

## Hess to Step Down as Wabash President

**JAKE VERMEULEN '21 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF** • For seven years, Wabash has been led by Gregory Hess as the 16th President of the College. During Hess's tenure, Wabash has seen plenty of changes. Campus has seen a significant building project with the Ott Residential District, a bevy of new academic programs, and the largest fundraising effort in the College's history. On March 10, Jay Allen '79, Chair of the Wabash College Board of Trustees, announced that Hess will leave Wabash at the end of the year to take over as CEO of IES Abroad. *The Bachelor* sat down to catch up with President Hess and reflect on his time at Wabash.

IES Abroad is one of the largest study abroad providers in the world, and more than 100,000 students have studied abroad with them since their founding. Hess will no doubt face a challenge when he starts his new gig. Study abroad providers are facing a significant challenge due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, which has effectively shut down international travel. Hess talked

about the process of deciding to move on from his time here. He said, "I knew that if I did [leave] there were two things that might be able to tempt me. One would be something that was more global... The other one was I wanted to try to something at a bit more scale. I loved the intimacy of Wabash and I wanted to know how well that would scale. What's really appealing about IES Abroad is that it really kind of matched those two pieces."

When asked what he considered his biggest accomplishment as President of Wabash College, Hess didn't point to one specific thing that happened during his time in Crawfordsville. Instead, he pointed to a more general shift in tone around Wabash. "I really wanted to bring ambition and swagger and passion about the college and really make it front and center. I said, 'We have this great mission. It has to be equaled with great ambition.'"

That isn't to say that Hess's time has been without noteworthy achievements. Since he came to campus, Wabash has

built an entire new section of campus housing with the Ott Residential District, created several new academic programs, and launched a number of new educational initiatives like the WabashX programs.

Hess will leave Wabash with plenty of fond memories from his time here. He said, "[Wabash] comes off very warm and light in ways you would never expect from a college for men." He continued on talking about the College's unique culture, saying, "At Wabash, there's quite a bit of headspace, so there's a lot of time to sit and be reflective and that's something that is a great hallmark of an institution, but it's been lost in Higher Ed in a lot of ways."

Hess acknowledged that his tenure occasionally had some missteps. He said, "Once in a while I kind of got caught out where communication and decisions were not perfectly aligned. And that's just the risk you take when you're trying to move things as fast as you are." But he said he still believed he was doing what was necessary to

preserve and advance the College. He said he told the Board of Trustees early on in his tenure, "It wasn't my job to be loved at Wabash College. It was my job to make sure that there was a place for them to love well after I had gone."

Hess was forthright about how he wanted to be viewed after he leaves Wabash and praised the team he worked with while here. Hess said, "I want my legacy to be that I embraced and championed the mission of the College. That I added a great dose of ambition to it, and I put together a team that got things done and I don't think they're going to stop getting things done even after I'm gone. I want that to be my legacy: that we moved the needle and we're not going to stop moving the needle in the direction that it needs to go."

As Hess leaves the College, Dean of the College Scott Feller will take over as Acting President. Hess announced recently that Professor of Rhetoric Todd McDorman would step in as Acting Dean of the College.



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President Hess came to Wabash in 2013 after serving as Dean of the Faculty at Claremont McKenna College in California.



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Dean Feller steps in as Acting President after serving as Dean of the College for several years and teaching Chemistry at Wabash.

## Feller to Step in as Acting President

**COOPER SMITH '23 | STAFF WRITER** • With President Hess stepping down as President, Dean of the College Scott Feller will serve as Acting President. As Acting President, Feller hopes to continue projects started under President Hess as well as expand upon his own vision for the college.

Feller explained his main goals, saying, "My first priority is to keep strong momentum going – to not lose a step. We'll continue to make progress on graduation and retention rates, and we'll expand upon developments in housing, majors, and the biggest fundraising campaign in the history of the college." Feller explained that his personal focus is on 2032, the 200th anniversary. "We need to figure out what the student body of 2032 will need and want," he said, emphasizing the goal of encouraging more students outside of Indiana from enrolling. "We hope the Wabash story will be understood – even far away." But Feller explained that he set his

priorities before the COVID-19 pandemic caused Wabash to close its doors. He assured that the current situation does not fundamentally alter his strategy, but it will require some adjustments. "We'll have to call a few audibles, but fundamental goals are the same," he said. Despite the crisis, the College has continued to make some improvements. "It may have been somewhat lost in the COVID craziness, but we did roll out a new website, which has been part of our digital strategy for some time," Feller said. For his overall response to the COVID pandemic, he said, "A disruption is the word I would use. We're going to need to think about the ripple effects – we need to think about how to address and minimize the disruption."

Feller's overall message showed his love of our alma mater, but he summed it up best: "The last month has shown me just how much I love the residential nature of Wabash. This place is about the students, and I value our student-centered culture."

## Academic Programs Expanded Rapidly During Hess's Tenure

**CHRISTIAN REDMOND '20 | OPINION EDITOR** • During his seven years at Wabash, President Hess has overseen and helped implement many academic programs that now are integral to the Wabash culture.

"The number and breadth of new academic majors and minors introduced over President Hess's seven-year tenure is really quite impressive," said Jon Jump, Associate Dean of the College. Some of the more popular new areas of study include the Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (PPE) major, the Financial Economics major, and the Business minor. Hispanic Studies and Computer Science have also gained new majors while Asian Studies, Black Studies, Gender Studies, Film and Digital Media, Global Health, Neuroscience, Electronic Music, and Multicultural American Studies have all gained new minors.

These programs highlight a large trend of Wabash's recent academic ventures. "The direction in recent years toward interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary learning is most noticeable at Wabash," said Jump. "And I expect this to continue." The PPE major most plainly exemplifies this move toward a focus on multidisciplinary studies.

"The PPE major offers a multidisciplinary approach to complicated issues in the contemporary world," said Dr. Lorraine McCrary, Professor of Political Science. "Think about the pandemic that we're in right now--in addition to the very obvious medical issues that need to be addressed, philosophical, political, and economic approaches are all relevant--no discussion of what to do about the pandemic is complete without an attention to all of these areas. We must reflect philosophically about our duty to other human beings, understand the institutions through which we implement stay-at-home orders, for instance, and consider the economic implications of different approaches we might take. PPE helps cultivate Wabash students who can think clearly about contemporary issues using a broad set of disciplinary methods."

A concern about PPE, and multidisciplinary learning in general, has been voiced by many over the years for bringing too much complication to an area of study. Nigel Farage, a popular member of Ukip, enjoys calling his opponents' arguments "PPE bullocks," according to

The Guardian.

Despite the critics, PPE seems to be thriving. Oxford implemented their PPE program in the 1920s and it became the second fastest growing major in their school at that time, behind history. This has resulted in many articles published on the vast number of PPE majors that now influence British society. The Guardian even calls it "the Oxford degree that runs Britain." Hoping to make the same progress across the pond, Wabash continues to acclimate PPE into its curriculum and beyond. "As the major develops," said Dr. McCrary, "I hope we can work with career services to help introduce PPE students to the variety of options that are available to them after graduation--from graduate school in public policy to the think tank work and beyond."

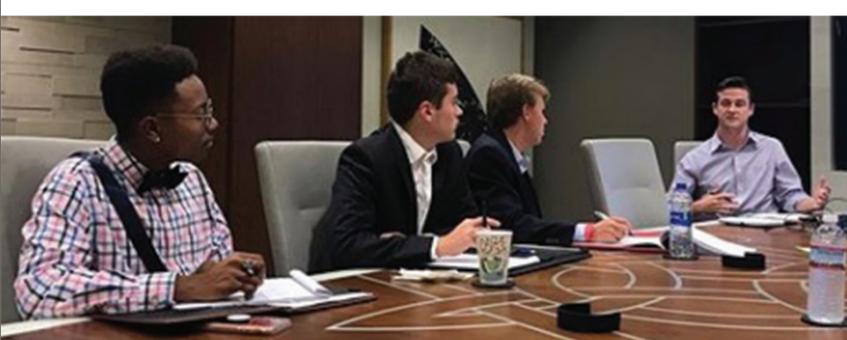
Looking past curriculum, the College has brought in many other academic programs to provide students a holistic experience over the last seven years. "There is now an International Center to serve as a home base for international students and a multicultural campus hub," said Jump. "Chinese classes are now taught on a regular basis because of the commitment to an Asian Studies minor." WabashX has also continued to thrive under Hess. The Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse Initiative (WDPDI) has implemented a Direct Admits program to help recruit high school seniors to the initiative. The Global Health Initiative (GHI) is now supported by a new minor. "President Hess arrived with the goal of expanding Wabash's academic footprint in the world," said Jump, "and that has happened."

With President Hess leaving in the fall and Dean Scott Feller to become interim President, the academic scene at Wabash has no plans of slowing down. While administration, faculty, and students change over time, the standard of excellence at Wabash doesn't. Moving forward, "Finding commonality and connection between various, even seemingly disparate subjects is a key skill for a liberal arts student, and serves him well in a world that regularly delivers increasing and more complex ambiguities," said Jump. "But new ways of examining our world at Wabash will remain grounded in a commitment to timeless ideals, and guided by an ethic of responsibility and effective, humane leadership."



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# Cooking in the Time of COVID-19

**RICK WARNER H'13** | ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND GUEST WRITER • What a crazy time! I do hope everyone is doing as well as possible in this historically unprecedented (at least in my life) era. Social distancing can be stressful. I hope to help us with that a little, through some work in the kitchen. Gentlemen, your families will appreciate this.

This is a not a good time to worry about diets, but rather to embrace what makes you feel good! Let's get into some comfort foods. Having grown up in Vermont, where winter is a six-month season, I learned that soup in particular is quite comforting. I can honestly say that I have not opened a can of soup in my kitchen in thirty years. Soups are easy and fun to make, and are healthier if homemade (but don't worry about diets).

As a Historian, I focus on the

history of foods and cooking; and as a onetime professional (now amateur) chef, I focus on creating and eating good food (and teaching Wabash men how to cook). Lately I have been thinking about the Italian soup called Minestrone. As with most food stories, the exact history of this soup is not fully known, though it is generally assumed to date back to the Roman Empire. Among the many improvements seen in Italian life in those days was an increase in the variety of foodstuffs, many of which were available to a wide variety of people. While of course the 1% ate differently than the rest of society, a wide variety of vegetables appears to have become available to the masses. Thus, the plebian, or working class soup, Minestrone, was born.

The advantage of this soup is that virtually anything can go into it!

Typically, it is built around these ingredients: garlic (of course!), onions, celery, tomatoes, carrots, and pasta. I like to use green cabbage, bell peppers, peas, even a bit of asparagus, kale, or spinach. I would avoid potatoes or other vegetables that break apart since these would alter the broth.

#### RECIPE

As my students know, I am not inclined to use recipes. Or better put, recipes are suggestions, not rules. (I don't recommend this approach with baking!) So I'll give you the basic method for this soup:

**SAUTE:** ("fry" in limited amount of oil, preferably olive oil): garlic, onions, celery, peppers.

**ADD STOCK OR WATER:** Many chefs use chicken stock but water or vegetable stock works. I would not use beef stock.

**ADD HARD VEGETABLES:** Carrots,

asparagus, celery - if you did not add in the sauté. Boil gently for a while, until almost tender.

**ADD SOFT VEGETABLES:** Cabbage, kale, spinach, frozen peas, etc. that don't need much cooking. Canned beans like pintos or garbanzos are also nice. Add canned diced tomatoes.

**ADD COOKED PASTA,** or alternatively, cooked rice, or neither.

**ADD HERBS** to taste: basil especially, maybe oregano or thyme. Add salt and black pepper to taste.

**SERVE** with grated parmesan cheese, or not. Crusty white bread, oh yeah yum.

So experiment as you wish. It's an open prompt, like a good creative writing (or History?) paper. If you are interested in more cooking tips, take a look at the YouTube channel, Chef Prof. Rick Warner. Eat well! Be well! Wabash Always Cooks.

## The Top 5 Best Zoom Backgrounds

**RYAN SOWERS '23** | STAFF WRITER • As many professors have taken to the live video conference platform Zoom, students have been quick to uncover its most amusing feature: backgrounds. This delightfully distracting feature can add a humorous tone to their classes whenever students find the discussion getting a little too dull. If used correctly, this feature might even encourage one's professor to let them off early, indicating just how much they appreciate their student's creativity and initiative. How should students go about their virtual mischief? Worry no more and avail yourself of the following ranking of the top 5 best Zoom backgrounds that are sure to grab your peers' and professors' attention.

**5. "Che" Guevara**  
Making Che your background stands to evoke a pleasant mixture of four parts

sarcastic idolatry, and six parts confusing desire to see the heroic motorcycle-riding physician successfully establish the rightful dictatorship of the proletariat. No matter which wholesome alternative wins you over, this background is sure to give everyone a much needed recharge in the middle of a sleepy class, making this an ideal background for your morning classes.

#### 4. Space Jam

Space Jam, where Looney Tunes characters and their alien enemies utilized the powers of classic NBA superstars including Michael Jordan and Larry Bird in order to duke it out on the court to determine whether Bugs Bunny and others must go live in the aliens' theme park. A good background about this 90's classic is sure to stir up some nostalgic conversation amongst your classmates.

#### 3. Toilet Paper

No other background extends greater sympathy to our times than the image of people burying themselves in countless rolls of white tissue paper. This background is sure to relieve some of the tension surrounding this crisis, and will send a friendly reminder to classmates and professors alike to stock up and stay safe.

#### 2. Rick and Morty

Who could neglect this existential-crisis-inducing thriller, where an interplay between mediocrity and genius hilariously pits Morty's lack of enthusiasm against Rick's unquenchable thirst for adventure? A good background about this contemporary fan favorite is sure to win your classmates' enthusiasm and approval.

#### 1. Your Favorite Meme

No ranking of Zoom backgrounds would be complete without a meme, especially for students with refined taste. Because there is

such a vast array of memes to choose from, and various preferences to choose by, we leave it to you to decide which of them tops your list. Depending on your preferences, a meme background has the potential to engage your classmates in classic social media fashion: short and sweet.

That concludes this ranking of the top 5 Zoom backgrounds. While some or maybe even all of these entries might incur disagreement, what's for sure is that you can hardly go wrong with such a fun new classroom fixture as Zoom backgrounds. Some honorable mentions include backgrounds about The Office, any Adult Swim TV show, SpongeBob, and your dream vacation scene.

If you feel like another Zoom background should have made our top 5, please send a 600-800 word explanation to [ceredmon20@wabash.edu](mailto:ceredmon20@wabash.edu)

## WabashX a Significant Part of Hess's Legacy

**ALEXANDRU ROTARU '22** | ASSISTANT COPY EDITOR • WabashX, formerly known as Liberal Arts Plus, are a set of co-curricular initiatives that help Wabash students interested in Public Health, Business, and Democracy develop the skills they need to succeed in graduate school, in their workplaces, and in their lives. The WabashX initiatives were started during Hess's tenure and have contributed to student outcomes such as 99% placement into their first destinations within 6 months of graduation, 80% medical school admission, and 82% law school admission.

**Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse**  
The WDPD program rests on the legacy of the late Wabash Professor of Speech W. Norwood Briggie. "Briggie," as Wabash students referred to him about 70 years ago, firmly believed that speech was vital in maintaining democratic ideals and a free society. In that spirit, WDPD aims to resolve ongoing, festering issues that communities across Indiana and the United States face through dialogue. "WDPD is a 21st Century take on the Liberal Arts legacy of Rhetoric scholars at Wabash College," Sara Drury, WDPD Program Director and Department Chair of Rhetoric, said.

WDPD has grown from a team of 9 people - Drury and 8 students - focusing on one project, to a team of Democracy Fellows and Affiliates working with a plethora of community and campus partners. "We have partnerships with the Chemistry and Biology Departments; we have our free speech discussion groups, which occur about once a month," WDPD Program Associate Hayley Blonsley said. Other community partners include the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program, the Indiana State Bar Association, and the Montgomery County Health Department.

The experience provided through WDPD can be as broad and diverse as the student's career paths and interests. "We don't have a specific major or career path that best fits our fellows," Blonsley said. "We take your interests and the skills that you have, and we build upon them and apply them in special ways."

Sam Hansen '22 is a WDPD Fellow who has an interest in priesthood. "The entire goal of WDPD is that Democracy works," Hansen said. "It doesn't necessarily have to apply to Government all the time, but just to make sure everyone's voice is heard. [...] If I ever were to lead any sort of project team or group

meeting or things like that, I want to make sure everyone's voice is heard. [...] I want to get the full value of every conversation that tunes into what every participant wants to know."

Artie Equihua '20, another WDPD fellow, is a Biology major who will be attending medical school next semester. "Your physician is only going to be as effective as they are in communicating with their patient," Equihua said. "So, if I don't know what's going on with you, I can't help you. So, really, physicians have to be very good at asking questions and communicating effectively with the patients, and that's something WDPD has taught me: whether that is asking pointed, strategic questions that get at the answers that I'm looking for, or just active listening."

#### Global Health Initiative

Science may seem like an impenetrable fortress of facts and figures, but Global Health is a subject where the sciences interact with the remainder of the Liberal Arts in order to address community challenges. Thus, in 2011, Norman Treves Professor of Biology Eric Wetzel taught the first Global Health class, and in 2013, the Global Health Initiative was created, and Global Health became a minor.

The GHI provides a holistic education that revolves around local, national, and international community challenges. "We want guys to be exposed to public health at different levels [...] and to be aware of the kinds of issues there," Wetzel said. The main takeaway every student has from working with the GHI is that "empathy is our superpower," Jill Rogers, Pre-Med Advisor and GHI Coordinator, said.

The Public Health Organization on campus is the student-run branch of the GHI, and seeks to address many of the on-campus and county public health issues. They organize events such as the Mental Health Day of Discussion, Tire Amnesty Day, and Dog Days; as well as work with community partners such as the Recovery REC Center, the Halfway Home, and the Montgomery County Health Department.

At the end of every semester, the GHI selects 4-5 students to become Global Health Fellows. "Typically, they are students who have been involved in ongoing GHI programs [...] but also sometimes have done some sort of deep, intensive work, like a summer internship, or traveling to Peru with Dr. Wetzel, or being in Appalachia at the frontier nursing services," Rogers said. "So, something that really gives



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them deep exposure and ongoing understanding of public health."

Hunter Jones '20 is a Global Health Fellow, and will attend medical school next semester. Working with the GHI, "really makes you think about the factors that go into someone's whole life, and really the social determinants of health," Jones said. "I think, as a physician in the future, when I'm seeing patients, I'll think about things like if they have a healthy home life, if they have access to good quality meals, if they have access to steady meals. [...] I think that I've learned a lot that you really don't know what someone else is going through. And it's just eye-opening."

#### Center for Innovation, Business, and Entrepreneurship

In an ever-changing job market, Wabash men need to be equipped with all sorts of business experience and skills to thrive. Likewise, the job market is desperate for people able to think critically and who possess the skills and experience to do business well. CIBE was created to fill that need.

Every year, through the Direct Admit program, the CIBE selects 20 freshmen to join as Junior Innovation Consultants, guaranteeing

them two summer internships: the Business Immersion Program (formerly known as Liberal Arts Bridges to Business) their freshman year, where they explore the basics of business, then another during their sophomore year. Because some might change their mind about career options, current freshmen and upperclassmen can change their mind, and join CIBE. Every year since its founding, over 95% of Innovation Consultants secured their first destination before graduation. Currently, the program has 122 Innovation Consultants.

President-elect of the Student Body Charles Esterline '21 has been a Senior Innovation Consultant for the past two years, and has worked on the economic impact study of the Gail Moll Peabworth Invitational Swim Meet and of Milligan Park; as well as with the Adorant Group. "As a person, it's definitely allowed me to branch out and meet more people across campus and be able to explain my ideas," Esterline said. "I came in a scared, timid, quiet, shy guy, and now I had the opportunity to be elected Student Body President [...], so I'm really grateful for what was actually given to me [both through the CIBE and by Wabash as a whole]."

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# Esterline '21 Wins Student Body President Election

**WILL OSBORN '21** | STAFF WRITER

• Voting for the Wabash Student Body Election closed Thursday, April 9. The Elections Commission announced Charles Esterline '21 and Dane Smith '22 as victors on Sunday, April 12. While current circumstances did not allow for campaigning in typical fashion, all the tickets were able to get their message across to campus, either through e-mails or through the Zoom debate hosted by Student Senate. This marks Esterline's second attempt at the Presidency after losing a close election to current President Dayem Adnan '20. Esterline is currently the President of his fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha, and is involved in numerous campus organizations, such as CIBE and TEDxWabashCollege. Esterline hopes his experience in event planning, as well as the experience of his Vice-President, Smith, can help bring excitement to Wabash's event planning, and interject life into campus.

After the results of the election were published, Esterline felt honored that the Student Body chose him to be their representative for the coming school year. While in the moment he said he was, "shocked and stunned," he is ready to get to work for the Student Body, and he plans to hit the ground running when we return to campus. His team is in the process of filling out their committee chairmanships by opening up the process to all Wabash students. "Our platform was running on the basis of our experience with event planning and execution, Esterline said. "We also wanted everyone to have the opportunity to be a part of this team. That's why we also ran on the platform of interviews for committee positions." Once the remainder of his cabinet

is in place, Esterline said he is eager to start working for the students.

Esterline and Smith plan to bring back some old events, while re-evaluating current student functions in order to make them more inclusive for all Wabash men. During the campaign, Esterline highlighted his desire to bring back the Taste of Wabash, a successful event which he helped to organize in the past. His team is in the process of re-thinking National Act and looking at the possibility of throwing a welcome-back concert at the beginning of Fall semester. This emphasis on planning for student functions echoes the legacy Esterline hopes to leave behind. "I see my legacy as creating a comprehensive event schedule that engages students for the entire year," Esterline said. "I think if we could accomplish that we will have an amazing year." While plenty of campaigns have focused on similar goals in the past, Esterline is hoping his experience in event planning and the hard work of those around him can help set a new bar in student life at Wabash.

As Esterline and his team prepare to take the reins in the coming months, he calls on all of Wabash to send in their ideas and to join his team if they wish to help. "My message to students is that if you have an idea, let us know," Esterline said. "Please apply for committee chair positions. The applications are live right now. Our team cannot wait to get to work for Wabash. I hope everyone has a safe and healthy end to their Academic Year." While time will tell what kind of legacy Esterline will leave behind as Student Body President, his vision, leadership skills, and ambition place him in a good position to fulfill his promises.

# Hess Leaves with Excellent Bell Record During His Tenure

**LOGAN SMITH '23** | STAFF WRITER

• President Gregory Hess will be stepping down from his position at the College this semester, and we thought this would be an appropriate time to step back and look at one of the most important things on his list of accomplishments from his time here at Wabash: his record in the Monon Bell football game. The Monon Bell game is always a big event that brings out great passion in Wabash men, when we get to face off against our rivals, DePauw University, in what is usually the most exciting football game of the year. Although President Hess is not on the field, he is given responsibility for the team's wins and losses just as much as our coaches and players. President Hess was elected in 2013, so that means we get to dive into the last seven years of Little Giant football and the success that came with it.

The football team's record in the Monon Bell game has been 5-2 since Wabash elected President Hess. This gives President Hess a 71.4% win percentage while outscoring DePauw 203-133. This display of dominance also gave the Little Giants an impressive 29 points per game scored, while holding the Tigers to only 19 points per game. Although there does not seem to be any correlation between the football team's success and the President of the College, we can sure pretend there is and enjoy the advantage we have been holding over DePauw for the majority of the last seven years. And though President Hess leaves us after a tragic loss in the Bell game, he repays us with a new stadium which will host the rivalry game this Fall - a game where Wabash hopes to reclaim the Bell, and the honor that comes with ringing it each time we exit our beloved Allen Athletic Center.

# HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

## BEZOS BUSTS UNIONS

*Lo-Five to Amazon for continuing its proud history of union busting. After firing an employee for attempting to unionize to increase crisis pay and protections, a lawyer for the company described him as "not smart or articulate." But hey! Instead of taking care of his associates, Bezos can continue to fund his phallic Blue Origin rockets! (Seriously — look at them)*

## CNN BRIEFING COVERAGE

*Hi-Five to the CNN chyron operator (the chyron is the thing on the bottom of your screen) for writing some hilarious captions during one of President Trump's daily briefings this week. They injected some much needed levity into the week.*

## XFL FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY

*Lo-Five to the death of the XFL. While its first season hadn't quite finished yet, the fledgling league seemed to have some legs. If not for the untimely COVID-19 Pandemic, the XFL seemed to have a real shot to last. One of the great bright spots from the league was former Colts QB PJ Walker, who appears to have resurrected his career with the Houston Renegades.*

## YIKES

*Lo-Five to Kyle Larson for saying the N-word during a livestream of the virtual NASCAR race last weekend. In the words of Indianapolis-based IndyCar driver Conor Daly who was participating in the virtual race, "Yikes." Larson has since lost his ride and been dropped by his sponsors.*

## MANNEQUIN FANS

*Hi-Five to the reigning Belarusian Premier League Champions, Dynamo Brest, for resorting to placing mannequins in their stadium for games amid the Coronavirus. Reports are that some soccer enthusiasts throughout the world are paying €21 to have a cut-out of their face on the mannequins. Seems like Belarus has not skipped a beat.*

# Campus Underwent Significant Changes During Hess's Tenure

**AUSTIN HOOD '21** | NEWS EDITOR

• Wabash's campus has evolved dramatically in light of the many academic, faculty, staff, and student life changes that have occurred during President's Hess' seven-year tenure. Without question, the physical changes that this small, residential college saw over the better part of a decade will be central to Hess' legacy.

Perhaps the most notable of these developments so far is the Ott Residential Life District, a cluster of six residential buildings on the west side of campus. Named in honor of philanthropist John "Fuzzy" Ott '20, the sprawling complex opened in 2016. President Hess led the extensive efforts to fund this major project. Today, it houses up to 130 independent men.

Many of the campus projects likewise benefited from Hess' ability to bring in large-scale donations. In November 2018, Hess announced the

Giant Steps Campaign, the largest comprehensive campaign in the College's history. To date, the effort has raised over \$181 million in gifts and pledges, including a \$40 million gift from Paul and Betty Woolls, the largest in Wabash's history.

Many of the gifts that Hess secured are going towards the Campus Master Plan. Unveiled in May 2019, the unparalleled development plan outlines the College's intention to build a Campus Center on the site of the present-day Sparks Center, aimed at creating a multi-use facility where the Wabash Community can gather to eat, host events, and utilize student services. Alongside the new Campus Center, the plan also mentions necessary renovations to the Lilly Library and Center Hall. While the College has yet to break ground on these projects, the Lilly Library is expected to be renovated in the near future.



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