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# Malcolm X Institute Speaks Out on Systemic Racism



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A portrait of Malcolm X painted on the Senior Bench. The Malcolm X Institute for Black Studies has been in the campus-spotlight as of late as the issue of race has taken hold of national political dialogue.

ALEX ROTARU '22 | OPINION EDITOR • Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks. These were three names in a long-standing series of African-Americans murdered in police-related incidents. However, the global pandemic enabled more people to witness the injustice and systemic racism ingrained in American society, and, as a result, more people have been supporting the Black Lives Matter movement than ever before. Still, America needs to do better, as the response to such injustice is, as of right now, insufficient. In this sense, The Bachelor sat down with various officers from the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies to discuss how systemic racism affects them in their daily lives, how minor things can reinforce discrimination, and how systemic racism goes beyond police brutality.

Many people wrongly assume that racism has been resolved since the Civil Rights Movement Era of the 1960s and 1970s. While the Civil Rights Movement did better African-Americans' situation by giving Civil Rights and by protecting them from overt discrimination, today's Black Lives Matter movement focuses on systemic racism, where "racism still functions in other systems of oppression," Malcolm Lang '21, previous

MXI Chairman and current Membership Chair, said. "[It shows from] the prison industrial complex, and even in the way some colleges determine whom they're going to accept. There's a danger of implicit bias [stemming from these kinds of situations]." "The main difference between [the Civil Rights Movement Era] and now is that people back then would just be open about their racism, as it was acceptable in society," Kenny Coleman '22, current MXI Chairman, said. "However, as far as topics like police brutality go, that hasn't changed since then. My dad, who is 58 years old, told me that everything that's going on right now has been going on for a long time. The difference is that today we have cameras, videos, and all that, [which helps society keep the police accountable for their actions]."

The Black Lives Matter protests that have been occurring since George Floyd's murder aim to keep police departments across the nation accountable for their actions against African-American people. When asked about how they felt about George Floyd's murder, everyone interviewed said they were outraged, and rightfully so. "At the end of the day, [George Floyd] posed no threat to that cop," MXI member Leo Warbington '22

said. "It makes no sense to just take a knee on a person's neck with your full body force for no reason."

These victims of police brutality were other people's friends, significant others, relatives, or colleagues. Warbington himself went to high-school with another victim of police brutality, Dreasjon Reed, who was fatally shot in Indianapolis on May 6, 2020, according to the Indianapolis Star. "I took that [incident] personally," Warbington said. "It's literally getting too close to home. That happened in my hometown to someone I went to school with, rode the bus with, and [saw almost every day]."

However, systemic racism does not limit itself to just the police. For instance, when applying for college, Lang said he felt "slighted because of the demographic [he is] a part of" at some institutions. Lang also discovered, through his internship at the St. Joseph County Health Department, that "Most of the health disparities come from forms of systemic racism," Lang said. William Shepler '23, the MXI Community Co-Chair, had his African-american uncle, who was an oral surgeon, get kicked out of a Walmart because "[the staff] felt like they were threatened, because he looked like he was going to steal or shoot the place

up, simply because he was wearing a hoodie," Shepler said. The mother of Juan Montenegro '23, an MXI member, is an African-American grade school teacher. "When she was just starting," Montenegro said, "she would have a lot of problems with the school system itself. They would put her in an excessive training program that was not required of her colleagues. Also, her colleagues would not place her in meetings where she needed to be in so that she could understand what she was teaching for the rest of the year."

At the same time, the recent protests are sparking hope that the United States will overcome some aspects of systemic racism, and one of the first things people can do is educate themselves on African-American history. "Just go and educate yourself," Coleman said.

At Wabash, students have many avenues to educate themselves on the matter. They can take any course listed as BLS (Black Studies), they can join the African Students Association and the Malcolm X Institute, they can attend lectures and check out books and movies from the Lilly Library, and they can educate their fellow students when they make mistakes. The Bachelor has also dedicated 3 of last week's Opinion columns to systemic racism in America.

## Career Service in the Era of COVID-19

JAKOB GOODWIN '24 | STAFF WRITER • On March 17th, President Hess announced the suspension of in-person classes for the remainder of the Spring semester. Students had to figure out how to turn their bedrooms, living rooms, or kitchen tables into a classroom. Professors had to transfer the rest of their curriculum to online learning. The entire Wabash community adapted to virtual classes, including the Career Services department. I zoomed with Associate Dean of Professional development and Director of the Center for Innovation, Business, and Entrepreneurship Roland Morin '91 to ask him how the Career Services department adjusted to the pandemic and what happened over the summer.

Just as students had an idea that classes may be online, Morin had a feeling. Seeing that other schools were sending students home and going virtual, Career Services expected that Wabash would follow suit. After the call was made to go virtual, Career Services immediately wondered how they would help students throughout this pandemic. The first step in making sure students knew that Career Services was there to help was implementing virtual office hours so that students could talk about internships and job opportunities that soon were gone. Morin knew that many businesses were going to be experiencing layoffs, so he sent an email to the entire National Association of Wabash Men. Entitled "Calling All Little Giants", Morin asked alums to help talk to students who were interested in their individual industries. 200+ alums reached out

within 24 hours.

Just as the country went through historic levels of job loss and unemployment, Wabash men had similar problems with internship and job offers. Roland told me that over 80 internships were cancelled, and 31 job offers were revoked or postponed. One of the major problems for Career Services was the 140+ internships that the college helps fund every year. Morin said that the Dill Fund, amongst other financial resources, helped ensure that more than 80 internships were virtualized, not including the 25 internships that the CIBE maintains for first year junior consultants.

As this school year began and future opportunities in what may be a post-COVID-19 world presented themselves, Career Services has changed how they support students during the school year. Throughout the semester and year, there will be virtual job fairs and opportunities to virtually meet with recruiters. Every week, Career Services will hold a virtual Coffee and Careers event, some including prizes and other rewards. One other event happening this semester is a Professional Immersion Experience (PIE) event pertaining to government services. Multiple Wabash alums based in Washington D.C. will speak virtually to help students interested in public service learn about that industry. Career Services is also looking to help students gain certifications and other experiences that will help in the future. Look out for that announcement.

Looking to the future, the job market and the skills new employees need will



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Career Service Director Roland Morin '91 posing with Rob Shook '83.

change. In his discussions with industry leaders and employers, Morin asked what skills Wabash men will need to succeed in a post-COVID job market. It was clear through the beginning of this pandemic that those who could adapt to a virtual world would do well, and that ability to adapt quickly is one that employers will look for. Along with being adaptable, employers are looking for the soft skills like understanding emotional intelligence

and being able to speak, read and write well. Luckily, Wabash already teaches us to do these things, but they have only become more important in the new reality we are in.

The Career Services department had to change in reaction to this pandemic. But what has not changed is their commitment to help students navigate the job market and become successful Wabash men.



## THE BACHELOR GUIDE TO HOOSIER HIKING

AUSTIN HOOD '21 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF  
• It's no secret: weekend prospects on campus are looking a little grim this semester. All Wabash students are looking for ways to beat the Quarantine Blues these days, and Netflix and video games only go so far. Plus, we are all looking for ways to get our steps in and work off the Pandemic Padding.

The Bachelor has compiled a list of our favorite hiking spots around Indiana to encourage students to get some fresh (non-infected) air this fall. Indiana may not be the first destination you think of when it comes to hiking, but there are some real hidden gems to be had throughout the state. Grab some trail mix and go enjoy the Indiana great outdoors, Wallies!

### McCormick's Creek



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The waterfall at McCormick's Creek, the center of the park.

Indiana's oldest state park is also one of its most beautiful. This popular destination, located in Spencer, is great for novice hikers. Be sure to take the trail up the park's namesake creek and enjoy the wonders of the legendary waterfall. Suggested gear: waterproof boots/sandals.

### Indiana Dunes



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The sun sets on Lake Michigan at Indiana Dunes.

Be sure to ask those guys in your living unit who cannot shut up about being from "Da Region" about this one. If you are a coastal transplant and find yourself missing the sights, sounds, and smells of the beach, Indiana's only National Park is the destination for you. When you take the journey up north, be sure to enjoy the hundreds of rare plant species native to the park, or take a dip in Lake Michigan (if it's warm enough), and views of the spectacular Chicago skyline. Recommended gear: a swimsuit, sunscreen, a good book.

# IAWM

The Indianapolis Association of Wabash Men

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### Spring Mill State Park



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The historic mill at Spring Mill State Park.

For those who enjoy a scenic drive, the 109-mile trek down State Roads 231 and 37 to this hidden gem surely will not disappoint. Once you're there, be sure to explore the park's sprawling system of caves and sinkholes (boat tours are available), rugged hiking through virgin timber and an historic pioneer village. Recommended gear: picnic supplies, a headlamp, water shoes.

### Shades State Park



AUSTIN HOOD '21/PHOTO

A view of Sugar Creek as it runs through Shades.

This park should be Destination A for any novice to Indiana trails. Just 12 miles from campus, this DNR property boasts stunning views of Sugar Creek, steep sandstone cliff and waterfalls galore. Be sure to venture into Pine Hills Nature Preserve and enjoy some seriously spectacular landscapes while here. Recommended gear: bug spray, waterproof boots/sandals.

### Morgan-Monroe State Forest



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In addition to being an historian, Prof. Warner is a professionally trained chef.

If dense forest, rolling hills and backcountry camping are your jam, Morgan-Monroe State Forest is heaven on earth. Located about 16 miles northeast of Bloomington, this DNR property has every bit as much charm as Brown County State Park, without nearly as large of a crowd (not to mention, no entry fee). Hit this spot in mid to late October and you're sure to be lost in a fall foliage wonderland. Recommended gear: good hiking boots, a hammock, plenty of snacks.



## Appreciation for Wabash College



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As I entered my freshman year at Wabash College, I had envisioned the four years I would be here with many hopes and desires. Shockingly enough, I never hoped or desired to deal with a global pandemic, especially during my senior year. I pictured my senior year to be my best and most memorable year here: the year I would finally get to do senior things like sit on the senior bench, walk under the arch, and, most importantly,

skip class whenever I want. Maybe you can add pass comps to that list as well. Though I, alongside my other senior peers, still might be able to accomplish all of those things, the current state of this pandemic still looms over many aspects of campus and may not allow us to do these senior things with the utmost freedom. Instead of getting discouraged and allowing this pandemic to get the best of my remaining time, I have learned to be truly grateful and thoroughly appreciate every day I get to spend at Wabash. This is the message I am trying to send out to my Wabash peers, especially my fellow seniors: be grateful for this school and everything that it offers. Though times here can get really tough with all the hours invested in homework, sports, or clubs, I urge you all to never take a second of it for granted. No other school operates the way Wabash does. As this pandemic has shown us, the things we

love the most, or even hate, can be taken away from us in an instance. It may be hard to wake up for an 8 a.m. class every day and it may suck studying 7 hours straight for an exam and still get a bad grade on it, but I can assure you that it is far better than sitting at home, in your bedroom, all alone behind the camera on your computer. I, for one, was one of those guys that dreaded going to class every day but soon realized I would much rather attend 8 classes a day in person than 1 class a day online. While going to class is just one example of something that I encourage my peers to appreciate more, there are so many other things that we generally take for granted until we are without them. Overall, the message that I am trying to send out is that we all go to a very special school, and we should cherish every moment we spend here. My four years here at Wabash College are quickly coming to an end, whether I like it or

not. I love living the broke college boy life, and spending countless hours of my week doing homework or studying for an important exam, if it means I get to be here with my Wabash brothers. However, I do have to admit that the thought of being done here is finally starting to set in, and has made me seriously reflect on my prior years here. So I write this to urge everyone to appreciate all that Wabash College has offered and will offer you. From traditions like Chapel Sing or walking under the arch as you graduate, to beating the school down south, for the billionth time, in the famous Monon Bell game, Wabash College will offer an atmosphere and brotherhood unlike any other college. I strongly encourage all those who have the privilege of attending this school to never take a single second for granted and to reflect proudly all that you have experienced and achieved.

## Responsibility will give Your Life Meaning



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Responsibility, in my experience, is the key to a meaningful life. I have found this to be especially true here at Wabash. When I talk about Wabash to my friends and family back home, the question of ‘Why did you choose Wabash?’ is asked more often than not. They ask me why, in particular, did you decide to go to a college with a rigorous study life, away from your home, without any women (that was the kicker for everyone), and choose this life for yourself? Wouldn’t it make more sense to go to one of the co-ed schools near you and just stay home? Well, believe me, I have asked myself that question far more than all of my friends and family members combined.

I could have chosen to stay at home, go to a mediocre college in Evansville or nearby, lived at home with my parents like a loser, and wasted a good deal of my time partying with my high school friends. I could have done that, but I chose not to. I knew that perhaps such a life would be way more fun, certainly far less rigorous. But would it have been more meaningful? I am not so sure. As a developing Little Giant, I would like to point something out to all my fellow Wallies out there (or at least those who like to read this publication): Life is about responsibility. Responsibility gives life its meaning: it’s what makes a cruel world palatable and makes a difficult life joyful and fulfilling at the same time. What would one do without responsibility? Would they spend the rest of their days wallowing in self-pity and contempt? Perhaps sit idly by as their life wastes away in boredom? We are all men here at Wabash. Men are, in a sense, beasts of burden. And I do not use this derogatorily. Here is a fun analogy for you all: imagine you are a weightlifter. There is potential for physical gains when lifting weights; do it with discipline and proper form and you become stronger and, to an extent,

healthier (being healthy is a very broad term, I know). While you lift you search for your optimal load. Your optimal load is a point where you are toeing the line between too much weight and not enough weight. There is an optimal load for everyone, and some can lift more than others. If you are not performing at your optimal load, you’re pretty much wasting your time. Lift too much, and you risk getting injured. I think we can apply this line of thought to our lives. There is a certain load of work we can all handle in life, and when we don’t lift that load, we become filled with contempt for ourselves. We constantly criticize ourselves for not doing something with our lives - or at least some do -, or we realize that we are not performing to our full capacity for whatever reason. In that same breath, if we choose to overburden ourselves unnecessarily, we burn out consequently. I have a sneaking suspicion you all know what I am talking about. Instead of studying for that exam or writing that paper, you thought it might be more worthwhile to shoot the breeze with your friends or watch YouTube videos about things that really have no utility in your immediate life. I

speak from experience, Wallies. I have done it many times as well. And when it comes to bearing too much weight, it is clear when you have reached your breaking point. Now that does not mean we cannot improve ourselves. Any weightlifter worth their salt has the goal of becoming measurably stronger than when they started. Also, like the weightlifter, we should strive to become more capable people and become stronger in life generally. Toeing the line of the optimal load also means pushing the line and breaking your limits. So, Wallies, my advice to you would be to bear a load while you are here. Do not spend all your free time playing video games, and make sure you go to class, go to practice, take it easy on the partying, and the like. Now that doesn’t mean you shouldn’t unwind every now and again. A drink with friends here and there or a quick round of Fortnite/Apex might do you a bit of good - whatever turns your crank. However, moderation is key here. Do not come to neglect your responsibilities here at Wabash, you will likely regret it in the autumn of your days and might ask the scariest question of them all: “What might have been?”

## Finding Community in the Age of Identities



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This year has been a crisis of crises. We find ourselves torn, pulled in far too many directions by events rightly demanding our full and immediate concern, energy, and attention. This is intersectionality’s worst nightmare. A deadly virus continues to ravage the country, while systemic racism strikes us at our very core through crimes perpetrated by the very institutions that were meant to keep us safe. Meanwhile, those institutions meant to keep us healthy face mounting distrust and endure attacks and slander from the highest of strata. Whom should we trust? We also face unbelievable pressure from dissenting camps clamoring for their

respective claims on our identities, sometimes even from within our own families. It has become a herculean task to determine how many ‘cares’ to allocate to any individual concern. Where in the rapidly changing world do we find and root ourselves? Given all of this, it can feel naturally tempting to make bold, decisive proclamations of identity: “This is where I stand!” In the midst of such great sturm und drang, seeking stability in one’s unshakeable, immutable, self-determined identity sounds like a great idea. Except right now, even the most fixed of identities are changing on a seismic scale. Politically speaking, this year’s Democratic National Convention featured the prominent Republican and former Governor John Kasich, and the self-described party affiliations of voters from both parties appear to shift as rapidly as the twenty-four-hour news cycle. Americans of all races and backgrounds in all fifty states are standing up, some for the first time, to acknowledge the universal truth that Black Lives Matter. LGBTQ+ Americans were granted protection under the Civil

Rights Act of 1964 this June – another major milestone in this nation’s history. Our very day-to-day realities as college students, too, are in constant flux thanks to the pandemic. As the ancient Greek philosopher Heraclitus once taught, “Everything changes and nothing stands still.” Make no mistake, introspection is a powerful, precise scalpel, with which we cut to the center of our being. But how helpful, really, is the spirit of individualism when who we and how we see ourselves are never stands still? How beneficial are so-called ‘identity politics,’ when we are spread so personally and ideologically thin? These crises we face cannot be solved by a lone knight in shining armor, so perhaps it’s time to stop polishing our armor, rigid and inflexible as it is. Instead of holding fast to our rigid preconceived notions of unchanging selfhood, we can and should meet the moment with adaptability, embracing and moving with the rapid vicissitude of the ‘right now’. And for that, we need some sort of community. Communities are the essential common threads which run through the rich

tapestry of life. Unlike its dark facsimile, tribalism - which is characterized by exclusivity, tests of purity, and conformity -, community seeks to reach out, build, and grow relationships. Instead of a campground full of little pup tents, think more like a big top. You won’t find universal agreement among true communities. Within tribalism, you are much more likely to find only those who look, think, and feel like you. But don’t be fooled: these ‘tribes’ are defined by their membership; communities are defined by their actions. The Wabash community, for example, learns together, plays together, and keeps contagion at bay together. Communities advocate for social progress, contribute what they can, and speak up for one another. They don’t waste their moment squabbling over who or how many get to participate. They don’t turn away potential voters for not being conservative or progressive enough. And they certainly don’t shame and blame instead of solving problems. Only through communities can we affect real, meaningful, and lasting change in today’s world.

## Whom will You vote for?



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This summer, I rewatched a classic South Park episode from season eight, titled “Douche and Turd.” The episode starts with the kids at a South Park Elementary School pep rally. The students are celebrating their mascot, The Cow, when several PETA eco-terrorists show up and pressure the school to change its mascot because it is offensive to animals. The student body then holds an election to determine the new name of the mascot. Despite

a multitude of excellent options, the students whittle down the candidates to a giant douche and a turd sandwich. As the town’s people form allegiances to the giant douche and the turd sandwich, people become increasingly polarized. The episode focuses on Stan, who feels that both options are equally as bad, and does not want to vote. Throughout the episode, many friends attempt to pressure Stan into voting with “good intentions,” only to freak out when he does not support their candidate. Even though Parker and Stone made this episode in 2004, we find ourselves once again choosing between a giant douche and a turd sandwich in the 2020 presidential election. Both candidates are equally unfit for office, and we have to choose the lesser of two evils. One candidate is a narcissist, an anti-leader, a possible sex offender, and more concerned about his Twitter profile than running the country. The other candidate has early signs of dementia, is a sex

offender, cannot get through a sentence without stuttering, and is the definition of a career politician. In 2020, Trump is the giant douche, and Biden is the turd sandwich. Neither represents America, her values, and the people who live here. And once again, Americans are more polarized than ever, arguing whether a giant douche or a turd sandwich will be the best person to lead this country. The episode concludes after Stan finally decides to vote for Turd Sandwich. But he quickly realizes that his vote did not matter because giant douche won by a large margin. Along the way, “South Park” creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone show some mature thinking. One PETA eco-terrorist says, “Every election since the beginning of time has been between some giant douche and some turd sandwich. They’re the only people who suck up enough to make it that far in politics.” After deciding to vote, Stan says, “I learned that I better get used to choosing between a giant douche and a

turd sandwich because it is probably the choice that I will always have.” Maybe Stan is right: perhaps I should learn to choose between a giant douche and a turd sandwich. But when both candidates are equally horrible choices, I do not feel that I have to choose. And I won’t. I refuse to let society pressure me into choosing between two nearly identical candidates, especially when both suck. The left media wants to make Trump look like Hitler. The right media wants to make Biden look like Stalin. But, much like Hitler and Stalin, Biden and Trump and much closer together on a political compass than they are apart. And the only difference between the two is that Trump is a giant douche, and Biden is a turd sandwich. I cannot choose because I have no options to begin with. Ask yourself: who do you want in White House come November, a giant douche or a turd sandwich?



# Wabash Gone Digital: Student Life on a Residential Campus During COVID-19



CASEY AKERS '21/PHOTO

Students on the mall for Chapel. Student life at Wabash is drastically different this semester due to COVID-19 concerns.

ALEX ROTARU '22 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF  
• COVID-19 sparked many changes to human life - such as mask wearing, frequent handwashing, and social distancing - collectively known as “the new normal.” With classes having only recently started, many people are wondering what the new normal will look like for student life on college and university campuses. The Bachelor sat down with Student Body President Charles Esterline '21 to discuss how Wabash is adapting its events, from scheduling to execution, to the realities of COVID-19.

Unlike in previous years, all student event planning will go through the online platform Presence. “Presence is a database that helps clubs manage their membership and budgets, while also keeping students informed about what’s going on on campus,” Esterline said. On Presence, club officers can create events, submit budget requests, track attendance at their events, and manage their roster. Gone are the days of Scheduler reservations, Excel spreadsheet budget requests, and printed forms to turn in.

“From the backend perspective, it’s also great for the Student Senate, so we can see how money is being spent, who’s spending, who’s coming to events, [and the like].” This will help ensure that student events better enhance student life, while also increasing resource allocation efficiency for all student life events.

Students events also have to follow certain health and safety guidelines: if permitted otherwise, most events will either be virtual or held outside, attendance must be taken for contact tracing purposes, everyone must wear a mask and socially distance, and food cannot be self-served.

In response to these guidelines and other changes to student events policy, the Audit and Finance Committee also made changes to how they operate and what they will do to ensure clubs can organize events that conform with the above guidelines. Among other initiatives, the AFC passed “a bylaw that will allow clubs to borrow other clubs inventory (a week at time when it is not being used),” Student Body Treasurer Michael Zubeck '21 said.

Also, “the AFC team will work with the student CARE Leaders, Jill Rodgers, and the administration to make sure clubs and organizations have funding for proper sanitation throughout the semester,” Zubeck said.

Given the unprecedented situation for student life at Wabash, the Student Life Staff have been holding training sessions on how to use Presence and manage club pages. The training includes how to plan events and what to look out for, and how the traditional policies have changed in response to COVID-19. Today at 12.15 p.m., there will be one last session on how to create budget requests for a club.

While all this shift to virtual procedures and safety guidelines will help ensure people stay healthy during events, what campus needs right now is effective leadership, clear communication, and good decision-making. “We [also] need to be able to push the decision tree further down in our organizations,” Esterline said. “Instead of always relying on one person to make all decisions, we can empower our club officers to make critical

decisions quickly. We’re in a global pandemic, after all, so we no longer have the luxury of time to sit back together and gather all the data and all statistics at every moment in time.”

The greatest challenge will be adapting tradition to COVID-19. For instance, Ringing In and Chapel Talks have been held on the Mall, with chairs set up to be 6 feet apart. “Our traditions will have to be adapted this year,” Esterline said. “This is a good learning point for our community about what traditions we can live without for the year. I think it’s all about spending our risk budget. We need to make sure that we’re keeping our community safe, and we need to have an honest discussion with ourselves and our leaders about what events we feel comfortable doing.”

The Bachelor encourages everyone to visit [wabash.presence.io](http://wabash.presence.io), and to explore every club Wabash College has to offer. Also, The Bachelor has a Presence page, and is welcoming new staff members. All interested students are encouraged to contact any of the current editors, whose contact information is listed on Page 6.

## Catching Up with Dr. Mikek on Latest Achievements and Personal Life

SIMON DECAPUA '23 | STAFF WRITER  
• Dr. Mikek, Professor of Economics, recently won the McLain-McTurnan-Arnold Excellence in Teaching Award. During an interview with The Bachelor he answered some of the question’s students may have about himself and the award. He also encouraged students to listen to a recent podcast the college made about the award at <https://bit.ly/2XMXSAC>

**Q:** Can you please give us a little background about the McLain-McTurnan-Arnold Excellence in Teaching Award?

**A:** Unfortunately, I cannot give you much in terms of the background of the award. My understanding is that it was

established based on generous donation of the three family names in the award. There is a parallel award for research where one professor gets some time off to pursue his/her research. Since I came to the college it has been awarded annually to a number of people that I admire deeply.

**Q:** Is there anyone you would like to thank for the award?

**A:** I would definitely like to thank my family without whom I would not be the man I am. I would also like to thank my faculty colleagues (including president Feller) that shaped me in a much better teacher I ever thought I would become.

**Q:** What have you done at Wabash

that you think contributed to you being chosen to earn this award?

**A:** What have I done? I am not completely sure, but I suspect that my high respect for students and my high academic standards mixed with a genuine interest in people I am encountering played a role. But, I am not really sure... It is totally a guess. I think it may have to do with how I treat students... or maybe not.

**Q:** Do you have any advice for Wabash students about being on campus this semester?

**A:** I definitely have advice for student for this semester. First, observe social distance!!!!!! There are people that can

be in danger if you don’t keep distance and don’t wear a mask. If you are sick, stay away from others. Second, this is a weird world that will not last forever. So, think beyond this semester and keep working in your garden of knowledge. Third, be disciplined.... Don’t just Zoom in because you were too lazy to get up. Go to bed by about midnight – every night! Structure your time as you would in normal semesters. Fourth, be kind to yourself and others around you!

If you see Dr. Mikek on campus this semester either in person or virtually, please congratulate him on this high honor.

## Wabash’s 2020 Princeton Review Rankings

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**Best Schools for Internships: #1**

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# New Safety and Security Procedures for Staff and Students



COURTESY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

**Director Kearns and staff continue to work fervently on ways to keep the Wabash community safe during the ensuing semester.**

LUCAS BUDLER '24 | STAFF WRITER • Tom Kearns, Wabash's director of Safety and Security, has only been a part of Wabash for two . His evident passion for the community has been a vital factor in the department's adjustment to in-house operation. The objective of his work thus far, above and beyond keeping our community safe at all times, has been to push for more student involvement.

In his own words, the goal of campus safety security is "not to police students, but to give them a resource." Like everyone on campus, Kearns has had to adjust to campus life during a global pandemic. Despite this, his team has worked immensely hard behind the scenes to keep campus safe and students healthy on a day-to-day basis.

The Wabash Safety and Security team is constantly working at two problems at once: maintaining the safety we have always been privileged to feel on campus while also keeping a safe distance and a COVID-adjusted approach to security. Essentially, they have become the frontline workers of our campus. They work tirelessly to incorporate healthy measures into their daily routines because they know that, despite often working behind the scenes, their work is extremely meaningful to our community.

Dir. Kearns also noted and appreciated the versatility of the Wabash staff, specifically sports coaches, who have willingly stepped in to fill new and unfamiliar roles throughout all of campus. The Little Giants defensive line coach would certainly add to the safety of campus

when not working on the football field. Wabash does always fight, in every sphere and every department.

There are many new emotions and difficulties that come with being on campus this semester, and these are not only felt by students. Kearns expressed a familiar fear, something we all face daily on campus: the unknown. The job requires his team to be out and around people, ensuring our safety, while also keeping health a top priority.

One of his biggest fears is departmental quarantine, which would threaten the strength of Wabash's safety and security. Because of this, his team have largely shifted to online communication, more isolated working conditions and consistent health measures and daily tracking. This is a collective Wabash challenge to overcome, not only a student challenge.

Although Dir. Kearns is very much looking forward to being able to visit student residencies again to give his annual talk, a Wabash tradition, he has advice for students this semester. "Watch out for each other", he reminds us, understanding that the Wabash brotherhood will be a vital tool for success this semester. He encourages Wabash students to use all resources available, everyone is there to help.

Once this is over, and when your friends and family ask about your "when I was a freshman..." war stories, your story is starting now. Kearns is impressed at how hard-working Wabash men are on campus. Especially when it comes to setting off the fire alarms. He knows, every time.

# HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY  
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

## SNOW STORM IN AUGUST

*Hi-Five to Donald Trump Jr. for getting both "cocaine" and "coked up" trending during his speech at the RNC earlier this week. God knows his dad's Law-and-Order platform isn't directed at drug users like him.*

## PACERS LOSING IN THE FIRST ROUND? WHAT A SHOCKER

*Lo-Five to the Pacers for giving Nate McMillan a contract extension and then firing him shortly after their playoff series loss to the Miami Heat. Very good, consistent organizational leadership right there.*

## VERY FINE PEOPLE

*Hi-Five to the RNC for calling out Joe Biden's nepotism with \*checks notes\* six different speakers named Trump. Reports indicate that Jerry Falwell Jr. loved watching.*

## NATURE: 1, RACISTS: 0

*Hi-Five to Mother Nature for dealing another loss to the Confederacy. Lake Charles, LA voted two weeks ago to keep up the "South's Defenders" monument outside their courthouse. Hurricane Laura had other ideas, however, knocking the statue down when it made landfall on Thursday.*

## A YEAR WITOUT FOOTBALL IS LIKE A DAY WITHOUT SUNSHINE

*Lo-Five to coronavirus for taking away even the most dear of Wabash traditions: getting drunk enough to forget your first name on a Saturday morning. Oh wait, that's not cancelled? I know what our weekend plans are.*

# SPORTS

# Little Giant Stadium Update

BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • The 2020 academic year is off and running for Wabash College. Many changes have occurred at Wabash since last spring, and returning students are facing a new and different year in many ways. This includes athletics, despite the cancellation of all sporting events this fall. When students were sent home early last spring, the new Little Giant Stadium was merely a project in the works. A quick glance at the football field this semester, however, will show the immense progress made on the stadium since then.

"The timeline for the stadium remained steady throughout the spring and into the summer," Matt Tanney '05, Director of Athletics and Campus Wellness, said. Tanney has remained an integral part of overseeing many aspects of the stadium's progress. "Following the announcement in late July on the temporary suspension of athletics competition, we had some flexibility to adjust schedules, but work otherwise continued as scheduled," Tanney said. "Most people would be surprised at the amount of underground utilities and infrastructure required to build an entirely new stadium. The plumbing, and electrical, for example, aren't necessarily visible, but it's an impressive part of the project."

An impressive feat in the construction of the stadium is how fast progress has been made. Tanney was also impressed with the efficiency and planning that went into the stadium's creation. "It's just not typical to construct a stadium of this size and scope in roughly one year," he said. "The teams at F.A. Wilhelm, DLR, the city of Crawfordsville, and many others collaborated and contributed in countless ways and we're grateful for their willingness to partner on such an aggressive construction schedule. The facility aligns closely with the original vision, and that's a credit to the aforementioned partners."

Jim Amidon, Chief of Staff, Director of Strategic Communications, and Secretary of the College, has also seen the progress of the stadium this summer. "It was really hard on me throughout the spring because I was here on campus every day and got to see the stadium rise from the ground," Amidon said. "And it was hard because I know how much that stadium means to our students and coaches who were not here to see the progress each day. So I tried to take photos or videos about every other day, and I either posted them on social media or sent them to the coaches. Colleges don't build new facilities that often, and it feels like we haven't had the opportunity to celebrate this amazing new stadium."

Tanney spoke on the capabilities of the stadium, which will be maximized when the current COVID-19 pandemic eases. "Little Giant Stadium will be a first-class home for



JIM AMIDON '87 / PHOTO

**Construction crews work on Little Giant Stadium during the summer. Temporary occupancy is expected to be available as early as September.**

our football and track and field teams, but we expect multiple other uses for campus events," Tanney said. "Consider this: we now have an outdoor space that holds 3,000+ spectators with ADA seating, ample bathrooms, and a climate controlled second floor. When the pandemic passes, we expect countless opportunities for the facility beyond home athletics competitions.

Amidon also spoke on the capability of the stadium, as well as the improvements over its predecessor, Byron P. Hollett Little Giant Stadium: "It's such a vast improvement over the prior stadium in every imaginable way," he said. "Having worked a couple hundred sporting events at the old stadium, it had its charms, but it wasn't accessible for persons with disabilities, the bathrooms weren't good, and the press box was pretty rough. This new stadium will make the game day experience spectacular for players, coaches, and press box workers, but most of all for the fans. I am excited for our College to create new memories

and traditions in the new stadium.

The now-cancelled 2020 Monon Bell Classic had been in the minds of almost every Wabash fan as an early memory to be created in the new stadium. Despite the cancellation of fall sports, Tanney remained optimistic about the completion and use of the stadium this fall. "We're optimistic that temporary occupancy of the new field and track will be available in September, with the remainder of the stadium later in September or early October, contingent on the final tests, certifications, and approvals required to open the building," Tanney said.

Amidon also shared his thoughts: "It's incredibly sad that we won't be able to host games this fall in the new stadium," he said. "But my heart really aches for our players, especially the seniors who have worked so hard over the years to be in a strong position to win a championship. That's the worst part, for sure. And I hope our students can get creative about how we might be able to use the new stadium for large, open events that bring our

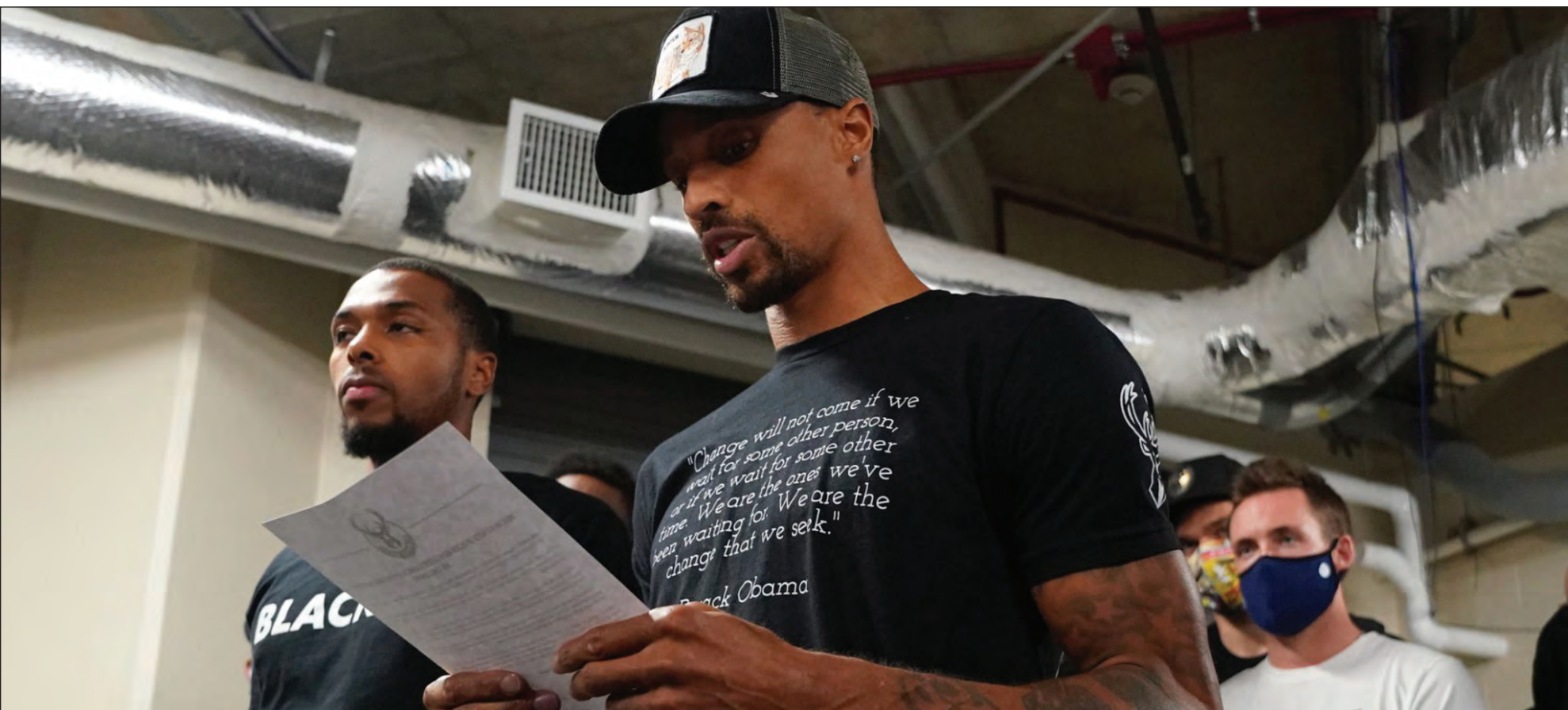
campus together - at a safe physical distance, of course."

"At 99% of other college campuses, this project doesn't happen," Tanney said. "Thanks to the shared commitment and leadership from the anonymous donors that stepped forward last year, to the architects, engineers, trustees, President [Gregory] Hess, and now, President [Scott] Feller, we're very close to completing a facility that should make the entire Wabash community proud."

The stadium is sure to be a centerpiece of Wabash athletics for years to come. Although the stadium will not host events this fall, Little Giant Stadium will serve as a place for tradition, excellence, and brotherhood for the future of Wabash College. And with this, Amidon agreed: "I think without question it will be a true showpiece stadium in Division III football," he said. "The facility will equal the hard work and perseverance of our student-athletes and we will all be proud to call it the home of the Little Giants."



## NBA Stands Against Racial Injustice, Protests Spark Across Sports



COURTESY OF SKY SPORTS

**George Hill reads a statement from the Milwaukee Bucks following the team’s refusal to compete in their playoff game against the Orlando Magic on Wednesday. All of the scheduled NBA playoff games for Wednesday were postponed after teams decided to take action in a unified protest.**

JAKE VERMEULEN '21 | MANAGING EDITOR • On Wednesday night, the Milwaukee Bucks decided not to take the floor for Game 5 of their playoff series with the Orlando Magic in protest of the police shooting of Jacob Blake in Kenosha, WI. Shortly after that decision, the NBA announced that all games on Wednesday would be postponed.

In many ways, Wednesday’s events were an extension of an ongoing discussion within the NBA about how players’ voices fit into the broader national conversation about racial injustice. The volume of these conversations increased significantly due to the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and others. When the league returned to action in a bubble setting, players were allowed to wear social justice messages on their jerseys in place of their names, and “Black Lives Matter” was painted onto each of the courts at Disney’s Wide World of Sports, where games are being held.

There was briefly speculation that the season would not continue. It seemed that many players were in favor of calling off the rest of the season. This included Bucks point guard and Indianapolis native George Hill, who told reporters, “We shouldn’t have come to this damn place, to be honest. Coming here just took all the focal points off what the issues are.” Players from every team met late Wednesday night, however, and decided to continue the playoffs. At the time of this writing, players were still discussing next steps before games restarted and games scheduled for Thursday have been postponed. There does appear to be agreement that games will continue, however.

Protests and postponements were not confined to the NBA. In Major League Baseball, three games were postponed on Wednesday night. The Milwaukee Brewers led the way by forfeiting their game against the Cincinnati Reds, though the Reds refused to accept the forfeit. Games between the Seattle Mariners and San Diego Padres in San Diego, and the Los Angeles Dodgers and San Francisco Giants in San Francisco were also postponed Wednesday, and more postponements were expected on Thursday. Several games in the WNBA and MLS were also postponed.

On Thursday, seven NFL teams canceled practices in solidarity with NBA players, while two more delayed the start of practice in order to meet as a team. The



COURTESY OF YAHOO SPORTS

**The Milwaukee Brewers display the message “Justice Equality Now” in their stadium. The Brewers led the charge for boycotts in the MLB, refusing to play the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday.**

Indianapolis Colts were among the teams which canceled practice. Instead, the Colts held a team meeting, which included registering all players and coaches to vote, according to Sports Illustrated’s Albert Breer. Breer reported that the decision was the product of a meeting between Head Coach Frank Reich and the team’s leadership council on Wednesday evening. He also reported that Quarterback Jacoby Brissett has been one of the driving forces behind the decision.

Protests have flared up in the last few days after police officers fired seven shots at Jacob Blake, a 29-year-old African American man. Officers had been called in response to a domestic incident, though it is unclear what role Blake had in the

dispute. Blake was shot as he attempted to get into his car. Kenosha Police said that a knife was recovered from the floorboard of Blake’s car, but the family disputes the claim that he had a weapon. Three of Blake’s children were in his car while their father was shot. Black Lives Matter activists and protestors have pointed to Blake’s shooting as another example of police brutality against African Americans.

Tensions have continued to rise after two protestors were killed and a third was injured after being allegedly shot by Kyle Rittenhouse. Rittenhouse is a white 17-year-old man who crossed from his home in Illinois to Kenosha with a rifle, and who claimed he was there to protect property and law enforcement. Many

commentators viewed Rittenhouse’s treatment as an illustration of the unequal treatment of African Americans by law enforcement. Rittenhouse was allowed to leave the scene and return to his home before being arrested the next day, despite having allegedly shot three people. Blake was shot seven times by police without having injured anyone. Rittenhouse and those who have backed him claim the shootings were in self-defense, however he has since been charged with first-degree intentional homicide.

Conversations in the NBA and other professional sports leagues over how to proceed will likely continue in the coming days, though it appears that games will resume by the weekend.

## What to Watch in the Absence of Wabash Athletics

BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • On July 22, Wabash College, in tandem with the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC), announced the cancellation of athletics for the remainder of 2020. This cancellation has left Wabash sports fans struggling to find new sporting events and competitions to fill the void of Little Giant athletics. However, *The Bachelor* has compiled a few options for those who simply cannot wait until Wabash athletics (hopefully) make a return in 2021.

Esports fits the need not only to view intense competition, but also

to do so in a safe, socially-distant environment. While there are many eSports leagues for a variety of different interests, a new viewer to eSports can look at the Call of Duty League (CDL) to start with. Many, gamer or not, are familiar with the Call of Duty franchise, which can provide an ease into viewing eSports. The CDL, formerly known as the Call of Duty World League, moved to a more traditional format this year, franchising teams in a similar manner to almost every other major sports league. There are 12 teams in total, located in the United States, Canada,

and Europe. The league is currently in the playoffs, and the remaining four teams - the Atlanta FaZe, Chicago Huntsmen, Dallas Empire, and London Royal Ravens - will compete this weekend for the \$1.5 million grand prize. Matches will be played on Saturday, and the championship will be held on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. EST.

Not into eSports? Consider a more cultured approach - marbles. Jelle’s Marble Runs contains anything from the professional Marble League, marble rallies, marble marathons, marble collisions, and more. Jelle’s even has marble blogs and committees

to round of your extraordinary marble experience. Who would want to watch the Bell Game in the new stadium when you can watch the most competitive marble league around?

While everyone will miss watching Wabash athletics throughout the semester, we all must wait until at least January 1, 2021 for that to return. Until then, use this time to find new sports and competitions to watch. Esports and marbles are just the tip of the sports iceberg, and there are a variety of sports and competitions destined to meet your viewing needs.