

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT CAMPAIGNS UNDERWAY

Pre-election survey polls students' stances

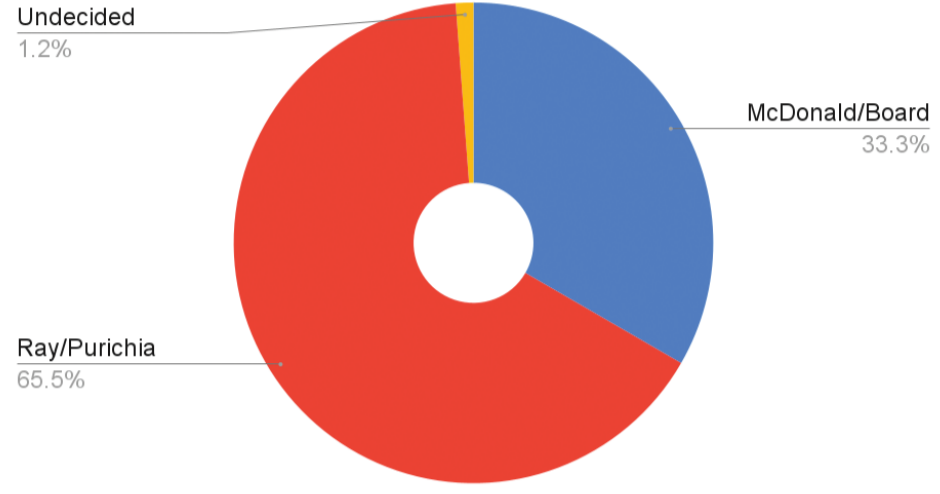
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Election season is here. Next week, *The Bachelor* will host a debate between the two candidates for Student Body President, Jack Ray '28 and Derek McDonald '27, and their respective cabinets. Ray is joined by Luke Purichia '28, Zack Wagner '27 and Alex Schenkel '28. McDonald has teamed with Chris Board '27, Malachi McRoberts '27 and Jaden King '28. In order to get a sense of the student body's opinions on the candidates and the important issues in the campaign, *The Bachelor* surveyed campus about their preferred candidate and what issues they'd prioritize when

picking between the two tickets. Here, we feature a snapshot of the results.

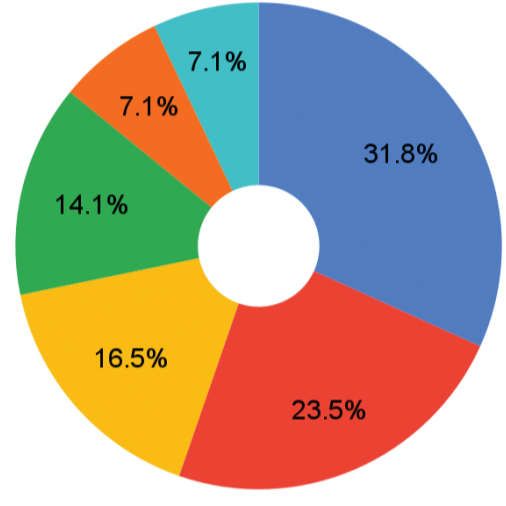
The total number of eligible voters who responded to the survey was 84. Of this number, around 65% favored the Ray ticket, compared to about 33% for McDonald and his cabinet. About 27% of respondees were freshmen, 32% were seniors and 28% were juniors. Seniors were factored out in this graph because they are not allowed to vote for the Student Body president per the Constitution of the Student Senate. Though this sample, compared to the eligible voter population, is relatively small, the results indicate that the McDonald campaign will probably have

Who are Wabash students planning on voting for?



What issues do Wabash Students care about most?

- Promoting brotherhood and unity
- Managing the budget
- Electing the right candidate
- Representing student interests to admin
- Improved facilities and services
- Procedural efficiency



to make up ground with voters before the election window on April 13–15.

Voters also shared what issues matter to them most as they decide between candidates. All class years' answers were collected in this response set. Respondees submitted open response answers, and *The Bachelor* staff collated similar answers into categories, which can be seen beside the graph. The most important priority for voters is that the new president promotes unity and brotherhood, which for a few years has been an important talking point regarding campus culture. In second place for voters is budget management. Given that these two categories make up more than

50% of what voters desire most from the next president of the student body, expect questions on those topics to feature in the candidate debate next week.

Elections can turn on a dime. It's important to stress that preliminary data, like what's been collected in these polls, is not always fully representative of the variety or the ubiquity of opinions held on campus. However, this data suggests that the last two weeks of campaign season will be a tight competition for students' votes. Regardless of who wins, students will have high expectations for the new president and expect him to deliver on major issues.

GRAPHICS BY NATHAN ELLENBERGER '26

Dueling opinions: Presidential candidates

McDonald '27: Leadership grounded in experience



Why You Should Care About Student Senate and Why Experience Matters

Often, I'm asked what Student Senate is, why it matters and what we do. Student Senate is a body of elected and appointed students whose goal is to improve the Wabash experience. In practice, that means hosting engaging events for a wide variety of audiences, having important and difficult conversations with our peers, faculty and alumni, advocating for issues like living conditions and food quality, encouraging collaboration across organizations and working every day to make Wabash a better place to live.

Put simply, Student Senate impacts your everyday life, your weekends, your meals, your housing and your voice on campus.

As someone who has spent most of my time at Wabash involved in Student Senate, both as a member and a leader, I've come to understand how much our effectiveness can shift from year to year. A lot of that comes down to experience and how prepared leadership is to step into these roles and turn ideas into action.

Over the past few years, I've seen what works, and I've seen where we can be better. I've seen strong leaders step up to create meaningful events, push important conversations and make a real difference in the student experience. I've also seen how important it is for leadership to come in ready; ready to engage with students, work with faculty and administrators and keep Senate operating as an effective and transparent student government. Those experiences made one thing clear to me: experience matters.

That's something I took seriously over the past year. After running as a sophomore, I knew I had more to learn, and I've put in that work. Since then, I've developed a stronger understanding of how to host events, advocate effectively for campus issues and serve as a consistent voice for students. Through conversations with Vic Lindsay, the current Senate administration and the Dean's Office, I've built a clear vision for what the student body president and executive cabinet should

be and what Student Senate can accomplish moving forward.

Looking ahead to the 2026–2027 school year, our focus is simple: deliver results that students can see and feel.

As President, I will take a more active role in supporting committee leaders, offering tangible, hands-on help in planning and executing events to ensure consistency and quality across campus. I will continue conversations about campus issues like living conditions, food quality and communication, while making sure those conversations lead to action.

I will also prioritize stronger organization and collaboration. That means holding regular meetings with committee and club leaders, improving scheduling and communication across campus and working to institutionalize tools like CORQ so that events are easier to find, attend and enjoy. By setting clear expectations and providing real support, we can build a more connected and engaged campus community.

Most importantly, I've built a cabinet grounded in experience. Chris Board '27 brings years of Senate and committee leadership. Malachi McRoberts '27 has served on the AFC and has been the treasurer for three different campus organizations. Jaden King '28 has consistently led the way in communicating, organizing and promoting major campus events through the MXI. This is a team that understands how to lead, how to plan, and how to follow through—we are ready to get to work on day one.

This campaign is not about promises — it's about preparation. My cabinet and I have the experience, the relationships, and the plan to make Student Senate more effective and more impactful for every student on this campus.

If you want a Student Senate that delivers real results, I ask for your vote.

Vote for experience. Vote for action.

Vote McDonald-Board for student body executive.

Ray '28: Bringing accountability and a change of pace to leadership



Under our leadership, the Wabash Student Senate will commit time, resources and, most importantly, personnel to address issues far beyond budgetary matters. When I first entered the Wabash Student Senate as a freshman representative, I was shocked. Meetings primarily consisted of roll call, sparse committee reports and AFC recommendations; quick, 15-minute sessions each week. The only matters ever debated in the chamber were budget allocations. However, if effective budget management and event planning were the Senate's sole responsibilities, why have a Student Senate at all? Why not save an hour each Monday night and defer entirely to the AFC? The conclusion I came to was simple: our Senate was not doing enough. Our Senate was not leading as it should be.

Leadership is not financial management. Leadership is looking after, guiding and improving the lives of those you represent and work alongside. I will bring true leadership to the Senate, not only as president, but as your delegate. After speaking with students across a dozen living units, fraternity and independent alike, it has become clear that most on-campus issues do not originate in Senate budget meetings, but in campus culture, in living units, in classrooms and in a dozen other spaces where the Senate has yet to operate. If the Senate is going to lead, it must work with and, when necessary, advocate assertively for the needs of the student body to both administration and faculty. This is the Senate's true responsibility.

Wabash College is sustained by three distinct pillars, each equally essential to the effective operation of our campus: alumni, faculty and the student body. The alumni and faculty pillars guide the financial, educational and

professional dimensions of the college. The third pillar, our pillar, shapes and maintains the cultural and communal atmosphere of Wabash. The Student Senate was designed to be the meeting place for the architects of our campus culture. Under a Ray-Purichia administration, the Senate will once again embrace this role, not in vague terms, but in practice. We will consolidate resources for large communal campus events such as Backyard Bash, bonfires, cart races on the mall and other gatherings that unite fraternity brothers, independent students, faculty, administration and, most importantly, Wabash Men.

During my first meeting as Chairman of the Senate in January, I did not begin with committee reports or AFC requests. Instead, I turned to my fellow students facing immediate concerns. I focused on issues raised about gathering spaces in Morris and Wolcott Halls. After passing a resolution through the Senate and working directly with deans and administrators, I am proud to report that progress is being made. This is the kind of direct, hands-on leadership the Ray-Purichia ticket offers. If you want a cabinet that extends far beyond budgets, a team that will show up in your living unit or classroom when you need it and a Senate that truly leads both inside and outside the Goodrich Room. Vote Ray-Purichia.

Thank you, I hope to see you Monday nights in the library at 7:30 p.m., all are welcome.

McDonald ticket

- President: Derek McDonald '27
- Vice President: Chris Board '27
- Treasurer: Malachi McRoberts '27
- Secretary: Jaden King '28

Ray ticket

- President: Jack Ray '28
- Vice President: Luke Purichia '28
- Treasurer: Zack Wagner '27
- Secretary: Alex Schenkel '28

Nobel Prize winning economist Vernon Smith speaks at Wabash

A passion for learning made him the teacher

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"I realized I had just discovered a law of nature," said Nobel Prize winning economist Vernon Smith.

After graduating from Kansas University and receiving his Ph.D. in Economics at Harvard University, Smith lectured at Purdue University for over a decade, where he began his trek into a forest of questions and discoveries.

The Stephenson Institute for Classical Liberalism secured Smith to give the 2026 Ama-Gi Lecture. On Wednesday, April 1, Smith presented a lecture in Hays Hall on the importance of being wrong and his love for the works of economist Adam Smith.

"It was honestly wild to see a Nobel laureate like Vernon Smith stand there and talk about 'the importance of being wrong,'" said George Agbesi '28. "You expect someone that successful to have all the answers, but his whole message was about the power of experimenting and actually watching how people interact instead of just trusting a model."

Early into his career as a professor, Smith admitted he swam with the current, primarily agreeing with the principles of economics of which he was taught. However, he realized there was a lack of experimental work in the field. Smith experimented with a perfect competition market, a subject which operated under the notion of perfect information within the market.

"In those days we believed, because that's what we were taught, in the competitive market everybody in the market would have to have complete information," said Smith.

He tested this theory by simulating market trading within his Purdue classroom. Students were not given complete information, yet they still were able to achieve similar results to a perfect competition market.

"I realized I had discovered a law



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Vernon Smith has taught economics to students worldwide since 1955.

of nature," said Smith. "You do not have to have perfect information, people just need time to learn it. They're not stupid."

After experimental repetition producing replicated results, Smith sent his research paper to the American Economic Review (AER). They promptly rejected it. His paper was ultimately published, however, and economists followed Smith's footsteps only to find his conclusions correct. His introduction of experiments to economics revitalized the field, prompting him to only further his economic exploration through experimentation, specifically testing the works of economist Adam Smith, a scientist who was generally correct in his theories according to Smith.

"He [Smith] is an important thinker," said Professor of Economics Joyce Burnette. "We actually read one of his articles in the philosophy, politics and economics (PPE) 200 level class."

Through his lecture, Smith imparted his wealth of experience to the audience, delving into his various experiments and love for Adam Smith's work.

"Adam Smith's first written work, which wasn't published until after his death, was a history on astronomy," said Smith. "That's about

wonder, surprise and admiration. The first phenomena we have is this wonder, and then we're surprised that it's so magnificent...I think those kinds of questions in any science are important, and the typical teaching is already so far from that."

It goes without saying that Smith's campus presence was greatly appreciated. He has incredible accolades, including developing the field of experiential economics and co-founding the international Association for Research in Experimental Economics

"As a student, seeing the guy who literally invented experimental economics back in 1956 right here on our campus was a massive reality check on how real breakthroughs happen," said Agbesi. "It's definitely one of the coolest things I've experienced at Wabash."

With such a unique life experience in pioneering a field, Smith leaves with one sage piece of advice for Wabash students.

"It's important to understand that so much of what we teach is knowledge that has been kind of filtered," said Smith. "Writing in all sciences typically is pretty far from its origins, but it's important to think: why? Think about why people are interested in what they are."

IMA revives philanthropy kickball tournament

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STAFF WRITER

This past Friday, the Independent Men's Association (IMA) hosted a revived version of its all campus philanthropy kickball tournament. Teams of independents and fraternities came together at Mud Hollow to compete for either a wing night or a donut breakfast. In order for each team to register, they were required to have at least eight players and donate at least \$20 worth of food to the Fish Food Pantry.

"I thought the tournament went well," said IMA President Ike O'Neill '27. "People were getting competitive and staying involved. And the weather stayed pretty nice for us, which we were grateful for."

Recently, collaborations between the IMA and the Interfraternity Council (IFC) have increased. O'Neill gives credit to IFC president Kyle Foster '27 for showing interest in independent life. The IMA president also highlighted the efforts of other organizations on campus.

"It was cool to see Phi Delt, IFC, the Sphinx Club and the IMA working together," said O'Neill. "All are large organizations on campus working together to make sure this event was able to happen."

Through connections from the Newman Center, O'Neill learned about the demand for meals that are preferred by children and simple to prepare. There were eight teams that participated along with a few dona-

tions from external participants. The IMA raised over \$160 worth of highly demanded food products.

O'Neill and this year's IMA executive board approached philanthropy with the intention of focusing on awareness and engagement. O'Neill realizes how much the fraternities contribute to service opportunities for their members compared to the independents. Looking to the future, he is developing plans for independent students, specifically incoming students, to stay immersed in the Wabash spirit through philanthropic activities.

"In the fall semester, our main focus is going to be building a sense of community and buying into the independent freshman," said O'Neill. "We want to try and get them to build a brotherhood with each other."

Based on historical data, it is more common for independent freshmen to transfer out of the College after their first semester than fraternity freshmen. The IMA will attempt to combat this disparity next year. But this spring, as the school year begins to wind down, they will be taking the seniors into consideration when planning more events.

"There's a lot of events that some seniors have mentioned that they enjoyed during their time at Wabash," said O'Neill. "I'm excited to try and make sure they have another opportunity to do those before they graduate."



PHOTO BY OWEN VERMEULEN '28

Gage Galloway '27 prepares to make a kick during the IMA kickball tournament on March 27, 2026, at Mud Hollow.

Nardo Wick headlines National Act 2026



PHOTOS BY WILL DUNCAN '27

Trump administration hopes for swift end to Iran War, NASA launches Artemis II and more

News around the world

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Iran Updates

U.S. President Donald Trump has claimed that his war on Iran will end in "two to three weeks" and that peace will bring oil prices "tumbling down." His statement comes after Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said that no negotiations were ongoing with Washington despite direct and indirect exchanges of messages.

Trump gave a timeline for the U.S. withdrawing from the conflict as "within two weeks, maybe two weeks, maybe three." Trump said the requirement for winding down the operation was that Iran be "put into the Stone Age," without the ability to soon acquire a nuclear weapon.

This happens as Iran continues to launch attacks against neighboring nations. Kuwait said an Iranian drone attack sparked a fire after striking fuel tanks at its international airport.

This comes as gas prices continue to spike. Prices at the pump hit a nationwide average of \$4.018, the highest level since August 2022 when Russia's war against Ukraine shook energy markets. Gas prices have soared more than

30% since the U.S. and Israel attacked Iran in late February, according to AAA data.

Oil prices have surged more than 50% since the war began. Brent prices, the international benchmark, are on pace for a record monthly gain dating back to the creation of the futures contract in 1988. U.S. crude oil is heading to its biggest gain in a single month since 2020.

Artemis II

NASA successfully launched the Artemis II spacecraft on April 1 at 6:24 p.m. EST from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The primary purpose of the Artemis II mission is to serve as the first crewed flight test of the Space Launch System (SLS) rocket and Orion capsule, orbiting the Moon to validate systems for future lunar landings. It will test life support and docking as well as preparing for sustainable lunar exploration. The Artemis II mission is planned to last approximately 10 days. The crew of four astronauts will fly around the Moon and return to Earth. The Artemis II crew is Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, Christina Koch and Jeremy Hansen.

Cuba

The Russian oil tanker Anatoly Kolodkin was just offshore the port of Matanzas, Cuba, on the morning of March 31, carrying an estimated 730,000 barrels of oil. The delivery offers a critical measure of relief for the island nation, which has struggled to function under crippling, sometimes days-long electricity blackouts since January, when the Trump administration told the rest of the world to stop providing Cuba with oil.

In the meantime, life in Cuba has been punishing. The blockade has led to severe shortages of oil, gas and diesel fuel. Food is in short supply and difficult to keep refrigerated. The blockade has also incapacitated Cuba's universal health care system, which was once seen as a jewel of the poor nation but now fights to provide even basic care to patients.

The arrival of Russian oil could be a signal that the U.S. does not want to contribute to a humanitarian crisis, some experts say. But it also could be that the Trump administration wants time to handle the war in Iran before it turns to Cuba.

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March Madness

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And then there were four. Some of the best games of the year have happened in the last couple of weeks. With everyone's brackets absolutely trashed, I am here for a final time to run you through what you need to know about each team that remains.

Uconn vs. Illinois

UConn

Two words: Braylon. Mullins. The Greenfield-Central High School star etched his name into sports history with one of the greatest shots in the history of college basketball. Talk about some onions! The Indiana native hit a buzzer beater to not only upset America's favorite to win the championship, the Duke Blue Devils, to send his team back to Indianapolis for the Final Four. Though he was the late game hero, some of his teammates have had to carry the load as of late. Center Tarris Reed, Jr. has been absolutely phenomenal this tournament. The senior is averaging 21.8 points per game and 13.5 rebounds per game. His high intensity rebounding is sure to give Illinois problems all night. Fellow senior Alex Karaban has been UConn's go-to scorer all year, and he's continued that trend in this tournament. He's putting up 17.8 points per game on roughly 40% shooting. If Head Coach Dan Hurley can keep his team disciplined if shots fall early, Illinois is in for a long night.

Illinois

On the flip side, Illinois is a team that few expected to make it this far. Yet, the play of the Fighting Illini has been extremely impressive. The high-paced play and the sheer size advantage that Illinois has on UConn makes this matchup one to keep an eye on. Freshman Keaton Wagler has continued to play consistently well, averaging 17.5 points per game in the tournament. He also scored a personal tournament-high 25 points against Iowa in the Elite Eight. Wagler's consistency was something I was hesitant on, but he has proved me wrong and has been the number one option. The thing I like most about Illinois is their offensive depth. With five guys who averaged over 10 points per game, you never know who's going to hurt you. With the Final Four in Indianapolis, it's conveniently close to Illinois and its fan base. This will practically be a home game, which is probably why ESPN has Illinois as a 59% favorite to win this game.

Final Prediction

Though Illinois will practically be playing a home game, I still like UConn in a tight win.

Arizona vs. Michigan

Arizona

These Wildcats are legit. In my eyes, Arizona is the best team left, and I find it very hard to see them losing against Michigan. With the truly amazing play of their freshmen pair of Koa Peat and Brayden Burries, it looks to me as if no team will be able to hang with them. Peat and Burries are both projected 1st-round picks, and have absolutely looked the part here in the tournament. With the aggressive and attacking mindset of Peat paired alongside the efficient shooting and playmaking of Burries, no team has seemed to find an answer to stop them. Arizona has also shot a scorching 44% from three as a team. Michigan has been known to get into early foul trouble in the tournament as well, a theme to keep an eye out for this Saturday. I think it will be extremely hard for the Wolverines to slow down this Arizona team.

Michigan

If Michigan hopes to make it past the powerhouse that is Arizona, Yaxel Lendeborg will have to play one of the best games of the season. Over his last three games, Lendeborg is averaging 25 points per game, 8.3 rebounds per game and 1.67 'stocks' (steals + blocks) per game. With Koa Peat likely to be matched up against the senior forward, Lendeborg will be sure to use his experience to his advantage. However, the man can't do it all by himself. I expect center Aday Mara to step up for the Wolverines. The seven-foot three-inch junior out of Spain has given coaches matchup nightmares all tournament. Arizona center Motiejus Krivas, who is seven-foot two-inch in his own right, will have a tall order in keeping Mara quiet. I think the rebounding battle will ultimately decide the winner of this game.

Final Prediction

Michigan keeps it close for most of the game, but Arizona ultimately pulls away at the end and wins rather comfortably.



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Jake German '11: Advocacy and service

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It's hard for Jake German '11 to describe what made Wabash feel different to him when he visited campus as a prospective student almost 20 years ago. But whatever it was, German and the Wabash community soon found out that this was a match made in heaven — one that continues to yield dividends for attorneys and alma mater alike.

While at Wabash, German was a member of the golf team, president of the Sphinx Club, involved in the Pre-Law Society and an officer of Beta Theta Pi. He graduated summa cum laude from Wabash and attended the Indiana University Maurer School of Law before joining Barnes and Thornburg's Indianapolis office, where he is now a partner and member of the Management Committee. German delivered a talk on March 23 to Wabash's Pre-Law Society, but his connections to campus after graduation stretch back far further. He has served as a National Association of Wabash Men (NAWM) director, an advisor for Beta Theta Pi and is a 2011 class agent.

"Jake is a really great example of holding a strong connection and continuing to give back to Wabash," said Pre-Law Society president Chris Runyon '26. "He is constantly doing stuff for Wabash and is a really good example of giving back to this

place once you leave."

German has another role that keeps him connected to Wabash. He serves as one of the College's attorneys, having taken over from Associate Professor of Political Science and Pre-Law Advisor Scott Himsel '85 a couple of years ago. German is thankful for the opportunity to carry on from his former teacher.

"Professor Himsel is an incredible person and has one of the biggest hearts that I've ever encountered, and he cares deeply about his students, even those that are not going into the law," said German. "But it's an incredible honor, and we have a great team at Barnes and Thornburg that's made up of both Wabash men and people who are not. I'm one of many that assists the College in the work that we do."

German's career encompasses far more than being Wabash's counsel, though. German's expertise is wide-ranging. He does work in tax structures, municipal funding, healthcare, gaming and alcohol regulation, higher education, non-profits and more. German does traditional legal work in these fields, but more than half of his time is spent lobbying other parties, usually the government, on behalf of his clients. Personable, widely-informed and down to earth; that work suits the Crawfordsville native well.

German also spoke to the Pre-Law Society about some of

the pressing issues, as he sees them, facing Indiana today. Among those was the state's Medicaid and Medicare expenditures, the future of Indiana's tax structure, marijuana regulation and the state legislature's efforts to curb international students who hail from certain countries from enrolling at Indiana's colleges and universities.

These topics are all complicated in their own right, but German insisted that dealing with them at the state level is simpler than working through the "amorphous blob" that is the federal government. Local government allows for people to advocate directly for themselves and others, a strategy German has made a career on.

Wabash shaped German, but people make places. Relationships set up German for his future, and that's an experience he hopes every Wabash man can have.

"The only thing I hope that all of our guys feel is a sense that Wabash is forever in the sense that you can have the camaraderie and the connection to the College as much as you want for as long as you want," said German. "I look back on the time that I spent here, the friendships that I made and the impact that it's had on my life, and I just connect all those dots. So, I feel very blessed that Wabash created this platform and then sent me on my way."



PHOTO BY DANIEL TRACHUK '29

Jake German '11 spoke on Monday, March 23, to Wabash students about current issues facing Indiana.

A disappointment to the student body of Wabash College: the Nardo Wick concert review

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Let's address the elephant in the room: National Act. While the National Act Committee did the best they could, Nardo Wick, his DJ and the lengthy My Yellow Rickshaw performance led to a turbulent night. Props to the students and staff that set this up for the students, however, the show had much room for improvement. It's safe to say there is hope for a better version next year.

Starting off, My Yellow Rickshaw, a group of Wabash Alumni, was a nice warmup, as they mostly played well-known hits that the student section could sing along to. It was sweet to hear some of the songs that I grew up listening to. They also played some combinations of songs as they were getting close to exiting the stage. Their performance was solid, but it certainly dragged out toward the end. Maybe this is because they were

told that they would play until 8 p.m. EST, and they were out there for a bit too long. Overall, their part of the Nardo Wick introduction was entertaining. I think this part was a fun way to get warmed up for the headline that ensued.

Nardo Wick's DJ started the concert at 8:55 p.m. EST. The late start was because of the tardy arrival of Wick's DJ. This start was significantly later than the promised time of 8:00 p.m. EST. This shocked the entire crowd and forced My Yellow Rickshaw to perform 45 minutes longer than they were supposed to. This also lengthened the show as the concert finished at 9:50 p.m. EST, pushing close to the National Act afterparty hosted by Lambda Chi Alpha.

Now, let's address the main issue: about halfway through the performance the DJ pronounced Wabash as "Wuh-bash." This shows the lack of effort in the preparation for this concert. This really pissed

me off; how are you going to perform somewhere and not know or at least try to learn the pronunciation of the place? The DJ definitely lowered the overall score of my opinion.

Nardo Wick's emotion also impacted the feel of the performance. I felt as if he didn't really care too much to be there. As he was singing he didn't look like he was vibing with the crowd at all. He was extremely monotone and uninterested in anything besides the check he received for being there. The crowd reciprocated the energy he gave. As he was up there singing, it was clear he would rather be elsewhere. However, his energy did improve as the concert progressed. As the performance developed into his more popular songs, he definitely increased his energy.

The singing wasn't too bad, but that does not mean that it was particularly good. The songs that they played were lackluster at worst and decent at best. The good news is that the majority of the songs were recognizable throughout the crowd. During every song, there was at least one person around me that was either dancing, singing or both. A majority of the crowd looked happy to be there. He played all of his hits and had a very interesting intro to "Da Da DaDa" with a piano playing with the rhythm of the lyrics. It took him a minute to get it tuned to the right key, but after that, the crowd went wild.

"You can tell when the crowd knew the song and when they didn't," said Jackson Willis '29. "When he played his songs with Future and Lil Baby everyone would



PHOTO BY WILL DUNCAN '27

Nardo Wick performed at National Act on Saturday, March 28 at the Allen Athletics Center.

get their phones out because they were familiar with the song."

As the concert roared on, if you were to turn around, you would see people leaving. This occurred throughout the entire concert. What started as a dense crowd eventually dispersed into a thin memory of the original crowd. The last few songs of his were his most popular streams, which was ironic because the crowd size by that point was minute. Prior to that, the songs were generally less well-known. It is hard to understand why he waited so long to play his big hits. The crowd was familiar with his last three songs as those who remained sang along. His choice in the track list order was the primary reason that the audience diminished in size.

As he was singing his hit songs at the end, the crowd was feeling the bass and singing along. He

played the songs "Da Da DaDa", "Me or Sum" and "Who Want Smoke." These are his hits and the crowd was loving it. As he finished his last song, he came down from stage and was high fiving, dappling up and taking pictures with students. This really brought the ending together to wrap up a rocky performance from the artist. While the event was not a failure, the culmination of the late play time, poor tracklist and partially unenthusiastic Nardo Wick was certainly disappointing.

FINAL VERDICT:
2/5 WALLYS

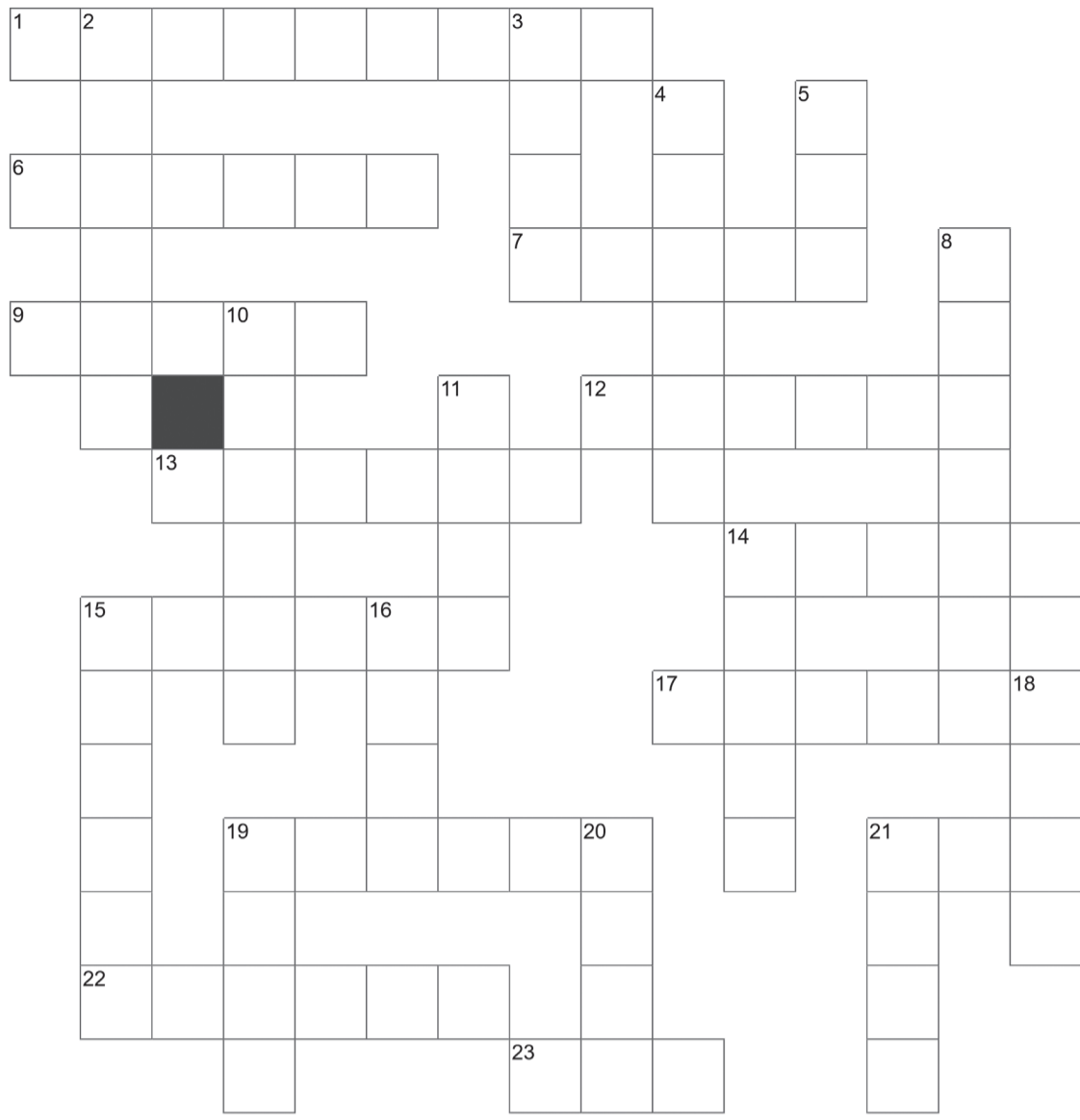


PHOTO BY WILL DUNCAN '27

My Yellow Rickshaw, a Wabash alumni band, opened for Nardo Wick.

'Easter'

Crossword by Tanner Quackenbush '26



- Across**
- Popular sweet treat in Easter baskets
 - Festive procession, some times with bonnets
 - Hopping animal that delivers Easter eggs
 - Large meal enjoyed on Easter Sunday
 - Another name for Jesus Christ
 - Spiritual communication during Lent
 - Baby bird, an Easter symbol
 - Fancy hat worn for an Easter parade
 - Good news of Christ's resurrection
 - Word referring to Passover or Easter
 - Traditional main dish for Easter dinner
 - Common spring flowers seen at Easter
 - To color Easter eggs

Scan for answers!



- Down**
- Where Christ ascended after resurrection
 - Empty place after Christ's rising
 - The day of Christ's resurrection
 - Feeling of happiness during Easter celebrations
 - The resurrection of Jesus
 - Season when Easter typically occurs
 - 40-day period of fasting before Easter
 - Central symbol of Christ's sacrifice
 - Container for Easter eggs and treats
 - Decorated symbols of new life at Easter
 - Symbol of Jesus, often eaten for Easter dinner
 - Branches waved on the Sunday before Easter
 - White flower symbolizing purity and resurrection
 - Activity for children to find hidden eggs

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Rachel Barclay: Catching the details



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When most students decide on a theater degree, they do not imagine a career as an academic administrative coordinator. After a brief and hectic career traveling as a set designer Rachel Barclay decided it was time to put some roots down and find somewhere to call home. After 18 years, it's safe to say she's found it.

"Wabash is very flexible and very family oriented," said Barclay. "I've always had a lot of support here."

Barclay started out working in Goodrich Hall, serving in a similar position to her current responsibilities for Detchon Center. She quickly fell in love with Wabash. The combination of her daily opportunities to interact with both faculty and students satisfied an itch she was looking to scratch.

"I love history and language, and in working with the students and faculty, I just absorb so much," said Barclay. "There's such a great community here," said Barclay. "There's always something going on. There's always things to be involved in."

One of the primary ways that Barclay is involved on campus is her important work with the foreign language teaching assistants. She is their very first point of contact between the Teacher's Assistants (TAs) and Wabash. Serving as a surrogate parent in a

way, Barclay prepares the house for their arrival, helps them navigate the difficulties of moving to a foreign country and continues to make herself available for whatever they may need. Her upbringing as a military child helped her prepare for this role in assisting strangers in a strange place.

"I was always the new kid," said Barclay. "I think that doing that over and over has helped me be good at helping them get settled."

"She makes the TAs lives much better," said Jane Hardy, Associate Professor of Spanish and Senior Associate Dean of the College. "She's very attentive, and she sets a very positive, caring tone with them from the very beginning. She makes sure not only that their house is clean but that they all have nice sheets, towels, bed coverings and desk supplies. The house is always very attractive when they move in, even down to the decor. She'll choose items from the TAs' home countries to decorate the house."

This exemplifies Barclay's fundamental work philosophy, bringing out the best from the smallest places. One of her proudest projects on campus is the welcome signs lining the joists down the first floor hallway in Detchon.

"This is a small detail that is frequently appreciated by our guests and prospective students," said Hardy. "She tries to make an impact in all of the small ways that she can in her role, highlighting niche details that other might overlook or undervalue."

"I'm most proud of when I can find things where I actually make a difference for someone or their specific project, like advocating for the TAs over the years. They're not really staff, and they're not really students. They exist in this kind of strange in-between where they don't give grades but teach, and they take classes but don't register for them. Those are the kinds of things that I hope people will remember."

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Arman Luthra: Humble and brilliant

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For Arman Luthra '26, the liberal arts experience at Wabash has not just been about exploring a variety of subjects but finding the connections between them. From the northernmost tip of India in Jammu and Kashmir to Crawfordsville, Luthra has spent these fleeting years seeking to bridge the gap between complex, high-level data and the real-world human impacts they create.

An international student, Luthra dove headfirst into Wabash trying to make an impact in the community regardless of his distance from home. As a freshman he served as a cartoonist for *The Bachelor* and a member of the Glee Club. From there, he went on to become the president of the Crawfordsville to Campus Committee. Economic research, however, was how Luthra first turned his talent for working with numbers into a story about the world.

During the summer of his freshman year, Luthra conducted research in Canada through the College on remittance models. Remittance is the transfer of money by a worker from outside of their country of origin back home, whether that be to their family or elsewhere. It is possible the sum of all such payments surpass international aid for developing countries, making it a critical area of research and modeling.

He developed a method to predict these financial flows with a 97% accuracy. His work was utilized by the government of India to help forecast and allocate its multi-billion dollar remittance budget. In that way, Luthra was able to turn statistics into a path for improving lives. In most of what Luthra does as a Little Giant, his passion lies with the deliberating and deciphering of small and large-scale problems. That mindset also allowed him to reach President Pro Tempore of the Student Senate.



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Arman Luthra '26 (right) converses at a Malcom X Institute (MXI) celebration. Luthra has been a member of the MXI while at Wabash.

Luthra's most significant academic contribution lies in his senior capstone research. His work centered on deciphering the black box of algorithms within artificial intelligence. His research, alongside Isaac Grannis '26 and BKT Assistant Professor of Computer Science Qixin Deng, explored how biases embedded in training data can lead to discriminatory outcomes.

"The direction we're heading into as a world is one with artificial intelligence being ubiquitous," said Luthra. "So I think understanding it is definitely helpful. With human discrimination, you can find the person involved in doing it. You don't have that with AI."

"Arman is one of the most impressive students I have worked with at Wabash" said Deng. "He is exceptionally bright, highly responsible and able to turn ambitious ideas into polished results," said Deng. "In his senior capstone work on Prism, he helped develop a frontend system for exploring neural language model interpretability, and what stood out to me was not only the technical sophistication of the project, but also his ability to make complex ideas accessible through strong design, clear organization and thoughtful implementation."

Luthra isn't defined solely by his research and computer science skills – impressive, though, they are. He is deeply rooted in the creative and social life of the college. He is a painter, a guitarist and an avid soccer player who has served as the president of the Indoor Soccer Club.

In his capacity as an artist he made cartoons for *The Bachelor*; one particular piece regarding the Qatar World Cup garnered attention abroad. His depiction of the dire working conditions of South Asian immigrant laborers being imported to construct infrastructure for the event was so significant that a publishing company in Ireland reached out to feature his work in a textbook. For this feat and other great efforts, he was awarded the Patterson Goldberg Freshman Journalism Award.

Luthra's advice to students is to get out there and talk to the people around you. As Luthra prepares to graduate, he plans on pursuing public policy work in San Francisco. It's an open question how and where his skillset will help with statecraft in California, but he's already served the most populous country in the world. Surely he can improve one mere city.

Brotherhood made tangible

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At Wabash, we talk a lot about brotherhood, but sometimes it's hard to say what brotherhood really looks like. Other times, it's not. Like when a Wabash man you've never met invites you into his home after your flight is cancelled and helps you get home.

Will Freeman '28 was supposed to fly back from Florida at the end of spring break, but his flight got delayed for one hour then two and before he knew it his flight had been cancelled. He was alone in Miami International Airport with no way to get home to Indiana and Wabash.

"I'm looking at probably sleeping at the airport while trying to get a rescheduled flight," said Freeman.

But when Freeman saw a red Wabash backpack across the departures hall, he decided to go say hello. The backpack belonged to Andres Tejada '29, who was supposed to be on the same canceled flight as Freeman. When it was clear they weren't going to be able to make it to Indiana that night on another flight, Tejada told Freeman to just stay at his house, which is nearby.

"Thankfully, he let me come back to his house, where I got a

bed to sleep on, a shower, and his mom cooked us two meals," said Freeman. "His mom and grandma and aunt helped me a ton with getting my flights rescheduled. If it wasn't for him, I would have been in an airport for 30 hours straight and spent a fortune on food."

The next day, after waiting at the airport for hours, Freeman was able to catch a flight home. He was grateful to be home and even more thankful for Tejada stepping in. Tejada's empathy for a Wabash brother came through.

"I mean, honestly, I also wanted to pay it forward to all the guys who have made me feel at home," said Tejada. "Being from so far away, I've definitely had my moments of homesickness. And I didn't want him to feel that way, having nobody there to take care of him and stuff."

"It was cool to just meet someone very different that still helped me out because of Wabash," said Freeman. "If I was from Indiana and I met him, maybe he'd still help me out, but I definitely think that Wabash had a lot to do with it."

It's a story that substantiates what many Wabash men know to be true — the brotherhood is everywhere, and it often finds you when you need it most.



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Will Freeman '28 (left) poses with Andres Tejada '29 (right). Tejada invited Freeman into his home after a canceled flight over break.

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'GOOOO TO CHAPEL!'



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In 1928, a new building was constructed on the mall of Wabash College, a building that honors the "Pioneers of Indiana". Since then, Pioneer Chapel has become the most recognizable place on campus, with its classic exterior familiar to every student crossing the Mall to class. For nearly 100 years, it has also housed one of Wabash's most distinctive traditions: Chapel Talks. The intention of Chapel Talks is to invite a member of the Wabash community to share their thoughts on current matters that exist within and outside these classic halls.

It is a privilege of mine to be able to introduce each speaker every Thursday morning. I will admit, however, it feels different trying to introduce a speaker to an empty congregation. I look into the crowd and see familiar faces in their usual spots, but still notice gaps in the creaky wooden pews in the audience. I understand it. Wabash is demanding, with constant assignments and frequent meetings. Sometimes, we all need time to wind down.

Still, 11:15 a.m. on Thursday mornings should not be a time of convenience. It should be a time when we as Wabash men choose to show up.

Chapel is one of the few times each week where the campus has the opportunity to pause, listen and hear something that may actually challenge the way we think. NAWM President Tony Unfried '03 said it

best himself, "The point of this isn't just to tell stories. It's to give you something to walk out of here with...Something that helps you leave this place with a stronger foundation for the rest of your life."

I understand that you may be worried about your personal time. But I can guarantee you that a simple 25-minute speech will be a more productive use of your time than sitting and scrolling on your dorm room couch.

This semester, Chapel speakers have included alumni reflecting on how Wabash shaped their careers, as well as former NFL player Joe Reitz, who discussed what true, authentic masculinity should look like in today's world (Joe also has a familial connection to this small college in Crawfordsville, Indiana). Where else can you find a place that has their own student body invite illustrious men and women to talk about what they've learned and how we can learn from them?

I'll answer that question for you: Nowhere. Nowhere else are you going to find an institution that asks its alumni to discuss the past, but to also invest directly in those sitting where they once sat. Chapel Talks exist for speakers to provide current students with the lessons they've learned, troubles they've encountered and something for us to implement in our lives.

Last week, Mark Elrod '99 provided us with a task, saying "Challenge [yourself] to do something new...Find your mountain, literal or figurative, and climb it." If your habit is that couch, break it and get out of your comfort zone. If Chapel has not been part of your week, make it one now. Whether it is your first time, or your 50th, I want to see Wabash men, faculty, and administrators fill those empty pews. Grab a donut or two, some coffee, and gooooooo to Chapel!



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Pioneer Chapel swarms with students before a Chapel Talk on August 22, 2024.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

INDIANA BOY ON AN INDIANA NIGHT

Hi-Five to Braylon Mullins for his game-winning three to beat Duke in the Elite Eight. We're all going to be copying Dan Hurley's aura-filled reaction in our IM games.

WE WANT SMOKE WITH YOU

Lo-Five to Nardo Wick for being late and performing 35 minutes less than he was supposed to. We'll take JC over Nardo every day of the week.

D-U-EYE OF THE TIGER

Lo-Five to Tiger Woods for getting his fourth DUI. If only he could drive down the middle of a road lane like he drives it 300 yards down the middle of the fairway!

OPERATION POOL PARTY

Lo-Five to Pete Hegseth for reversing the suspension of the two Army pilots who flew over Kid Rock's pool. It doesn't come as a surprise given Hegseth's history with professionalism and boundaries.

WABCO ALWAYS CITES!

Hi-Five to The Bastard staff. We heard they fact checked every story and provided a link to a Works Cited page at bastard.wabco.edu.

Dueling opinions: Opposing treasurers

What we fund and how we fund matters

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The Treasurer of the Senate sits behind every club, committee and event on campus. I believe the purpose of student Senate funds should be to promote the personal, academic, professional and intercultural lives at Wabash. The way to serve this purpose is to fully fund the clubs and committees on campus that have the largest attendance, the ability to provide accessible and high value experiences for the student body. This has been a common theme in recent times within the Senate, and I plan to continue it. That said, smaller clubs will still receive funding, just in a way that is proportional and fair. Clubs and committees that demonstrate strong attendance, accessibility and value to the student body should receive greater support, while still making sure all groups have the resources they need to operate.

The actions I would like to implement into my work as a treasurer is to encourage clubs to get budgets submitted before semester starts to streamline early semester events, more transparency and promote collaboration among clubs. When budgets are submitted before the semester starts it allows the Audit and Finance Committee (AFC) and the treasurer to do two things. First, it allows the AFC and treasurer to take a big-picture view of the budget, so funding decisions are made strategically for the whole semester. Second, it allows for

clubs and committees to hold events in the first few weeks of the semester which, I believe, is when students have the most time to and the desire to attend events. The transparency I want to provide goes beyond just talking about it. Vic Lindsay holds a Club and Committee leader training at the beginning of every year. I want to give a small 10-minute presentation at that training to let clubs and committees know what information they should submit to AFC. Per Bylaw 2.06 "the AFC recommendations should be sent to the voting body of the student Senate 48 hours prior to Senate meetings.". This bylaw hasn't been consistently followed, and I intend to uphold it along with the rest. Finally, I want to promote more club collaboration to improve the effectiveness of the event and the attendance. When clubs and committees combine their budgets, audiences and ideas, events become more impactful and better attended.

With rising inflation and the growth of new organizations, there has been discussion about increasing the student activity fee, which would ultimately raise tuition. I strongly oppose this. I believe we can continue to manage funds effectively for the next few years without placing a bigger burden on students.

At the end of the day, I want to keep the funding process fair for clubs and committees. I plan to do this by structuring an AFC that brings different perspectives into the room, so funding decisions are more balanced and better reflect the student body. Vote for change, vote for more, vote for Ray — Purichia, it is what we make!

Vote for experience: Vote for action

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When running for a position with as much influence on the Student Body experience as the Student Senate Treasurer holds, it is important to inform you, the students, of my qualifications and, more importantly, actionable points of improvement that I would implement upon election.

In my almost three full years at Wabash, I have tried my hand at almost every opportunity for student involvement I could. From club and committee leader to staff writer for *The Bachelor* to sports broadcaster and statistician, I have followed the sage advice from many Wabash men before me: to make the most of what Wabash has to offer. This mindset has led me to accumulate relevant and frankly unrivaled experience and perspective for the role of treasurer. Some of my most relevant work has been done serving as a Student Senator, a club president, a treasurer for three different clubs and committees and as a member of the Audit and Finance Committee.

These experiences have truly opened my eyes to both the astounding potential that the student body has and also the many flaws in its current state that need to be rectified. To address these current flaws, allow me to introduce the avenues of improvement I will work to implement upon election.

Firstly, I believe wholeheartedly in enabling Wabash men who use their blossoming creativity and critical thinking to plan events and activities that "advance, promote, or enrich the personal, academic, professional, and/or intercultural lives of the student body" (AFC Bylaw 1.02). However, in recent years, we've seen a plethora of creativity and, unfortunately, a lack of follow-through.

The most conducive characteristic of student leaders following through with campus events is attention to detail and effective planning. I plan to hold club and committee leaders to a professional standard of budgeting and planning. Leaders will have to provide estimated dates for events, detailed lists of what refreshments, prizes and services they look to purchase, and their expected costs per item. This will not only optimize fund allocation but also better prepare leaders to follow through on their events and build professional planning skills. I will create an example document of what an ideal budget request looks like for reference.

Additionally, each student organization is required to send one member of their cabinet each semester to attend one of Vic Lindsay's engage training sessions, in order to receive funding for their organization. These training sessions are incredibly impactful for student leaders and help them build fluency in Engage and learn proper usage of purchasing cards.

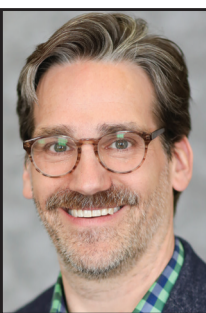
Secondly, I believe enhancing funding transparency would better equip senators and students to critically assess the Senate's funding allocation. My first action towards transparency will be revamping AFC recommendations to include an itemized list of what items are recommended for funding, in addition to AFC's reasoning for not funding certain items.

Additionally, I will implement a change within Engage that will allow all Student Senators to view and comment upon the AFC recommendations before the Senate meeting, which will better inform their decisions and allow the will, tedious AFC section of Senate meetings to flow more seamlessly.

I will also work to clear up confusion on items like trip budget, outside funding from Wabash programs, and club membership dues. I will create a key for students to reference to reduce inefficiencies and issues in the funding process that the AFC and Senate have faced throughout the school year.

Now that you know more about our platforms, I implore you all to use your right as a student to vote. Vote for experience. Vote for action.

Humility and hallucinations



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Stop me if you've heard this one: "The great thing about computers is that they do exactly what you tell them to do. The terrible thing about computers is that they do exactly what you tell them to do." But what, exactly, are we telling our computers to do? In a recent paper (Kalai et. al. 2025), researchers at OpenAI and Georgia Tech offer a new explanation of why large language models (LLMs, such as ChatGPT) hallucinate. The term 'hallucinate' is unfortunate, since it suggests that LLMs have quasi-cognitive or perceptual processes that occasionally malfunction, or "make stuff up." But this is entirely the wrong way to think about how LLMs work. It's not that LLMs are searching for or reasoning about information, and sometimes "make stuff up." It's much more accurate to say that LLMs always make stuff up, but most of the time what they make up happens to be true. Incidentally, the fact that LLMs are right as often as they are, given how they work, is remarkable, and should be celebrated as the significant technical and scientific accomplishment that it is.

Let's dive into this a little more, beginning with the term 'hallucination.' This term refers to models' propensity to produce results that are plausible and delivered in a way that seems confident but are nevertheless incorrect. In light of this, it would be more helpful to replace the concept of hallucination with a different philosophical concept: Bullshit (Hicks et. al. 2024). This term received a celebrated philosophical analysis from Harry Frankfurt in his 1986 essay, "On Bullshit." On Frankfurt's analysis, one bullshits when one is "engaged in an activity to which the distinction between what is true and what is false is crucial, and yet [one

takes] no interest in whether what [one] says is true or false." LLMs do not take an interest in anything, hence, they do not take an interest in whether their output is true or false. Thus, all of their output is bullshit, in Frankfurt's sense, even if most of it is in fact true.

At this point, I suppose the following objection will have occurred to you: I grant that LLMs don't have an interest in truth or falsity, but surely the people who make them do. Models that don't reliably return true outputs wouldn't be useful, and therefore would not constitute the multi-trillion dollar industry that they do. This is a good point, but it contains a subtle error. To uncover the error, we must dive just a little into the details of how LLMs work.

Here's the short, minimally technical explanation. Training for LLMs (and many other kinds of generative AI models, for that matter) is typically divided into two phases. In the first phase, called "pre-training," the model is given a large corpus of training data (text, in the case of LLMs), performs statistical analysis on that data to find regularities and then generates new output data (e.g. text) that fits the patterns detected in the training data. It may be helpful to note that the "GPT" in "ChatGPT" stands for "Generative Pre-trained Transformer." "Pre-trained" means that it is given a large body of training data, a "Transformer" is a software architecture that finds patterns in the relationships between words (and parts of words) in the training data and "Generative" means that it outputs novel instances of the patterns that it detected.

The second phase of training for LLMs is called "post-training." In this phase, the model is refined by grading its outputs. You have probably taken part in the post-training phase for LLMs that you use. Occasionally, when you use a LLM, you may be given two outputs for a given prompt and asked to choose which one you prefer. In making that choice, you are providing information that contributes to refining the model's output; over time, it will tend to produce outputs that are more similar to the output you preferred.

What Kalai et. al. discovered is that LLMs' propensity to bullshit comes largely from the

post-training phase. Let's think about why this is. LLMs have a propensity to produce output that sounds plausible, in a confident tone, that is nevertheless completely made up (remember, "G" is for "Generative"). Why do they do this? The answer is as sad as it is simple: Because we tell them to. Remember how post-training works. Evaluators grade model outputs, and these grades inform future model behavior. When we are given a choice of outputs, we tend to prefer clear, simple, confident ones. Those are the ones that strike us as valuable or useful (not to mention that we also tend to prefer outputs that flatter us and are consistent with what we already think).

Why do we do this? Why do we prioritize confidence and clarity over truth? To be honest, I don't think anyone has a fully satisfying answer to this question, but I do have some thoughts. First of all, I think it's important to note that this problem is not unique to our interaction with LLMs. In our interactions with other people, we tend to lionize confidence; we rely on the fact that it sounds like a person knows what they're talking about as a proxy for determining that they actually do know. If your reaction to this point is "well, maybe most people do that, but I don't!" you are, like the 93% of sampled U.S. drivers who rated the safety and skillfulness of their driving as "above average" (Svenson 1981), probably experiencing the effects of the cognitive bias known as "illusory superiority."

The next time you are trying to learn about something that requires you to learn from someone else, ask yourself: What am I relying on to judge that this person is a reliable informant? Be honest with yourself. Is it that what they are saying "makes sense," seems plausible or "passes the smell test?" If so, that ultimately just means that it coheres with what you already think. Is it that they have advanced degrees and peer-reviewed publications? That's not a bad proxy, but it has significant limitations: People with degrees are known to make pronouncements that reach beyond their areas of expertise, and conversely many people without degrees are genuine experts (consider the mechanic who works on your car). Or, perhaps, are you just relying on the fact that they are articu-

late and sound confident; that they sound like they know what they're talking about? That's a human habit that's probably as old as our habit of linguistic communication, but LLMs have thrown it into sharp relief. We use articulate text and a confident tone as a proxy for clear and accurate thought. But LLMs have shown us what we should have known all along: you can generate the text without any of the thought.

It is a beautiful and tragic fact that we humans are social creatures through and through. We have no choice but to rely on each other to learn about our shared world. This fact is beautiful because it lays bare our epistemic dependence on and indebtedness to one another. But it is tragic because it makes reliable informants into a scarce and valuable resource, and this produces significant incentives to pretend to be one. Put another way, reliability is highly valuable but difficult to detect directly. Consequently, we seek out and reward its more visible proxy: confidence.

What should we do about this? First, we must recognize that LLMs are not specimens of some new alien intelligence. Rather, they are funhouse mirrors in which we can see our own distorted reflections. LLMs bullshit with unwarranted confidence because they were trained on us. They reflect our own tragic habit of rewarding people who sound certain over people who actually know what they're talking about. So how can we change the reflection in the mirror? My modest proposal is epistemic humility. We should stop prioritizing the loudest, most confident voices in the room and in our own heads. LLMs will always be able to generate confident-sounding text faster than we can. But what they can never do is pause, carefully observe the nuances of a complex situation, and say, "I don't know, but let's figure it out." That kind of careful, humble judgment takes practice. Fortunately, it's exactly the sort of practice that Wabash provides ample opportunities for you to engage in. I hope you take advantage of them.

An outside perspective on NIL and March Madness



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beyond the bracket. Within teams, NIL can create divisions. When only a few players receive significant opportunities, others may feel left out. "NIL benefits the biggest talent," one participant said. "They will only benefit the guys that will go pro," another added.

That imbalance raised concerns about the culture of college athletics. While NIL can strengthen programs, it may also shift focus away from team cohesion and shared experience.

Students briefly turned to regulation, agreeing that some structure is necessary given the scale of money involved. Many supported a centralized approach, arguing that consistent rules would create a more level playing field. At the same time, participants recognized that NIL is shaped by market forces. "Let the market decide," one student said, pointing to the role of viewership and revenue in determining opportunity.

That reality creates both flexibility and inequality. Attention finally turned to the future of NIL. Here, students expressed little uncertainty. NIL is not going away. "I don't really see it going away," one participant said. Others predicted that financial stakes will continue to rise, driven by sponsorships, branding and social media influence. College athletes, they suggested, are increasingly becoming public figures.

One example stood out. "Fernando Mendoza (the quarterback for Indiana University) making the same amount of money or more than an Olympic gold medalist," a participant noted, highlighting how NIL has blurred the line between amateur and professional athletics. While not a great comparison, his reported \$2.6 million NIL deal outweighs many athletes at many levels of play.

As college athletes take on more professional roles, students questioned what happens to the educational mission of universities. "Some universities are chasing revenue, leaving behind the normal people that pay tuition," one participant said.

The group did not reject NIL outright. They supported athletes' right to earn money. But they also recognized that the system introduces tradeoffs, especially when financial incentives begin to shape institutional priorities. No single conclusion emerged.

Instead, the conversation revealed a set of tensions. NIL creates opportunity while reshaping competition. It offers fairness in some ways while introducing new inequalities in others.

For a group encountering this system from the outside, the takeaway was not just about policy, it was about perspective. Without long-standing assumptions, international students were able to see both the benefits and consequences of NIL more clearly. As college sports continue to evolve, their reflections point to a larger question: not just how NIL works, but what college athletics is meant to be.

Turning Point USA belongs at Wabash



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with one another, along with hearing all sides of opinions. This would help better inform students and allow for a clear "why" to be put behind an opinion.

Turning Point does this by providing professional debates, open forums and bringing in guest speakers. Some may worry it would increase division. I believe the complete opposite. Structured dialogue would reduce division and help the student body grow by encouraging students to become more confident in their opinions, less afraid of counterarguments and stronger in debating skills as a whole.

For students who may not feel comfortable voicing their opinions, it also offers a great opportunity to further listening and understanding skills. That is equally (if not more) important than the voicing side of it because, without the ability to truly listen and understand where a student's opinion comes from, nothing meaningful can be gained from a debate.

Wabash should not be a place where difficult conversations are avoided, but rather encouraged. Bringing Turning Point USA to campus would be a step in the right direction by promoting and providing open, structured discourse among students. Rather than increasing division, it would challenge students to think critically, defend their beliefs with confidence, and engage directly with one another. This is the kind of engagement that Wabash needs to help build a stronger campus community and diminish the division that currently exists.

During my time here at Wabash, it has been very apparent that there is a clear divide among students when it comes to their beliefs and perspectives. Although disagreement itself is not inherently bad (in fact, it's very important), the lack of face-to-face conversations and debating is. Far too often, students voice their opinions online or in a paper directed toward someone else rather than engaging with them directly, which takes away opportunities to ask questions, challenge ideas and better understand why a student thinks the way they do.

Since my freshman year, I have believed that bringing Turning Point USA to Wabash would be a great way to address this issue. Being an organization that is centered around political engagement and open dialogue, it has the potential to create structured opportunities for civil discourse over politics and world issues, along with many other relatable topics. This would fill the gap that currently exists at Wabash by giving students a platform to speak and debate

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understand the rules of lacrosse — my mom still doesn't quite have a grasp on them either — I would love to see you there.

Now I know the first thing you want to do on a Saturday may not be going to a lacrosse game, and I completely understand. There are a lot of things you could be doing instead, but this game only comes around once a year, and I can't explain how ecstatic I would be to see you all there. Even if it's just for a half or a quarter, any support would be amazing to see.

I've had this game circled on the calendar since January. As we all know, this isn't just another game; it's a battle. I could talk all day about why this game matters so much, but I know you guys understand.

To put it bluntly, the school down south has controlled this rivalry for as long as I can remember, but I am so determined to see this change. While I thought it would be last year, especially with the lead we had going, I am fine with this, because what better way to flip the switch than to do it on home turf, surrounded by all of you.

One of my favorite pictures in my phone came from that game last year. It's a picture of you guys in the stands, and it perfectly demonstrates the energy you guys brought, and I hope you can bring it again this year. Everybody was up on their feet yelling just as a Wabash man does.

With all this being said, I would love to see you all on the April 5. Bring some of your buddies, enjoy a rhynie burger, but most of all, be there for a historic game and bring the energy and chaos that makes Wabash men so special.

I will never forget my first time playing against the school down south. It was an away game in Greencastle, yet the stands were flooded with red. It didn't feel like we were the visitors; it felt like home turf. Every goal we scored caused an eruption. The energy was unmatched. It wasn't just noise; it was momentum for us players, and it truly did help. I think about this game a lot. While we didn't get the outcome we wanted, the game further proved to me how strong our brotherhood truly is.

I have been reassured of this brotherhood and support this season. It feels like every game, the crowds get bigger and bigger, and I have been loving it. While our games haven't quite been going our way, you still support, and I can't explain how much that means to my teammates and me. Nothing gets me more fired up than seeing a bunch of Little Giants pack Fischer Field, and that is what you guys have brought us.

On Saturday, April 5 at 1:00 p.m., we play the school down south once again, however, this time it's on our turf. Even if you don't

Tennis grabs first NCAC win of the season over Wittenberg, shifts eyes to DePauw

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The tennis team had an action-packed weekend, playing the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and Washington University St. Louis, the No. 9 team in the country (Intercollegiate Tennis Association), on Saturday, March 28, as well as Wittenberg University on Sunday, March 29. The squad came out of the weekend with a 2-1 performance, picking up wins over the Fighting Engineers and Tigers.

Saturday morning saw the team travel down to Terre Haute, Indiana, and the group had a solid start to the match in doubles play. The duo of Murilo Guarniari '28 and Edmon Neto '29 grabbed a 6-3 win, and Tharakesh Ashokar '26 and Cole Shifferly '26 clinched the opening point for the Little Giants with a 6-3 win as well.

In singles play, Ashokar carried the momentum from doubles play and beat his opponent 2-0 (6-1, 6-0), but then Rose-

Hulman started to fight their way back. Both Shifferly and Rafael Rin '27 dropped their matches, making the overall match score 2-2. Neto and Augusto Ghidini '26 clinched the match for Wabash, though, by winning both of their matches in straight sets.

The team returned to Crawfordsville that evening to take on No. 9 Washington University St. Louis at Crawfordsville High School, where they showed grit in doubles play. Guarniari and Neto got broken halfway through their match and lost 4-6, Ghidini and Rin pulled out a tight 7-6 win and Shifferly and Vitto Bona '27 battled hard as well but lost 6-7, giving the Bears the first point of the match.

In singles play, Wabash struggled to keep things close. The only point for the team came from Guarniari, who won 2-0 (6-3, 6-4).

On Sunday, the Little Giants traveled over to Springfield, Ohio for their third North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) matchup of the season against the



PHOTO BY SEAN BLEDSOE '26

Rafael Rin '27 makes an aggressive play at the net in doubles play against No. 9 Washington University St. Louis on Saturday.



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Murilo Guarniari '28 hits a slice shot down the line in singles play against No. 9 Washington University St. Louis on Saturday at Crawfordsville High School.

Wittenberg University Tigers. Wabash completed a clean 7-0 sweep, giving the team their first NCAC win of the season.

"All the matches this weekend had some great fights, especially against Washington University," said Guarniari. "Edmond and I fought well despite not playing our best, and we almost found a way to take the match. In my singles, I felt really focused with a lot of positive energy, and because of that, the important moments went my way."

Head Tennis Coach Daniel Bickett was pleased with the weekend's results.

"Wittenberg is in a rough spot as a program, and it was a great match for some younger guys to have the opportunity to play a conference match," said Bickett. "Rose-Hulman is a great place to compete, and it was great to get a win there."

Bickett is also extremely proud of the massive signs of improvement in doubles play.

"Doubles have been a big improvement," said Bickett. "That first point can be the difference. Starting matches with the

right energy is key. [Assistant Tennis] Coach Petar Petrovic brings a lot of knowledge about the value of a positive voice on the court. These matches are decided by just a couple points, and he does a very good job of keeping the energy up."

Looking ahead, Wabash will host DePauw University on Friday, April 3 for a pivotal NCAC matchup, and the focus remains internal for the Little Giants.

"There's nothing to do differently," said Bickett. "It's about controlling the moments of doubt that will happen and being willing to fight because they will not give the match away. We just need to focus on what we can control. We're going to give it our all this Friday."

"The whole team is pretty excited," said Guarniari. "We have our goal in mind, and we need to focus on the match in front of us. We can't think too much about the long-term side of things. We need to just focus on what we need to get this win."

The first serve against the Tigers will go up in the air at 4:30 p.m. EST.

Volleyball fights for a spot in the MCVL tournament

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Sitting towards the top of the Midwest Collegiate Volleyball League (MCVL) standings, Wabash hosted both Calvin University and Trine University on March 27 and 28, respectively, in hopes of climbing their way up to the first place spot. Unfortunately, however, the Little Giants lost both matches, putting them in the middle of the pack of the MCVL standings.

On Friday night, neither Wabash nor Calvin could take a commanding lead as both teams traded points for the first half of the first set. It wasn't until the score was 14-14 that Calvin went on a five-point run thanks to a couple of kills and a couple of Little Giant errors. The run propelled Calvin and gave them momentum to get the first set score to 22-17.

Wabash immediately turned it around, though, as the men in scarlett and white went on a 6-0 run of their own courtesy of blocks by Bawibawi Thang '27, Shad Wilson '27 and Ben Donaldson '29 to give the team a 23-22 lead. Despite the timely run, the Little Giants could not close out the first set, and Calvin went up 1-0.

Calvin came out hot in the second set, quickly grabbing an 8-1 lead. The early deficit was too significant to overcome for Wabash, and Calvin took a 2-0 set advantage.

The third set was very similar to the first with both teams trading points and neither taking a substantial lead. Later in the set, however, Calvin went on a 6-0 run that helped them secure a 3-0 sweep over the Little Giants.

Thang and Zev Wolverson '27 led the team with 11 and 10 kills, respectively, while Matthew Stitle '28 totaled up 33 assists. Piotr Wolan '28 and Wolverson anchored the defense with eight and seven digs respectively.

"The message has been simple: all team, all time. We're staying locked in together, trusting each other and playing for the guy next to us."

- Matthew Stitle '28

On Saturday, Trine took an early lead in the first set and never looked back, securing a 25-20 victory to put them up 1-0. The second set saw the Little Giants make it a slightly tighter contest, but the Thunder ultimately managed a 25-21 victory to put themselves up 2-0.

Wabash play its best volleyball of the afternoon in the third set, taking an early 10-5 advantage. The Little Giants maintained the lead for most of the third set and got within two points of closing out the set at 23-19. Trine managed to flip the momentum, however, by going on a 5-0 run to give it a 24-23 lead. The Thunder ultimately closed out the third set by a final score of 29-27 and won the match 3-0.

Wilson led the team with nine kills while



PHOTO BY JEREMIAH RUNGE '29

Ben Donaldson '29 goes up for a tip in a game against Trine University on March 28, 2026, at Chadwick Court.

Thang and Donaldson followed up with seven and six kills respectively. Stitle managed the offense well with 32 assists, and Wolan had an impressive defensive performance with 11 digs.

"The two games we played this past weekend showed us how mentally tough and resilient we have to be in times of pressure," said Thang. "We are physically matched with the teams in our conference, but when things don't go our way, we tend to shut down."

When the team's momentum hit a low point, the collective energy amongst the group also dipped.

"When our energy was high, we played some of our best volleyball, but when it dropped, it showed," said Stitle. "This week, we're focused on bringing consistent energy to every point, staying engaged and lifting each other up the entire match."

The two losses placed Wabash in a tie for fourth place in the regular season standings. If the team wants to secure their spot in the MCVL tournament, they will need to close out the regular season with a strong performance.

"Knowing that we have one last shot to make the conference tournament, we're going to practice with 100% effort and a growth mindset every day," said Thang. "We've been given another opportunity to reach our goal, so it's our due diligence to show up to practice to work."

"The message has been simple: all team, all time," said Stitle. "We're staying locked in together, trusting each other and playing for the guy next to us. If we do that and bring energy to every point, we'll put ourselves in a good position to succeed."

The Little Giants take on Wittenberg University in their final regular season game on Friday, April 3, at 7 p.m. EST at Chadwick Court.

Baseball loses first two NCAC games to John Carroll

TY MURPHY '27
STAFF WRITER

The Wabash College baseball team dropped both games in a doubleheader against John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio on Sunday, March 29. Coming into the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) games riding a five-game losing streak, the team knew it would be a test, but unfortunately, the Blue Streaks proved to be too much for the Little Giants as the home team claimed both games. The losses were the first ones in the all-time series for the Little Giants, who entered the game with a 2-0 record against the Blue Streaks, and the two games were also the first ever NCAC games played between the two teams.

The Blue Streaks came out swinging in the beginning of the first game, taking a commanding 4-0 lead into the third inning. Wabash attempted to capitalize after getting some runners in scoring position, but it could not get anyone home until the seventh inning. Will McKinzie '26 was walked, and Ben Henke '26 singled to left field, advancing McKinzie to second. The bases were eventually loaded after a Will Wallace '28 walk. Jimmy Hawksworth '28 was then hit by a pitch, bringing McKinzie home. This would be Wabash's only run, however, and JCU went on to close out the first game by a final score of 4-1.

Despite giving up four runs, Caleb Everson '26 kept the Little Giants in the game with seven strikeouts before Bryce Haney '29 provided three hitless innings in relief with two strikeouts.

"We had opportunities to close the gap



PHOTO BY JEREMIAH RUNGE '29

Jackson Woehr '26 throws a pitch in a game against Adrian College on March 21, 2026, at Loeb Stadium in Lafayette, Indiana.

or extend a lead, and we couldn't get a big hit when we needed it," said Henke. "We'll keep working at it, certainly areas which we can look back on and get better."

"You never want to leave a conference series going 0-2. We thought we played well. Our pitchers battled for us. We just couldn't get that big hit when we needed it."

- Ben Henke '26

The second game of the doubleheader started off in much different fashion thanks to a pair of RBI doubles in the top of the second inning from Parker Smith '27 and Hawksworth to give the Little Giants a 2-0 lead. John Carroll responded, however, by scoring in the next three innings to take a 5-2 lead.

Wabash started a rally of their own in the seventh inning courtesy of a bases-loaded walk that brought Landen Basesey '29 in to score. In the eighth inning, Basesey hit an RBI single that brought Smith home, and then Bradley Gilliam '27 gave Wabash a 6-5 lead with a triple that brought both Basesey and Hawksworth in to score. The Blue Streaks fired back, however, tying the game in the bottom of the eighth inning and eventually taking the lead in the bottom of the ninth inning to secure another win.

"From where we are at now, I really think the only way we can go is up," said Aiden Ramsey '29. "We are getting ourselves in great positions to win baseball games. We are right there, but we need to clean up a few things on both sides of the ball that will get us over that hump."

Wabash was set for a Wednesday game against Eureka College, but due to weather, it was cancelled. Instead, the Little Giants will take this moment to reflect themselves and improve as a team.

"You obviously want to go and play," said Henke. "But I think this could be a blessing in disguise. It allows us to have a couple of days of practice on our field so we can identify our weaknesses and try to correct those things. It also gives us a break from being on the road constantly."

From here, the team will begin a long stretch of NCAC games, starting with a doubleheader on Friday, April 3, against Oberlin College with the first game slated for 12 p.m. EST. The squad will then return home to play Denison University, the No. 1 team in the country, in a doubleheader on Wednesday, April 8, at Godrich Ballpark with the first pitch set to be thrown at 12 p.m. EST.

Track and field continues record-breaking trend at Emory University

CARTER MCCALL '29
STAFF WRITER

The outdoor track and field season is still in its early days, but Wabash is already moving with the confidence and cohesion of a team deep into its stride.

At the Thrills in the Hills Meet hosted by Emory University in Atlanta, the Little Giants pieced together a weekend that felt less like an opening act and more like a continuation of something meaningful. Across the board, performances stacked on top of each other, contributing to a growing sense that this is a team finding its identity together.

Brock DeBello '29 delivered an exhilarating performance in the 400-meter dash, running it in 46.95 seconds to break a long-standing school record. It was a remarkable performance, not just for the time itself, but for what it represented —

runners. We pushed each other throughout the race, and they forced me to run the first 200 meters faster, which is typically my weak point in the race."

Quinn Sholar '26 added another highlight by breaking the school record in the shot put event with a throw of 17.84 meters. His mark was dominant, and his experience showed throughout the weekend as he also competed in the discus and hammer throw.

"I approach every competition, every series and every throw like it's my last," said Sholar. "I don't want to leave any room for regrets or excuses as I finish out my athletic career."

In the distance events, Wabash showed both quite a bit of depth. Sam Vaught '29 took command of the 3,000-meter run, separating himself from the field and finishing nearly 40 seconds ahead of the com-



COURTESY OF NICO KLEMENTZOS

Kannon Chase '26 jumps over the bar in the high jump event at Emory University.



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Owen Smith '27 jumps over a hurdle in his event on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at Emory University in Atlanta.

a young athlete stepping confidently into a larger role. But instead of standing alone, the moment blended into the broader rhythm of the meet: one strong performance after another.

"I have to be honest," said DeBello. "Running a 46-second 400 was not in my game plan going into the race. My goal was to stick with the two All-American Wittenberg

petition. Behind him, Thomas Price '26 and Alex Orihuela '28 pushed through for third and fourth place finishes respectively. Jack Loftus '29 added a steady effort in the steeplechase, contributing to a group that competed with consistency across events.

The middle-distance group carried that same energy. David Adesanya's '27 fourth-place finish in

the 800 meters reflected a race completed with composure and competitiveness, adding another piece to the team's balanced performance.

In the field events, the throwing group demonstrated why it remains one of Wabash's most reliable units. While Sholar's record-setting performance stood out, it was far from a solo effort. Lane Brockman '26 led the team in the hammer throw, while Evan Furuness '26, Solomon Massela '29, Jakob Van Pelt '28 and Will Boas '26 all contributed solid finishes across the shot put, discus and hammer events. Ricardo Juarez '28 added to that effort with a top-10 finish in the javelin. Each result added depth, reinforcing a group that consistently places athletes on the podium.

Sly Williams '26 delivered a strong performance in the long jump, finishing second with a mark that ranks among the top competitors in Division III. Colson Mendenhall '29 followed with a seventh-place finish, giving the event group both impact and support while also re-

flecting the team's balance.

Big performances set the tone, but it was the accumulation of efforts, top finishes, personal bests and athletes stepping up in key moments that defined Wabash's success.

"Depth is very important to us," said Head Track and Field Coach

Clyde Morgan H'11. "It helps keep guys fresh, healthy and heightens positive energy at practices and meets."

Wabash will host the Huntsman Family Invitational on Saturday, March 4, at Little Giant Stadium with events starting at 10:30 a.m. EST.



COURTESY OF NICO KLEMENTZOS

Jesse Herrera '26 loads up to throw the javelin on Saturday at Emory University.

From Phillipsburg, New Jersey to the national championship stage: James Day '26

SEAN BLEDSOE '26
SPORTS EDITOR

Wrestling is simply in James Day's '26 DNA. The sport has been a family affair for generations as his older brother, dad, uncles and grandpa all competed. Day first took the mat when he was four years old, and from there, he never looked back.

The sport carried him all the way through high school, but in his four years, he shockingly never placed at the state finals in New Jersey. That unachieved goal left him disappointed, which pushed him to think about collegiate wrestling after his senior year.

"I never really thought about wrestling in college until after my senior year in high school," said Day. "Following that state tournament, I felt underwhelmed with my accomplishments, and I wasn't satisfied with the things I had done up to that point."

As he was going throughout the recruitment process, he wanted to explore college options both in New Jersey and further away from home. The first time he heard of Wabash was when he received an email from an admissions counselor saying that Assistant Wrestling Coach Daniel Del Gallo wanted to talk to him. After some conversations, something completely unexpected happened: the program paid for Day's flight to come visit campus.

"If that never happened, I probably would have never made the visit," said Day. "I had just such a nice visit, and I felt like this was a place I could really flourish. It being far away from home was scary at first, but I really wanted the opportunity to grow personally and without a safety net of having my parents nearby."

It's safe to say that Day grew both personally and athletically, but it took him a bit of time to get acclimated to everything that Wabash had to offer. When it came to getting used to collegiate wrestling, he viewed his entire freshman year as his adjustment period.

"When I first got here, I was incredibly intimidated by not only the recruiting class that we brought in that year but also the guys that were already on the team," said Day. "The year before I got here, the team took second at nationals.



COURTESY OF KODIAK CREATIVE

James Day '26 raises his arm in victory at the Division III Wrestling National Championship on March 13, 2026, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

So I came in with no expectations of ever starting, but I really wanted to dedicate that year to just growing as a wrestler."

Rylan Hendricks '26 came into Wabash with Day, and he got to see firsthand how Day focused on getting better every practice.

"He was always going about

practicing the right way," said Hendricks. "He told me several times that he would go into practice wanting to work on one specific thing and he held to that for sure."

One of the more unusual things that Day had to face throughout his career in the scarlet and white was a change in head coach. Brian

Anderson stepped down as head coach for the Little Giant wrestling program after Day's freshman year, but according to Day, the transition was as smooth as could be.

"Coach Anderson did a really nice job of setting that up," said Day. "My freshman year, Coach Fredricksen and Coach Del Gallo really

took the reins on running practices that year so that when Coach Anderson eventually stepped down, the transition wasn't that difficult."

Since Jake Fredricksen took over as Head Wrestling Coach in the fall of 2023, he has helped guide Day to a remarkably successful career. The 2023-2024 season saw Day finish in third place at the Division III Wrestling National Championships in the 125 lbs. weight class and earn All-American status. After that season, he moved up a weight class to 133 lbs., but the change didn't bother him. He finished fourth at nationals in the 2024-2025 campaign, earning All-American honors yet again. In the 2025-2026 season, Day capped off his already amazing career with another outstanding accolade: earning runner-up honors at nationals and becoming an All-American for the third consecutive season. Despite all the accomplishments, his expectations for himself were up in the air.

"My hopeful answer is that I always thought that I could compete for and win a national championship," said Day. "If you want to do great things in life, even if something is unrealistic, I think you have to have almost an unrealistic mindset. But if I'm going to be completely honest and rational, I did not believe I had a chance of winning a national title until this past year."

There's no debate that Day is hanging up the Wabash singlet with an incredible legacy to his name, and those around him would say that he was a centerpiece of the team.

"If you ask anyone who got to be on the team with him, you will hear about how he was a great teammate," said Hendricks. "He pushed people to be the best they could be. He was one of the kindest people that you could ever know. He was the heart of the team."

"I really hope that I leave behind a legacy of making people realize that anything is possible," said Day. "I think at a place like Wabash, we have a proven model that you don't necessarily have to be the best wrestler coming out of high school. You can certainly develop here and acquire the skills to accomplish your goals."



COURTESY OF KODIAK CREATIVE

James Day '26 looks to gain control over his opponent at the Division III Wrestling National Championship on March 13, 2026.