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## Monday Morning Update

December 11 - December 17

Hello Notre Dame Law School,

Ugh, what a great week. As you 1Ls have probably gathered, this is REALLY not a fun time of the year for students around the law school. Everyone is incredibly stressed, sleep is at a premium, you test the limits of the amount of caffeine one human body can take and remain alive, and you realize that you probably should have taken a speed-typing/reading class over the summer/have already enrolled in one over winter break. That is one thing that I have told myself after every final I have taken and never got around to doing. I'm not saying I type with two fingers, but I find that my typing ability (and spelling ability) is severely lacking when compared to the noises I hear during finals. I pity the the professors who have had to read my finals in the past. Obviously they wonder about the content of my final and where they went

wrong as professors, but I imagine they wonder about how someone with such a tenuous grasp of spelling got themselves into ND Law. Don't give me credit just yet, I had to use spell check on "tenuous."

Anyway, it is tough to keep up to date with what is going on outside of our books when finals have consumed our lives. That being said, woof, bad, bad home loss for the Irish basketball team last week against Ball State. I saw about 2 minutes of the game, but after reading the game summary it seems as though one player on Ball State could not miss. So it goes. I actually really appreciated the email that Coach Mike Brey sent out after the loss to the whole school. THAT'S how you take ownership of a loss. Formal, written apology to the fans. You now how many times I wish a Jets coach emailed me after a bad loss? Further, and totally related, do you think Coach K emailed the student-body after his #1 ranked Duke team lost to Boston College this weekend, a program that previously had two wins against ranked-ACC opponents in the last 8 years? I doubt it. Pretty much sums up the class that Coach K has...

Here are some Monday Musings:

1. I received many "friendly" comments to my Power Ranking of Christmas Movies I sent out last week. First off, my hand is up, I should have included "Home Alone" somewhere on the list, probably in the Honorable Mentions section. However, many of you were quite disgruntled by the fact that I did not include "Elf" on the list. While it is a good movie with classic quotes, I just can't put it past some of the movies on my list for a few reasons. As of today, I see Christmas movies falling into two categories: a) the movies that we watched as little kids and grew up with that have serious sentimental value (see: Home Alone, Rudolph, Christmas Story, Frosty) and b) the movies we truly appreciate when we have seen them as adults and now fully understand the meaning behind them (see: Love Actually, Miracle on 34th Street, It's a Wonderful Life). Elf just does not fall into one of those categories for me. This is not to say that a movie can't come out in the future which makes me rethink my rankings. While Elf makes me laugh, I just don't get that same Christmasy (now a word) feeling as I do when I watch the others. So if you don't like my list, sue me...actually, now that most of you know how to do that (or at least, should now how to do that), just be quiet.

2. I find that the 30 minutes or so before a final are some of the worst minutes of the entire year. You walk into the classroom and the good spots are likely already taken by students who have been there for an hour. You set yourself up

in a spot that you sort of like and take out your laptop, outline, and other materials and you wonder what to do with yourself. Do you look through your outline? Do you go get coffee? What if it makes you go to the bathroom during the test? Do you talk with your friends? Do you play Candy Crush on your phone? Meanwhile, you hear people around you nervously joke about how unprepared they are for the final. But you know they are prepared. Why are they joking about that? Is it some sort of game? You also see people with commercial outlines you don't have, which makes you wonder if they know something you don't. You see people with big headphones on, getting in the zone, likely listening to "Lose Yourself" by Eminem. But you forgot your headphones at home and can't get in the zone. It's a very stressful time and in my 5 finals seasons I have yet to figure out what to do.

3. Everyone seems to be talking about and investing in Bitcoin and for the life of me I cannot figure out how it works or why it is worth ~\$15,000. I actually tried to buy some (.003% of one) this week on Coinbase, however I got too scared and closed the app. I have many questions: 1) Can you buy things with Bitcoin? 2) What is it backed by? 3) Is this a "bubble"? 4) Why is it worth so much? 5) How does one find more Bitcoin? 6) What is "mining"? If you know about this or Blockchain, I have a lot of free time after Wednesday at noon and would like to learn more.

4. It has been a real pleasure bringing you my musings this semester and I hope that you have enjoyed them. I also hope that the law school gives me enough material for next semester so I can keep annoying you with long rants on a weekly basis.

5. GOOD LUCK ON YOUR LAST EXAMS!

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season with your friends and family and a safe trip back home! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Go Irish, Beat Tigers. Go Hoos, Beat Navy.

Lots of love,  
Drew

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**Mass Schedule**

For the Fall 2017 semester, Masses will be offered in the St. Thomas More Chapel as follows:

- Monday-Thursday, 5:15 PM
- Friday, 12:30 PM
- Sunday, 4:30 PM

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## **STUDENT SUPPORT**

As we approach exams/study time, we encourage you to be mindful of the relaxation resources available at the [McDonald Center for Student Well-Being](#). These include [yoga](#), [Koru Mindfulness](#), the [Sleep Program](#), and restorative spaces like [the Living Room](#), [Break Room](#), and [Fort](#). Health support services are always available at [University Health Services](#) and the [University Counseling Center](#).

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## **This Week @ NDLS**

Monday - December 11

- Finals :(

Tuesday - December 12

- Finals :(

Wednesday - December 13

- I have final today :(

## Thursday - December 14

- Finals :(

## Friday - December 15

- **LAST DAY OF FINALS!**
- [Friday Riddle?](#)
  - Be relAXed, santa Claus Knows we've been good, Everyone Rejoice!

## Saturday - December 16

- **GO HOME!!!!**

## Sunday - December 17

- **YOU SHOULD BE HOME!!! HAVE A GREAT BREAK!**



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## **1L OF THE WEEK**

I didn't want to annoy a 1L during finals season and ask them dumb questions when they have so much on their mind already (read: I 100% forgot I had to send this out).

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## **HAVE A GREAT WEEK!**

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**Submit content for next week's MMU!**

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