

Hello All,

Time for another news update from Notre Dame. I have moved back to the basic format because it seems to be easier.

It seems like a long time since the last newsletter went out, but with daily updates from [thejes.net](http://thejes.net) it's really easy to compile the news for this newsletter. I'm going to go in backwards order starting with the last week of November.

Yesterday (Nov. 30) was a relatively long day. After four classes during the day, in one of which I got back my Gov. mid-term, I had to get ready for the Chorale's performance of Handel's "Messiah." The performance went really well, and we have another performance tonight. After the concert, I had a few hours before going to work from 1 AM to 4 AM. Work was crazy the whole time, at one point a whole bunch of football players came in, and I had the distinct pleasure of taking the orders of both of our starting quarter backs. On Wednesday, I hosted another prospective student on campus. This time, he was looking into history as a major and had ties to Iowa and Loras through his parents, so I guess the match-ups of prospects and hosts get better as the year goes on. On Tuesday night, we had a special guest here in O'Neill Hall, Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, the president emeritus of the University. He spoke for over an hour about the events that led to him becoming president, at age 35, and then about some of his favorite experiences during his 35 year tenure. And, even though it seems like forever ago now, Sunday afternoon (Nov. 25) I was heading back to Notre Dame by bus from Thanksgiving break.

Now that I'm on the topic of Thanksgiving, my Thanksgiving break was really good. We went to Iowa City for Thanksgiving to eat with my aunt and uncle. Friday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, was Connor's birthday, and it was the annual first delivery date for DASH poinsettias. I also got my last follow-up shot from my college physical. The best part of the break, however, was getting extra rest and hanging out with friends who I didn't get to see over my fall break.

Other than that, it was a pretty average month. Classes are going well, and almost done, and the football season ended on a positive note. A highlight of the football season for me personally was the band, which was amazing. They had a different show for every home game. We had our first Chorale concert the week before Thanksgiving, it was called "God, Country, Notre Dame" and it went really well. Our accompanist, who is amazing, played an arrangement of "Stars and Stripes Forever" that absolutely blew everyone away.

I want to end by congratulating my mom and the Mazzuchelli Middle School Mock trial teams on a great season. They finished their season yesterday with a tenth place finish at the state tournament and three state outstanding participant awards.

In Notre Dame,  
Jesse