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**MONDAY MORNING**  
*Update* 

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**This Week @ NDLS**

Monday - January 17th

**Commons Menu Specials:**

- TBD

**In Other News:**

- Evening Mass, 5:05 PM

**SBA Store Hours:**

- TBD

Tuesday - January 18th

**CLS Morning Prayer:**

- 8:30 to 9:30 AM, Commons
- Join CLS in the Commons for our first morning prayer of the semester!

**CDO Interview Workshop:**

- 12:30 pm, Room 2171 Eck
- Patti will discuss the interview process. We will cover the different types of interviews, pre-interview process, best dress and professionalism, types of interview questions and the post interview process.
- Please RSVP on Irishlink

**Commons Menu Specials:**

- TBD

**In Other News:**

- Evening Mass, 5:05 PM

**SBA Store Hours:**

- TBD

Wednesday - January 19th

**Commons Menu Specials:**

- TBD

**In Other News:**

- Evening Mass, 5:05 PM

**SBA Store Hours:**

- TBD

Thursday - January 20th

**CDO Research Assistant Information Session:**

- 12:30pm, Room 1130 Eck Hall of Law
- Every summer professors hire research assistants to work on campus or remotely. Join Professor Nicole Garnett and past research assistants to talk about their experiences and the benefits of this job for 1L summer.

- Please RSVP on Irishlink.

**Commons Menu Specials:**

- TBD

**In Other News:**

- Evening Mass, 5:05 PM

**SBA Store Hours:**

- TBD

## Friday - January 21st

**Commons Menu Specials:**

- TBD

**In Other News:**

- Evening Mass, 5:05 PM

**SBA Store Hours:**

- TBD

## Saturday - January 22nd

**LepreCON is back!**

- 6 to 10 p.m. in the Dahnke Ballroom, Duncan Student Center
- Join some of your favorite clubs for this year's con featuring the annual Super Smash Bros. Tournament, Cosplay Contest, D&D one-shot and more.
- All participants have the chance to enter a giveaway to win one of five exciting prizes, including an electric scooter. Free admission. Co-sponsored by Role Playing Game Club, Science Fiction Fantasy Club, Board Game Club, Japan Club, Video Game Club, Mustard Creative Writing Club and the Themed Entertainment Association.

## Sunday - January 23rd

### **In Other News:**

- Send me content for next week's MMU **by 12:00 PM!**
- Evening Mass, 4:30 PM

Questions regarding MMU content? Feel free to contact me at [margana@nd.edu](mailto:margana@nd.edu).

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## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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### **Student Groups: E-board Advertising:**

Please send event announcements to [lawcirc@nd.edu](mailto:lawcirc@nd.edu).  
The law library is happy to help you communicate news of your events.

### **Reference Services Go Virtual:**

In light of the new COVID guidance for the start of the semester, Kresge Law Library's reference assistance will be entirely virtual: Monday through Friday, 9am–5pm. Please direct all reference questions to [askus@nd.edu](mailto:askus@nd.edu). If you would like to receive assistance via Zoom, please include that request in your email.

### **Health & Wellness Center:**

Wellness in Mind - Need some support? Remember that your Wellness Consultant, Stella Miller, is here for you. Drop her a line at [stella.miller@nd.edu](mailto:stella.miller@nd.edu) or make an appointment at [www.calendly.com/stellamiller](http://www.calendly.com/stellamiller).

Also, 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](#).

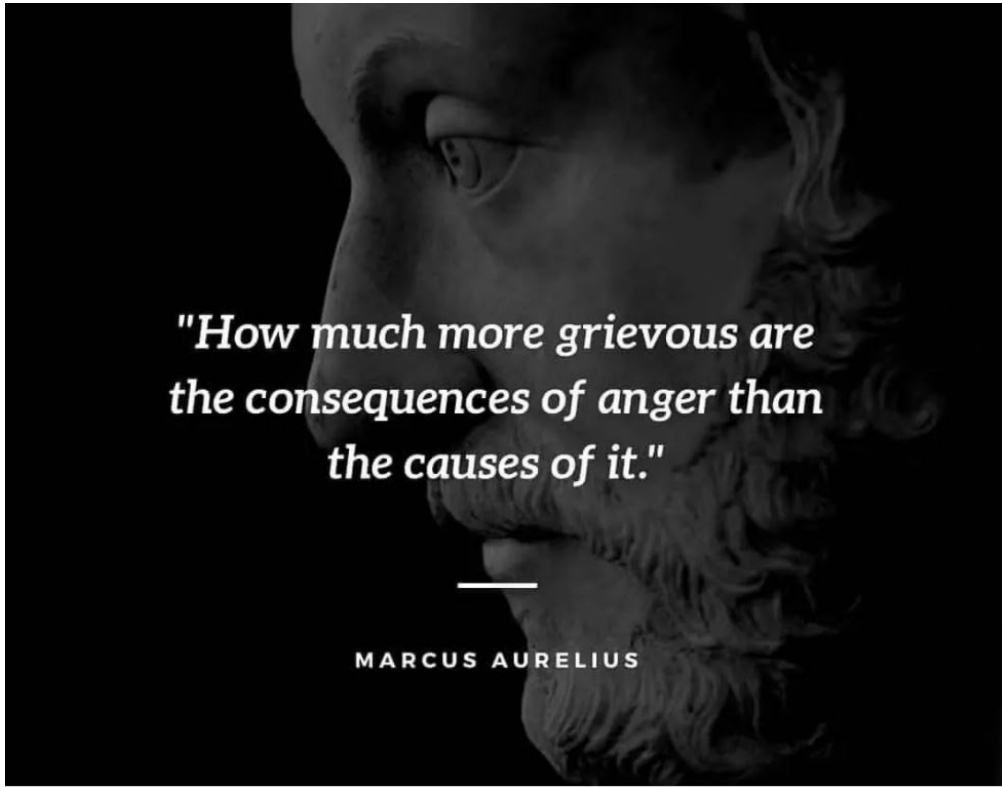
### **SBA Dropbox:**

Do you have ideas you'd like to see implemented in the law school? Got any suggestions? Please submit all of your questions, comments, concerns for the SBA [HERE](#).

[Submit content for next week's MMU HERE!](#)

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## **STOIC START TO THE WEEK:**



*"How much more grievous are  
the consequences of anger than  
the causes of it."*

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MARCUS AURELIUS

*For more information on stoicism, visit <https://dailystoic.com>*

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## **SPORT REPORT:**



Good morning #DukeAndIrishNation. I'd like to go off the beaten path and give you a word of the day. Today's word of the day is "sports karma" (yes I am aware that is two words). You may have heard of karma, and you may or may not believe in its existence. But there is indisputable evidence that sports karma exists, and I would like to share that research with you all today.

What is "sports karma"? Davis Lovvorn's Dictionary defines "sports karma" as the punishment your team receives after you make fun of the fate of another team. For example, I alluded to it last week when I made fun of Shelby after UNC lost to Notre Dame, and then subsequently Duke lost at home to Miami.

**Caroline Capili** learned about sports karma this week the hard way. Caroline was talking some big trash last week and was all in my ear after Duke lost last week. But it's funny. You know what happened to Baylor this week? They lost. Twice. At home. As a #1 team. That has NEVER happened before in college basketball history. I am not making fun of Baylor – they are the defending national champs – but I just thought I would share with you my scientific research this week. Many apologies, **Caroline**, but I'm just making an example out of you.

Speaking of basketball, everybody sucks. Nobody is good. A whole bunch of teams

lost. Notre Dame blew a large second half lead in Blacksburg and lost on Saturday, which is not good considering they're on the bubble for the tournament. Gonzaga will likely return to their #1 ranking today, but do not be fooled. Remember they lost to a bad Alabama team in Seattle and they also got fundamentally outplayed by Duke in Las Vegas. They are not the best team in the country, but they will be #1 for the rest of the year because their conference is terrible and they will win every game for the rest of the year. Auburn is the only team that has been somewhat good this year. Sorry to all you Bama people. It's been a rough couple of weeks for y'all. And let's just pretend like I didn't get my national championship game prediction totally wrong. My public apologies to **William Golden**.

The NFL playoffs started this weekend. The Titans and Packers aren't playing because they're too good to play on the first weekend. S/O to **Pirie**. The Colts aren't playing because they're too bad to play. But at least y'all have 7 Pro Bowlers, Indy! Unfortunately I have a deadline to meet so I can only cover the first two games, but the standard of officiating in the NFL is a joke. Apologies to all you Raiders fans. You got hosed. And yes, it does make a difference that the whistle blew because the Raiders players clearly stopped. That's why they have the rule – the play is supposed to be dead.

That's it for this week, y'all. Looking forward to January 31. Let's get it, let's go Duke, let's go Irish.

Davis

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## 1L OF THE WEEK:

Our 1L of the week is **Ally Morcus**! Although I personally believe top sheets are redundant, I can appreciate Ally's passion. Grab her an adult bev. when you see her at Corby's and ask her about her game plan for surviving prison.





**Q. Where are you from/where did you attend undergrad?**

I'm from Louisville, KY and went to Notre Dame for undergrad! Go Irish baby

**Q. What brought you to Notre Dame?** Once you're here it's impossible to leave! This place is so special and I knew I couldn't go anywhere else for law school.

**Q. Top sheets are irrelevant. Agree or disagree?** VEHEMENTLY DISAGREE. I like having multiple layers, and then you also don't get your comforter dirty. It's so much easier to wash a sheet than a comforter/duvet. I feel very passionately about this.

**Q. If you were a breakfast cereal, what would you be?** Probably Trix because Trix are for kids and I am very much a kid at heart. (Except I've never actually tried Trix... oops)

**Q. Finish this sentence... I hate when I'm in class and \_\_\_\_\_.**

all I can think about is the grilled cheese + tomato soup Friday lunch special I'm about to order.

**Q. What is your favorite SB watering hole?**

Corby's now. Olf's in undergrad. (petition for the law school to commandeer olfs. I miss it)

**Q. What is a major red flag on a first date?**

If they're rude to the waiter or a bad tipper.

**Q. Would you rather be in jail for five years or be in a coma for a decade?**

Definitely jail for 5 years. I think I could make the most of the experience. Probably not prison though - I would get eaten alive in there.

**Q. Anything you'd like to say to your fans?**

Roll Olf's

**Q. Who should be next week's 1L of the week?**

Olla Jaraysi

\*\*\* = *Editor's Commentary*

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## 2Ls TAKING Ls:

This week's "2l taking Ls" story comes our Southern bell, **Matthew Delfino**. On behalf of the NDLS community, we're grateful this experience turned out the way it did with you arriving safely home. I do think its precious that you consider South Bend the "north" but I'll allow it. This is a great reminder to make sure you have enough anti-freeze wiper fluid, great tires, and to pump your breaks when you start sliding in the snow. Above all else, never forget: Winter is coming.

*Now for our feature presentation:*



I have been fortunate enough to spend my entire life living in that wonderful, God-fearing, lower-right-hand corner of our nation we call The South. However, there are certain things I simply was not exposed to before coming to The North. One of these is driving in the ice and snow. On my way up to ND last week, I received a harrowing introduction to this phenomenon.

Some context is appropriate here. In high school, my beloved city of Atlanta received a devastating 2 inches of snow. The city came to a halt for a week, and on the first day it took me 10 hours to travel 8 miles home from school. This was also because about 6 hours in, I left my car on the side of the road and walked home, as did many of my fellow citizens. It was simply too risky to drive in this blizzard. Until last week, this adventure was the sum of my experience of driving in winter weather.

Fast forward to January 8, 2022, roughly 9pm. I was 45 minutes away from Notre Dame when it started to rain. The possibility of this being freezing rain did not enter my naïve mind. Cruising down the highway at 65mph, my truck ("Ol' Red") was suddenly horizontal, slipping and sliding uncontrollably. As you can imagine, I had no idea how to proceed. I'd like to think I calmly tried "steering into the skid," but it likely looked more like the image you see above. Either way it was to no avail. After what felt like a minute of spinning down the highway, I decided to steer Ol Red into the grass median, hoping that would slow me down. Unbeknownst to me, the grass was covered in a nice thin layer of ice, allowing me to slide right across the median to the other side of the highway. There I stopped, horizontal, and looking to my left, saw a semi-truck barreling towards me. Luckily, it and other cars coming the other direction stopped before turning me into a pile of southern grits. I gathered myself, gave the proper "thank you" wave, and drove back across the median to the other side, proceeding on my route at about 30mph until I safely arrived.

Memento mori, my friends. These icy roads do not discriminate. As for me, I will be sticking to 30mph and below until springtime. If you happen to be driving around South Bend and get stuck behind a red Toyota Tundra with a Georgia plate, I pray for your patience.

For the next MMU, I'd like to nominate one of the charitable hosts of the boil, **Andrew Scarafile**.

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## ASK A 3L:

This week's 3L feature is **Kayleigh Verboncoeur!!!** Kayleigh has a personal place in my heart for gifting her contract book to me as a poor little 1L. Bless you, Kayleigh! Enjoy her thoughtful and thought provoking commentary below.



### Question(s) & Answers:

**Q. So...are you a 3L or a 2L? Please elaborate which class is better.**

**3L Advice:** That's an awesome question. I'm in this very fun place where on all levels except physical, I am a 3L. However, on paper it says I'll now be graduating class of 2023--right next to the beautiful perfect line of Ws I got instead of grades during my medical leave. I have a lot of opinions on the differences between the 2L and 3L classes, but I'm not really sure how to assess which is objectively "better." I have a lot of friends in both classes who I value very highly and love very much, and I see a lot of very different but equally amazing things coming from members of each. I also have the benefit of being in both classes' GroupMes so I have a halfway-decent understanding of the overall group dynamics, too. It's hard to compare a bunch of great qualities, so I'll just pretend the metric is which class would win in a Battle Royale-type situation.

I think that the 3Ls would have the edge in terms of sheer numbers and the potential for burnout-induced battle rage comparable to 9th century berserkers, but the 2Ls might surprise everyone because they're adaptable and willing to engage in the face of adverse situations (starting law school during a pandemic). Overall though, quite a few members of the 3L class have demonstrated that they aren't afraid of controversy and direct conflict, even with each other. The in-person bonding they had as 1Ls could also definitely contribute to group cohesion compared to the 2Ls who experienced more virtual events. However, the leadership capabilities I've seen from some of the 2Ls once they had similar opportunities have been truly stellar. Ultimately, I think it would depend entirely on the

terrain. For open spaces like the Notre Dame football field, the 3Ls probably quickly win the day. But if it's a smaller place that allows for more covert strategy like within the Law School itself, then a few of the 2Ls would be the last ones standing.

...I really hope whoever asked this question got the answer they were looking for.

**Q. As the leader of the Alphabet Mafia here on campus, what is one change you hope to see about the law school with relation to LGBTQ advocacy/interests?**

**3L Advice:** I'd like to preface by saying that I'm definitely not the only leader on campus! Notre Dame has at least 5 active LGBTQ organizations in different programs and I highly encourage people to look into them. I also consider every member of the LGBT Law Forum's executive board to be just as important to our overall mission. But to address the question, I definitely think that NDLS has made some great progress in the last year. Having Max Gaston come on as DEI Director was such an exciting development and it opens a lot of doors for many of our students. Additionally, the University has done more to actively include LGBTQ students in conversations about campus climate where they'd previously been ignored. I also appreciate Dean Cole taking our concerns seriously and working towards available solutions when issues do come up.

However, I'd definitely like to see a more robust plan for DEI infrastructure development overall, like hiring a separate staff member in the CDO to handle career development opportunities for diverse and first-gen students, or an Assistant DEI Director to specifically help groups with recruitment, interorganizational networking, and alumni outreach. Burnout is a huge problem in DEI positions, so I think it would be wise for the Law School to be proactive in dividing that work. I'd also love a seminar focused on LGBTQ legal issues and the interactions with modern civil rights law. I think that most of the issues a few people have with us stem from a lack of basic understanding that's difficult for one student organization to consistently account for. Creating opportunities for people to engage in good faith and to have that exposure to topics they might otherwise never have to think about is the best way to generate actual productive dialogue within the Law School. This is true for all affinity groups as well--it shouldn't be the sole responsibility of a student organization to provide comprehensive course-level legal education about the very real difficulties they experience. Ultimately, building a strong foundation of administrative support for all students with diverse identities is going to be the best way to affect lasting progress at NDLS. Giving us more fundamental resources also gives us the opportunity to expand on them in ways tailored to the separate (but often interconnected) issues facing our respective communities.

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**Submit your questions to next week's 3L, [Livinus/Nem Isioma](#), below.**  
(questions are always anonymous)

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