

**Class of 1980**

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Classmates,

As 2024 nears its end, it is time for me to extend greetings to you and to wish you a happy holiday season.

By now, the Class of 2028 is preparing for their first final exams. They are quite a group, hailing from eighteen states and fourteen different countries. Of that class, 47 are legacies and 24 are international students. If you would like more information on them, check out this page:

<https://www.wabash.edu/giving/class2028>.

Big Bash 2025 is scheduled for June 6-8 of next year. As this will be the 45th anniversary of our graduation, I hope that some of you are planning to attend. Registration will go live at the end of January/start of February.

On a sour note, the Evil Empire of Greencastle kept the Monon Bell. As a consolation, Wabash did participate in the first postseason ForeverLawn Bowl, where we lost a heartbreaker to Hanover, 13-10. We finished the season 8-3, and kudos to the team and our new head coach, Jake Gilbert '98.

News from classmates:

**Dave Dessauer** continues to receive accolades for his book, *Harper Lee and Me*. (I have read it, and I recommend it highly. It is available on Amazon.) Among these is an award for his screenplay for the film adaptation from the Christian Online Film Festival. Congratulations, Dave!

**Dennis Kennedy** has retired from private-sector legal work. After doing some adjunct teaching at the law schools at Michigan and Michigan State, he is now the director of MSU's Center for Law, Technology and Innovation, as well as teaching a class on artificial intelligence and the law at MSU's law school. He also received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the American Legal Technology Awards. Dennis and his family live in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**Ron Rychlak** will be co-hosting a virtual session on December 9 on the topic "Sports Betting at Home, on Campus, and In the Classroom." It's free to join, and you can register at <https://www.wabash.edu/apps/events/afterthebell-dunaway-rychlak/>. Ron is eminently qualified, as he has authored a law-school text on gambling law. He continues to teach at the University of Mississippi Law School.

The holiday season also means the end of the calendar year. If you are planning to give a gift to Wabash for credit on your taxes, please do not delay. You can make a gift online at [wabash.edu/give](http://wabash.edu/give).

Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and have a joyous holiday, however you choose to celebrate! And have a great new year in 2025.

Yours in Wabash,  
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