Little Giants shutout Tigers in 117th Monon Bell Classic. The 117th meeting between Wabash and DePauw had many wondering how the Little Giants could pull off the victory against what was believed to be the best team ever coming out of Greencastle. The Tigers entered the game having a perfect 9-0 mark for the first time ever and had clinched a conference championship and an automatic playoff bid, though this day would completely belong to the Little Giants in a 47-0 victory. Read more about the game at http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=8487.

New Class Agents Needed. Thanks go out to Mike Wells, Eric Verduin, and David Waldman for their years of service to our class and to the College. They kept you in contact with each other and helped generate a good turnout for our last reunion. Now it’s time for a new team to take over. We need one or two class leaders to come forward and take up the challenge. It’s not a lifetime “sentence” the Alumni Office tells us, just need some dedicated leadership to get us through the next few years leading up to our 20th Reunion (can’t be!) in 2013. If you’d like more information, contact Tom Runge (runget@wabash.edu) in the Alumni and Parent Relations Office at Wabash.

Many Thanks – Wabash’s fiscal year closed out on June 30, 2010. Our class ended up with 46 donors to the College (listed below) for an overall rate of 26.7%. That puts us 3rd out of every class in the 1990s behind 1991 and 1994 as far as giving percentage goes. We were, however, down 5 donors from the previous year. Classmates making a gift to the college last fiscal year are listed below. Will your name make the list this year?

Khurshaid Alam  David Barrett  Mike Bauner
Jon Bielefeld  Chad Bishop  Dirk Caldwell
Jason Cantrell  Mike Crnkovich  Tom Danielewicz
Jon Duffy  Scott Ervin  Will Fecht, Jr.
Dom Glover  Chris Harrell  Dave Harrison
Phil Hoagland, II  Anthony Inzerello  Greg Jania
Rodney Kratz  Andy Luckey  Kevin Lusk
Brian Mantel  Steve Marcou  Scott McCarthy
Dave McGimpsey  Mike McGinley  Jon Montgomery
Emman Ndow  Jared Owens  Patrick Panozzo
Matt Reeck  Jason Seamon  David Smail
Jon Sturgill  Tim Talbott, Jr.  Jeffry Thornsberry
Eric Verduin  David Waldman  Mike Warren
Chad Weare  Mike Wells  D.J. West
Our Challenge. Many of us received scholarships and financial aid from the College when we were there. The impact of the downturn in the economy is still being felt by our Alma Mater. I know we all face a lot of expenses but here’s a thought. For the price of foregoing one adult beverage per month ($5), you could make an annual gift to Wabash for $60. For the price of two of those, the gift would be $120.00. Who would miss that amount every month? No one, I’ll bet. You can go online and have Wabash debit your credit card each month for the gift. (https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift). Many of you will ask yourselves what difference your gift will make? Look at it from this perspective. In Indiana, for a Wabash license plate, the BMV charges $25.00 extra dollars and then sends that money to Wabash as a gift from the plate owner. $25 – not much by itself, you might think. However, last year, from the license plates alone, Wabash received over $27,000. That’s enough for 10 students to go on an immersion trip. That’s enough for 10 paid summer internships. There is power in our numbers and all it takes is for us to make a gift. Over 90% of us received financial help from Wabash and last year 26.7% of us made a gift. We can do better.

Classmate News.

Cain is one of 10 inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame. On the eve of this year’s Monon Bell Game the College held its bi-annual Athletics Hall of Fame Induction and All-American Swimmer Jason Cain has joined classmates Kent Baker, Mike Crnkovich, Bill Kepler, and Eric Verduin as Hall of Famers.

A native of Portage, Indiana, Cain was a highly decorated swimmer who was part of teams that posted a 37-0 dual meet record and won 16 major invitational titles during his career. Individually, he was a four-year letterman, two-time captain, and helped Wabash to four straight top-20 finishes at the national championships. As a senior, he was the high point swimmer at the Liberal Arts Invitational; won Most Valuable Swimmer honors for Wabash and the Indiana Collegiate Athletic Conference; and captained the team that placed eighth at the NCAAs. By graduation, he was a five-time All-American, seven-time Honorable Mention All-American, and was a three-time Scholar All-American. He helped break 19 school records, five of which still stand.

Brad Gerstner has recently joined Off & Away Board of Directors. Off & Away is a new auction site for travel connoisseurs, offering exceptional travel experiences in new, fun and unique ways. Check out the company at www.offandaway.com.

Bubala joins Reno, NV law firm Armstrong Teasdale LLP. Louis M. Bubala III joins the firm as an associate and will practice in the area of Financial Restructuring/Reorganization and Bankruptcy.