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NBA gambling scandal highlights the need for caution

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PHOTO EDITOR

Sports fans all across the globe had their worlds shaken as the National Basketball Association hit the headlines for alleged illicit gambling. On Thursday, October 23, Terry Rozier – active guard for the Miami Heat – and Chauncey Billups – head coach of the Portland Trailblazers – were both arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Deniro Laster, Eric Earnest, Shane Hennen and Marves Fairley, all close colleagues of Rozier, were arrested due to their connection in gambling with illegal information provided by Rozier.

A day later, former NBA player and 11-year veteran Damon Jones was also arrested by the FBI. These arrests came from a multi-year investigation held by both the NBA and the FBI respectively, which had already led to the banning of former NBA player Jontay Porter.

Porter was given a lifetime ban from the NBA on April 17, 2024, for sports gambling on his own team's games and on his own personal statistics. Porter now faces a maximum prison sentence of 20 years after pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud for his role in a gambling scheme back in December.

At the time, Porter was one of the first players ever to be entirely banned by the NBA for illegally gambling, however, he may not be the last.

Rozier, a former first-round pick out of the University of Louisville in 2016, had already been under investigation by the NBA for illegal gambling.

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Condon '26 crowned Moot Court victor



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Tobey Condon '26 speaks during the 32nd Annual Moot Court finals on October 29, 2025, in Salter Hall. Condon won the 'Top Advocate' award.

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Every year, the field at Moot Court gets more and more competitive. Emerging victorious from the rhetorical ashes was Tobey Condon '26, winning Top Advocate in his second appearance in the final round.

On Wednesday, October 29 in Salter Hall, four dedicated students competed in the 32nd annual Moot Court finals. This year's question centered around if the President could deport individuals without a hearing if he claims they are "invading" gang members. Moot Court, by design, simulates the process of appealing a case to the Supreme Court, and many cases for competition at Wabash are based on contemporary issues that face the Court in the modern day. Moot Court is a staple of law schools around the nation but few institutions offer Moot Court opportunities for undergraduates.

This year's competitors were Wade Wisler '27, Nick Kessler '27, Chris Runyon '26 and Condon, who ran through the three-round gauntlet starting on Saturday, October 25. While Condon won the Top Advocate award and Runyon won the Floyd Artful Advocate Award, it was hard to predict who would walk away with a victory.

"This was one of the hardest fought final rounds I've ever seen," said Professor of Political Science Scott Himsel '85. "Every one of the competitors did a great job. No one lost his way. To the contrary, they all argued their position so well that we were all in great suspense about who the winner would be."

Condon was both exhilarated and grateful to achieve such a contested goal.

"It's always such a privilege, especially at Wabash, to talk about these issues, to have such

qualified panel members come and discuss these issues," said Condon. "This has been a long process to get here. I've been to the final round before, but it's just a product of the people around me: my faith, my friends and all the people that have helped me to get to this point, to say nothing of the professors who have shaped this experience."

Moot Court is a great opportunity for Wabash students interested in both the law and oral communication to hone their skills and explore how these skills might prepare them for their career, legal or otherwise.

"[Condon] is just an outstanding oral advocate," said Himsel. "He was that way as a student in PSC-313, he was that way when he made the finals last year. Tobey is just built to do this type of work."

Funds obligation: Critical USDA loan obtained by College

Government shutdown has slowed next steps of Community Center

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In a critical development, Wabash recently reached the "funds obligated" stage of the USDA Rural Development's loan process. This milestone marks an important moment for the financial future of the College and represents one of the critical steps of the construction of the Community Center.

"We've achieved what's called 'funds obligation,'" said Wabash President Scott Feller. "It doesn't necessarily mean the money's in our bank account, but it does mean that they intend to loan us what we asked for."

"It's sometimes a blessing when something that may seem like an obstacle allows you to get more of the pieces together."

- Wabash Chief Financial Office Kendra Cooks

But why is this milestone important? The loan that the College has applied for gives Wabash the opportunity to both finance the construction of the Community Center and refinance existing debt – all the way up to the tune of just shy of \$68.5 million. This means that the College will only have to make payments on one loan at one rate moving forward.

The loan through USDA Rural Development offers adjustable rates, but with a ceiling rate of 4.875% set by the USDA, which Wabash Chief Financial Officer Kendra Cooks reacted to with hesitation.

"[The rate] is not optimal from our perspective," said Cooks. "It's the highest it has been during the two years we've been following this program... But we know the worst case."

However, while the interest rate on the loan is higher than expected – given the extremely low rates preceding this year – the loan is still a financial win for the College.

"We have two different loan debt series," said Cooks. "Both of these series have really, really low [rates]. However our period was short – 15 to 20 years – so we were paying a lot of principal back."

The new loan extends the time horizon of the debt the college owes to 40 years – lowering principal payments and making debt obligations more manageable as the college looks to double its existing \$32 million in debt with the construction of the Community Center.

"We've achieved what's called 'funds obligation.'"

- Wabash President Scott Feller

"We weren't necessarily looking at how we minimize the cost of debt," said Cooks. "We were looking at strategies to help reduce our annual debt service."

However, with the new loan being adjustable rate, the College will still need to figure out the financial modeling for the College moving forward.

"Having this worked out with the USDA allows us to figure out what the worst case scenario is," said Feller. "The bottom line is, we think that even under this rate we can manage this debt without adding to the burden of the operating budget."

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Mali under siege, military coup in Madagascar, Hurricane Melissa shakes Jamaica

News around the world

PHILIP HARVEY '29
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Mali under siege by Jihadi militants

Jihadi militants linked with al-Qaeda have imposed a blockade of fuel imports to Mali and have been doing so since September.

The Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin or JNIM, the group responsible for the blockade, has also prevented other essential imports like food and medicine as a consequence of their siege.

In a recent development, the Education Ministry has forced the shutdown of all schools and universities to preserve petrol and diesel. Furthermore, there have been human rights abuses in the form of price gouging on essentials like food and medicine by scammers.



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The siege of Mali has led to backups at gas stations as fuel runs low.

Hurricane Melissa strikes Jamaica en route to Cuba

Hurricane Melissa made landfall in Jamaica on October 28 and is expected to hit Cuba soon.

The storm is a Category 5 hurricane with wind speeds of up to 185 mph, making it the strongest hurricane to hit Jamaica since record-keeping began.

The hurricane has caused massive damage through flooding,

landslides and wind damage. Southern areas of Jamaica – including Black River, Hanover, Westmoreland, Saint James and Saint Elizabeth – have been hit the hardest.

The storm strengthened to a Category 5 in a short span of time before striking Jamaica as a result of warm ocean conditions.

Military coup in Madagascar

On October 12, an elite military unit within Madagascar's armed forces called Corps d'administration des personnels et des services administratifs et techniques (CAPSAT) overthrew President Andry Rajoelina. This comes after weeks of student-led protests driven primarily by chronic power and water shortages as well as political corruption.

The protests began in September, and quickly escalated as the military joined the demonstrators. The protests were almost entirely civil. Apart from the "Gen Z Madagascar" movement, they capitalized on the civil unrest caused by military crackdowns in order to increase momentum.

While a new chapter is promised for Madagascar, it's questionable whether the new government will become a democratic one. Ironically, the CAPSAT was consequential in bringing about the former government back in 2009.

CAPSAT seized the capital Antananarivo, and Rajoelina fled. The national assembly voted to impeach him.

Colonel Michael Randrianirina, commander of CAPSAT, was inaugurated as interim president on October 17. The United Nations have condemned the takeover as unlawful, and Madagascar has been suspended from the African Union.

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CAPSAT soldiers aim machine guns on October 14, 2025, in Antananarivo, Madagascar.

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The five hours it spent over land weakened it to a Category 4, and it has since dropped to a Category 3 before reaching Cuba.

Still, Cuba has ordered the evacuation of 900,000 people from eastern provinces, and the U.S. government has ordered personnel in the area to shelter at Guantánamo Bay.

The full extent of the damage to Jamaica has yet to be fully assessed, and reports during and after the storm have been sporadic.

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"Rozier allegedly informed the defendants and others of confidential information relating to upcoming NBA games and player performances, such as pre-release medical information and a player's intention to alter their upcoming game performance, which favored certain bettors within their inner social circle," said FBI Assistant Director in Charge Christopher G. Raia.

basketball games. The poker games in which Billups participated are said to have ties to the Mafia. Billups, a former NBA all-star, champion and 2024 Hall-of-fame inductee was hired by Portland in June of 2021, after serving as an assistant coach for multiple different NBA teams. Billups' role in gambling is a little less clear, as his actions have no connections to sports gambling, but rather illegal, rigged poker games with ties to major crime groups.

The fallout for both



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Chauncey Billups walking out of the Mark O Hatfield United States Courthouse after his arraignment on October 23, 2025, in Portland, Oregon.

The United States Attorney's Office provided many specific examples of Rozier's illegal activity including that Rozier tipped off his long-time friend Lester that he planned to leave the game early due to a fabricated injury. Lester then told Fairley and Hennen, who all planned to bet the under on all of Rozier's stats. Rozier went on to only play nine minutes in that game before exiting with alleged ankle pain. More than \$200,000 was placed on the bets between the three men, with most bets hitting, generating "tens of thousands of dollars." Rozier then met up with the group that night and split the profit.

Billups' attorney released a statement denying Billups' alleged role in rigged underground poker games and emphasized that Billups "never" gambled on bas-

Rozier and Billups was immediate. The Miami Heat and Portland Trail Blazers placed their respective men on immediate leave without pay as the investigation continues.

"As alleged, the defendants turned professional basketball into a criminal betting operation, using private locker rooms and medical information to enrich themselves and cheat legitimate sportsbooks," stated United States Attorney Joseph Nocella Jr. "This was a sophisticated conspiracy involving athletes, coaches and intermediaries who exploited confidential information for profit."

"I think it's wild to think that players and insiders might actually be involved in throwing games more than we realize," said Marshall Johnston '29. "This could shake up the entire league if the details are as

serious as they're alleged." As the NCAA just passed a law allowing collegiate athletes to gamble on professional sports, it becomes extremely important that college athletes on and off Wabash's campus understand the severity and life-altering effects gambling can have. With these scandals coming only a week before the NCAA's motion is set to pass, the rate in which gambling is taking over the sports industry is rapid. The NCAA's motion is set to be put in effect on November 1, 2025, for Divisions I and II. Division III athletes will be able to gamble on November 22, 2025.

"I think the current state of sports gambling is in an unprecedented spot" said Jacob Hughes '28. "With the NCAA soon allowing athletes to gamble, it's only a matter of time until the professional leagues will have to put their foot down. The NBA will have to be the one to set the standard for the rest of the [professional] leagues."

With both the NCAA's new law along with the recent NBA scandal, it's vitally important that not only Wabash athletes reflect on the dangers of sports gambling, but that everyone realizes how it could affect their lives.

"In the 2025 ICSUS survey at Wabash, 22.3% of students reported participating in sports betting compared to the state average being just 8.2%" said Andrew Weeks '27. "Wabash students should approach sports gambling with a critical lens."

Weeks works hand-in-hand with Wabash's mental health committee, which pushes the importance of balance with sports gambling in young men.

Wabash men need to approach the decision on whether to gamble or not just like they approach every decision; by thinking critically and acting responsibly.

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With the loan process nearly complete and the funds guaranteed, the next step in the process is rebidding the Community Center project – something that can't happen until the government shutdown ends.

"We need our friends at the USDA to come back to work so we can start the rebidding process," said Cooks. "We have to conform to federal pro-

curement guidelines, so the rebidding process is important."

While the rebidding process is still snagged, however, the College will continue with vital "stage two" infrastructure projects – a continuation from the past year.

"We will have projects focused on cooling, parking and utilities," said Feller. "There are a lot of moving pieces, and they are going to continue."

So with demolition and shoring nearing comple-

tion and the rebidding process still paused, students can still expect noise as the College continues to upgrade critical infrastructure in preparation for the construction of the new heart of campus.

"When I think about it, I'm really proud of [this project]," said Cooks. "It's sometimes a blessing when something that may seem like an obstacle allows you to get more of the pieces together."

Economic data blackout continues, markets hold steady and more

AGUSTIN ANTELO '29

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Stocks were mostly higher on the week as a surge in tech earnings and a widely anticipated Fed rate cut kept risk buoyant, though a cautionary note from Fed Chair Jerome Powell trimmed some of the excitement.



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Jerome Powell attends a press conference on October 29, 2025, in Washington D.C.

Fed cuts again, but hints December may be a pause

The Federal Reserve delivered a second 25-basis-point rate cut this year, lowering the target range to 3.75%–4%. In the post-meeting press conference, Powell stressed that a further cut in December is "not a foregone conclusion," highlighting the need for more evidence that inflation is easing. Investors had largely priced in Wednesday's move, but Powell's remarks pulled equities off their highs. Earnings season remained supportive: roughly 86% of S&P 500 companies reporting so far beat expectations, helping cushion any policy driven worries.

Index performance: mixed

Dow Jones:	47 632
(+0.9 %)	
S&P 500:	6 890.59
(+1.5 %)	
Nasdaq:	23 958.47
(+3.2 %)	
Russell 2000:	2 484.81
(-1.1 %)	

Equities rallied early as big-tech names delivered blow-out results, pushing the Nasdaq to fresh records. The S&P 500 added 1.5% on the week, while the Dow gained just under 1%. Small-cap stocks lagged, with the Russell 2000 slipping 1.1%, reflecting caution around domestic cyclicals. Profit-taking after Powell's comments and rotation out of rate-sensitive sectors kept the broader market's advance in check.

The big moves: winners and losers

Big winners

- Teradyne (+20.5%) – the automated-test-equipment maker crushed earnings estimates and guided higher on strong AI demand.
- Seagate Technology (+19.1%) – the data-storage company beat profit forecasts and said AI-driven demand would lift future sales.
- Caterpillar (+10%) – strong construction and mining equipment sales delivered a big earnings beat, sending shares sharply higher.

Big losers

- Fiserv (-44%) – the fintech firm missed quarterly estimates and issued cautious guidance, triggering a sharp sell-off.
- Boeing (-3%) – a \$5 billion charge tied to 777X program delays weighed on the stock.

These moves underscored the market's focus on earnings quality: companies with clear AI-driven growth were rewarded, while those with operational missteps faced steep punishments.

Debt markets and yields

Treasury yields were little changed despite the Fed cut. The 10-year note edged up from about 3.97% on Oct. 22 to roughly 3.99% by Oct. 28, leaving the curve flat. Spreads between

10-year and 3-month maturities hovered around 0.01–0.10 percentage points, suggesting neither pronounced recession fears nor a clear inflation breakout.

Global markets and policy backdrop

Overseas sentiment was mixed. Brent crude prices rose about 3.2% on the week, from roughly \$62.23 to \$64.24 per barrel; traders cited bargain hunting and U.S. sanctions on Russian oil but fretted over a potential OPEC+ supply increase. Gold rebounded from a three-week low, climbing to around \$3,977 per ounce after touching a record earlier in the month. The dollar index was broadly stable, though the sterling softened and the Australian dollar stabilized amid hot inflation data. Investors also watched U.S.–China trade talks for signs of progress.

Looking Ahead: earnings and jobs data

Next week brings the October employment report and key inflation prints. Traders will look through payroll growth and wage numbers to see whether the Fed's mid-cycle cut marks a pause or the start of a longer easing campaign. We still have to wait for a good amount of corporate results, with mega-cap tech firms still to report. Markets will look for confirmation that the AI-driven earnings boom can persist even as policy support becomes less certain.

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FEATURES

Big Brother arrives at Wabash



'1984' aims to terrify but teach

PHOTO BY WILL DUNCAN '27

O'Brien (left), played by Sean Bledsoe '26, tortures Winston Smith (right), played by Preston Parker '26, for being a thought criminal at the climax of the performance.

NOAH MINTIE '29
FEATURES EDITOR

When the audience enters Ball Theater to see Jim Cherry's "1984" (a stage adaptation of George Orwell's iconic novel), they must trade the cozy red bricks and warm yellow lights of Wabash's campus for two cold, imposing and lifeless concrete pillars bathed in frigid white light. Situated between them, the leering AI-generated face of Big Brother — equal parts Bezos, Zuckerberg and Musk — is angled to the point of uncanny eye contact with the audience. An eerie, ambient humming and Big Brother's striking, artificial smile are the final ingredients which perfectly set the tone for a striking and timely production.

While the set design establishes the tone before the play even begins, it is only the first of many parts which form the thematic whole. Once the play begins, the true soul of "1984" comes to light: the performances.

Each actor skillfully weaves between dystopian-robotic and humanely personable...each character's traits are steadily conveyed without the need of overexplanatory dialogue.

Next is Isabella de Assis-Wilson, who plays Julia with a particularly resonant nuance. The Julia character starts off in a complicated way, with her loyalties and intent shrouded in mystery but still second to an unassuming personality. As it becomes time for her unclear mannerisms to dissolve, Assis-Wilson rapidly warms up with an intelligent and genuine disposition. Her standing in relation to the protagonist must evolve quickly to fit the script, and she impressively packs a lot of development into a very quick turnaround.

Finally, Preston Parker '26 lights up the marquee in his role as Winston Smith. Parker brings an emotionally visceral energy to the stage, with several moments of stunning and intense physical acting. He embodies every glow of joy and sting of pain that Winston feels, and directly channels it into the audience, who can't help but latch onto the character for the entirety of the show.

time, and intricately bounce off of one another.

Beginning with Sean Bledsoe '26 as O'Brien, a performance packed with misdirection and subversion. Bledsoe plays the demanding role of a demeanor-chameleon, fitting into no less than three distinct mannerisms as the play persists. His shifts from soft to fiery are sure to leave an impression on the audience.

Where the acting is the heart of "1984," the directing and stage management are the muscle. To match the bleak script, the blocking also invokes a robotic feel. The set smoothly glides on and off stage in the same mechanical manner that the artificially-created loudspeaker passive-aggressively orders his workers around, making it sometimes feel as though the power of Big Brother is so inescapable that he is directing the whole show.

Thankfully, Cherry takes back the wheel with clever visual gags that break up the despair. There is joy to be found from George Shagley's '26 portrayal of Martin, who casually sits atop a torture device, to a charming cameo by Cherry's daughter Katherine as Gladys Parsons. Much like life, the play still feels human even amidst the harshest backdrops.

Sonically, the production soars with an immersive and industrial ambience. Cherry's voice acting, as well as the uncanny AI figure it emanates from, brings lifelessness and corporate indifference to the loudspeaker. This automaton is the cherry atop Cherry's impressive directorial vision.

Despite Wabash being relatively far removed from the authoritarians and manipulators of the modern world, "1984" delivers these relevant themes from the world stage to the proscenium platform of Ball Theater. Brought to life by impressive performances and a strong directorial vision, "1984" is the production that Wabash needed.



PHOTO BY WILL DUNCAN '27

Winston Smith (left), played by Preston Parker '26, holds his lover, Julia (right), played by Isabella de Assis-Wilson, as they cower in fear after discovering that the Party has been watching them.



PHOTO BY WILL DUNCAN '27

O'Brien (right), played by Sean Bledsoe '26, slaps Winston Smith (left), played by Preston Parker '26, across the face for not understanding why the Party seeks power.



PHOTO BY WILL DUNCAN '27

Winston Smith, played by Preston Parker '26, smiles disturbingly after getting his memory corrected by the Party in the concluding scene.



PHOTO BY WILL DUNCAN '27

Winston Smith (left), played by Preston Parker '26, talks with his lover, Julia (right), played by Isabella de Assis-Wilson, about getting married against the Party's laws.

'Tron: Ares' is the end of the line

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GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Since its inception in 1982, the Tron series has captivated millions of people across the globe with its extravagant score, engaging narrative and visuals ahead of its time. With the expectations of the original "Tron" and "Tron: Legacy", the recent release of "Tron: Ares" had fans buzzing in anticipation for the classic Tron story with a nuanced twist. I was included in this pool. Thus, over fall break, my dad and I splurged and bought 3D-IMAX tickets for the film.

casting of Jared Leto.

Maybe it is a personal vendetta...maybe I am closed minded...but not once did I feel as though his acting ability enhanced the narrative. Watching Leto besmirch the legacy of the great Jeff Bridges by even sharing a screen with him was simply heartbreaking. To give Leto the benefit of the doubt, however, the plot was entirely "Disneyfied," and nearly each of the characters failed to be developed beyond a surface level understanding of their motivations. This was seen significantly through much



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I was thoroughly impressed with the visual masterpiece that I bore witness to as soon as the movie began. Tron has historically been known for its nuanced visual features, and this film did not deviate from that norm. While "Tron: Legacy" effectively compelled audiences through visual expertise, "Ares" took each aspect of the visuals and raised them.

Sonically, the film utilized a myriad of techniques in any given scene with specific sounds in order to establish a desired tone. But how can we talk about the visuals and the sounds without the absolute masterclass soundtrack crafted by Nine Inch Nails? Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross are no strangers to score production in films, but particularly in this case, the Tron world elegantly parallels the techno-industrial sound that Nine Inch Nails perfected over the past several decades.

Aside from the aesthetic developed through the visuals and the sound, the film nicely provides a bit of fan service to Tron fans across generations. While much of the film does have a more recent approach to visuals and sounds, the general feel of the Tron universe remains relatively consistent. Many of the motifs — from the idea of programs to the legacy of Kevin Flynn — are illuminated throughout the film.

As stated thus far, much of the film arguably has the feel of a two hour Nine Inch Nails music video. I fear that an approach such as that would've saved this film from the scathing issues that I have with the narrative. The first (and most writh inducing) issue here is the

film with low expectations and thinking of it as a music video. If you aren't a total Tron nerd like myself, you may be pleasantly surprised!



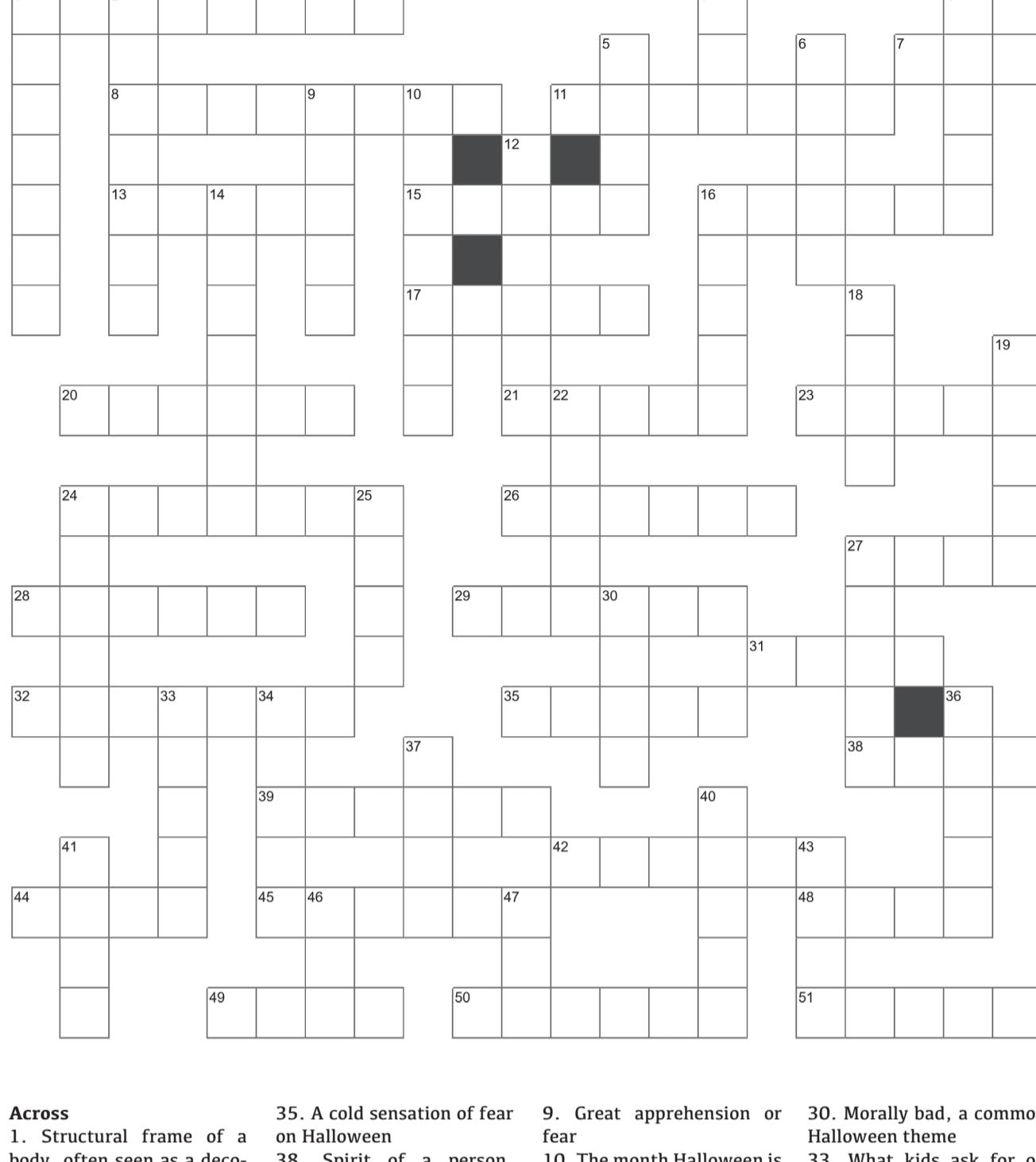
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FINAL VERDICT: 2.5/5 WALLY'S



'Halloween'

Crossword by Tanner Quackenbush '26



Across

- Structural frame of a body, often seen as a decoration
- Nocturnal creature often associated with vampires
- Witch's large cooking pot
- Loves blood, hates garlic
- An orchard's offerings
- Beginning of a classic Halloween phrase
- Eerie and frightening, like a Halloween tale
- Color associated with cats and Halloween night
- A witch's harsh laugh
- Evil creature depicted with horns and a pitchfork
- Flies on a broomstick on Halloween night
- Describes a house with evil spirits
- Color of pumpkins and Halloween decorations
- Season of Halloween
- A magical or medicinal potion, Clash of Clans?
- Causing an unsettling feeling
- Mystical symbol, sometimes used in spells
- Outfit worn for trick-or-treating
- A cold sensation of fear on Halloween
- Spirit of a person, sometimes restless on Halloween
- Mischievous, ugly creature of folklore
- Loud cry of fear on Halloween
- A celebration, like a Halloween one
- Spidery decoration for a haunted house
- A monstrous, brutish giant
- Extremely unpleasant or wicked, like a Halloween villain
- Genre of scary Halloween films
- When Halloween celebrations take place

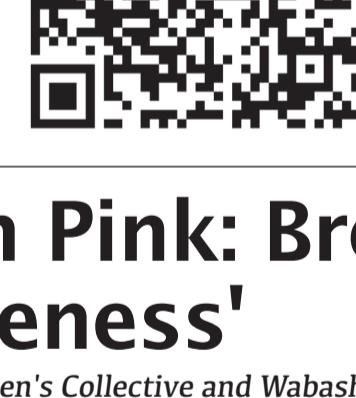
Down

- Ancient Celtic festival, origin of Halloween
- To cast a spell upon
- A small, mischievous demon
- Sweet treats collected on Halloween
- Worn to hide one's face in a costume
- Witch's flying vehicle

- Great apprehension or fear
- The month Halloween is celebrated in
- Magic-user, often with a wand
- Orange gourd carved for Halloween
- Words used to cast a magical effect
- Stern and forbidding, like a reaper
- An evil spirit or grave-robb
- Strange and frightening
- To make holy, ____een
- Absence of light
- Sharp teeth of a vampire

- Morally bad, a common Halloween theme
- What kids ask for on Halloween
- Supernatural power, often used by witches
- A spell meant to bring bad luck
- Soft light from a jack-o'-lantern
- Short for Halloween decorations
- Emotion felt on a scary Halloween night
- Often full and bright on Halloween night
- Nocturnal bird, often seen in Halloween imagery
- AHHHHH!!! SCARY!!!!

Scan for answers!



MXIBS hosts 'Men in Pink: Breast Cancer Awareness'

The Malcom X Institute for Black Studies, Wabash Women's Collective and Wabash Wellness hosted the event on Friday, October 24, to spread awareness in the fight against breast cancer.





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Joe Barnett '24

Throughout my time at Wabash, and especially throughout my senior year (which was only two years ago), my future career aspirations were always top-of-mind. How I pictured my life in the future mostly centered around this topic. I still remember the stress of looking for jobs at the start of senior year, wondering "what am I going to do after I graduate?" I also vividly remember the contrast to this when I accepted a job offer late that fall. I was so relieved – my future felt set, and everything was in order.

What I've come to realize is that life after college is much more than just having a full-time job. It is an opportunity to try new things, meet new people and challenge yourself.

A lot of you are probably heavily involved in sports, clubs, your fraternities and much more. You attend campus events, go to Chapel Talks, lunch talks and a million other things that I could keep listing. I would encourage current Wabash students to keep up that same energy when you graduate. When you continue to show up to things, you keep learning, connecting with people, and experiencing more life.

When I graduated, I thought it might be kind of nice to take it easy for a bit and just focus on settling into my professional life. Wabash kept me busy, and I believed I deserved a break. It was not long, however, before I realized the opportunities before me. From joining a local running club, to volunteering with local non-profits, to leading a high school ministry group (the most unexpected yet fun and fulfilling of all of these), my life since graduating has gotten both busy and exciting!

Now I feel like I need to pause here and clarify something – I really do like working, and I've been satisfied with my career path to this point. I like

my job because I learn something new every day and I work with some great people. Work is a big part of my life, but it's just one part.

What I would challenge current Wabash students, and especially seniors, to consider is this: How are you going to make use of your skills, talents and gifts after graduation? I like this question more than "What are you going to do when you graduate?" because I don't think it immediately prompts us to think in terms of career. Speaking from my own experience so far, Wabash College sets you up for more than just a successful career. It prepares you to be an active, engaged member of your community – but it is ultimately your choice to be this type of person.

If the goal is Thinking Critically, Acting Responsibly, Leading Effectively and Living Humanely, how do we do that? Can we do that just through our jobs, or do we need to spread our skills to a variety of things? I think jobs are important. They make the world go 'round, but they're not the only measure of success. I don't think they're the only way to make a significant impact either.

Now, this is not to say that I have it all figured out. I most definitely do not, and I still contemplate how I want to balance work with the other important aspects of my life. In writing this piece, I mostly just want to share that the way I see my life now is drastically different from how I saw things as a senior at Wabash.

I encourage any current student reading this to pay attention to the energy, the involvement and the passion your fellow classmates bring to life at Wabash. There is something unique about it. Be sure to take this energy wherever you go next, and be open to new, unexpected opportunities that come your way. Trust me, they will.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

SPOOKY SEASON SENIOR BENCH

Hi-Five to the TKE freshmen for painting the Senior Bench in incredible Halloween fashion. A perfect embodiment for TKE as there really is no scarier place at Wabash than the TKE basement.

BIG PAY DAY

Hi-Five to Lions defensive end Aidan Hutchinson for signing a four-year, \$180 million extension. The Lion does not concern himself with a high tax bracket.

FROWNING FRIENDS

Lo-Five to Adult Swim for delaying the Halloween special of "Smiling Friends" until after Halloween. Do you realize, DO YOU REALIZE how much we were looking forward to seeing Pim and Charlie's spooky antics this year?

SOME OG HAIR

Lo-Five to Jaylen Brown for losing his fake hairline on OG Anunoby's jersey. Safe to say Brown's game is rubbing off on Anunoby.

FREDDIE FREED US

Hi-Five to Freddie Freeman for ending the highest-inning game (18) in World Series history by homering and walking off the Blue Jays in Game Three at 3:00 A.M. The only thing that went later than that game was your friend's O-Chem study session.

Is Governor Mike Braun '76 a "responsible citizen"?



Conner Phillips '28

Reply to this opinion at caphill28@wabash.edu

Here at Wabash, we have only one rule: the Gentleman's Rule. It teaches us to act as a "gentlemen and a responsible citizen at all times, both on and off campus." On Monday October 27, Indiana Governor Mike Braun '76 seemingly forgot about what he was taught here at Wabash. He has called a special session of the Statehouse to redistrict Indiana's Congressional maps to favor Republicans. He followed in line with the states of Texas, Missouri, and North Carolina likely to follow suit. This mid-decade redistricting to benefit one party is just one of the latest ways democracy has been undermined.

Governor Braun has said that he is "calling a special legislative session to protect Hoosiers from efforts in other states that seek to diminish their voice in Washington." In 2024, 40% of Hoosiers voted for Democrats at the polls and yet only received two out of the nine seats. This is because Indiana was already one of the worst gerrymanders in the nation. And now Governor Braun thinks the best way to "protect" 40% of Hoosiers' voices is to silence them by drawing them into unwinnable districts. Districts that would stretch from Indianapolis to Kentucky. These districts would not be drawn to help give communities a voice, but rather to silence the opposition.

That is not what a responsible citizen does. A responsible citizen does not quash the voice of the minority. If Governor Braun were a responsible citizen, he would push for a fairer map to be drawn, and push for more voter turnout. And yet Governor Braun is doing the exact opposite of that. As perhaps the college's most impactful alumnus, the

Governor does not follow the one rule this college taught him. Why? Because President Trump and Vice President JD Vance demanded more seats in Congress. And Governor Braun has fallen in line with the orders of his party leaders. This is a grave betrayal of the Gentleman's Rule, all in the name of being power-hungry.

Another example of Governor Braun being power-hungry is his hostile takeover of the IU board of trustees. In April, a law was passed that allowed the Governor to have full control of the entire board. With such great power, Governor Braun removed all the elected board members and stripped IU of its academic freedom. This has ensured that the faculty and students of IU have no voice in the decisions of the University. This power grab is pathetic at best and pitifully evil at worst. This is all in the name of "protecting the freedom of speech." Sounds like a great goal, right? And it is. The problem is that silencing the voices of those who don't argue with you isn't the way you do it. That is not what a true Wabash man does.

To Governor Braun, remember your roots. Remember the one rule you promised to follow both on and off campus. Live up to the example set by generations of Wabash men who have gone before you. Be a responsible citizen, not one who silences the minority in a blind power grab. Set an example for the student body of a successful Wabash man who stays true to his roots.



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Mike Braun's inauguration as governor of Indiana January 13, 2025.

One of the email solutions



Academic
Administrative
Coordinator to the
Fine Arts Center,
Julia Phipps

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skip the inbox and throw them into a folder I don't look at but might need to use to find an email eventually. How do you do this?

1. Right click on an email from Box that has the subject line "Box Update".

2. Navigate to "Rules", and then "Create Rule". A dialogue box will open to help you create this new Rule.

3. Select the appropriate options. In this example, it's "From Box Updates".

4. Under "Do the Following", select "Move the item to folder:" and then "Select Folder..."

5. Create a Folder called "Box" nested in your Inbox.

6. Click "OK". You'll get a pop-up that says "The Rule Box Updates has been created." I would suggest running this rule on messages already in the current folder to help clean out your inbox.

If you want to be fancy, go to "Advanced Options..." before you click OK. Now, you can adjust your new rule in so many interesting ways. You can say "if this email is from Julia Phipps, and there is '1984' in the subject line, mark it as important and play a special sound." You can say "if this email is to the 'Everyone' list, and there is 'fundraiser' in the subject line, delete this email." Honestly, I would avoid automatically deleting emails using "Rules" until you get the hang of "Rules." Sometimes, the email system thinks it understands what you want, and it moves or deletes something you didn't expect.

Here's some more strategies: Unsubscribe from things that you don't need to read. Use Rules and Filters and other email tools to help you see what is actually important and prioritize your to do list accordingly. Check your email at scheduled times during your day, and ignore it when you're not checking it. Turn off notifications on your phone and only check email on your computer. The most important thing I want you to take from this editorial is this: You control your email. It doesn't control you!

This editorial is meant to give you some solutions that I (and many of my colleagues) use to help organize our inboxes and our lives. The first, and most important, is the "Rules" feature. "Rules" tell your Outlook where you want emails to end up. For example, I don't need to see every single email from Box labeled "Box Update". So, I've created a rule that programs my email to take Box emails, mark them as unread,

SPORTS

Rugby improves to 6-0 on the campaign

EVAN STONIS '26

STAFF WRITER

In their first shootout match of the year, the Little Giant rugby team kept their cool against Taylor, improving their record to a perfect 6-0 on the season. After a close first game – which ended with Wabash escaping with a 24-17 win – the Little Giants rallied and delivered a commanding performance in the second game, coasting to a 24-5 victory.

The team entered the day full of confidence, but their preparation and focus would soon be tested. After a poor defensive start to the game – allowing more points from an opponent in one game all season – the Little Giants finally found their footing, winning the match with a last-second try from Co-Captain Isaac Ward '27.

Ward continues to be a go-to player offensively for the Little Giants, delivering solid output in every outing.

"Offensively, Ward really stuck out and continued to look really impressive," said Rugby President Silas Mills '27. "He is consistently a reliable player, and I can always trust him with the ball."

But it wasn't just Ward's contributions that won the Little Giants both matches. Offensively, the Little Giants executed on nearly every possession with a score. Mills led the charge with three tries of his own, while Troy Jonas '27 tacked on both a try and a conversion. Logan Weinzierl '29 – playing just his fourth ever rugby match – broke out with two tries, scoring for the first time in his career.

While the offense was showing out from the start, the defense took a bit longer to get going. Facing their first 7s match of the year, the Little Giants had trouble navigating the transition to a different format, resulting in miscommunication and mistakes on the defensive side of the ball.

"The defense struggled with committing to a man on the attacking side," said Co-Captain Adam Frey '27. "I think the struggle came from playing 10s this semester. We had to adapt to fewer people on the pitch and have greater pitch awareness."

The first matchup of the day exposed parts of the Little Giants' defense, but not enough to take

them out of the game. Wabash quickly adapted, tightening its defense and allowing only one try in the second game.

"By the second half we were able to turn it around, but this was still a wake up call for our defense," said Frey. "Although the first match was a close one we kept our heads up and kept playing Wabash Rugby."

Following these two victories, the team looks to carry their momentum into the end of the fall developmental season. Team chemistry and confidence have grown exponentially since their first tournament, which players attribute to the team's overall chemistry.

"We've done a great job throughout the season," said Mills. "I think each of these wins are compounding, and our chemistry on the pitch is continuing to grow. Comparing the team that we have now with the team from August is night and day."

The Little Giants are set to play their final tournament at home on November 8, where they'll aim to continue their perfect season.

The Wally Watchlist

Big 12 implications and an AFC heavyweight dual

HAIDEN DIEMER-MCKINNEY '26

STAFF WRITER

This upcoming week of NCAA and NFL football has plenty of matchups to watch, but two matchups should have your full, undivided attention. An under-the-radar matchup in the Big 12 between Cincinnati and Utah could have conference championship implications, and Patrick Mahomes and Josh Allen face off once again in their young, yet historic rivalry.

#17 Cincinnati (7-1) at
#24 Utah (6-2)

10:15 p.m. EST on ESPN

While much of the national spotlight is fixed on marquee SEC matchups like #9 Vanderbilt at #20 Texas and #18 Oklahoma at #14 Tennessee, this late-night clash in Salt Lake City might shape the Big 12 Championship race — and there's a reason College GameDay is making the trip out west.

After dropping their season opener to Nebraska, Cincinnati has stormed back with seven straight wins, emerging as one of only two undefeated teams in Big 12 play (alongside BYU). Still, this will be the Bearcats' biggest test yet, as their conference résumé includes just two victories over opponents with winning records [Iowa State (5-3) and UCF (4-3)].

On the other hand, Utah enters the matchup much more battle-tested, as the Utes' two losses are to #10 BYU and #13 Texas Tech, top-tier teams with a combined 15-1 record. Their physical brand of football, commanded by head coach Kyle Whittingham, is instilled in their identity. Utah leads the Big 12 in rushing (267.1 yards per game), ranks second in total offense (476.9 yards per game), and defensively sits second in points allowed (14.3), yards allowed (285.4) and sacks (25).

This late-night duel in the mountains could determine who punches their ticket to the Big 12 title game in December.

Kansas City Chiefs (5-3) at
Buffalo Bills (5-2)

4:25 p.m. EST on CBS

Few rivalries have defined the NFL like Patrick Mahomes vs. Josh Allen, and Sunday's clash in Orchard Park will add another chapter to their legacies.

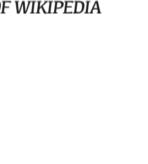
The Chiefs' offense continues to run through Patrick Mahomes, who leads the league in touchdown passes (17) and ranks second in passing yards (2,099). Kansas City sits first in first downs per game (23.6) and is tied for first in team receiving touchdowns (17). The offense has only gotten better since Xavier Worthy and Rashee Rice have come back from injury and suspension, respectively. Defensively, Kansas City continues to shine, as they allow just 16.4 points per game (2nd in the NFL) and 177.8 passing yards per game (3rd).

If Kansas City is built on Mahomes' magic, Buffalo's identity has been power in the ground game. Running back James Cook is quietly having an All-Pro caliber season, ranking first in yards per carry (6.0) and second in total rushing yards (753). The Bills dominate time of possession at 33:15 per game, comfortably leading the league and using their rhythm to keep opposing offenses off the field. The Bills' defense has been equally commanding, with edge rusher Joey Bosa holding a tie for first in forced fumbles with 4 and a secondary that ranks second in passing yards allowed (161.9).

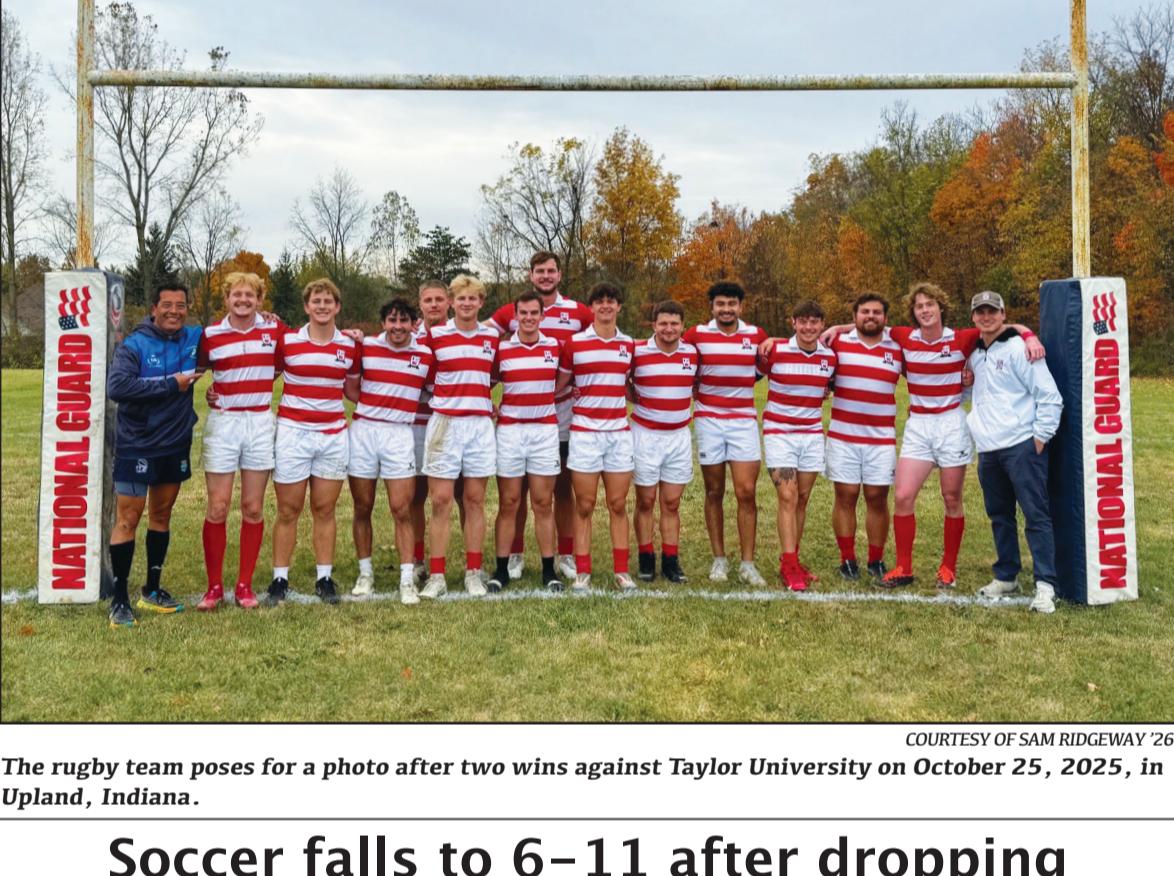
For the Chiefs, they must force Allen to beat them through the air and let Mahomes be Mahomes with his elite weaponry. For the Bills, they'll look to bleed the clock with Allen and Cook, and keep the Chiefs offense on the sideline. This matchup comes down to styles and patience: whichever team dictates the tempo is likely to walk away with a defining midseason victory.



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COURTESY OF SAM RIDGEWAY '26

The rugby team poses for a photo after two wins against Taylor University on October 25, 2025, in Upland, Indiana.

Soccer falls to 6-11 after dropping first-ever match against John Carroll

CARTER MCCALL '29

STAFF WRITER

Wabash soccer put together an energetic performance on October 25, but came up short in a 3-1 loss to John Carroll University at Fischer Field. Despite controlling long stretches of play — especially in the second half — the Little Giants were unable to convert their chances in what marked the first-ever meeting between the two programs.

John Carroll (7-7-3, 3-2-1 NCAC) wasted no time getting on the board, scoring just 55 seconds into the match when Sava Crnjak finished a cross from Andrew Massucci to give the Blue Streaks an early 1-0 lead. The quick goal briefly stunned the Wabash defense, but the Little Giants soon settled into the match, growing more composed and finding their rhythm in possession.

Wabash equalized in the 26th minute after earning a penalty kick when the John Carroll goalkeeper fouled a Wabash attacker inside the box. Forward Francisco Perez '29 buried the shot from the spot to tie the match at 1-1, notching his third goal of the season and sparking a surge of momentum for the home side.

"I have realized success is only accomplished when the team is disciplined enough to work hard every day and buy into the aspect of soccer as a team effort."

- Daniel Tkachuk '29

The celebration was short-lived, however. In the 37th minute, John Carroll regained the lead when Luka Pranjeta collected a loose ball near the right side of the box and fired a well-placed shot from 19 yards out, slipping



PHOTO BY WILL DUNCAN '27

Ethan Simmons '29 attempts a corner kick during the team's game against DePauw on October 7, 2025, at Fischer Field.

past goalkeeper Colin Sutter '28 for a 2-1 advantage. The Blue Streaks carried that lead into halftime despite several late Wabash pushes forward.

The second half belonged largely to the Little Giants. Wabash dictated play, winning possession (52-48%) and outshooting John Carroll 12-3 in the final 45 minutes. The team's high press created multiple dangerous chances, including a flurry of corner kicks and long-range efforts that tested John Carroll keeper Owen Szucs. Myles Bernat '26 led the charge offensively with four shots — two of which were on goal — while Ben Church '28 added three attempts of his own.

The turning point came late in the match. With Wabash pushing forward in search of an equalizer, John Carroll's Massucci broke free on a counterattack in the 85th minute and slipped a shot into the back of the net, sealing the 3-1 result. Despite the final margin, the effort from Wabash in the second half showed the team's resilience and attacking intent.

"We have stayed positive all year by supporting each other,"

said Angel Vazquez '26. "We remind ourselves that this loss doesn't define us, what defines us is how hard we fought and that we left it all out on the field."

Goalkeeper Sutter finished with four saves across 90 minutes, keeping Wabash within striking distance for most of the contest. The Little Giants finished with 16 total shots to John Carroll's 13, highlighting how close the match truly was despite the scoreline.

The loss drops Wabash to 6-11 overall and 2-5 in NCAC play, but the Little Giants will look to finish their season strong when they travel to Denison next Wednesday. The team hopes to carry over the possession dominance and attacking confidence displayed in the second half against John Carroll into their season finale.

"This season has taught me the importance of hardwork, discipline and teamwork," said Daniel Tkachuk '29. "I have realized success is only accomplished when the team is disciplined enough to work hard every day and buy into the aspect of soccer as a team effort."

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Swim and dive surges past Rose-Hulman 174-124 in first dual meet

Team looks to make a statement at Western Michigan Invitational

CARTER MCCALL '29
STAFF WRITER

Opening their season in dominant fashion at home, the Wabash swimming and diving team earned a 174-124 victory over the Rose-Hulman inside the Class of 1950 Natatorium. The Little Giants captured eight event wins, finished among the top five in every race and displayed the depth and balance that have long been the hallmarks of their program.

Wabash wasted no time making its mark on the meet, opening with a win in the 200-yard medley relay. The quartet of Ryan West '28, Lew Sams '29, Brody Page '27 and Quinn Sweeney '26 clocked a time of 1:37.14 to take first place, immediately setting the tone for the rest of the evening.

"Winning that first relay of the meet significantly boosted

the team's confidence and motivation for the rest of the meet," said Sams.

"The team as a whole has great chemistry, so in many cases, whoever we put on the relays, should have great chemistry."

- Head Swim and Dive Coach William Bernhardt

From there, the distance swimmers took over. Nicholas Plumb '27 and Mason Gilliam '28 led the way with two wins apiece. Plumb opened his night by winning the 1,000-yard freestyle in 10:24.47, pulling away from the field over the final 300 yards. He later added another victory in the 200 backstroke, finishing in 1:58.91 to give Wabash an-

other key set of points. Gilliam matched that performance with a pair of his own wins, claiming the 200 freestyle in 1:48.24 and the 500 freestyle in 4:52.57. In both races, Gilliam set the pace early and never looked back.

Veteran leadership proved vital in the backstroke and individual medley events. West delivered another strong performance, claiming the 100 backstroke in 53.29 seconds before returning to win the 200 individual medley in 1:59.64. The butterfly events continued the trend of success for the Little Giants. In the 200 fly, Sweeney led the team with a runner-up finish at 2:03.42, Page and Owen Thomas '29 followed that up with a one-two finish in the 100 fly – with Page winning in 53.77 and Thomas close behind at 56.13 – giving the team another boost late in the meet.

Wabash's sprinters added to the total with several key wins. Nate Marshall '29 out-touched the competition to take first in the 50 freestyle in 22.69 seconds, and Sweeney came back later to win the 100 freestyle in 49.25. The meet concluded the same way it began, with Wabash's relay teams outpacing the competition. Sweeney, Plumb, West and William Renie '27 teamed up to win the 400 freestyle relay in 3:18.41, sealing the victory in style.

"The chemistry amongst our relays plays a part in our success," said Head Coach William Bernhardt. "The team as a whole has great chemistry, so in many cases, whoever we put on the relays should have great chemistry."

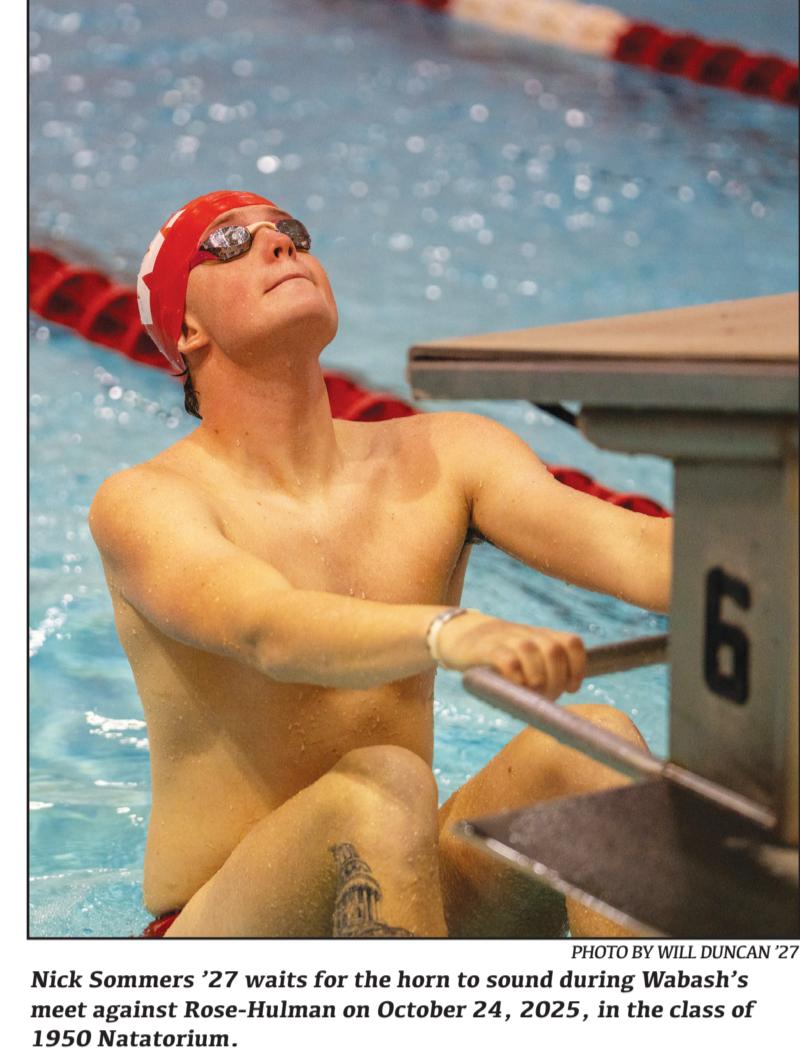


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Nick Sommers '27 waits for the horn to sound during Wabash's meet against Rose-Hulman on October 24, 2025, in the Class of 1950 Natatorium.

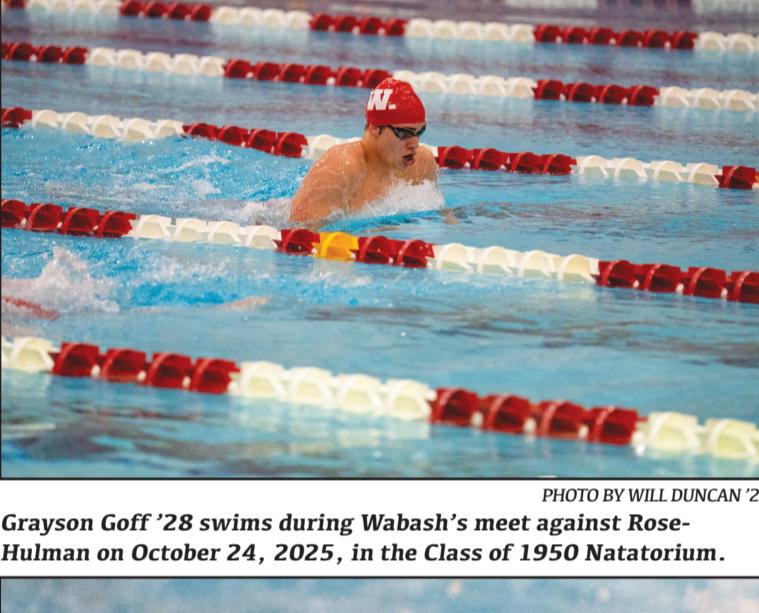


PHOTO BY WILL DUNCAN '27

Grayson Goff '28 swims during Wabash's meet against Rose-Hulman on October 24, 2025, in the Class of 1950 Natatorium.

The victory over Rose-Hulman gave Wabash early momentum heading into the heart of its season. West added to the celebration by winning NCAC men's swimmer of the week.

"Winning NCAC Men's Swimmer of the Week helps me build confidence for the rest of the year," said West. "I want to keep getting it every week now."

The team will next travel to Kalamazoo College for the Western Michigan Invitational on October 31 and November 1, where the Little Giants will look to build on their home-opening success and continue refining their performances as they head into the winter stretch.



PHOTO BY WILL DUNCAN '27

Quinn Sweeney '27 competes in the 200 fly during Wabash's meet against Rose-Hulman on October 24, 2025, in the Class of 1950 Natatorium.

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

SEAN BLEDSOE '26

SPORTS EDITOR

Week Eight was an interesting one to say the least. The NCAC saw three blowouts when in all reality there should have been four. The Dannies are the ones to thank for that. Not much has changed this week in the rankings, but I sure do have some new jokes!

#1 John Carroll (7 – 1)

I hope the Blue Streaks are happy with themselves. They beat the poor foreigners from Wooster like a drum this past weekend. They're trudging their way through the conference like the Wabash offensive linemen (and myself) plow through chicken tenders on Wednesdays. 66-7 was a little unnecessary, but they continue to show that they are the force to be reckoned with in the conference. They also moved up to No. 12 in the country according to the D3football.com rankings. The Blue Streaks do not have a game this weekend as it is their bye week, and it's safe to say that they have earned their week off!

#2 DePauw (6 – 1)

Well, well, well. The clown school from down south. There should have been four blowouts this week, but D***** just had to go on and ruin that trend. The Dannie squad nearly had another historic choke-job. The black and gold Tiger team had a 28-7 lead going into halftime, but I think they had flashbacks from the 2021 Bell Game when they led 21-0... and then proceeded to have the biggest choke job of all time. Those flashbacks sadly brought them back into the moment, and they were able to hold on to beat the Big Red 35-28. Rumor has it, though, that they got

lucky with some blown calls by the officiating crew. In all reality, were they really blown calls? We know D***** spends their money like nobody's business, so I would not be shocked if they paid off those referees. Either way, the disgusting Dannies won and moved to 6-1. They also moved up to No. 15 in the country according to the D3football.com rankings. They will travel to Ohio Wesleyan tomorrow to take on the Bishops. The men of Wabash are hoping that OWU's

prayers for a

did not play a game, so they did not do anything to prove that they deserve to move up to the second place position. The Little Giants will play Wittenberg tomorrow, and keep in mind that this is the same Wittenberg team that held DePauw scoreless in the first half. Depending on how Wabash plays the red and white Tiger team, we could see a shift next week. Now continue reading.

#5 Wooster (4 – 4)

Great Scot! Sorry, I had to make that joke once this year. Anyways, I hope those Blue Streaks didn't electrocute the Fighting Scots that badly. I know JCU can be quite violent (but not as violent as the Dannies). At least the Scots were able to put points up on the board. That is an accomplishment in itself. I will stop rubbing salt in the wound.

The good news is that they will host the Owls this weekend,

do not hold the Little Giants to zero points in the first half.

#7 Ohio Wesleyan (2 – 5)

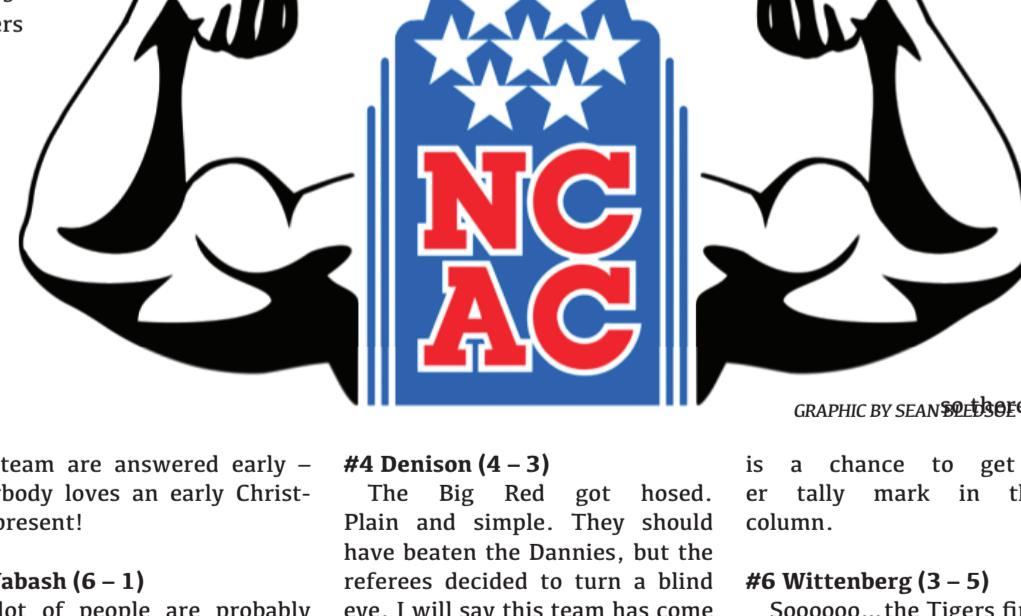
I won't lie that I am completely shocked with how the Battling Bishops played this past weekend. They beat Kenyon worse than Wabash did. The Bishops finished the game with a 55-13 victory. It's a slight statement to say the least. The bad news is that OWU is 2-5, and that statement doesn't really carry any weight at this point in the season. Again, go back to praying.

#8 Kenyon (1 – 6)

Well, the Owls got trampled... again. Not shocking. I don't even know what else to say at this point. This bird team is just simply terrible. The sad thing is that Kenyon doesn't even have an easy schedule to finish out the season. They play Wooster tomorrow, and then the last two weeks of the season they play Denison and Wittenberg. Good luck is all I need to say.

#9 Oberlin (0 – 7)

It looks like the people that hammered the over from last week's over/under bet won big. The Yeomen look to have a healthy 30+ man roster for Denison this weekend. I'm not sure if I should set the line higher this time around or keep it at 19.5. I'm not a professional sportsbook, so don't expect anything out of me. Regardless, with the Yeomen playing the rising Big Red team this weekend, we could see an 80 point bomb dropped on the Yeomen's domes.



GRAPHIC BY SEAN BLEDSOE '26

new team are answered early – everybody loves an early Christmas present!

#3 Wabash (6 – 1)

A lot of people are probably wondering why Wabash is not in the second place position. "Sean, you're stupid. Sean, you don't support your own school. DePauw barely beat Denison. We blew them out 36-0. DePauw only beat the Big Red by 7." Hold your horses, and hop off my case. If you are a consistent reader of my power rankings, you would know that I have a saying that goes, "You guys did nothing this week. No game = none of Sean's attention." The same thing applies here. Wabash

#4 Denison (4 – 3)

The Big Red got hosed. Plain and simple. They should have beaten the Dannies, but the referees decided to turn a blind eye. I will say this team has come a long way. The Little Giants beat the everloving daylights out of the Big Red by not letting them score a point. In the last four games since the loss to Wabash, Denison has rattled off 134 points in the last four games. I think it's safe to say that a Big Red nerve got pinched. Hopefully they don't take too much of their anger out on the Oberlin Yeomen this weekend (or maybe we want them to so Wabash can have another bye week before Bell Game).

is a chance to get another tally mark in the win column.

#6 Wittenberg (3 – 5)

Soooooo...the Tigers fired their head coach. Rumors are circulating about the indoor football stadium being sold off to the city to pay off their debt. Can things get any worse in Springfield, Ohio? I mean, the red and white Tigers only scored 52 points on Oberlin. That's enough of a cause for concern. Teams should be scoring at least 75 on them. What should I expect, though? Wittenberg just stinks. Anyways, the Ohio Tiger team will travel to Crawfordsville this weekend, and let's hope they