works directly with fraternity officers and RAs, teaching them safety and risk management and putting them in position to succeed. He is also an advisor to – and honorary member of – the Sphinx Club and Theta Delta Chi. His selfless dedication to Wabash students, their safety, and their understanding of the Gentleman's Rule will serve them long after their time on campus is over.

Alumni Career Services Fellow

Alejandro Reyna '17 became Wabash's first Center for Innovation, Business and Entrepreneurship Fellow after his graduation, and immediately began to provide leadership and mentorship to nearly 100 students involved in CIBE programming. He served in that role for three years – providing critical leadership during the pandemic – and has remained deeply involved with the Career Services Office in the last five years. He has led an annual training program on Emotional Intelligence for CIBE members, which is annually among the most impactful programs offered by Professional Development.

Alumni Admissions Fellow

Michael Myers '11 has been a teacher, coach and administrator at nearby North Montgomery High School, where he's always on the lookout for promising young men to steer in the direction of Wabash. He works directly with individual students – like the Montgomery County Commissioners' Scholarship winner – and with groups. He's twice brought large groups of prospective students to Wabash for visits, while he models the lifelong benefits of a Wabash education in all that he does.



Freshmen reactions to Homecoming

The staff of The Bachelor asked freshmen throughout campus what their Homecoming experiences were like midway through the week – many acknowledged that while it was a busy week, it was still a fun experience.

Aidan Muncy '29

"I knew this week would be busy coming into it but the festivities have been super fun and it makes it worth it."

Tobin Seiple '29

"This week is as busy as I expected; the toll on my ability to think clearly and maintain organization was unexpected. While it is entirely bearable, halfway through the week, I feel like I need to sleep for a full day."

Philip Harvey '29

"The week has certainly been as busy as my upperclassman had warned me. I've heard it described best as 'The most fun I'll never want to have again in my life.'"

Titus Hoover '29

This week has been busier than expected with homecoming activities. My favorite event so far has been the banner, we put a ton of work into it and are proud of what we did.



PHOTO BY WILL DUNCAN '27

Delta Tau Delta's freshmen won the Homecoming Banner event with this submission. Banners were due on September 24, 2025, midway through Homecoming week.

Remembering the Homecoming dance over 50 years later

CARTER MCCALL '29
STAFF WRITER

For more than half a century, the Wabash College Homecoming Dance was one of the most anticipated social events on campus. It was a night when school spirit and tradition converged under the glittering lights of the Sparks Center, the gymnasium or the Crawfordsville Armory. Sponsored by the Independent Men's Association and the Interfraternity Council, the dance brought students, faculty and guests together for a wonderful night

The tradition began in 1912, a time when Wabash was developing its unique culture of brotherhood, academic rigor and tradition. The Homecoming Dance became a hallmark of that spirit, capping off the football game with an evening of dancing and excitement

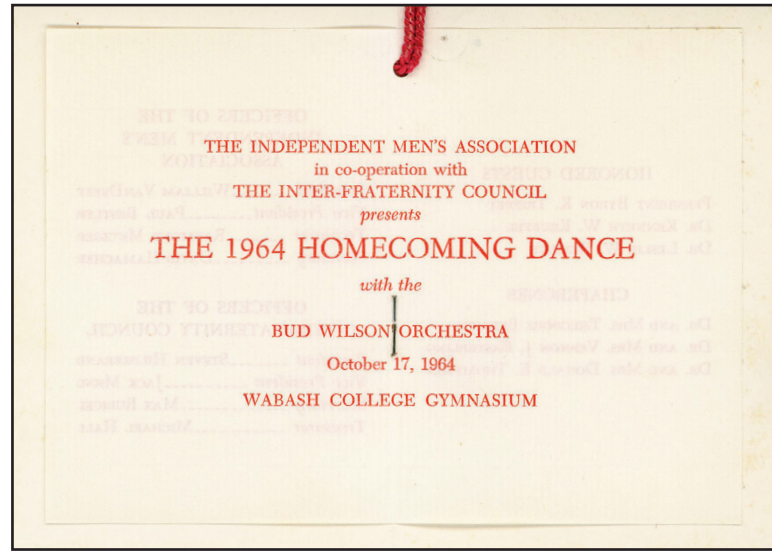
Held on the night of the game from 9:30 p.m. to midnight, the dance drew hundreds of students and their dates. Whether Wabash football had claimed a victory or not, the evening was one of celebration. Tickets were just \$3.00, making it affordable and widely attended.

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- Evan Shupe '27

The location varied from year to year. In some decades, the Sparks Center's Great Hall offered a formal setting. At other times, the college gymnasium was decorated to host the event. Occasionally, the Crawfordsville Armory served as a larger, off-campus venue capable of accommodating bigger crowds and live bands.

One of the more distinctive traditions of the Homecoming Dance was the use of dance cards. Students and guests would track who



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A booklet from the 1964 Homecoming Dance shows that the event was a collaboration between the Independent Men's Association and the Interfraternity Council.

they planned to dance with for each song, adding a formal, and sometimes strategic, element to the evening. These cards, many of which have been preserved in the Lilly Library Archives, offer a time capsule of campus life and dating customs from a different era.

But as the decades wore on, campus culture began to shift. By the 1970s, individual fraternities began hosting their own Homecoming weekend parties and social events. The once unifying dance began to see a drop in attendance, and gradually, it faded away without ceremony. The last official Homecoming Dance was held sometime in the late 1970s.

With so much of campus life today revolving around informal gatherings, game-day tailgates and fraternity-sponsored events, some students are asking whether it's time to revive a more centralized, inclusive tradition.

"I think it would be a really cool idea to bring it back," said Evan Shupe '27. "Homecoming is all about unity of a campus and I feel that a homecoming dance would be a great ending to a long homecoming week."

Opponents argue that the culture has changed too much for something like the Homecoming Dance to work today. With the majority of students in a fraternity and the presence of many alternative homecoming night festivities, a formal dance might struggle to attract a crowd.

"I think that since the fraternities already do their own thing for homecoming, it would be good to keep it that way as it would be too hard to revert back to the old way of doing it," said Zach Baty '29.

Still, the idea has sparked discussion. The Independent Men's Association, which co-sponsored the dance alongside the Interfraternity Council during its heyday, could potentially lead a revival, perhaps in collaboration with student government or alumni affairs.

Even if it remains a memory for now, the Wabash College Homecoming Dance left its mark on generations of students. From filled dance cards to midnight farewells, it offered an elegant pause in the rhythm of college life, a moment to celebrate school spirit, friendships and community.

Buck Waddell: Campus dad

PAUL HAWKSWORTH '28
STAFF WRITER

If there is one moniker that best describes Director of Safety and Security Eugene "Buck" Waddell, it is "campus dad." Now in his fourth year at Wabash, Waddell has taken his position by the reins and has become one of the most beloved staff members amongst the student body. Waddell cares for each student at Wabash as he would his own son, and he values that relationship with our student body.

"Young men are always looking for some type of guidance," said Waddell. "I think it's great that our student body trusts us — trusts me — to help them out in times of need. Whether it's having an issue with their cars or just a personal problem that they need to talk about, and I embrace that."

Like any good father figure, Waddell is not afraid to set expectations for students and enforce those expectations.

"All that our student body has asked for is guidelines, boundaries and accountability, and that's all that we have done as a team," said Waddell. "If you want to call it community po-

licing, go ahead, but we're not police officers. We just hold you guys to a standard."

The relationships Waddell has built with students during his time here has landed him as the recipient of this year's Butler-Turner Student-Alumni Engagement Award. The award is given by the National Association of Wabash Men to a Wabash faculty or staff member each year to recognize and honor significant investment of personal time and impact with students and alumni.

"I've not been in a place where someone in his role would be so involved and welcomed into students' lives," said Dean of Students Scott Brown. "I think that just says a lot because people know he's got a lot of integrity. I think people really know that he cares."

Waddell's investment in his community extends far beyond Wabash. Outside of Wabash, Waddell is a lover of military and firearm history. From collecting firearms and military uniforms from past American wars to participating in historical reenactments, Waddell is heavily connected to military history, and he often shares items from



PHOTO BY ELIJAH GREENE '25

Director of Safety and Security Eugene "Buck" Waddell sings with Wabash students at Ralph's Mother on April 12, 2025, on the lawn of Phi Kappa Psi.

his collections for history classes and Wabash's ROTC program.

Connected to Waddell's passion for history is his interest in nature. He volunteers in a civilian conservation effort to maintain nearby state parks. He and his wife spend time away from Wabash camping at various parks around the state.

"We're trying to hit every state park if we can," said Waddell. "Indiana has a lot of beautiful state parks that we like to go camping at. One of our favorites is Provincetown State Park. It's up on the Tippecanoe battlefield. Lots of history."

Last, but certainly not least, is Waddell's love for classic cars and Ford Mustangs in particular.

"I have owned eight [Mustangs] since my first one at age 16, up to the two I currently own, and all of them have been lime green," said Waddell.

When it comes to the Homecoming festivities and football game this weekend, Waddell

isn't worried about the students getting out of hand, and all of that comes back to trust and accountability.

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- Director of Safety and Security Eugene "Buck" Waddell

"We prepare really like any other game," said Waddell. "Our student body polices themselves. Our tailgate area is very civil, and that was one of the first things I said when Dean Brown and Athletic Director Jim Peeples came aboard. I told them, 'You need to go down to

our tailgate area. You are going to see a lot of good stuff.'"

Waddell has been working hard to provide the best Homecoming week experience for students. He's worked closely with Dean Brown and the Sphinx Club to make this week special.

"I think Buck is very thoughtful about how to help students have the kinds of experiences that they're hoping to have, and he's done a good job of helping me understand just how [Homecoming] week has gone," said Brown.

Waddell, in true dad fashion, has some advice for his 900 plus Wabash sons: be the best person you can be.

"Take the brotherhood, and I mean real brotherhood, aspect out of this and create lifelong friendships," said Waddell. "Take that social aspect and that love of each other with you and cultivate that relationship for the rest of your lives...Just take care of each other."



PHOTO BY WILL DUNCAN '27

Director of Safety and Security Eugene "Buck" Waddell (right) and his wife Beth Waddell (left) participate in the Wabash Mental Health Mile on September 18, 2025.

Pajamas parties and bonfires: Relics of the past



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Students stand atop the "scraps" gathered in preparation for the Homecoming Bonfire.

ALEX SCHMIDT '27
STAFF WRITER

As this year's Homecoming approaches, we need to reflect on our own history and traditions at Wabash College. Homecoming Week has retained a few traditions, even if they have been slightly altered. While many traditions such as building floats, making banners and chapel sing have become main stays, many Homecoming experiences have been lost to time. Two such experiences that were subsequently lost were the traditional bonfire and pajama parade.

The Homecoming bonfire tradition began in the 1920s, when the night before the Homecoming game against Purdue, a group of upper-classmen collectively took first-year students into town to collect wooden furniture or other objects that could be thrown into a large pile and set on fire right across the entrance of Little Giant Stadium. After this night, the college adopted the tradition, and every Homecoming, around three days before the game, the first-year students were required to go into

town to collect wood, pay a \$0.50 bonfire fee and organize the entire bonfire. They would then have to stand guard, and sophomores would try to fight past them to light the fire days before it was to be set.

The pajama parade was a subsequent result of the bonfire, in which, on the night the fire was to be lit, the first-year students were to gather, link arms and sing chants while parading around the fire. Then, afterward, they were to march into town and prepare for a pep rally at the courthouse in downtown Crawfordsville, to which they would try to rally the student body for the game that was to take place the following day.

This tradition underwent some changes over the years. The first modification to the tradition resulted in the placement of an outhouse on top of the bonfire pile. This tradition began around the late 1930s and remained prevalent until its very end. The outlawing of sophomores trying to rush past the freshman guarding the bonfire in the early 1950s was the second major modification. This was in reaction to instances in which

the sophomores broke through the freshman guarding the pile, leading to issues for the college. The Sphinx Club ultimately took over the organization of the event in the 1960s. The new arrangement by the Sphinx Club also helped resolve the issue of gathering materials for the bonfire, as first-year students were no longer held responsible for organizing everything on campus. The pajama parade was also kept alive by the Sphinx Club – however, it took a much quieter approach than before. In fact, the pajama party fizzled out in the early 1940s but was fortunately revived to its former glory around 1947.

But why this tradition no longer occurs is not entirely clear-cut. After 1991, there was no longer any mention of the bonfire or pajama parade. This could be due to a variety of rea-

sons, such as safety concerns, lack of participation in organizing the event or even lack of safety for students who were going into town and taking a bunch of old furniture and crates from alleyways. The one thing we do know is that it simply disappeared in the '90s, and the student body has yet to attempt to recreate or revive this tradition.

However, some students on campus continue to advocate for the reinstatement of this Homecoming tradition at Wabash. When asked why the school should revive this tradition, Ethan Gonzalez '26 provided detailed explanations on how it could enhance Homecoming week and bring an all-campus event to life.

"I think that we have a lot of great traditions on campus., but I feel that there are a few in which we can bring a fair amount of the campus to-

gether," said Gonzalez. "Something fun like the bonfire would bring a late night activity where people can come together and get their minds off of schoolwork or athletics for a while."

Gonzalez believes that the overall benefits that can come from hosting this event are ones that the college and its student body should strive to achieve.

As this Homecoming Week comes to a close, it is essential to reflect on and look back at Wabash College's beloved traditions, many of which have come and gone over the years. Through the fleeting years we cherish here, it is time to relish and remember the great honor of these traditions and celebrate the joy that is Homecoming week.

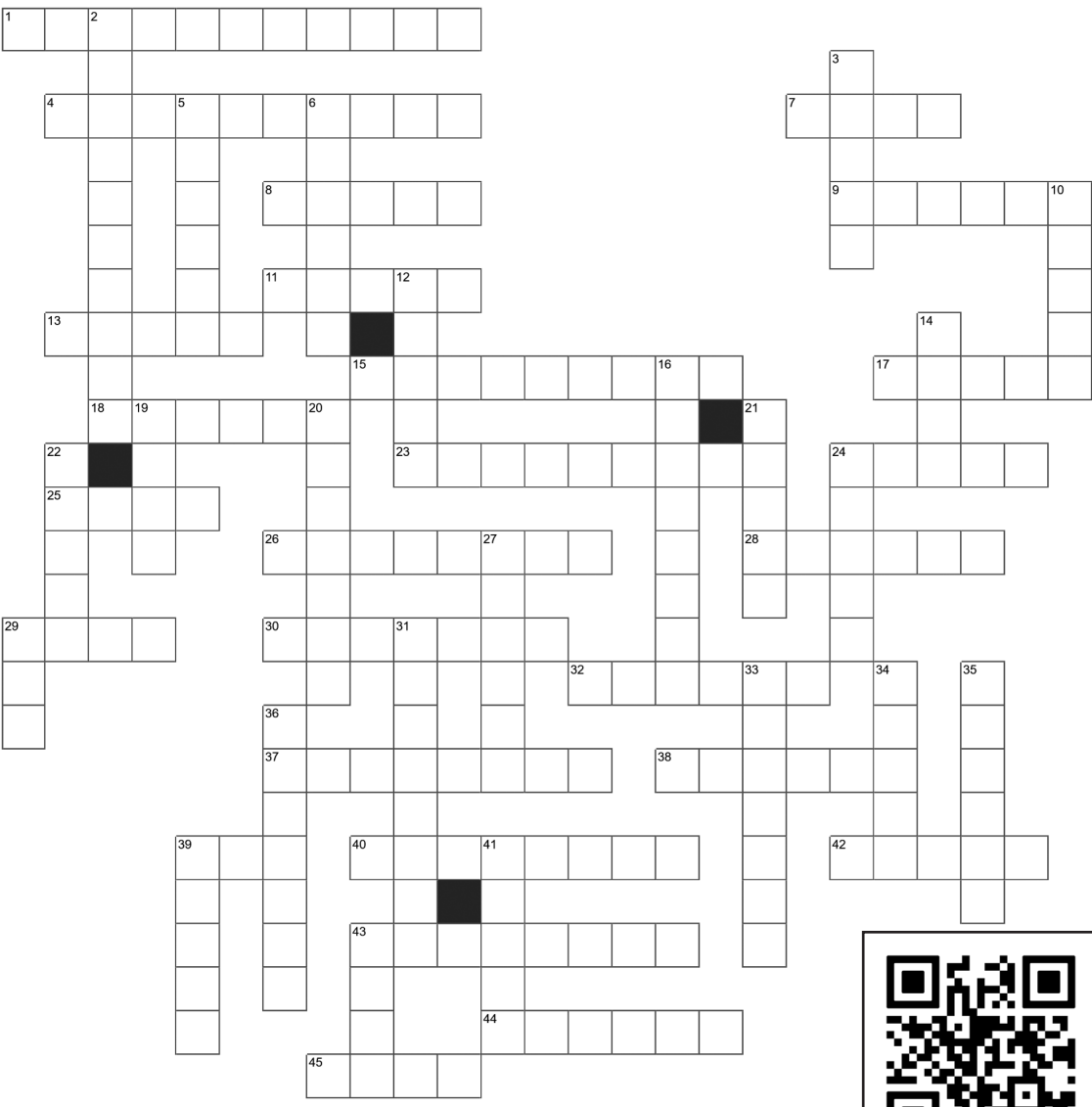


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Students in pajamas circle the flames of the Homecoming bonfire while singing chants.

'Homecoming'

Crossword by Tanner Quackenbush '26



Across

- 1. Celebratory events and activities
- 4. Midweek competition where students sing the school's fight song
- 7. Supporters of the school's team
- 8. Where the football game is played
- 9. School grounds where events take place
- 11. Hospital foundation receiving donations
- 13. Group of students, often competing
- 15. To mark with festivities
- 17. Activities for fun and competition
- 18. Painted cloth promoting school spirit, judged Wednesday
- 23. Long-standing custom of the school
- 24. To shout in support
- 25. Returning to one's alma mater
- 26. Day often featuring the main game
- 28. Award for winning a competition
- 29. Duration of homecoming festivities
- 30. Current attendee of the school
- 32. Shouts of encouragement for the team
- 37. Rival mocked in chants and floats
- 38. Former students welcomed back to campus
- 39. Energy and enthusiasm, as in a ____ rally
- 40. Break during the game for performances
- 42. Short for decorations
- 43. Lasting recollections of the week
- 44. Showcase of student abilities
- 45. Short for a former student

Down

- 2. Group that judges chants and wears pots on their heads
- 3. To walk in a parade formation
- 5. Awarded for first place in Dodgeball or Chants
- 6. Enthusiasm shown for the school
- 10. Short comedic performances, often by student groups
- 12. Planned activity during homecoming
- 14. Often a football match, central to the celebration
- 16. Pre-game party with food and drinks
- 19. ____ mater, the school one attended
- 20. Theme of Saturday's fundraising competition: Wabash ____
- 21. Sense of togetherness among participants
- 22. Unifying idea for decorations and events
- 24. What you might wear if representing your house during the charity drive
- 27. To give for a cause
- 29. To be victorious in a game or competition
- 31. To adorn with school colors and themes
- 33. Gathering of former students
- 34. Feeling of honor for one's school
- 35. Symbolic figure representing the school, Wally Wabash
- 36. To take part in a contest
- 39. Social gathering, like a block ____
- 41. Non-gothic parade creation, judged Saturday morning
- 43. Where Upperclassman Dodgeball is played on Friday evening



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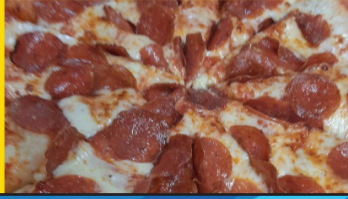
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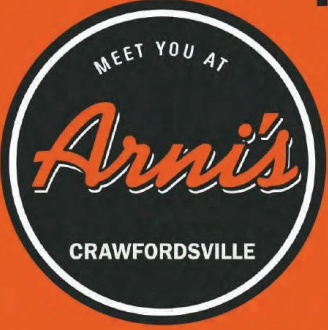
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Homecoming: Spirit, creativity and unity



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For countless years, Wabash has held in high regard the glorious tradition of Homecoming Week. Through hours of intense Chapel Sing practice, painstaking painting and creative manipulation of words for school spirit, Homecoming is the clear culmination of the first half of the Fall Semester. This timeless tradition is once again at our doorsteps, and it is our duty to make the most of it. Ultimately, homecoming can be broken down into three clear aspects which better campus life in general to make Wabash a place which we all love: spirit, creativity and unity.

The aspects of Homecoming which embrace the vibrant concept of spirit are rather clear. On Tuesday night, the first competition occurs when freshmen line up on the steps of Pioneer Chapel in the early evening to display their spirit through reciting chants to the tune of popular hits. This event serves to open the week and challenge underclassmen to provide spirit in a unique way. The ceremony opens with the singing of the national anthem by the Rhynes, reflecting the involvement of the Sphinx Club throughout the week. As the self proclaimed "tradition maintainers" and "spirit leaders" of campus, we in the Sphinx Club pride ourselves on helping the tradition of Homecoming continue along its natural course. The spirit continues on Thursday morning, with the quintessential Wabash event: Chapel Sing. The shouts of our prestigious fight song ring throughout campus in the late morning hours, and one house is crowned champions of Spirit.

Creativity can also be seen in bloom on campus, even as the flowers and leaves on trees recede into their fall dwellings. On Wednesday afternoon, banners of vivid hues are hung on each of the campus houses, serving as a visual reminder that the Wabash student body is next to none in their creative ability. These banners also reflect the general cam-

pus spirit of spite towards our enemies and love towards our allies, continually building anticipation of the impending contest on Saturday. On Saturday morning, creativity culminates as epic floats materialize in the front lawns of every house. The size stipulations testify to the intense history of this creative project, and although the floats are now a bit shorter, they are not limited in their creativity. A student can take a brisk walk around campus on Saturday morning in order to see the feats of his fellow Wabash men before settling down for some pregame festivities in Mud Hollow.

The final, and in my opinion most important aspect of Homecoming week, is unity. When most of the week is defined by competition, this virtue can seem like an unlikely result, but every student on campus can say that the combined weights of spirit and creativity throughout the week join to show all Wabash men that we are united in our contest with the Big Red on Saturday. United in house, united in spirit, and united in determination, Wabash men march towards victory as they take the field and the stands on Saturday.

As this issue of *The Bachelor* hits the mainstream, most of the events listed above will already be completed. Thus, you may ask, "what is the point of this article?" My intent is that readers may recenter themselves as the dust from the epic battles throughout the week settles. When we unite as one on Saturday, we are fighting for more than just a victory. We are fighting to justify a week filled with events that push Wabash men to their limits. Year after year the pressure of Homecoming week is clear, and Wabash underclassmen continue to form into diamonds under the stress. As you complete the week, reflect on the great accomplishments which you have made during each tradition. Prepare yourself for the upcoming battle, and gird your loins for the revelries that will follow our victory. We truly stand on the shoulders of giants, and Homecoming week invites us to participate in Wabash at its best before we march to victory on Saturday, filling us with sustenance as we progress forward to our clear goal.

Ding ding.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE

Lo-Five to Wilhelm Construction for busting the water line in the construction pit and flooding Morris and Wolcott. Just when you thought living there couldn't get any worse.

AND THE RHYNIES' RED GLARE...

Lo-Five to the Rhynes for fumbling the Star-Spangled Banner on the Chapel steps this Tuesday. They may be campus leaders-in-training, but maybe don't trust them to be choir leaders.

RE-"BOOT"ED

Hi-Five to the Indianapolis Colts for punting for the first time in 259 days. The last time a Colts punter made headlines this big, Pat McAfee scooted into the canal.

TOUGH PILL TO SWALLOW

Lo-Five to the Trump administration for claiming that pregnant woman cause autism by taking Tylenol. Just ignore the fact that your great-uncle that knows everything about trains predates the invention of Tylenol by ten years.

GOOGLE ME.

Hi-Five to the Indiana Hoosiers for blowing the #9 ranked Illini out of the water last Saturday. Despite IU's third consecutive blowout, SEC fanboys will still find a way to argue they don't belong in the playoffs.

Dueling opinions: Homecoming as a Freshman

A chance for growth



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Being a freshman and hearing the responsibilities that come with Homecoming is daunting; usually the only assurance you are given is your upperclassmen telling you that you'll cherish memories of working with your pledge brothers. I challenge Wabash men to talk about Homecoming in a deeper way than simply arguing that everyone should take part in it for the future nostalgia. It's always fun to hear ridiculous stories from alumni about their freshman homecoming, but is that really all we worked so passionately for?

Homecoming is more than just throwing away your time for some cool stories. Homecoming is meant to use fraternity competition to foster an environment where teamwork, bonding and commitment can soar. When we think about the value of a tradition like freshman competitions at Homecoming, really what we are thinking about is the value of our college education; clubs, organizations and traditions are parts of our education here at Wabash just as classes are. The value of Homecoming is up to how we view the education we want.

I came to Wabash certain that academics would be my sole focus. But I realized I came here for much more once pledgship started. Although I didn't fully intellectualize my pledgship and Homecoming experience as it was happening, I was enthralled with the challenge and fun these tasks gave me. TKE usually sucks at Homecoming and my year was no different. However, I didn't finish my Homecoming with a frown or regret. Instead, I slept for nine hours, proud of what my pledge class achieved. 14 knuckleheads with little artistic ability (besides Preston Parker '26 and Noah Shuptrine '26) put together a cool banner, average chants and a mediocre float. Our results won't blow your mind but in the TKE basement that week, I found that we could all work together joy-

ously despite our struggles. College is about the disciplines we love but education is a social process as well; learning to work and live together is essential to a meaningful experience at Wabash.

Of course I have a Homecoming story to share: the Wednesday night of my Homecoming week was my birthday, but banners were due soon. My pledge class and I surrounded our banner in the basement. We blasted music, ate bowls of cereal, laughed, joked and made use of our rudimentary painting skills. By the time midnight rolled around I had forgotten it was my birthday; I was lost in a trance of painting and talking with my brothers. But my pledge brothers didn't forget. They surrounded me, told me happy birthday and engaged in a playful TKE tradition for brothers' birthdays. After our celebration, we got back to work and resumed our conversations about freshman tutorials, the great Sig Chi chant from the night before (they just sang the fight song) and our lives.

I said before that Homecoming shouldn't be about stories we keep with us, and I believe that. Nostalgia and fun memories should not be the only reason we engage with Homecoming. But these stories often carry the true sentiment of Homecoming: when we realize we have the same goal, we collaborate effectively and grow closer. By the time this article runs, freshmen will be too tired to care about an opinion piece. They will be scrambling to finish their floats. Most of all, they will be looking forward to that post-football game, deep sleep. I don't blame you guys. But don't look back on this week thinking it was a waste. Really every week is like Homecoming; we're all just trying to work together to achieve our goals, while working through our differences and overcoming exhaustion. Sitting down in *The Bachelor* office surrounded by a team of editors and writers isn't different from those dank nights in TKE's basement. Planning activities for College Mentors for Kids with my exec team required the same teamwork. Late nights studying with brothers isn't different either. Again and again I utilize the skills I sharpened during Homecoming to find meaning. So freshman, you may not see the silver lining now, but Homecoming will be more than a story you tell: it will be an experience you grow and reflect on.

Too big of a burden?



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Exposure to and inclusion in Wabash's many traditions is an important piece of this institution's fabric, whether it be the painting of the senior bench or the nightly practices of the College's fight song. However, there is something to be said for such a rapid and intense introduction to Wabash's traditions, particularly as it relates to the success and health of our youngest members.

The freshmen pledged to each fraternity have their GPAs assessed separately from the GPA metrics of their entire house, and these results are distributed amongst the student body. The one to two-week period of homecoming preparation falls at the same time that the soft introduction to Wabash ends and academic responsibilities begin to intensify. Midterm dates and topics are announced, and keeping up with one's studies begins to demand more and more bandwidth.

"Is it our prerogative as a campus to give everyone the best possible chance to succeed and leave their mark on this place we call home?"

Freshmen are asked (or told) to dedicate hours of their evening to chants, practices, painting and construction of their homecoming floats. This is on top of any extracurricular responsibilities they may have in athletic teams, clubs or professional experience they may want or need to acquire. Those same hours are the ones their upperclassmen harp on them to devote to mastering calculus, chemistry or their first major essay.

Let no one think that I'm insinuating that we haven't worked hard to create a culture of support for these bright-eyed allegiants. Most do manage to remind the freshmen of their particular houses to put some more thought into their time management and organization, but how much can that really do given what we as a student body are putting on their plates?

Those early grades can set the trajectory for the rest of their college career. This is not only a matter of statistics, but also a matter of motivation. Burning out so early may very well send some into a negative feedback loop, where their initial poor performance causes less inherent drive to make an effort and lack of effort leads to further poor performance. Is it our prerogative as a campus to give everyone the best possible chance to succeed and leave their mark on this place we call home? It is certainly mine, and will continue to be so for as long as I am a student here and in the years beyond.

The solution is not to abandon our traditions, but to pace them. Let us give them the experiences we had, the brotherhood, the bonding and the nights staying up a little too late without the potentially catastrophic effects those experiences can have on their academic and mental health. A sense of belonging indeed is less likely to diminish if built more steadily. We can mold our freshmen into Wabash men the same way we would mold anything else we care about, with deliberate focus and patience.

Talk amongst yourselves and to your freshmen about what they would like their introduction to this place of learning and growth to look like. Wabash prides itself on producing men who think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively and live humanely. None of these qualities require running freshmen into the ground before October. Our traditions will still shine if they adapt, and our community will be stronger if we show that caring for the well-being of our youngest members is itself a tradition worth upholding.

The “W” does not define you



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“You’re not a real Wabash man if you don’t get your ‘W.’” This quote has become all too familiar for me. GDI’s are not mandated to get their “W” in Chapel Sing, but the opportunity is offered to those who feel up to the task. I have never taken on that challenge, and I am almost happy that I have not. As someone who does not have their “W,” I am speaking to all of my fellow brothers who don’t have it when I say that the scarlet spray-painted “W” does not define you as a Wabash man.

Coming into my freshman year, I learned about Chapel Sing through my roommates as well as my brothers in Freshman Tutorial who had to do nightly practices. After hearing what the practices were like and seeing them for myself, I began to realize that I appreciated not losing my voice and not being screamed at and belittled by upperclassmen. Of course, others see Chapel Sing as a “rite of passage,” and that’s where the ultimatum I quoted comes from. Let’s first define a Wabash man, though.

Wabash men are leaders. Wabash men are involved in their communities. Wabash men are respectful (just maybe not to Dannies). But most importantly, Wabash men follow the Gentleman’s Rule. None of those things involve getting a “W” on your chest during Homecoming week.

Your Wabash experience does not come down to a single Thursday in late September. My golf coach, Justin Kopp ’21, told me during my freshman year that “What you get out of Wabash is what you put into it.” You build your experience while you’re here. The friend groups you create, the fraternity you join, the clubs you’re a part of, the sports you play and any other things you get involved in are things that shape your four years here.

When I got on campus as a freshman, there were a lot of things that I wanted to direct my energy and focus towards. I wanted to make sure that I put effort into my school

work to earn good grades. I wanted to be in the line-up for the golf team. I wanted to be on the sports broadcasting team for the Wabash College Video Network. On top of this, I was trying to adjust to the way of life of college as a freshman, and it does take some time to get acclimated. All of these things took a lot of my attention during my first year here, and I simply didn’t have time to take part in Chapel Sing.

Since then, I have become more active on campus, so my free time is even more limited compared to what it was my freshman year. But I will say that even though I didn’t spend hours upon hours in August and September screaming the song at the top of my lungs, I still learned most of the fight song from hearing it so much around campus, at Chapel on Thursdays and at athletic events.

Learning the fight song is showing pride in the college we so graciously

call home. But everyone’s sense of pride for Wabash comes in different ways. My pride comes from representing the school on the golf course, managing the basketball team, being a sports broadcaster for Wabash football, basketball and volleyball games, being the sports editor for The Bachelor and acting in theater productions.

I want to clarify that I do love Wabash and its

traditions. I find Chapel Sing to be a fantastic event that brings a massive sense of pride to campus, and I also think it’s fun to see a sense of competition between the fraternities and GDI’s. But I just want my brothers who don’t have their “W” to feel pressured into getting it. Show your Wabash pride in your own unique way.



PHOTO BY ELIJAH GREENE '25

Bennett Strain '26 and Matthew Lepper '25 spray paint a “W” on September 12, 2024, on The Mall.

Wally’s Wall: Homecoming Predictions?

Lucas Barrett '29

I think Ayden Salpietra will have a phenomenal game against Denison this Saturday. I believe Sal will help the defense hold down Denison’s offense, he will keep the secondary in charge, and if there was a line on his interceptions, I would take his over. Sal is going to be all over the field, including on special teams, where he will make plays that will alter the game!

Harrison Waiman '26

Brody Rucker will open a can of whoop-ass on big dead this weekend and dream of the upcoming weekend.

Owen Vermeulen '28

Wabash wins 49-14!

Michael Cruzado '27

My prediction for the top player of the game is Xavier Tyler. I believe that he will absolutely obliterate Denison’s defense and have 160+ rushing yards and 3 TDS.

Benedict Grill '26

Beta by a million. Hossep up front. Give Wabash the win

Rene Ibarra-Luja '29

Phi Delt to win Chapel Sing

Matthew Skinner '29

TKE WINS THIS YEAR

Nicholas Green '27

Jax Bower is taking names on Saturday. He’s been putting the work on all season, and he’s going to put all that into effect against Denison on Saturday. Can’t stop, won’t stop.

John Schnerre '26

Give me Xavier Tyler for 100 yards and 2 TDs.

Rhys Cadigan '27

I only hope that Denison eats it on Saturday

‘When Freshmen Get Their W’s’

by Drake Green '28

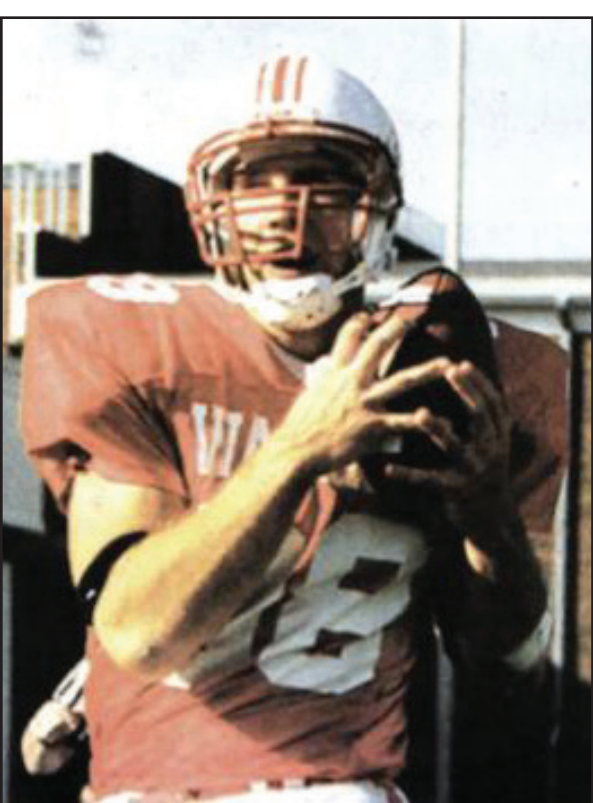


Wishing Wally a happy (official) 25th birthday

25 years ago, Wally Wabash became the official school mascot during Wabash’s first Homecoming game in the NCAC, arriving at Little Giant Stadium in a red convertible. The Little Giants shutout the Yeomen 34–0.

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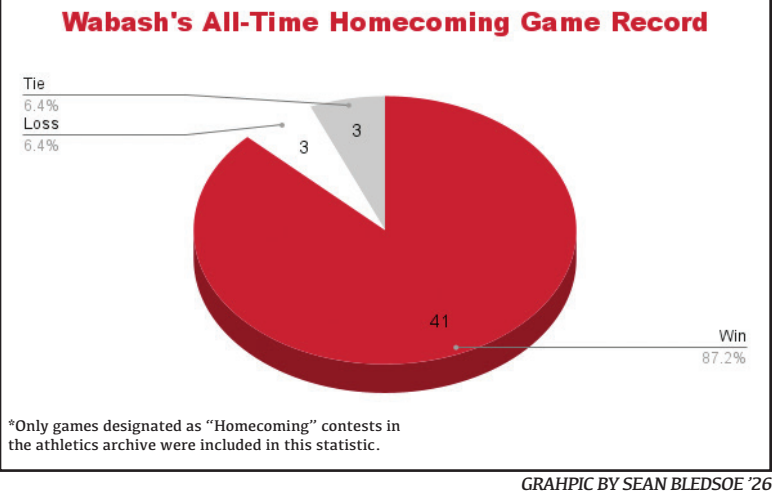
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(top-left, clockwise) Ryan Short '03 catches one of his two touchdown passes. A Wabash player attempts to shed a tackle against a Yeoman defender. BJ Hammer '01 looks on as his brother, Blair Hammer '04, sacks the Yeoman quarterback. A Wabash player turns the corner to avoid a tackle from a Yeoman defender.

PHOTOS BY TODD VOGEL '04

Ten Homecoming football fun facts



SEAN BLEDSOE '26
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As I was scrolling through the athletics archive to find past Homecoming results, I stumbled across some very interesting results and fun facts. Here are some of my favorites:

1. Wabash has an all-time Homecoming game record of 41–3–3.
2. The teams that Wabash lost to for Homecoming games are Bradley (0–14 in 1926), Anderson (21–29 in 1995) and Denison (42–45 in 2022).
3. The teams that Wabash tied with for Homecoming games are

Denison (0–0 in 1931), Oberlin (7–7 in 1947) and Knox (14–14).

4. Wabash has shut out its Homecoming opponent a total of 15 times.
5. Wabash has played DePauw for the Homecoming game five times (1923, 1925, 1927, 1929 and 1946), but only one of the games was played for the coveted Monon Bell (the 1946 game) because the trophy was first introduced to the rivalry in 1932.
6. The first Homecoming game was originally titled "Old Wabash Reunion," and it was played in 1912. Wabash beat Earlham 7–0.

7. Wabash has only played one nationally ranked opponent for Homecoming, and it was back in 2003 when Wittenberg was the No. 10 team in the country. Wabash won the game 41–14. WAF!
8. The two teams Wabash has played the most for Homecoming are Allegheny and DePauw. The Little Giants have played them both five times.
9. Wabash's longest Homecoming game win streak was 25 games (1996–2021), and it was snapped by Denison in 2022.
10. Wabash didn't score one year. COVID-19 – Wabash-0.

Rugby cruises to 3–0, Golf slips in second round and more

This week in sports

TONI GRANDINETTI '28
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Rugby
The rugby team improved to 3–0 this past weekend thanks to their win on September 20 in a match against Indiana University–Indianapolis. The Little Giants beat the Jaguars with a final score of 29–5. The team was led in scoring by Ashton Jonas '27, who managed to punch in two tries. Other scorers included transfer John Rushenberg '27, Ben Grill '26 and Isaac Reilly '26. The rugby team heads to IU Bloomington on October 4 to take on the Hoosiers in a 15s match.

Golf
The golf team travelled to Cleveland, Ohio, to participate in the Donald Ross Invitational hosted by John Carroll University. The Little Giants placed 4th as a team. Sean Bledsoe '26 finished T-2nd with a score of 146 (+3). His teammate Leo Dellinger '29 also finished in the top-ten with a score of 148 (+5), finishing T-6th. The golf team hosts the Wabash College Invitational at Broadmoor Country Club in Indianapolis on October 6 and 7.

Cross Country
The Redpack finished 7th out of 24 teams in the Gil Dodds Invitational hosted by Wheaton College on September 20. The top performers were Tyler Kerzee '29 with a personal-best time

of 26:54.40, which placed him 32nd overall. Johnathan Loney '28 followed closely behind in 41st place, clocking a personal-best time of 27:07.70. Finally, Samuel Carpenter '29 ran a time of 27:12.00 to take 44th overall. The Redpack will compete in the Louisville Sports Commission Cross Country Classic in Louisville, KY on October 4.

Soccer
The soccer team traveled to Hanover College on September 19 and fell 1–2 in a tight match. Two days later, the Little Giants ventured to Bluffton University where they took a substantial 1–5 loss. This put the losing streak at four games, but Wabash broke through on September 24 at Fischer Field where they beat Adrian College 2–1. The team heads to Bloomington, Illinois on September 27 to battle Illinois Wesleyan University.

Tennis
The tennis team traveled to Rose Hulman Institute of Technology, where the contest came to an abrupt end due to the rain. The Little Giants swept the doubles portion of the competition, and they were trending to win every singles match until the bad weather ultimately ended the contest. Two Little Giant tennis players will compete at the ITA Fall Central Region Tournament at Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, Michigan from September 26–29.

“Forever more as in days of yore
Their deeds be noble and grand.”



Congratulations to NAWM Honorees
Eugene Anderson '83, Jay Allen '79, Tom Bridge '74, Steve Cougill '64, Cheryl Everett H'25, Jake German '11, Phil Kenney H'24, Chuck Killion '87, Clyde Morgan H'11, Mike Myers '11, Alejandro Reyna '17, Buck Waddell, and Jack Wyatt '58

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Homecoming on the horizon after Little Giants stomp all over Scots 34-7

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Coming out of the break, it only took the Wabash offense three plays to find the endzone for the third time. This time, it was Xavier Tyler '26 who broke out for a monstrous 70-yard run to put the scarlet and red up 21-0.

Wooster would go on to score a touchdown at the 10:07 mark in the third quarter, but it would not be enough as Wabash would go on to score an additional ten points in the third quarter as well as another three points in the fourth quarter to seal the deal.

Campbell finished the day going 11/17 in the air for 224 yards and two touchdowns, but the story of the day was Tyler, who rushed the ball 14 times for 127 yards and a touchdown. His performance was good enough to earn him NCAC Football Offensive Athlete of the Week honors.

"I think when it comes to running the ball as a team, it's an attitude thing," said Tyler. "Good teams can run the ball and be physical at the line of scrimmage, and I think as a team we decided to make that choice this past week. From there it starts with

the offensive line, and they put their best foot forward this week, which contributed to our dominant run game this week."

"We're coming out seeking blood and looking to dominate our opponent from start to finish. Thinking back to that game, we don't even want to find ourselves in that situation, so we're looking to get after them early and often."

- Xavier Tyler '26

Head Football Coach Jake Gilbert '98 praised Tyler's performance.

"He had an enormous breakaway touchdown but had several runs where he spun or cut to earn a few extra yards," said Gilbert. "I thought he was dynamic. Xavier is always a threat to break one."

One of the missions of the Little Giant squad has been to limit the number of penalties to ensure that momentum stays on Wabash's

side. In Saturday's game, the team only had one penalty for five yards, and it left Gilbert extremely impressed and proud of his team's discipline.

"I think this is a big improvement," said Gilbert. "We still made a few mistakes, but overall we have played with a lot more discipline. We work hard to not beat ourselves. One penalty in 60 minutes is excellent."

Looking forward to this weekend, the Little Giants will host the Denison Big Red in this year's Homecoming game. Denison has been a formidable opponent in the last six years as the two teams have split the series 3-3. The last time Wabash hosted Denison for Homecoming was in 2022, where the Big Red emerged victorious 45-42 thanks to a last-second touchdown. The game left a bitter taste in the mouths of Wabash faithful, and Tyler is determined to not let it happen again.

"We're coming out seeking blood and looking to dominate our opponent from start to finish," said Tyler. "Thinking back to that game, we don't even want to find ourselves in that situation, so we're looking to get after them early and

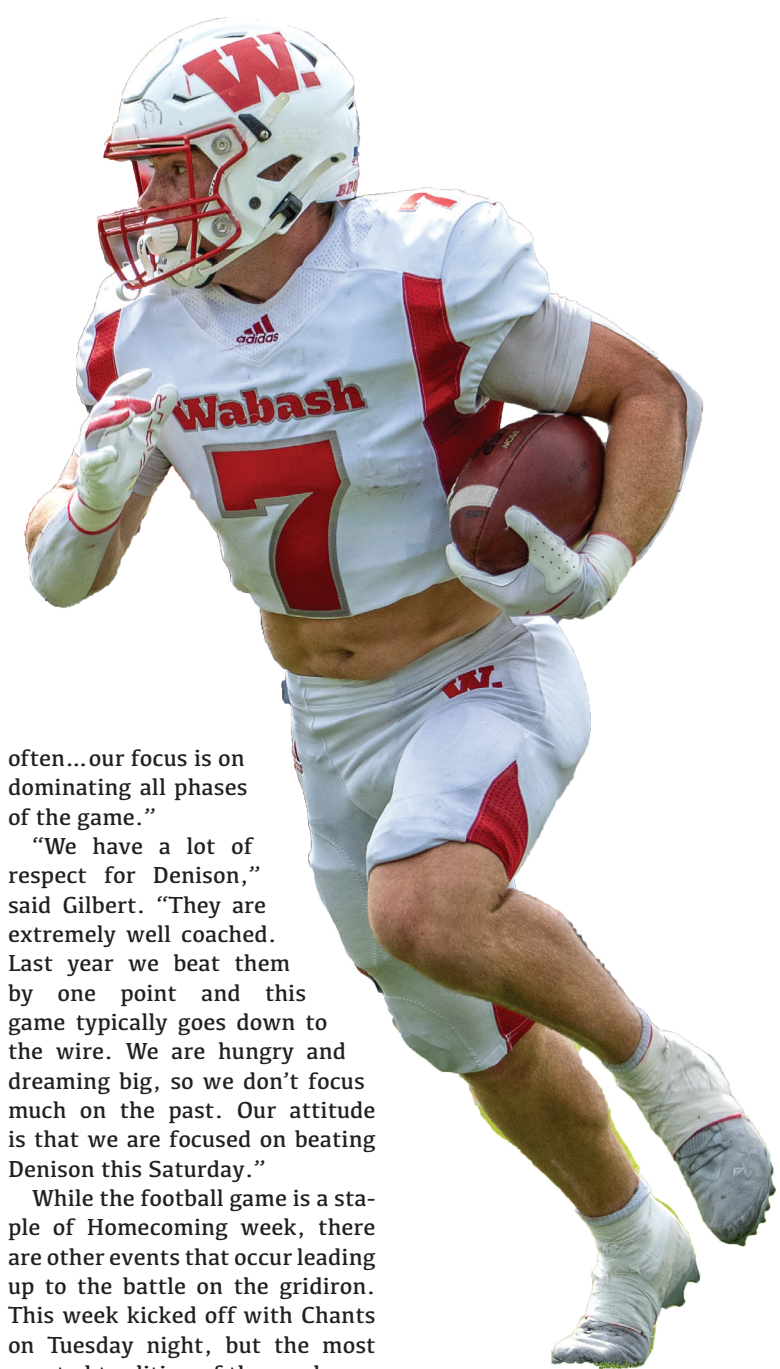


PHOTO BY BRAIDEN FOSTER '26

often...our focus is on dominating all phases of the game."

"We have a lot of respect for Denison," said Gilbert. "They are extremely well coached. Last year we beat them by one point and this game typically goes down to the wire. We are hungry and dreaming big, so we don't focus much on the past. Our attitude is that we are focused on beating Denison this Saturday."

While the football game is a staple of Homecoming week, there are other events that occur leading up to the battle on the gridiron. This week kicked off with Chants on Tuesday night, but the most coveted tradition of the week was Chapel Sing on Thursday. For both Gilbert and Tyler, Chapel Sing is what they remember most fondly.

"I don't remember much about the games honestly," said Gilbert. "I just remember doing Chapel Sing and other things about the week."

"I think one thing that will always feel nostalgic about Homecoming is Chapel Sing," said Tyler. "It's always a good time to see the younger guys really buy into that campus tradition. I remember my freshman year when I participated and was given my 'W' by the same guys who bid me into Delt. It was just a really cool full circle moment for myself and my Wabash experience."



PHOTO BY BRAIDEN FOSTER '26

Sam Ringer '28 sacks the Wooster quarterback, Michael Boyle, and forces a fumble during Wabash's game against Wooster on September 20, 2025, in Papp Stadium at the College of Wooster.

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

SEAN BLEDSOE '26
SPORTS EDITOR

Week Three saw some confusing games to say the least. I know things all boil down to wins and losses, but the final scores of some of these games are interesting. But without further ado, let's see how these NCAC teams stack up against one another after the first week of conference games.

#1 DePauw (3 – 0)

You Dannies are a little perplexing. I understand that you guys played Kenyon, but like, why didn't you beat them by 50 points?

35-14 was not the outcome I expected. I used my professional investigative journalism skills, and I noticed that you played all of your starters on offense and a mix of some of your starters and some of your second string guys on defense. Not sure if you children from down south struggled or if Kenyon played well, but either way, you improved to 3-0. So you Tigers stay in my top spot, but I'm keeping an eye on you. You haven't fully convinced me that you guys are as dominating as your No. 14 D3football.com rank suggests. Have fun tomorrow with the other Tiger team in the conference. I hope they claw your eyes out so you turn the ball over ten times.

#2 John Carroll (2 – 1)

You didn't score 80 points. How utterly embarrassing for your football program. I mean seriously. How do you expect to compete for a conference championship if you can't score at least 80 points against Oberlin? Your No. 21 D3football.com rank is up in the air in my eyes. Anyways, I want to thank Mr. Beau Barrett '98 for responding to my question from last week (he was the only one) asking about what a Blue Streak is. After reading through the resource Beau sent me, I feel slightly more

educated, but I am also still slightly confused. The only thing the John Carroll website says is that a gentleman by the name of Raymond Gibbons said, "They're tearing around like a blue streak," at football practice one day in 1924 and that the name stuck. There is still no description of what a Blue Streak actually is on the website. We can't use the name of something in its definition! That's a circular definition, which is a logical fallacy! Anyways...sorry, I'm off my soap box. You guys travel to Kenyon this week. Have fun, Streaks that are blue.

#3 Wabash (3 – 0)

This football team traveled to the prison where *Shawshank Redemption* was filmed, and they came out of jail with some murderous ideas as they slaughtered the "Fighting" Scots on their home turf. Brand Campbell '27 decided to take a light day by only attempting 17 passes, but he still threw for 224 yards and two touchdowns. It was Xavier Tyler '26 who had the big day with 127 yards of rushing and a touchdown. I don't know what else to say other than that the Little Giants

looked like they were in full control. They do face their first true conference test tomorrow against the Denison Big Red. The last six games played between these two teams have been split 3-3. The last time Wabash hosted Denison for Homecoming was in 2022, and the result left a very bitter taste in the Little Giant's mouth, so I expect a certain tone to be set.

#4 Denison (1 – 1)

You guys did nothing this week. No game = none of Sean's attention. Good luck against the Little Giants tomorrow. You'll need it.

#5 Wittenberg (2 – 1)

"You have a chance this weekend to beat OWU, so don't blow it," said Sean Bledsoe '26 last week in The Bledsoe '26 Breakdown. Sean Bledsoe is eating (more like choking on) his own words. Not a single ounce of remorse for the Bishops. I didn't realize I pissed you guys off that much, but you have my attention now. I know you may be thinking that you guys deserve that fourth place spot because you scored 55 points, but here's my answer: absolutely not. Denison is still bet-

ter than you. But again, you can sack up and prove me wrong. You have a massive opportunity tomorrow, and I will say I am oddly rooting for you guys because you play that wretched clown school from Greencastle. Just do the same thing you did against OWU, and you guys should be fine. But like, only play well this weekend please. After DePauw, you can fall off the face of the earth. Sound good?

#6 Ohio Wesleyan (1 – 2)

Y'all are frauds! Plain and simple.

#7 Wooster (1 – 2)

How does that blowstick that's stuck in your throat feel? In all honesty, it could have been a lot worse, but Head Football Coach Jake Gilbert '98 is a nice guy. If I had it my way, I would've kept pushing until we scored 60 points and you waved the white flag on your flagpole while begging for mercy. I'm sorry, I digress. You Scots were expected to lose, and you did. So it's not that bad at the end of the day, I guess. On the bright side, you practically get a bye week since you are playing Oberlin. I know you have a lot of built-up anger under those kilts after this past weekend, but don't let it all out against the Yeoman. Oberlin needs to field at least 11 players for the rest of the season.

#8 Kenyon (0 – 3)

I am honestly shocked by your guys' performance this past weekend. You scored two touchdowns against a defense that was one of the best in the country last year. Kudos to you Owls. If Wooster was 0-3, there is a chance I would've moved you annoying birds up to the seventh spot, but that's not the case, so stay put on your eighth place perch right above Oberlin... good birds! Have fun against the new conference foe tomorrow.

#9 Oberlin (0 – 3)

Did your three-headed monster show up on defense? I don't think they did because...oh wait! You held the Blue Streaks to under 70 points, so yes the monster came to play! So happy for you guys. Next time, I do recommend putting points on the board. That is the next step to winning games. I am not a genius, but a defensive game plan holding your opponents to 63 points isn't going to cut it every time.

