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To the Honorable Class of 2001, Greetings:

I am once again remiss in sending regular class letters. However, graduate school, work and children really make the time pass.

It is commencement time in Crawfordsville. More on that later.

In stunning news, Dean of Students Tom Bambrey '68 has been named Director of Athletics for the College. Assistant Dean of Students Mike Raters '85 has been promoted to Dean of Students.

Professor of Political Science Phil Mikesell '63 is retiring after 42 years of teaching at Wabash.

Professors of Psychology Peter and Brenda Bankart are also set to retire from the College after a combined 72 years of experience.

Professor of German John Byrnes retires from the College after 21 years and spearheading foreign language immersion trips.

Commencement this year, again on Mother's Day, was moved into Chadwick Court due to inclement weather. Spirits were not dampened, however, as 186 seniors celebrated Wabash's 170th Commencement Exercises.

I received an e-mail recently from the College that many of you may have already heard about.

DeBauch has thrown down the gauntlet. As if it wasn't enough that they've swindled away one of Wabash's pre-eminent faculty in economics professor Bert Barreto, but now they're challenging our "manhood".

In a missive to DePauw alumni, the institution challenged its blind and faithful followers to "Beat Wabash" in alumni giving percentage. Last year, both

schools notched 37% total alumni participation in their respective annual funds.

Before I get into how 2001 can help the College and have some fun along the way, I want to get the other stuff.

Jared Grigsby, following the lead of another famous Jared, had this to say: I'm now a graduate student at Ball State University working on my Masters of Arts in Journalism, focusing on creative writing and magazine publication. I began my two year program on Jan. 7, 2008. It's been an experience the past week to go from a house all to myself for the past four and a half years to a dorm room. Also, after years of fighting the battle of the bulge, I won. In 2005 I started a diet and increased exercise (mainly at the Wabash Allen Center) when I hit a totally unhealthy 350 pounds. Now...I'm half the man I was at 175.

Derek Richey writes: My wife and I have moved from London to Kansas City, MO. I've taken a job with Cerner Corporation, which provides solutions to the healthcare industry.

Apologies to **Matt Warner** who was credited as Robert M. Warner in the previous letter. **Matt** writes: I got married last March, moved to Washington D.C. in July, officially received my Master's degree in Telecommunications and J.D. from Indiana University-Bloomington in August, and became a member of the Indiana bar and an attorney for the Federal Communications Commission in November. My wife, Mandy, received her Master's degree from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University and is now working as an Energy Policy Analyst for Energetics, Inc, which amazingly located about a block away from the FCC where I work.

Finally, **Jason Miller** writes: Three kids, now. Sedona Karin Miller-Mata was born on Dec. 2, 2006. Looks just like her older sister, Sofia (3). Also started as a financial advisor with Multi-Financial Securities in December. Big changes and good ones, too.

Speaking of Jason Miller, I recently received a message from him in response to our DePauw challenge. He actually had a better idea. Jason wrote about creating a Class of 2001 Challenge, "I know there is already enough incentive with the battle against DePauw, but let's call this a 'side pot'. Since this is the spirit of giving to Wabash (and not to each other) all we'll have is bragging rights, but I think that should suffice. I'd like to challenge each to reach the highest "house" percentage in giving for this year, and also for the next three years leading up to our 10-year reunion."

I think this is a tremendous idea. We are all competitive and this is a way to compete, help the college, and give 2001 something to get energized about. It is almost June 2008. Our 10-year reunion will be in June 2011. That gives us three years to compete as living units for a trophy-to-be-named-later. After that, the competition could extend to 5-year totals for each major reunion year following.

There are a number of things to decide. What is the trophy? Can there be any other stakes besides bragging rights? We will likely look to one or two

members from each living unit to help with coordination and communication. We are looking for good ideas and your thoughts about this challenge. Send me an e-mail if you are interested in helping with your living unit or if you have thoughts/suggestions.

As always, please keep sending your changes in as we love to hear about what is going on in the lives of our classmates.

For 2001,

Davey