

Hello All,

As I write this, I am packed and ready to leave for Spring Break later today. However, I am not going straight to Dubuque, I will be spending the weekend in Iowa City watching Jordan and Connor's State Swim Meet. I will then be in Dubuque for the rest of the week and I will be heading back to ND on Sunday, March 9.

Since the last e-mail, I have spent most of my time getting acclimated to my new schedule and my new classes in general. All of my classes are going well so far. My favorite classes thus far are my Psychology Seminar and my history class. That's not to say that I hate my other classes, though Intro to Philosophy does leave a little to be desired. Wednesday and Thursday I had midterms in Art History and Philo respectively, and both went pretty well. I have also started my health class, which will be my final PE class here at ND. As for my class schedule, I'm really growing to like it. I have no classes before 11:00 AM, and on Fridays my first class isn't until 1:55 PM. Along with that, my Reckers work schedule is nice this semester, with Monday and Tuesday nights and Friday right before class.

Only two major points of news so far this semester. The first is more academic while the second is more extra-curricular. Early in the semester I was asked to join the Residential Scholars program. Through this I get to eat dinner with a small group of students and one or two professors once a month. Ironically enough, one of the professors at my table was originally from central Iowa. It's been nice getting to know these professors and students better, and to get another perspective of university life from the professors. The other big news is that last week I signed up to be an athletic manager for the varsity sports here on campus. Basically, over-time I can build my way up to become a head manager of the sports, but for the time being I'm just a helper for mostly football. Another perk of the program is free stuff, going from clothes and books next year to the possibility of up to 100% scholarship senior year. If anyone would like to know more about the program, drop me an e-mail.

Some minor news from the O'Neill front, on Ash Wednesday our benefactor, Joe O'Neill, came to speak to us about upcoming developments on campus. Some of these include up to four more new dorms, the expansion of the law school, an additional engineering building, and a new commercial development just off campus on the south side. Also, I was recently trained to be a Eucharistic Minister, and served my first Mass here in O'Neill this past Sunday. To round out Sunday, there was an Oscar party in the student center that was put together by a group that included some O'Neill guys, so I stopped by that for a little while.

That pretty much accounts for all the major news in the last month and a half or so. As I said, I will be in Dubuque for the next week, so if anyone who gets these e-mails needs to see or talk to me, let me know.

In Notre Dame,

Jesse