

## New Football Stadium Progressing as Planned



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Hollett Stadium has been the center of Wabash athletics for 54 years.



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The new stadium will host the 127th Monon Bell Game.



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Hollett filled to capacity at its final Bell game in 2018.

WILL OSBORN '21 | STAFF WRITER • While it may be hard to see at first glance, building the new football stadium is progressing as planned, according to Matt Tanney '05, Director of Athletics and Campus Wellness. This project is nearing the end of the design and development phase, which entails the finishing touches on planning the aesthetics of the stadium. While the main blueprint of the stadium is set, a lot of the details need to be hashed out before the project can really get under way. For example, "We know we want to have a ticketing area, but what does that ticketing area look like?" Tanney said. "How many windows does it have? Do we want to include carpet in the hospitality area?" These are the types of nitty-gritty details that the design and development phase is focusing on.

On the demolition side of things, Tanney projected that we should see the current structure start to fall at some point in December. Planning for the demolition is well underway. Contractors have already started removing some of the historic plaques from the stadium, and the utility company began its work.

Tanney emphasized the need for coordination throughout the whole process. It is wasteful, albeit possible, to tear down the current structure tomorrow without planning. "We want to make sure that everything is coordinated, and the process runs smoothly," Tanney said. "The goal is to get everything going at the same time to maximize efficiency." Once demolition is complete and designs are finalized, students will see the new stadium make a lot of

headway next semester when the structural steel arrives.

The stadium will be a massive upgrade to our current facilities. Tanney projected a capacity of around 3300-3500 seats. There will be four separate suite spaces, a hospitality area, and accessible seating in both the suite and general admission levels. There will have a proper space for a gameday operations center, as well as coaches' booths and a radio and TV booth. Across the board, this will be an improvement from the beloved Byron P. Hollett Stadium, which has been around since 1966.

The reconstruction project will include new surfaces for the track and the football field. The scoreboard is also being moved to across the track. The bleachers themselves will be wider. "Currently, the facility runs

from the twenty-yard line to the opposite twenty," Tanney said. "In the new stadium, we will run from the goal line on the left side to the opposite twenty." The increased width will certainly take up a lot more space and will increase the footprint of the stadium.

Finally, Tanney addressed the worst-case scenario: a stadium not ready for game day come September 5. "We have two options. We can either work it out with our opponents and play an additional road game, or we can work with local high schools to potentially host a game there." While Tanney acknowledged the aggressive nature of the timeline, he re-affirmed that everything is on track for their target completion date. As time progresses towards late August, it will be exciting to watch the construction of the new stadium.

## Khan '19 Returns to Wabash With Advice from Global Banking



Khan '19 is a Pakistani citizen and analyst at Goldman Sachs.



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COOPER SMITH '23 | STAFF WRITER • Wabash prides itself on its fantastic gentlemen – outstanding men who help fellow Wabash men in their journeys. One such Wabash gentleman is Ahad Khan '19, who returned to campus last week to tell his story and to offer career advice to current Wabash students.

Khan currently works for Goldman Sachs as an analyst in the Financial Crimes Compliance team. As he explained, this team protects the Goldman Sachs reputation by ensuring that the firm always acts ethically. His team is essential to Goldman Sachs' success. Khan explained to students how Wabash

prepared him for his current job. He credited Wabash with teaching him how and when to ask questions. Whenever he does not fully understand something, he is sure to ask for clarification and advice – a trait that separates him from many. Wabash shapes curious students who ask plenty of tough questions, and these characteristics are vital in the workplace. Khan also explained how the Gentleman's Rule applies to his work. Focusing on the reputation of the company constantly reminded him of the "on and off campus" part of the rule. At Wabash, and now at Goldman Sachs, Khan was faced with lots of free reign and responsibility.

Khan provided advice to current Wabash men preparing to enter the workforce. Some of his advice is not fun. He encouraged students to take 8:00 classes to establish routines that ease the transition from college life to the real world. But more importantly, he emphasized the importance of enjoying Wabash to the fullest. He told his audience to find passions outside of academics and enjoy everything Wabash offers. For networking, he emphasized the importance of reaching out to the extensive Wabash alumni network. He elaborated, "it's what makes Wabash so special – how much our Alumni do for us."

For Khan, giving back is personal. He told the story of how Wabash changed his life in 2018, when he was seeking asylum. "It was Wabash who helped me. I couldn't afford an attorney, and Wabash worked with me... They say Wabash changes lives. For me, it quite literally did."

Sharing his stories and advice with current students is just one of the ways Khan has given back to the college that changed his life. And for any student seeking advice, Khan is an excellent Wabash man to reach out to. He truly is some Wabash man: He is curious, he is successful, and, most importantly, he is eager to help others.

# MXI Kicks Off Celebration of 50 Years on Campus



COURTESY OF MALCOLM X INSTITUTE OF BLACK STUDIES

Students and alumni celebrate MXI's first half-century with a presentation by Callie Crossley.

REED MATHIS '22 | STAFF WRITER • Finding your calling in life is not easy, and using your voice to lead effective change is even more difficult. Callie Crossley, Wabash's Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow, exemplifies both points as mentioned above. Throughout her career, Crossley has continued to evaluate and address media literacy, media, politics and the intersection of race, and media.

Over the past week, Crossley talked with administration, faculty, and students spanning across multiple topics related to the racial divide, gender representation in media, and what her career continues to teach her throughout the years. Her visit coincides with the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Wabash College Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies (MXIBS).

On Tuesday, Callie Crossley and other distinguished guests, including Charles Ransom '72, Garrard McClendon '88, and Rob Johnson '77, were in attendance for the public discussion entitled "Malcolm's Legacy Today: A Conversation with Callie Crossley". The night kicked off with several MXIBS associates giving short introductions about Crossley and the Institute's history at Wabash. Ransom '72, who played a critical part in founding the MXIBS, gave the audience a concise and interesting insight into how it all began. "It was our home

away from home," stated Ransom. For African-American students who attended Wabash College during this period, it proved to be a continuous struggle of fitting in and finding their place in an environment around them, which was not so welcoming. Listening to Ransom speak and go in-depth about the stories that helped shape his time at Wabash, it was clear that the MXIBS, for him and many other associates through the years, is not just a building, but a sanctuary for building life-long friendships.

After initial introductions, a powerpoint presentation that shared the history of the MXIBS over the last fifty years allowed guests to have a glimpse into how the MXIBS continues to grow over the years. Through photos of community service, on-campus activism, previous guests, and the scholarly success of MXIBS members, the Wabash community embarked on what the MXIBS achieved and will continue to strive for moving forward.

During the discussion, facilitated by McClendon and headlined by Crossley, the group discussed matters ranging from the marginalization of African-American men in America to the legacy of Malcolm X in today's society.

When asked by a student about her opinion on what drives racial marginalization in America, she quickly responded, "All of the above. Over time it becomes clear with these

stories about the tragedy to African-Americans; it is simply the same circumstances, just different bodies of framework." The response sparked a quick reaction, and the guests and Wabash community compared tragedies over the years and how they amount to factors contributing to systemic racism in the United States.

"It was our home away from home."

CHARLES RANSOM '72

Crossley resides in Boston, Massachusetts, and is a part of the WGBH Public Radio Program, where she is a radio and TV host, commentator, and public speaker in the area. Although not a huge sports fan, the biggest issue she has addressed over the last three years centers around Colin Kaepernick and the uproar generated from his choice to kneel in the 2016-2017 NFL season.

"We as a nation do not understand how to define patriotism, and in this case, we do not understand how to get past our inherent biases of black men, especially young black men," stated

Crossley referring to NFL players' disrespect for the National Anthem.

After intense, constructive debate amongst the guests, the night concluded with Crossley and McClendon discussing the legacy of Malcolm X in our society today and at Wabash. "The legacy of Malcolm X manifests in the people who are involved in their community, and wants to embrace the differences around them," stated Crossley. The mission of the MXIBS follows the symbolization of what Malcolm X taught decades ago, in that activism and nationalism are what drive members, whether it be at Wabash or the community around. More importantly, the members since its beginning fifty years ago, have and will continue to march forward in their own identity, through their own decisions, in making the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies the best version of itself.

Director of Track and Field/Cross Country Programs, Clyde Morgan closed the night, "To this day, the leadership of people like Charles Ransom, Rob Johnson, and other transformative figures in these fifty years, the Institute is located in the center of campus. There was talk about having the Center on the edge of campus facing away, but because of the people here, you will hear and pass by that center every single day!"

## Callie Crossley Visits Campus as Woodrow Wilson Fellow

SEDGRICK WHITE '21 | STAFF WRITER • Born in Memphis, Tennessee, Callie Crossley is a journalist and broadcaster known for tackling social and political issues, and for her involvement with the award-winning documentary *Eyes on the Prize*. *Eyes on the Prize* tells the story of the American Civil Rights Movement. Initially aired on PBS, *Eyes on the Prize* went on to become an Emmy-winning and Academy Award nominated documentary. Crossley described it as the most important work of her life. Today, *Eyes on the Prize* is found in libraries across the world to educate the people on the struggles of African Americans during the civil rights movement.

While Callie Crossley's work would become known by many, her journey started at home. As a young child, Crossley was surrounded by news. She described her parents as news junkies. Particularly, Crossley's mother played an integral role in her interest in journalism, as Crossley's mother would have various newspapers with intellectually diverse opinions.

At age 8, Crossley created her own newspaper, and she distributed it around her neighborhood. Crossley's newspapers were filled with information about herself. She fondly remembered how a neighbor, though impressed by her initiative, reminded her that newspapers were about others. Eventually, Callie Crossley would realize she had the skills for broadcasting as well as journalism.

Before *Eyes on the Prize*, Callie Crossley was a straight news reporter. She received the Nieman Fellowship from the Institute of Politics at Harvard

University. Crossley was surrounded by twenty-four journalists from around the world. Inspired by her international peers at Harvard, Crossley desired to create something with more meaning. Crossley came across *Eyes on the Prize*, and she called the executive producer. *Eyes on the Prize* was still in development. She recalls the executive producer, Henry Hampton, telling her there wasn't enough funding to start the documentary and that he was still fundraising for the documentary. After the phone call, Crossley stated she forgot about it. One day, the executive producer called her back and asked her to interview. Of course, the opportunity didn't come easily. At Crossley's interview, she would have to prove that she would be a great choice. She didn't have as much experience as others, but she knew she could do an amazing job.

Though *Eyes on the Prize* became an acclaimed documentary, it was difficult to create at times. There would be moments the documentary would run out of funding and production would stop. It was also important to tell the stories as accurately as possible. For instance, they used plenty of local footage. While there was national footage, it didn't tell the full context. It was important to find local footage for context to correctly tell the story.

*Eyes on the Prize* is notable for discovering footage of one of Martin Luther King Jr.'s first speeches before coming a civil rights icon. Crossley described the feeling of being a part of such an influential and important documentary as one of the greatest joys of her life. "I knew it was important before all the awards," she said. Callie



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Crossley at her presentation on Monday.

Crossley's life would change after her involvement in the documentary.

As a result of the documentary, Callie Crossley realized she wanted to do opinion journalism. Now, Crossley is a public voice for social issues. She tackles topics from Colin Kaepernick and the NFL to the 2020 Democratic

candidates. Despite Crossley moving on, *Eyes on the Prize* is still integral to her life. In May, *Eyes on the Prize* received the Cinema Eye's Legacy Award. It is fitting that the work Crossley calls her most important continues to be significant to not only her life but the life of many.

## Catholicism is Christianity

### Samuel Hansen '22 and Drew Bluethmann '22

Davlan Schurg's opinion, "Catholicism is not Christianity," raised quite a few questions over the theological foundation of the original and oldest denomination of Christianity (Catholicism), but perhaps even more questions over his own definition of Christianity. While managing to identify multiple key practices of Catholicism and to contrast them with his personal beliefs, Schurg presents his argument on a scripturally, historically, and logically flawed foundation. Denying the inherent presence of Christianity in Catholicism is an unqualified conjecture. Since Catholicism worships one God and accepts the teaching and divinity of Jesus Christ, Catholicism can only be considered Christianity. However, the title of Schurg's article is rational in the context of his own beliefs of what constitutes Christianity. To put it bluntly, Schurg expresses several beliefs in his own article that seem to disagree not only with Catholicism, but with the majority of Christianity, past and present, along with much of scripture.

Perhaps the most erroneous view he expressed in "Catholicism is not Christianity" is denying the sacramental nature of baptism. Schurg says that baptism is merely "symbolic" and that it coincides with a "public profession of one's faith in Jesus." While it does serve as the latter for the baptized, to claim baptism to be non-sacramental and unnecessary for salvation is blatantly unscriptural. In John 3:5, Christ himself says, "no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit," a clear distinction that rules out the sufficiency of a mere profession of faith. Christ intended the spiritual and physical aspects of baptism not only in this verse, but also in his institution of the sacrament in the third chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, where Christ directed his cousin John to baptize him in order to "fulfill all righteousness." In this instance, "the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove," clearly in an un-symbolic fashion.

The question of infant baptism, which Schurg claims to be invalid due to the

inability of infants to profess faith when they are baptized, is a more common misconception and a less accepted practice. However, the validity of an infant baptism goes hand-in-hand with its sacramental nature since sacraments convey grace to generally whomever they are received by. Historically speaking, scripture accounts for multiple instances of entire households being baptized (Acts 10, Acts 16:15, 1 Corinthians 1:16), which implies the possibility of children and infants being included in such baptisms. Furthermore, the significance of the relation between baptism and a profession of faith cannot be limited to a single moment in the context of a vocation-oriented Christian life, which baptism starts, in actuality. Therefore, an infant baptism contains its validity in both the salvific grace it provides and in how it expresses God's work of salvation to the baptized in a real affection. Assuming that baptism is only valid when faith is professed additionally excludes certain people from this initiative mark of God's forgiveness. Would a true Christian abstain from baptizing mentally disabled people? Thus, the non-sacramental view of baptism fails even to meet Martin Luther's principle that only God's grace saves one, considering that this view of baptism regards it as a human action rather than a direct act of God's grace being bestowed upon the baptized.

Another notable statement in this article is that "traditional Christianity does not accept...that there is a universal church." This statement stands against Christian truth as well as simple logic. The Gospel of John reveals Christ's intention for a universal church moments before his arrest and death, when Jesus, the Son of God, is praying to God the Father. In this prayer, Christ refers to humanity, saying that He has "given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one" and wills that "they may be brought to perfection as one" (John 17:22-23). This intention that Christ carried in His death and resurrection coincides well with two familiar stories in the canon of salvific history: the Tower of Babel and

the Pentecost. Humanity, fallen into sin and encompassed by pride before Christ, failed to erect a tower in order to "make a name for themselves" (Genesis 11:4) because they became divided by language and misunderstanding. That same humanity, once saved through Christ's death and resurrection, "were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim" (Acts 2:4) at their gathering. Clearly, God sent his Spirit into the world to unify the Church, and he was successful. Acts 4 explains that "the community of believers was of one heart and mind" and that "they had everything in common" (Acts 4:32). While this may not have been Schurg's image of "traditional christianity" when he wrote his article, a universal Church seems to heed closely to both the scripture and tradition of Christianity.

The Catholic Church today maintains this unity exceptionally well through its governance by bishops and the pope, who is also a bishop and is regarded as the leader of the universal Church. Schurg raised a common concern among Christians over the "religious authority" that Catholics specifically vest in the pope and the bishops. Apostolic succession, the belief that Christ bequeathed religious authority over His church on Earth to a succession of bishops stands as the reason for why Catholics operate the religious government as they do. Schurg cites the origin of the Church's papal foundation correctly in Matthew 16:18, when Christ refers to Peter as "the rock on which He will build His Church," but, interestingly enough, the reason for why many Christians regard the pope as a teaching authority lies in the Acts of the Apostles. In Acts 15, specifically, the Church encounters one of its first doctrinal debates over whether or not Christians ought to follow Mosaic Law. Peter speaks on this controversy, and precedes his teaching by saying, "you are well aware that from early days God made his choice among you that through my mouth the Gentiles would hear the word of the gospel and believe" (Acts 15:7). Peter appears in this instance and

many others throughout the Acts of the Apostles as the authority of doctrine in the early Church. History tells us that Peter lived and died a martyr's death in Rome, where a significantly large population of Christians gathered and regarded Peter as their bishop. Apostles such as James and Phillip did likewise in regions such as Spain and Ethiopia, but Rome became the hub of the early church, where a succession of bishops carried on Peter's episcopacy.

Catholics regard this tradition as foundational to our understanding of religious authority. Schurg's article, on the other hand, denies this religious authority based on Martin Luther's principle of *Sola Scriptura*, which claims sacred scripture as the main, or, depending on interpretation, only Christian religious authority. Catholics do not accept this teaching simply because the Church existed before scripture. Paul, John, and other unnamed authors wrote scripture through divine inspiration, which means two things; that scripture itself is perfect and sacred and that God granted a form of authority to the authors of scripture. For this reason, Catholics regard both our apostolic lineage (Tradition) and sacred scripture as foundational to the Church.

Well, that seems like enough apologetic writing for an opinion article. I could go on about the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist (Luke 22:19) or how the veneration of saints, which is common in many Christian churches, strengthens our bond with the "one mediator between God and the human race, Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5, Catechism of the Catholic Church 956), but that would be excessive considering that I have already stated the principles that apply to all of my response. While scripture supports a universal church, the apostolic succession of religious authority, and the conveyance of grace through sacraments, it relies on the tradition of a church founded by Christ, the ultimate religious authority. Thus, the abandonment of Christian tradition is the abandonment of Christianity itself. That is what I think.

## Listen to the Music



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that lie ahead. These experiences show future employers that we can perform in academic and professional environments. Still, it would be a mistake to assume that marketable experiences are the only experiences worth acquiring. Some experiences that have profound impacts on us and on how we interact in the world are unprompted and spontaneous. When we grant ourselves a break from a rational analysis of the world around us on our walk to class, for a few minutes after dinner, or before classes begin for the day, we reframe our perspectives. Sometimes, this temporary shift in focus reveals something that had previously slipped our attention.

Albeit the distinguishing factor between humans and every other species, our ability to reason and analyze can come back to bite us. Thinking about the first steps to take in writing that essay or about the time you need to set aside to study for a big exam can organize our approaches to tasks, but it can also eliminate the distance between ourselves and the work that needs to be done. Essays can quickly become a storm cloud hovering above our heads, distracting us from other important things in our lives. As a result of fighting too much on the mental battlefield, work done in actuality can begin

to suffer. Although much easier said than done, I encourage you to take a few minutes here and there, and rather than responding to that email or checking your calendar. Realize that the world around you may have more to show you than the digital world has to offer.

Although not always rational and explainable, the feelings that arise when we allow ourselves not to move, but to be moved by our surroundings can illuminate details about ourselves that are difficult to come by through thought and reason. By examining the world around us without coming to conclusions about the things we notice, we can listen as if the world has something to tell us. Sometimes, what the world reveals may be a profound feeling of gratitude for our ability to attend a school like Wabash, or maybe a sense of despair that arises from the deterioration of a relationship we know we could have maintained with a bit of effort here and there.

The heart sometimes knows what the mind cannot understand. Meaningful, loving relationships are an example of this. A meaningful relationship is spontaneous, not calculated, and action in the present comes and goes without the need for judgment or scrutiny. Interactions with representatives at a job fair can often be stressful and feel

forced. In contrast, interactions with friends, family, and loved ones flow so freely because the heart assumes the responsibility previously held by our mind's attempts to interpret the social setting. These interactions are so refreshing and straightforward because they give the conscious mind a break. Although easier said than done, the more an individual quiets their thoughts, and the more they experience the world around them, the more of a chance that the heart has to momentarily take the reins and experience things that the busy mind often misses.

Worksheets, essays, and exams all require concentrated focus and implementing the thing that makes us the most who we are as humans, which is using reason. Still, we shouldn't conclude that our reason alone can provide an adequate understanding of ourselves and the world around us. Our reason makes us human, and effectively implementing it makes us Wabash men. We should always keep in mind, however, that our reason alone cannot adequately encapsulate the human experience. Sometimes, the best thing for us is to listen and observe, rather than analyze and produce. You cannot talk and listen at the same time, so quiet the internal dialogue and listen to what the world has to tell you.

## Red for Ed



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has ranked among the worst states in the country for teacher salary growth. In large part because of this, Indiana has the lowest average teacher salary of any of the states which surround it. Even Kentucky, where teacher protests played a large role in the ouster of Republican Governor Matt Bevin earlier this month, pays its teachers better to the tune of almost \$3,000 a year. The gap is even more pronounced between Indiana and Illinois (the highest of the neighboring states), where teachers make an average of \$66,000 per year. This is not to say that Indiana should catch up to Illinois in a year, but it's long past time that we made a significant investment in education.

This investment is not impossible either. In fact, a significant investment could be made by using Indiana's budget surplus. Indiana is on pace to end the year with a

\$410 million budget surplus. That's a large chunk of money with which the State can make an investment into its teachers and the education system.

The question really is not whether we can afford to make an investment in teachers. The question is whether we can afford not to. Underpaying teachers disincentivizes talented people from becoming teachers and it can drive many teachers to leave education all together. A recent survey by Indiana State University found that 91% of the 220 school districts in Indiana that they surveyed reported that they faced a shortage of qualified applicants to be teachers. Superintendents who were surveyed said that they faced the biggest difficulties finding teachers who were qualified to teach science, math, and special education. Other sources have also found that Indiana has one of the lowest teacher

retention rates in the country, with a yearly turnover rate near 20%, according to some.

This issue is about more than just compensating teachers properly for the important work they do. In the long run, failing to properly invest in education will prevent Indiana's economy from being competitive. Many of the Republican leaders in the State Government tout their business experience as a reason they should be leading Indiana. It's time for them to put their money where their mouth is and invest in the most important asset we have. But we know they probably will not. Luckily, all three of the Democratic gubernatorial candidates have put forward aggressive proposals to make a real investment in public education (in particular, the plan from Josh Owens '07 is excellent). Voters should take notice next November.

## Wabash Gets Their Hands on Manual Cinema



AUSTIN RUDICEL '20 / PHOTO

With many cameras across stage, Manual Cinema makes a movie from the live feed.



AUSTIN RUDICEL '20 / PHOTO

After the show, Manual Cinema invited the audience to try making their own scenes.



AUSTIN RUDICEL '20 / PHOTO

A live five-piece band plays music to accompany the film.



AUSTIN RUDICEL '20 / PHOTO

Manual Cinema uses many projectors to create backgrounds and objects for the set.

## Comic Relief by Sam Hansen '22



## Monon Bell Telecast Parties

ALEX ROTARU '22 | ASSISTANT COPY EDITOR • The Monon Bell is the heart of campus, and the coveted prize in one of the longest-standing football rivalries in the nation. This year, Wabash and DePauw fans gathered from all corners of the country to witness one of the most long-awaited games of the year: the 126th Monon Bell Classic.

However, not every alum of the college can make the journey to West-Central Indiana. To help bring the game to alumni in distant cities, the Advancement Office organizes yearly Monon Bell Telecast parties in all of the nations' greatest cities. From Los Angeles, California to Boston, Massachusetts, alumni and friends of all ages came together at various

establishments to watch the Bell game and enjoy some fellowship.

"Since I first started in the early 2000s, we've grown from around 40 parties in that timeframe, to 60 or more now - held at sports bars or restaurants, or even in some cases, in the homes of alumni," Mike Warren '93, Senior Associate Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, said. "We want to make sure that any of our organized groups definitely has a party." And ensuring that every alumni association has a party nearby governed the growth of the telecast parties.

Being able to enjoy one of the most beloved traditions Wabash has to offer with fellow alumni, and with family and friends means a lot to Wabash men. "[The telecast parties] allows

them to take part in a little bit of the excitement of the day around the game itself, and see what is going on with the rivalry, as well as to enjoy the company and sharing that with other friends and family."

Almost all the parties are co-organized with DePauw University alumni. While the rivalry was at its fiercest in the '70s and '80s, the atmosphere at the telecast parties was cordial, with alumni from each alma mater cheering for their own team in a civilized manner.

The Advancement Office relies on alumni who volunteer to become hosts for the local area for the success of the parties. Taking on such a role comes with a long set of challenges and responsibilities. "The first challenge,

primarily, is to make sure that the game can be viewed," Warren said. Back in the day, before the era of streaming, watching the Bell game required people to tune their satellite dishes to the right frequency, if that was possible. "For a joint party, [they have to] collaborate with the DePauw host to make sure everything is ready for game day. Make [hosts] will reach out and make some contacts to area alumni and friends." The hosts are also the contact person for the Advancement Office for each party.

The Bell game is one of the highlights of any academic and calendar year, and the Advancement Office has been working hard to make sure every alum, wherever he may be, can enjoy this enduring tradition.

# Thanksgiving Deserves Your Respect

JAKE VERMEULEN '21 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • Christmas is great, but we cannot just skip over the best holiday of the year: Thanksgiving. It's a lower pressure version of Christmas. No stressing about getting the right presents for people or pretending to like the weird, itchy sweater your great aunt three times removed gave you. Best of all, there's football on Thanksgiving. So, rather than having to actually talk to people you are related to, you can plop down in front of the TV and watch the Lions and Cowboys take their annual Thanksgiving beatings.

too much. Too often, Christmas can feel like too much of a production. It's the ideal holiday, because it actually feels like a break from everything going on in life. You only have to show up, help cook, eat, and watch football. That's the American Dream.

Thanksgiving is a perfect opportunity to spend quality time with family in a relatively low-pressure environment. You often get a chance to spend time with family members who you rarely see, and you get to eat the best kind of food on the planet.

Now, this is not to say that Christmas is bad. Christmas is fantastic. Christmas music is fantastic (at least in small doses), you get to spend time with your family, presents are awesome, and another chance to watch The Nightmare Before Christmas is fantastic. It's just that Thanksgiving gets overlooked far

Thanksgiving is a time to take stock of the things you are thankful for and to eat so much turkey that you collapse into a tryptophan-induced coma after watching football. Please chill out with the Christmas music, and the lights. Put them up later and then celebrate to your hearts' desire. For now, sit back, relax, and be thankful for Thanksgiving.



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You can respect the turkey by decorating for Christmas after Thanksgiving.

# Students Direct and Perform in Studio One-Acts



DAKOTA BAKER '22 / PHOTO

The Studio One-Acts feature five original plays by John Grudzien.



DAKOTA BAKER '22 / PHOTO

Students worked as actors, directors, and producers to make creative scenes.



DAKOTA BAKER '22 / PHOTO

Each one-act play has different themes ranging from comedy to drama.



DAKOTA BAKER '22 / PHOTO

Over a dozen Wabash students are involved in putting on the show.

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# HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

## PEP BAND ALWAYS FIGHTS

*Hi-Five to the Pep Band for not giving in to DePauw banning their performance at the Monon Bell Classic. While they only had their kazooos and a cowbell to play, they still stood their ground, and played the classic tunes we love at football games.*

## CASSIE HAGAN MOVING ON

*Hi-Five to Associate Director of Career Services Cassie Hagan. After 7 years of service making sure students get a head start to their careers, Hagan is moving on as Executive Director of the Crawfordsville Chamber of Commerce. Let us hope that she will keep up the good work. Perhaps we will be proud of Crawfordsville by the end of 2020.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, 'BASH

*Happy Birthday, Wabash! Yesterday, November 21, the college turned 187. Yesterday was also the first time we heard "GO TO CHAPEL!" but no "DING DING!" in a couple of years. Oh, well. At least Dr. Wysocki's Chapel Talk was fun.*

## DAMS(B)EL(L) IN DISTRESS

*Hi-Five to the football team for their valiant attempt to keep the Bell home. While the referees were wrong to call that catch a touchdown, which caused us to lose the bell, all is not lost. Hopefully, history repeats itself, and we will have the bell back before the end of the academic year. \*wink\**

## RED ZONE SUPPORTS "ALL" SPORTS

*Hi-Five to the Red Zone for neglecting to include the Swimming and Diving Invitational named after longtime swim coach Gail Pebworth in their email earlier this week. Great job promoting student attendance at sporting events.*

# SPORTS

## Wabash Falls in 126th Monon Bell Classic

LOGAN SMITH '23 | STAFF WRITER • With a 17-13 loss to the DePauw Tigers, the Wabash football team finally fell from their four-game winning streak entering the Monon Bell Classic, and it was not a soft landing. The disappointment of the loss was not a surprise, as this was only the second loss in the Monon Bell Classic in the last ten years, the last loss being in 2016 when the Tigers beat the Little Giants 37-34 in their own Hollett Little Giant Stadium. Although, the numbers can not express the shock and revelation of the crowd as the clock hit zero and the Little Giants stood on the field defeated.

"It is tremendously disappointing obviously, losing the rivalry game and all that," Head Coach Don Morel said when talking about his response to the Bell game. "However I thought our team played hard in really tough circumstances. They handled everything with class, represented Wabash well in every aspect, and now we move on to the playoffs." Morel discussed how his guys were able to keep their composure, despite Tiger fans storming the field and running into our football players as they tried to exit. However, as proud as he was of the actions off the field, he knew they had problems on the field, saying "I think we struggled on offense and consistently shot ourselves in the foot with holding calls, dropped passes, and fumbles. The fact of life is that we didn't score a touchdown on offense, our defense scored, and we kicked two field goals. You just probably won't win if you don't score a touchdown on offense during Bell week."

The biggest disappointment in the game had nothing to do with the players, but rather the referees who were officiating the game. The officiating had been very strong throughout the game. There were very few disrupting calls, and the refs let the men play the game while applying fair officiating to both sides. But there was one play, which changed the entire trajectory of the game, that the officials got wrong. The play came late in the fourth quarter, on a 2nd and 10 play. Liam Thompson '23 stepped back and saw a wide open Devon Anderson '22 before tossing the ball for what looked like a clear touchdown reception. However, the referees, after some deliberation, said Anderson had "bobbled the ball" and that the play was an incomplete pass. This would force Wabash into a field goal situation, and eventually lead to



COURTESY OF JIM AMIDON '87

Devon Anderson '22 pulls in what looks to be a catch in the Monon Bell Classic, which was called incomplete. The touchdown would have put Wabash up 17-10 with just over a minute remaining in the game.

a 17-13 loss to the Tigers. To say the Little Giant community was infuriated would be an understatement. Many students and alumni of Wabash took to Twitter with clear photos and videos of a catch, without the referee-alleged "bobble". This led to a very sour Wabash community, but as Morel said, "You know, it is what it is. It was a blown call. Officials called and apologized, but you just have to move on. There is nothing you can do about it now."

Despite the terrible call by the referees, this was definitely a thriller of a game, even though it did not end in our favor. Morel commented, saying, "The last four years have been very close games. The two teams, and coaches, know each other very well, and it was a well played game, not very many penalties, everything was good other than the one tough call

we had. Two very even football teams going at it. DePauw played well all four quarters, we wanted to see if they could do that, and they did."

One of the brightest spots of the game, and all season, was Schuyler Nehrig '20, who has been having an incredible and efficient senior season. "I feel really good when he is out there. It is great that he is having a very good Senior year. He did everything we asked him to do Saturday, and he did a really nice job knocking down critical field goals," said Morel when talking of his placekicker. Nehrig, who says he "can tell it'll be a good day by the way I feel kicking the ball," was equally as surprised about the loss, saying, "It was devastating and shocking. I think we all are still shocked, but we have to focus on our upcoming game against North Central College." And,

realizing he is playing in what could be his last game, Nehrig had a message for his team, "Its devastating and shocking. I think we all are still shocked but we have to focus on our upcoming game against North Central College."

Wabash (7-3) will travel to Naperville, Illinois to take on the North Central College Cardinals (9-1), who currently rank fifth in the nation among division three football teams, for the first playoff game for the Little Giants since December of 2015. The game will start at noon on Saturday and will take place on the Cardinals own Benedetti-Wehrli Stadium. This is the toughest matchup of the year for Wabash football, and it comes after the devastating loss to DePauw last week. However, Morel knows his Little Giants will be ready for this week, saying that the plan was to "keep on keeping on."

# Cross Country Ends Season at NCAA DIII Regionals

BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • The Wabash cross country team finished 13th out of 38 teams at the NCAA DIII Great Lakes Regional last Saturday in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The Red Pack was led by Sam Henthorn '20, who finished 29th overall with a time of 24:49.7. Hunter Wakefield '22 finished 75th overall with a time of 25:41.5 and Thomas Gastineau '23 followed closely behind in 79th with a time of 25:43.9. Joe Deiser '21 grabbed a finish in 98th with a time of 25:57.8 and Ethan Pine '22 rounded out the scoring for the Wabash runners, finishing 119th overall in a time of 26:13.5.

"It's difficult to put a finger on how I felt about the regional this year," Head Cross Country Coach Tyler McCreary said. "We entered the regional ranked No. 8, which is pretty close to where I felt we were at. The goal for us was to finish in the seven through nine range on Saturday based on everything, so it's hard to feel good about finishing in 13th. We had some very

promising performances in some places, while we came up short in others. Although Sam Henthorn didn't advance to NCAAs, he ran a strong race and did his part for the team. I was extremely pleased with the way Thomas Gastineau and Hunter Wakefield performed. Those two really stepped up and had breakthrough performances. The hardest part for our team is that our typical number two, John Kirts ['20], struggled due to a lingering injury. We lost a lot of points because the lack of running over the past month finally caught up to him, and that made the difference from us placing 8th or 9th. It was hard to see that happen to John because he is so talented and works very hard for his team. He deserved a better end to his cross country career at Wabash, so I'm eager to help him have a great track season."

Kirts finished the race with a time of 26:19.8 and placed 123rd overall. Kirts has been a huge part of the Red Pack's season, and grabbed a 16th-overall finish in the team's No. 2 finish at the North Coast

Athletic Conference Championships.

The finish at the regional race ends the Little Giants' 2019 season. McCreary reflected on the team's season and the regional finish.

"Consistency is extremely important to us," McCreary said. "However, we need to be consistently better. We expect this program to be a contender down the road, so finishing 10th or beyond that can't be viewed as a good thing for us. Unfortunately, things that were out of our control took us away from what we expected of ourselves. We can't be overly upset about it because that's a part of this sport. However, we need to be hungry and expect to get over the hump next year."

The team loses four seniors, who will be graduating in the spring: Sam Henthorn, John Kirts, Drew Lukens '20, and Steven Reidell '20. Despite the losses, the Red Pack will be returning a young, talented core for the 2020 season.

"We will sit down as a team shortly to talk

about the upcoming track seasons and the following cross country season," McCreary said. "I've already met with a number of guys about cross country in 2020 and everyone is excited about it. We will lose a few very solid seniors, including our top two runners, which opens the door for our young core. I see next year as the ultimate challenge for our current group. Someone is going to have to step up and fill some big shoes, our pack needs to get stronger and faster, and we need to get deeper. I think our guys will see this as more of an opportunity than a challenge, and I'm confident that a number of guys will make a huge jump in performance. We're also feeling very good about the incoming freshmen as of now. There should be at least a few very talented guys that will come in and step into some big roles for us. I feel very good about where we're headed as a program."

Despite the tough finish, the team looks to improve next season and be contenders in the NCAC after this year's top-two finish.



COURTESY OF OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Sam Henthorn '20 strides ahead of runners from Ohio Wesleyan University and Otterbein University at the regional meet. Henthorn finished 29th overall.

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## Swimming to Compete at Gail Moll Pebworth Invitational

ALEX ROTARU '22 | ASSISTANT COPY EDITOR • This weekend, on November 22-24, the Swimming and Diving team will be competing in Crawfordsville at the Gail Moll Pebworth Invitational. The swim team will compete at Crawfordsville High School, while the divers will compete in the Class of 1950 Natatorium at Wabash College.

This mid-season meet will host 10 schools, from Divisions II and III, such as Saginaw Valley State University, Birmingham Southern University, John Carroll University, and Albion College. After this meeting, Swimming and Diving will be out of action until January 4 against Albion, so this will be a good opportunity for them to both see how they are doing against other teams, and to prepare for January.

The swim team has a lot of new faces on the roster, two of which are seniors. "Tab Kenney '20 came back to the team," Head Swimming and Diving

Coach Will Bernhardt said. "He swam his freshman year, and then took his sophomore and junior year off, and came back this year to swim. And Davis Lamm '20 came out for the first year on his diving, and he's doing a great job. He's staying after practice asking to do more wanting to learn more."

The freshmen have been adjusting well to collegiate sports. "They've really hit the ground running," Bernhardt said. "They've had a lot of good workouts. They're really good in the weight room. [...] It's always a hard adjustment in the weight room because a lot of them haven't lifted seriously before in high school." "The first couple of weeks were a good chance to shake the nerves off and get ready to swim at the collegiate level," Hunter Jones '20, team captain, said. "We've had a couple of freshmen that are making their way into the A relays. So, I think that we'll have one or two freshmen that will be on the freestyle

relays this weekend."

This year, the five members of the diving team are all-new. "It's been really fun," Bernhardt said. "It's just seeing them learn and seeing them progress so fast, and really take to the sport of diving has been really fun. They've had a really good time. As far as just learning, they're open to learning, they're open to new dives."

There are plenty of challenges in being a swimmer, both inside and outside the pool. "Managing the workload throughout the year is definitely going to be a challenge," Bernhardt said. "The team has done a really good job at maintaining the things outside the pool that can help them be more at ease when they're [in the pool]."

While swimming and diving require plenty of technique practice and yardage, the mental aspect of the sport is just as important. For instance, "whenever you're racing, and you're

just sticking next to the person in the lane next to you, you can sometimes catch yourself thinking 'I don't know if I can do this. I have such a bad swim.' You have to immediately cross that out of your head, and just go out and give it your best," Caleb McCarty '23 said.

Being on home turf will be a great advantage to the teams. "The advantage of sleeping in our own beds rather than a hotel is huge," Jones said. "We're eating comfortable food, and we know campus. So, I would say it's huge in terms of familiarity."

While many Wabash men are heading home for Thanksgiving, swimming and diving will be competing home in one of the largest meets of the season. This year, the meet is named in honor of Hall of Fame swimming coach Gail Pebworth. There will be a recognition ceremony at 5:15 p.m. tonight for her service and dedication to the Wabash swim program, at which Pebworth will be present, according to Bernhardt.

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## Basketball Starts Season 1-1

BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • The Wabash basketball team opened the 2019-2020 season with a last-second 77-76 loss to Centre College last Thursday and an 85-72 victory over Earlham College on Tuesday.

The Little Giants faced the Colonels of Centre College last Thursday, an experienced program with a history of winning. Since the 2010-2011 season, Centre has produced five seasons with 20 or more wins. Only one season in that span has been below 15 wins. The Colonels also played against Division I program Kentucky University in 2017, which opened this season ranked No. 1 in Division I college basketball. “The interesting thing about both of the first two games is that we’re playing some veteran teams,” Wabash Head Coach Kyle Brumett said. “Those guys [Centre and Earlham], they’ve played in a bunch of games.”

Both teams started the game defensively, and neither team reached 10 points until a Centre layup gave the Colonels a 10-9 lead over the Little Giants with just over 13 minutes remaining in the first half. After a slow start, though, both teams began to trade blows. Wabash got hot from outside the arc, going 6-11 from three-point range, but Centre seemed to answer each Wabash possession. The Colonels took a 39-37 lead over the Little Giants at halftime.

Centre opened the second half on a 7-2 run, pushing their lead to 46-39. Wabash’s All-American from last season, Jack Davidson ’21, had an answer. Davidson scored the Little Giants’ next 14 points, giving Wabash a 53-51 lead. Davidson’s scoring outburst sparked Wabash’s offense, which went on to shoot 56% and nail seven threes in the second half. The Little Giants grabbed a 68-56 lead after a jumper from Harrison Hallstrom ’20 and held a 76-67 lead with just over three minutes remaining. Despite the deficit, Centre began to claw back. The Colonels pushed the score to 76-73 with 46 seconds left after a three-point basket from Dawson Crump. With just 17 seconds left, Centre intentionally fouled Davidson, who set an NCAA record after making 95 consecutive free throws last season. Davidson, though, was unable to convert the free throw attempt. The Colonels then scored a layup, making the game 76-75 with 11 seconds to play. With 10 seconds remaining, Wabash’s Kellen Schreiber ’22 went to the free throw line with a chance to give the Little Giants a 78-75 lead. The Little Giants’ free throw woes continued, however, and Schreiber was unable to convert. Centre corralled the rebound and pushed the ball down the floor. Jacob Bates, who was the second-leading scorer for the Colonels in the game, grabbed a pass from Crump and put up a shot just before time expired. Bates’ shot found the bottom of the net, handing Wabash a 77-76 loss.

The Little Giants, who averaged just 10.1 turnovers per game last season, finished with 18 total turnovers in the game. In addition to the turnovers, Wabash, which shot a Division III best 81.7 percent from the free throw line last season, shot 69.2 percent from the free throw line last Thursday.

“Last Thursday [...] it was really different because of the kind of game it was,” Brumett said of the matchup against Centre. “Last week, it wasn’t really all-out uptempo. They didn’t press, and there wasn’t really a whole lot of defensive pressure. We just weren’t real sound with the ball; we were careless. When you combine, last week we turned it over 18 times and didn’t make free throws down the stretch, that’s a recipe for losing.”

Brumett did acknowledge some positives from last Thursday’s loss. “We did some good things in that game,” he said. “We shot it well from three. I think we really could’ve established our inside game a little bit more.



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**Kellen Schreiber ’22 shoots a three-pointer against Center College last Tuesday. Schreiber had 14 points and shot 2-4 from behind the arc in the Little Giants’ last-second loss to the Colonels.**

But it was a situation where, if you make your free throws, you probably end up pulling away. I think that was a good learning experience for our guys.”

Wabash entered Tuesday’s matchup against Earlham having not lost to the Quakers since January 21, 2009. The Little Giants’ offense started off slow and held a slim 11-10 lead with 12:52 remaining in the first half. A jumper from Jack Hegwood ’22 gave Wabash a 13-10 lead and the Little Giant offense began to find a groove. After Hegwood’s basket, Wabash ended the half on a 32-20 run and entered halftime with a 45-30 lead.

In the second half, the Little Giants held a 65-50 lead with 8:07 remaining. But Earlham, similarly to Centre last Thursday, began to close the gap. The Quakers pushed their deficit to eight points after a three-pointer from Jamel Barnes. Jr. with 5:07 left in the game. Just as momentum seemed to be shifting in Earlham’s favor, Wabash scored four straight points from the free throw line and held at least a 10-point lead for the remainder of the game. The Little Giants closed out their first victory of the season, winning 85-72.

“The players, they didn’t like how we finished the game today,” Brumett said after the win. “They were in the locker room and they had a bad taste in their mouth. That’s growth. Two years ago we probably would’ve lost a game like this. We handled the pressure well in the first half and then we didn’t handle it as well in the second half. There’s differences between each game, but you got to go through the process to give guys experience and be able to grow. I definitely feel like we had growth from Thursday to today.”

With the first two games of the season completed, Brumett expressed some of his expectations for the remainder of the season. “The short answer is that we’re going to be playing a game on Friday that’s completely crazy,” he said. “[Greenville presses] all the time. It’s a style you see very little. But it’s much like the second half [against Earlham]. It’ll be another good game for us to be able to face a different style and face somebody really



COURTESY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

**Jack Davidson ’21 attempts a shot over an Earlham defender. Davidson is averaging 22.5 points per game through the first two games of the season.**

we haven’t played. That’s kind of what you see if you make the NCAA Tournament; you don’t know who you’re going to draw. I think, overall, we have really high expectations of the season. I don’t think we’re playing at a level right now that we will be playing at in January and February. That’s my job, is to make sure that we’re getting better. I think this is going to

be a really fun season, we should be in the hunt to host and potentially win the league, which is the goal we’ve set for ourselves.”

Wabash (1-1) will play in the Nicholas Investments Thanksgiving Classic today and tomorrow in Waukesha, Wisconsin. The Little Giants open the tournament later today against Greenville University (1-3) at 5 p.m. CST.

## Wrestling Routes Manchester, New No. 1

BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • The Wabash wrestling team defeated Manchester University 45-8 last Friday in the first team-scoring event of the 2019-2020 season.

After falling behind 4-0, the No. 1 ranked Little Giants took a 6-4 lead on a pin from Rodney Hendricks ’22 just 2:15 into the 133-pound match. Owen Doster ’20 put Wabash up 12-4 with a 24-second pin in the 141-pound match. After Manchester brought the score to 12-8, Austin Bethel ’21 won on a forfeit in the 157-pound match and Kyle Hatch ’21 brought the score to 24-8 with a pin in the 165-pound match. In the 174-pound match, Darden Schurg ’20 won by fall in just 35 seconds. Ethan Herrin ’20 made the score 36-8 on a pin in the 184-pound match and Jack Heldt ’23 won a 6-1 decision in the 197-pound match. Max Bishop ’21 rounded out the scoring with a pin in the 285-pound match.

“Our dual with Manchester was a nice win and the guys did a great job putting on a show for our home crowd,” Wabash Head Coach Brian Anderson said. “Our lead widened quickly with six first-period falls and the forfeit they handed us at 149. It was also nice honoring our seniors before the dual, they all have been very important to the program.”

The win puts the team at 1-0 so far this season. The Little Giants now put their focus on tomorrow’s Concordia University Open in Mequon, Wisconsin. No. 2 ranked Loras College, No. 3 ranked Wartburg College, No. 6 ranked UW-Whitewater,

“The Concordia Open is a very tough tournament with many top-ranked Division III, Division II, and unattached Division I wrestlers,” Anderson said. “It’s a great tournament for our young guys to make a name for themselves



DAKOTA BAKER '22 / PHOTO

**Christian Merrill wrestles in the 125-pound match against Manchester. Wabash defeated the Spartans 45-8 and will wrestle at the Concordia University Open tomorrow.**

and the perfect tournament for our veterans to secure seeding criteria for the national championship tournament. My hope is that our guys really get up for this tournament and are hungry to perform at a very high level. Myself and staff want nothing more than the guys to be feeling good about this weekend’s performance before heading home for Thanksgiving break. My expectations for this weekend is for the entire program to wrestle tough

and be gritty throughout the entire tournament. For our seeded wrestlers, to wrestle to their seed or higher. I’m looking forward to see which of our young guys are going to have a breakout performance.”

Prior to the Manchester match last Friday, Wabash was ranked No. 2 in the nation behind Loras according to intermatwrestle.com. After the win, Wabash moved past Loras for the No. 1 spot in the rankings.

“The ranking committee did move us up to No. 1 in the last rankings,” Anderson said of the move. “As I’ve said before, it’s very nice to be noticed and considered as the best team in the country. It should never add pressure but urgency in our training. The goal is to be No. 1 in March and we have a lot more season to navigate through.”

Wabash will wrestle in the Concordia University Open in Mequon, Wisconsin tomorrow at 9 a.m. CST.