



# WABASH COLLEGE

## *Class Agents Letter*

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## Class of 1996

### Class Agents

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November, the "thanks for the memories, ΔΤΔ" installment.

Gentlemen,

Greetings again from the Midwest. I hope this letter finds you in good spirits and good health. As always, there is a lot going on within our class and at the college, so let's get down to business. The big elephant in the room is the news about Delta Tau Delta being removed from campus. That is on page 2. I thought I would start us off on a positive note.

### Classmate Updates

#### Andrew Reynolds has submitted the following update:

Just a note to all Wabash Alumni - I work at a company that has Wabash and Hanover alums on the sales force. Eleven years ago three new Wabash salesmen bet two 10+ year Hanover salesmen on year-end numbers. I'm proud to say the combined 5 years experience and book of business beat the 22 combined years experience and book of business .....the Hanover men had to write checks to the Wabash General Fund and one of them just told me in August that he not only still gets the Wabash Magazine but he reads every single article. It was the best bet I have ever made, thank goodness we won. It's the gift that keeps on giving every time they receive a mailing or phone call to donate again. Here's to another win over Hanover and to those Hanover Alums reading this...cheers!!!!



#### Adam Homo has submitted the following update:

As of this moment, my coaching plate is full! Besides being the head cross-country coach for girls and the head track coach for boys, I have been named the head cross-country coach for boys! I am still teaching English at Elkhart Memorial High School. I still enjoy the job and wouldn't dream of doing anything else. My daughter, Madelyn, keeps Nicki and I on our toes at all times! In terms of height, Madelyn is off the charts (go figure, huh?).

#### Brian Flanigan had this update:

We are happy to announce the arrival of Andrew John Flanigan and Joshua Michael Flanigan who were born yesterday at 4:01 and 4:03 p.m. at Prentice / Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Drew weighed in at 6 lbs even and Josh at 6 lbs / 7 oz. Both are 19.5 inches long. The delivery could not have gone better. Katie is recovering very well and the boys are both in excellent health. We've attached a photo taken very soon after their birth (Drew is on Katie's left and Josh is on her right).



Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, messages, and calls. We couldn't be happier or in better spirits.

Warmest regards,  
Brian and Katie

PS We thought we'd also take this opportunity to provide our new home address. We recently made the plunge to the Chicago suburbs.

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## Wabash's Chapter of Delta Tau Delta, Beta Psi Has Been Removed from Campus



As many of you may know by now, Delta Tau Delta has been kicked off of Wabash's campus following the death of Johnny Smith, a freshman pledge from Arizona.

Initially, pending the investigations by the international fraternity, the local authorities, and the college, activities at the house were suspended. Following the college's investigation, Dean Mike Raters '85 and President Pat White made the call to cancel the lease of the Delt Shelter and to turn the fraternity into a residence hall. All underclassmen under 21 years of age were allowed to stay if they wished, and all underclassmen of legal drinking age were required to move out and live

elsewhere. 2 resident assistants have been moved into the shelter.

What we do know about the incident itself is that a young man died from alcohol poisoning. The alcohol was not purchased by the house, nor was it at a house-sponsored event. The college's investigation moved President White and Dean Raters '85 (right) to conclude that there was a serious enough breach of the Gentleman's Rule from the fraternity practices in recruiting, through training, in pledgship and ritual and tradition (rough paraphrase) to determine that there was an atmosphere of irresponsible citizenship and ungentlemanly behavior. Though the proclamation was damning, to be sure, the possibility of Delta Tau Delta returning to campus around or after 2012 remains an item for discussion.



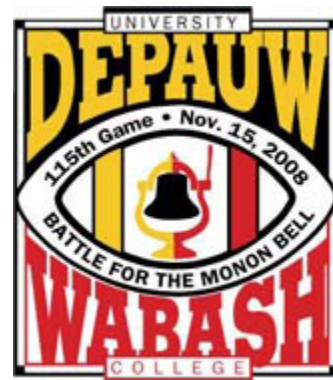
Many of you also know that this is not the first fatality caused by underage drinking on campus. This topic is now under intense discussion. I have personally been talking with the administration, with alumni affairs, and with Deltas and non-Deltas from all classes. It is an intense shock and disappointment to see the fraternity removed from campus. Many men have voiced emotions ranging from outrage, to sadness, to shame, and the answers that we all so desperately want are just not readily available at this time. What we do know is that Delta Tau Delta has a long history of successful leadership on campus, that its members have shaped the Wabash experience in many positive ways, and that its presence will be sorely missed by the college. It is a truly unfortunate situation. If any of you have any further questions, concerns, or if you feel like your voice isn't getting heard, PLEASE contact me and I will make sure that you get everything that we can provide with regards to information or communication. [Chris.Carpenter96@wabash.edu](mailto:Chris.Carpenter96@wabash.edu), 317-496-4085.

I, of course, have a vested interest in the outcome of this situation, as do 19 of your other classmates who also called this home. Our primary hope is that no more students will die. Going forward, we all have an important duty to help rebuild Wabash's reputation in our communities. We also have a duty to help create a stronger Wabash. This is tough, but we are tough.

### Monon Bell

To date, the NCAC Champion Little Giants have a perfect record going into the 115<sup>th</sup> Monon Bell game on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The last two games that Wabash played against Hiram and Oberlin saw a combined point total of 123 point to their opponents' combined 7 points. DePuke...well, they're less than perfect this year.

Monon Bell telecast party locations can be found by going to <http://wabash.edu/sports/> and clicking the Monon Bell image at the bottom right. The game is at Wabash this year, and you may purchase tickets through the college bookstore.



## **In Conclusion**

Well fellas, this is where I normally go into how important it is to assist admissions and to continue to financially partner with the college to ensure a strong future. That message is so critical, but I don't want to overshadow the importance of being actively involved with the campus as alumni by your physical presence on campus, when possible. These kids need our support and encouragement. The story that we are writing about Wabash going forward depends not only on a strong finish from the kids there, but on a strong voice of the alumni to encourage the students and faculty and long sing the praises of Old Wabash. Thanks for your continued engagement with your Alma Mater. See you at the Bell game!

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