

It is NOT the most wonderful time of the year
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When I woke up this morning, Thursday, Nov. 21, there was a sheet of snow covering the ground. We had gotten our first snowfall of the year, not including any light dustings that would melt as soon as the snow touched the ground.

For most people, it is their favorite time of year...For me, this is my *least* favorite time of year.

About a week ago, I was walking from my class in Boyle to Ed's Cafe to get some lunch with my friends. As I passed by Main Hall, there was a group of people playing Andy Williams' "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," and it got me thinking, "Is this really the most wonderful time of the year?"

The only people who really like this time of year are those who are very religious, which I am not, and those who enjoy getting gifts on Christmas morning. Other than that, is there really anything wonderful about it?

While the snow can be very beautiful and can bring some fun activities like snowball fights or skiing, what follows is freezing cold weather and slushy and icy roads. Whenever I am driving on the highway during these winter months, I see so many more accidents than I ever do during any other time of the year.

Because of the holidays, this time of year also causes a lot of drama — at least in my family — and because of the most recent presidential election, emotions are still going to be high.

You'd think as an introvert that I would love this time of year, because it would allow me to stay cozied up inside under a warm blanket with a hot chocolate and a good book or movie. Unfortunately, life forces me to go out, and because I am forced to leave the comfort of my home and go out into the freezing cold, this is my least favorite time of year.