Newton named new Law School dean

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

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Chancellor and dean of the Jenkins appointed Nell Jessup Newton as the new dean of the Law School, according to the release. "I am humbled and excited to have been chosen to lead the Notre Dame Law School and be part of the great intellectual tradition and mission of the University," Newton said in the release. "It is an honor to follow one of the great law deans, Patricia O'Hara, who has done so much for the law school during her tenure." Jenkins welcomed Newton to the Notre Dame community in the press release. "In Nell Newton, Notre Dame has gained a superb scholar, a proven academic leader, and a person deeply committed to the University's mission," he said. O'Hara, who has served as dean of the Law School for the past 10 years, said she felt it was time for a change. "It's a privilege to serve and a corollary of that privilege is knowing when you think the time is ripe for a change in leadership, and I felt the time was ripe," she said. "It can be a way of revitalizing the entire school." In 2007, The Observer reported O'Hara was strongly criticized by students when the Law School dropped six spots in the U.S. News and World Report Law School rankings — from

‘09 Legacy open for donations

By PUJA PARIKH
News Writer

The Senior Legacy, an opportunity for seniors and their parents to give money to a cause of their choosing, has begun receiving donations for its 2009 fund. "The Senior Legacy is an opportunity — an opportunity for each graduating class to leave its own, unique, lasting impact on the face of our Lady's University," co-chair of the Student Development Committee Kevin Marinvac said.

Senior Joe Gagnon, the other committee chair, discussed the Legacy's aims. "The goal of the Senior Legacy is to make a lasting impact to improve Notre Dame and the quality of life for future students, to leave a legacy that will continue to grow and will still be improving the university years after Class of '09 has graduated, and to have at least 50% of the Class of '09 to participate," he said.

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GE wins Hesburgh Award

ND alum, CFO Keith Sherin, accepts award on company’s behalf

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

General Electric (GE) was awarded the Fr. Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for Exemplary Ethics, Environmental, Social and Governance Practices on Wednesday evening.

Chief Financial Officer of GE Keith Sherin, who graduated from Notre Dame in 1985, said it was a "privilege" to accept the award on behalf of his company.

"I have to say I am enormously proud of this young man," said Hesburgh as he shook hands with Sherin and presented GE with the award.

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Student body president Grant Schmidt and Student body vice president Cynthia Weber were sworn into office at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

Eight new committee chairs and 28 student senators were also sworn in by Ian Secviar, president of the Judicial Council.

Weber said she hopes the new senators will engage in constructive debate throughout the term.
INSIDE COLUMN

Lessons Learned

Remember back to first grade. The teacher had each of us cut out a piece of paper, and we were forced to write an essay about what we learned in school that day. I remember writing about English class, and gym class and recess, all of my favorite parts of the day.

As my freshman year is finally winding down, I’ve thought about the different things I’ve learned while I’ve been here, the most important, of course, being Notre Dame football.

As the season progresses with fans with various levels of sobriety, the outbursts of cheers, and the magic of the marching band, the football games cannot be missed. Ever. Under any circumstance. They are the most important part of the weekend, and I cannot wait to experience another season.

Although football is a substantial part of college life, there are other important things I’ve learned as well. Such as, do not lose your ID card, because you will not be able to eat. I personally have lost mine hundreds of times. Every time it disappears, I find myself falling to the same panicky routine that ends in the calling security, and finding it three days later.

Not only am I without food, I cannot get into my dorm, and I am locked outside until someone kindly lets me in. In the winter, this is a serious problem.

Winters at Saint Mary’s are long, cold and miserable. With a foot of snow on the ground from December to February, life seems to get a little bleak. Campus life pretty much dies as everyone stays in their buildings as much as possible. When I have to wear two pairs of gloves, a scarf, a hat, snow boots and a thick, heavy winter coat to class every day, I find myself not wanting to go.

However, snow is far from a good idea. The one day I miss will be the day that the professor decides to do something really important. That day the professor will hand out the only assignment that cannot be missed.

This leads to the final thing I have learned while being a college student. There is never a second chance. College presents so many opportunities; some are fantastic, and some are really stupid decisions. College is a life-changing experience. In order to do that, I have to be pushed outside of my comfort zone. I have to try new things, and I have to really live life. With each and every day, I find myself learning new things, and really understanding what life is all about. By this time next year, I will have a whole new list of things to write in my essay.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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IN BRIEF

The play “Our Town,” by Thornton Wilder, will be shown today through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Decio Mainstage Theater of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The play was first published and produced in 1938, and depicts life in Grover’s Corners, New Hampshire, transforming the simple events of everyday existence into universal truths. Tickets are $10 for students.

Cavanaugh Hall will host Dance-a-Thon 2009 today from 7 p.m. to midnight in the LaFortune Ballroom. Buy raffle tickets now for $1 each or $2 for $10 at North or South Dining Hall during dinner and potentially win prizes. Proceeds benefit St. Margaret’s House and Healing Mercies.

“The Waterfront,” starring Martin Brando, will play at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center today at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $3 for students.

Dr. Richard Wolff, professor emeritus, University of Massachusetts, Amherst will give a lecture entitled “Capitalism Hits the Fan: A Marxian Perspective of the Crisis” from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. today in DeBartolo Room 141.

The annual Student Peace Conference will be held this Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hesburgh Center. The theme this year is “Perspectives on Peace.” Admission is free, but registration is required.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.

OUTBACK

Twin twitchers: Conn. pet shop has 2-nosed bunny

MILFORD, Conn. — It’s no April Fool’s joke. The bunny really does have two noses. A Connecticut pet shop worker found the noisy bunny in a delivery of 6-week-old dwarf rabbits that arrived at the Milford store last week. Both noses have nostrils. The owner of the Pure-Pets Pet shop says he’s never seen anything like it in 25 years in the business. He says the bunny eats, drinks and hops around like the rest of the litter.

Beardsley Zoo director Gregg Dancho says the deformity could be the result of too much inbreeding or the parents’ exposure to pesticides or poisons.

Elderly man caught with massive marijuana haul

LAGOS — Nigeria’s anti-narcotics agency confiscated 6.5 tons of marijuana Tuesday from the home of a man who claimed to be 114 years old.

The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) said it had found 254 sacks of cannabis at the home of Sulaiman Adebayo in Ogun state, north of the commercial capital Lagos.

“The quantity of drugs suggests a large scale involvement … There is more to the case than Pa Sulaiman,” NDLEA chairman, Ahmadu Giade said in a statement.

Adebayo, who said he had been a farmer all his life, told police he thought the sacks contained rice.

The agency said he claimed to have attended the inauguration of a famous hall in Abeokuta, the capital of Ogun state, in 1895 as a small boy and said he was 114 years old. There was no independent confirmation of his age.

OFFBEAT

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Maura Galbraith senior off campus

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“I think we should adopt all of the twins.”

Gregg Dancho director Purr-Feet Zoo

“Twin twitchers: Conn. pet shop has 2-nosed bunny.”

Sara Johnstone

In Question of the Day: In the event of a zombie attack, where would you seek protection?

Forr: “Tunnels. The ones connected to the Dining Hall.”

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Galbraith: “South Dining Hall. No low windows, food, and sniper advantage from above the Oak Room.”

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J. Keppel: “Sorin. It’s no winter coat to class every day, I find myself learning more.

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Looking back, O'Hara said that although the drop in rankings is not significant, it is not the measure of the quality of the school.

“Last year, the Law School is currently situated in a group of schools in which we were 20, and the rankings are very compressed,” she said. “The slightest blip in any of the individual measures in the rankings<formula>1</formula> is enough to reshuffle those schools.”

In 2008, the Law School ranked No. 20. As of this year, No. 22 ranking.

O’Hara said she is proud of the high quality faculty and students at the Law School. She said 17 of the current 38 faculty members have joined during her tenure as dean.

“I don’t think people are your most important accomplishment,” she said, “but as the accomplishment of recruiting great students.”

O’Hara said she believes one of the strengths of the Law School is its dedication to exploring the role of law and reason in the context of law.

“This enlivens the discussion of the law and is one of the most interesting questions facing society,” she said.

O’Hara said she will be on sabatical for the 2009-2010 school year and will return as a faculty member of the Law School.

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Legacy

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deem worthy, or areas in which they think Notre Dame is doing a good job and would like to see a boost,” Marvine said.

Students are encouraged to donate any amount they wish before December 31, 2009 to continue the Legacy of 1999. Those who donate at least $20.09 will receive the official Class of ’99 Legacy poster.

Any member of the Class of 2009 who makes a gift of more than $100 will be eligible to receive an acceptance for the 2010 football ticket lottery. Gifts can be made either by replying to the card mailed to the senior class or by making a donation online.

Marvine expressed opti­mism about the future of the Legacy.

“I predict that the student body is going to raise a very challenging economic time, and I hope that we will realize that donating even a little bit will make a positive impact on the university that has given us so much over the past four years,” he said. “Everyone can afford $20, and since you can restrict your gift, you know it will go towards a cause you deem worthy.”

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Videoconference discusses Africa

By MEGAN LONEY
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The election of President Barack Obama as the first African American to become President of the United States of America was a seminal event in human history with symbolic importance both in the United States and in Africa. As such, Notre Dame has been a leader in engaged scholarship and policy initiatives.

The election of Barack Obama as President of the United States was a landmark event for Africa, specifically the African continent. There is a general appreciation for the Bush administration’s attention to Africa. It was due to these appreciations about foreign policies with other institutions, she said.

"With the help of the Lilly Grant, CWL, helped purchase the facilities in 136 Spees Union.

Marcy M. Koford, director of the Global Education Center, will be speaking at the videocon­ference.

The Saint Mary’s community is very interested in setting up a videoconference with a faculty member in the State Department’s Bureau of African Affairs.

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Profs. discuss humanitarian work

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Two University professors discussed their work on humanitarian projects in the developing world and the ways they have collaborated with native societies during a talk titled "Science, Technology and Development" in the Coleman-Morse Center Lounge Wednesday.

"What we're here to do is to inform you of the obstacles we must overcome in order to do our projects," Mary Ann McDowell, professor of biology, said.

McDowell is working on a project that deals with a disease called Leishmaniasis. Leishmaniasis is a disease that is caused by parasites from the Leishmania genus and is transmitted through the bites of certain species of sand flies.

"When this sand fly bites you, the parasite lives in your immune system," McDowell said. "It is the ultimate parasite."

McDowell is working on developing a vaccine that actually comes from bites of non-infected sand flies.

"When a blood-feeding insect bites you, it actually releases saliva into your bloodstream," she said. "The components of these particular flies are pharmacologically active and stops pain and blood-clotting."

McDowell said the people who are native to areas where these "vaccinated" insects inhabit could develop immunity to the Leishmania strain over a period of time.

"These people are getting bitten by these insects hundreds to thousands of times a day," she said. "When they eventually get infected with the poisonous strain, they are less likely to get the disease and if they do it will be less severe." While McDowell has been working on curing parasitic diseases, Stephen Silliman, professor of civil engineering and geological sciences, has been working in the African country of Benin, helping small villages to develop a clean water supply.

"The complexities I face deal with the drilling of new groundwater wells," Silliman said. "My project has been through two phases: the service and the collaboration phase."

Silliman said when he first went to Benin in 1998 to dig a well for a small village, they managed to provide the village with two wells with the help of Notre Dame and organizing the Lifewater International.

"That was the "service" phase," Silliman said. "When we went back a few years later, we had the "collaboration" phase where the villagers showed us a better way of providing them with water."

Silliman said the villagers approached him about a Benin government program that pays for most of the cost of digging the wells on the condition that the villagers are trained in how to do the work themselves.

"With this collaboration, we've already completed fifteen wells as opposed to the two from the first venture," Silliman said. "Not only did we spend less money the second time around, we also had trained water committee members in those communities that we composed of locals."

Both professors stated they are in these foreign countries for research that will help in the long run, not necessarily to bring about any immediate change. "Something McDowell said must explain to the people they're helping," Silliman said. "Up front we tell them that there is no immediate benefit for them."

McDowell said. "In my case, I am simply drawing blood. You have to accept that you can't always get a solution," Silliman said. "It is difficult to walk into a village and organizing the meeting won't be found in twelve months, but we want to put more money into a solution that will make a larger impact."

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Senate

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"In general, there is disagreement on this campus and it is my hope that it is mirrored here," she said. "I want this to be a forum."

The senators passed three resolutions during the meeting to bestow emeritus status on former student body president Bob Reish, vice president Grant Schmidt and chief executive assistant Karen Koski.

Chief of staff Ryan Brenlenhinn said the emeritus status is bestowed to recognize the accomplishments of Reish, Schmidt and Koski.

"They have no actual responsibilities," he said. "It's an honorary thing."

The resolutions met one dissent.

Alumni Hall Senator Daniel Barrera asked that the resolutions be resubmitted to the Oversight Committee so that the current — and not the former — senators can submit the resolutions.

"I think it's an improper precedent to recognize the previous Senate," Barrera said. "If anything, we should send it back to the committee to vote on it ourselves during the following meeting."

Weber explained that she submitted the motions, repre­senting the incoming adminis­tration.

"It's a standard procedure to formally recognize the achieve­ments of the outgoing pres­i­dent, vice president and chief of staff," she said.

Student Senate passed the motions with Barrera as the only dissenting vote.

Schmidt said tax reform is a priority for the coming term. He said he discussed the tax reform issue at the Community Summit, a conference between University officials, students and members of the community, which took place Friday.

"Community leaders are willing to help put together a committee to reevaluate several issues with tax companies," he said.

An all inclusive campus calendar is also in the works, Schmidt said. The Web site, agendad.edu, will include events put on by dorms, student government and the adminis­tration. There will be academic events and sporting events as well, he said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

17 dead in car bombing, building raid

NATO's military in Afghanistan is facing increased threats, with 17 people killed in a car bombing and a building raid. The attack targeted NATO forces and resulted in multiple fatalities, highlighting the ongoing conflict in the region.

Pictures prove bad prison conditions

Newly released images of prisoners in a Kabul jail show overcrowding and poor conditions. The pictures, taken during a recent visit by a rights group, depict a dire situation for those held in the facility.

NATIONAL NEWS

Planes grounded on safety concerns

Aviation authorities have grounded planes on safety concerns, following the crash of two military aircraft. The grounding affects flights throughout the region, causing delays and cancellations. The exact cause of the crash is under investigation.

Budget curbs Everglades restoration

The state of Florida is cutting back on its restoration efforts for the Everglades, a significant environmental project. The reduction means the state will now focus on other initiatives, affecting the long-term goals for the ecosystem.

LOCAL NEWS

Reward for information in dog killing

A reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest of the person responsible for the violent death of a dog. The reward is set at $3,000, urging local residents to come forward with any information.

Fargo reopen as river level falls

The river in Fargo is receding, allowing businesses to reopen and traffic to resume. The worsening flood situation had caused a temporary halt to operations in the city, but the reduced levels allow for a return to normalcy.

UNITED KINGDOM

Commander in chief goes global

President Obama attended a summit with world leaders to discuss global issues. The meeting took place in London, highlighting the importance of international cooperation.

Traffic was bustling during the morning rush hour, a far cry from last week when the city was virtually shut down. "I had to fight traffic to get to work today," city commissioner Tim Mays said.

Fargo also began looking ahead to the enormous effort of removing the roughly 3 million sandbags stacked atop the floodwalls. There was no immediate indication when that will begin, but Walaker wants residents to be aggressive when the time comes. "We don’t want them sitting in their homes, through hard times and prosperity, and we’ve always wanted stronger by standing together," Obama said next to a beaming Brown.

Nevertheless, Obama hedged his bets by also sit­ting down — in full view of the cameras — with Brown’s main rival, David Cameron, the leader of Britain’s Conservative Party. Obama’s talks with Medvedev were their first in person. Both sides sought to portray themselves as major developers for a relationship that has been severely hobbled in recent years by ever-sharpening disputes over the U.S.-led Iraq inva­sion, a Bush administration proposal to build a new missile defense system in Eastern Europe, enlarge­ment of NATO into what Moscow considers its sphere of influence, and Russia’s devastating war last year in its neighbor and former Soviet republic Georgia.
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eusions would consider pri-
vacy the right to prove that you are really you, such as your birth date, your high school, your mother's name, or your best friend's name.

"What you think isn't easily discoverable surely might be. And with some of those little mini-secrets, someone can establish plausi-
ble identity that they are you," Dobbins said.

Dobbins also said that even if you limit Facebook so only friends can view your profile, you still might not be safe from identity theft. He said someone try-
ing to steal your identity could use a Facebook application to collect information about you. Clicking "Allow" when installing an applica-
tion may give someone access to personal information.

"Who wrote that applica-
tion? What are they doing with that application? Delivering virtual carnations or creating a library about you (and your personal information)?" Dobbins said.

If someone calls and claims he or she is from a bank, the IRS or even the Office of Information Technologies (OIT), be wary of imposters, Dobbins said.

"Anybody can say they are the IRS," he said. "E-mail is so incredibly easy to forge, Caller ID is easy to spoof.

If you think the person calling is legitimate, ask for their agent's number to check for legitimacy, Dobbins said. He also said to ask for a number where you can call them back, and then cross-check that num-
ber with the one given for the agency online.

"A legit agency will not intimidate you from attempting to verify their legitimacy," Dobbins said. "If they are illegitimate, they will try to scare you, try to tell you they will be fined if you don't answer right now.

Dobbins said there are people who pose as the OIT to try to trick students into giving them their NetID and password.

"The problem with these impersonation attacks is that they are looking more and more legitimate every-
day," Dobbins said. "It used to be they would be so full of misspellings and non-
sence that it would be impossible to believe them. Now they will follow on the heels of the e-mail upgrade that we actually did and they'll sound like us.

He emphasized that stu-
dents should never give out their password, even to OIT. "If we destroy your account, we would find a way to get a hold of you and find a way to verify that you were you, like with a picture ID, and we would hang you your new password," Dobbins said.

Dobbins said that if he could get this message across to students, it would be to never give an agency infor-
mary it should already have.

"We won't ever ask you for your password," he said.

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Second year MBA student
Heather Burns, who nominat-
ed GE for the award, said she
chose the company because of its "transparency and integrity," and because of its
work in all four areas that
the award measures: ethics, en-
vironmental, social and gov-
ernance practices.

"GE has exhibited all of these characteristics and serves as an example for counties around the world," Burns said in a speech at the award presentation. "GE not only has a vision for today but a vision for the future and improving that future for all of us.

Sherin then spoke on how he views GE as exemplifying the characteristics of the Fr. Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for Exemplary Ethics, Environmental, Social and Governance Practices.

"For us, ethics starts with a
tone from the top. In our company, every GE leader knows that it's one strike and you're out," Sherin said.

"They have to create a cul-
ture of compliance ... to
make sure everybody in the
organization can follow the
rules," Sherin said.

He said to help create that culture the company has a manual outlining the expec-
tations of the company, which is translated into every lan-
guage that the company operates in.

"With 180 billion dollars
worth of revenue and 300,000 employees ... we're not perfect by any means," Sherin said.

GE also makes environmen-
tal issues a priority, said Burns and Sherin. GE helps convert over 200 billions gal-
tons of water into drinkable
water everyday, said Burns.

Within the company, GE has reduced its greenhouse emissions by eight percent and reduced its energy usage by 30 percent, said Sherin. Sherin also emphasized that GE gives back to its com-
munity.

"employees and our retirees volunteer over a mil-
lion hours a year," he said.

In addition, Sherin said in
terms of public service, "probably the biggest agenda we have is education."

He said GE has partnered with school districts in the GE community to achieve systematic changes. For example, GE is currently working with 97,000 students in Louisville, 50,000 in Atlanta and 1.1 million in New York City, with thou-
ands of others in cities across the country.

By working with school dis-
tricts as a whole instead of partnering with one school, GE can make a bigger impact, he said.

"2/3 of students that are in these districts basically have either free or reduced costs lunch programs. These are kids in the cities ... who need the help of the school just to get lunch everyday," Sherin said.

A major goal of the project was to develop a common curriculum for the entire dis-
trict, Sherin said. He also said GE has gone around the world to figure out what math and science standards are needed to "compete glo-
ally."

"98 percent of the schools have adopted the common curriculum," he said. "They are teaching at a world class standard."

After implementing these changes, they are starting to see an improvement in scores, Sherin said.

For example, math scores are up 19 points in Louisville since 2005, he said. Sherin also said GE is a company committed to Notre Dame

"We love to recruit here. We recruit 30 to 40 students every year. We wish we could get more," he said.

"Every time I come out here it reminds me what an incredible institution this is and how proud I am to be a part of it," he said.

"You are part of one of the most influential and sustain-
able organizations in the world, Notre Dame.""We're really proud of our long term relationship with this University," Sherin said. "I'd like to just say thank you very much, it is my privilege to be here."

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**In Brief**

Car sales jump from Feb. to March

DETOUR - Talk of government loans and bankruptcy and a 37 percent drop in March sales isn’t good news, but despite it all, there seems to be a little optimism returning to the U.S. auto industry.

Carmakers’ March sales were dismal compared with last year, but consumers turned in long lines to push the February-to-March increase above the normal rise that comes at the end of winter.

“Maybe we’ll get — imagine that — some momentum going,” said Mike diGiovanni, executive vice-president of global market and industry analysis for General Motors Corp., which said its sales declined last month was the worst among the major automakers.

Americans bought 857,735 new vehicles in March, compared with 1.3 million in the same month a year ago, Autodata Corp. said Wednesday. But sales jumped nearly 25 percent from February, beating the typical increase of about 20 percent and increasing optimism that the worst may be over for an industry battered by the global recession and bad publicity about GM and Chrysler’s financial woes.

Plan to slash industry influence

CHICAGO — In a drastic proposal for limiting drug company influence on doctors and patient care, a group of prominent physicians says medical associations and their leaders should reject almost all industry funding.

That means big medical groups would need to find other ways to pay for things like doctors’ continuing education classes, or gatherings where treatment guidelines are written. Guideline writers also should have no industry ties, the proposal recommends.

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** Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street opened the second quarter with solid gains on Wednesday, extending a four-week rally that brought the market of its lowest levels in 12 years.

After falling in the early going on disappointing job data, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 153 points or following economic data that showed a rebound in pending home sales and improving manufacturing activity, among other factors.

The Dow rose 2.95 points, or at least 1.5 percent.

The reports continued a strong run of positive news on the economy in recent weeks that has led many investors to wager that the recession is beginning to ease. Further signs of improvement in the disastrous housing market were especially positive for banks, which are still struggling with mounds of bad mortgage debt.

Technology and energy shares also carried out advances Wednesday. As sentiment about the economy improves, investors have been buying up industries they believe are likely to lead the country out of recession.

The Dow charged ahead in March, rising 16 percent off its lows hit earlier in the month, but its movements over the first three months of the year have been among the most tumultuous in history. Only three other times in the Dow’s history has it experienced 20 percent swings in both directions in one quarter.

Despite the rise in March, analysts are still warning against calling a bottom to the crash, saying more volatility could be in store.

“People seem to swing from one side to the other of the ‘recovery has started’ to ‘the world is ending again,’” said Bill Stone, chief investment strategist at PNC Wealth Management.

Evelyn Davis rings the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange in New York on Wednesday. The market opened its second quarter on a positive note.

The Dow rose 152.68, or 2.5 percent, to 7,761.60, and broader market indicators also rose. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index rose 13.21, or 1.7 percent, to 811.08, and the Nasdaq composite index gained 23.01, or 1.5 percent, to 1,551.60.

More positive economic data helped drive the rally on Wednesday. Pending home sales rebounded in February from a record low, the National Association of Realtors reported, while the Institute for Supply Management’s index of manufacturing activity contracted in March but by a bit less than anticipated.

It’s hard to call it good news, but some of the ... housing activity has at least stabilized,” said Stephen Massocca, managing director at Wedbush, Morgan Securities. “That’s helping the market quite a bit here.”

Not all of the reports came as a relief. The ADP National Employment Report said private sector employment dropped by 742,000 in March. The figure was higher than anticipated, and a rattling sign ahead of the Labor Department’s Friday report on nationwide job cuts last month.

The market’s advance occurred as the world’s finance ministers gathered in London to discuss the global financial crisis that has not always been flattering to see how physicians’ relationships to industry appear to have colored their judgment in matters of public health,” said Dr. Steven Nissen, a proposal co-author and former president of the American College of Cardiology.

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Bankers have been lambasted as being greedy and blamed for the recession that led to making billions of dollars.

Other demonstrators read “Banks are evil” and “Eat the bankers,” and “0 percent interest in others.” Some bankers went to work in casual wear Wednesday fearing they could be targeted.

Some better financial workers loaned out office windows, tempting the demonstrators and waving 10 pound notes at them. Two men — one wearing a suit — exchanged punches before police intervened.

Groups of protestors converged on the central bank, with Tibetan, Palestinian, community, and anarchist flags poking out from the crowd. Tensions rose as officers refused to let the protesters leave the small plaza in front of the bank.
Equality advocate Smith posthumously honored

Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — As editor and publisher of the state's largest newspaper in the Mississippi Delta, Hazel Brannon Smith was bequeathed by fellow whites and condensed in the state Senate because she advocated equal treatment of blacks during the volatile 1960s.

Now, 15 years after Smith died penniless, Mississippi lawmakers have approved a resolution to belatedly honor her.

"A lot of us think sometimes that only black people went through something. There were decent white people who went through a lot of things too," said Rep. Willie Bailey of Greenville, a black lawmaker who was among the resolution's sponsors.

Smith was publisher of the Lexington Advertiser in Holmes County, a rural area about 40 miles north of Jackson.

During the early 1960s, she was the target of violence when a cross was burned in her yard. In 1963, Smith and the powerful white Citizens Council, which started a rival newspaper, joined the Holmes County Herald, to drain advertising accounts away from Smith's paper.

In 1964, Smith became the first woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing for her "steadfast adherence to her editorial duties in the face of great personal and political opposition," the resolution reads.

Smith grew up in Gadsden, Ala., and moved to Mississippi in 1935, fresh out of the University of Alabama. She didn't begin her journalistic career as a civil-rights crusader, but she supported the segregationists Dixiecrats during the 1948 presidential election, and once wrote "the South and America are a white man's domain," according to the resolution.

Her awakening to racial injustice came one Saturday night in 1954, when the white sheriff in Holmes County killed a black man outside a beer joint on the main street of Lexington. Veteran Mississippi journalist Bill Minor said Smith heard the sheriff fire back shots and ran to the man in the back.

"She lambasted the sheriff on page one of her paper and in her column," Minor said of Smith. "She criticized the way the county, which controlled the economic and political power in the county, treated Smith, including her ability to get a driver's license."

Minor, who has covered the story for more than 60 years, was a friend of Smith. During a brief ceremony Monday in Holmes House, Minor accepted a copy of the resolution honoring Smith, who had no direct descendants.

It's really impossible today to think about how courageous a journalist or an editor, particularly, had to be back in the 1950s and 1960s to speak out for human rights and to speak out for civil rights." Minor said.

According to Bryant Clark, a Democrat from Holmes County, said Smith was condemned on the floor of the Mississippi Senate in 1963 after agents from the Sovereignty Commission snapped photos of her delivering a stack of newspapers she had published for a civil rights group in Jackson. The Sovereignty Commission was a state spy agency that sought to keep the black press out of circulation. It was dismantled in the 1970s.

But though it was only proper and fitting that we come together as a legislative body and make an attempt not to try to undo the wrong but to make amends and to recognize that she was an important citizen of the state of Mississippi, said Clark. His father, Democratic Rep. Robert Clark in 1967 became the first black person elected to the Mississippi Legislature since Reconstruction.

Among the elder Smith's other supporters: Hazel Brannon Smith.

Bryant Clark said one of the most beautiful houses in Holmes County was Smith's former mansion, located after the plantation home Tara in "Gone With the Wind," was sold by Smith and the home amid the economic pressure that drove her newspaper out of business. She developed Alzheimer's disease during the 1970s and died in a nursing home in Cleveland, Tenn., in 1994, where she had gone to be near a niece.

"Because of the positions she took," Bryant Clark said, "she went from riches to rags.

Corrections & Amplifications

University Resources for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Students

The Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students

Information, education, and resources

Contact: Sr. Sue Dunn, OP, 1-5555, or Eddie Veilanza at veilanza@nd.edu

Office of Campus Ministry

Annual retreat for gay/bisexual/questioning students and their friends; pertinent library resources in 324 MCD; discount and supplies

Contact: Fr. Joe Carey, CSC, at 1-7800

University Counseling Center

(Individual counseling)

Contact: Dr. Maureen Lafferty at flafferty@nd.edu

Visit our web site at http://corecouncil.nd.edu/
Chicago prepares for Olympic visit committee

Chicago, April 2, 2009

Pope Benedict XVI has taken the extraordinary step of ordering a Vatican investigation of a Latin American religious order, the Legion of Christ, over allegations that it had failed to properly handle abuse allegations.

The Pope's order, which was announced Thursday by the Vatican, led to a round of criticism from those who believe the Vatican's handling of the Legion of Christ's abuse scandal has been inadequate.

The Legion of Christ, a conservative religious order based in Spain, has been accused of covering up sexual abuse by its members, including former leader Marcial Maciel, who died in 2001.

In 2011, the Vatican announced an Apostolic Visitation of the Legion of Christ, which was ordered by Pope Benedict XVI. The visitation was headed by Cardinal-designate William Levada, who was later appointed as the Vatican's Archbishop of Washington.

The visitation report was released in 2012, and it concluded that the Legion of Christ had failed to properly investigate and address sexual abuse allegations.

The Vatican's inquiry into the Legion of Christ's handling of abuse allegations comes as the order is preparing to accept public visitors for the first time since the scandal broke.

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The new media democracy

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The public’s desire for news and information has grown more voracious than ever before. News disseminators at spenders no longer fit the front pages of newspapers. People want news in a personal way, catered to personal interests. That is, every day, weekly or monthly news sources could possibly deliver, now in the future.

Instead, the Internet has become the great maestro of information delivery, able to inform each individual reader on whatever topics and from whichever viewpoints he desires. It has allowed news and information to become fully democratized, with every page hit, tweet, blog and click a metaphorical vote for the stories that are considered most important.

While the democratization of the media undoubtedly provides new and beneficial ways of communicating and finding pertinent information, its delivery of news inherently contains many flaws and serious shortcomings that must be fully recognized on a personal level.

First, a citizen must recognize that the Internet has extensively blurred the line between fact and opinion. News on the Web more often than not takes the form of an opinion piece, which reveals information about a topic, rather than a fact-based account of a situation.

Unfortunately, the former type of “journalism” is often a more riveting read, and garnerers more hits and support. One only need glance at The New York Times most viewed content to realize that on any given day, at least one or two of the opinion pieces rank in the top 10. Or, better yet, ask any Notre Dame student which news in a personal way, and they are likely to mention an opinion piece, and the flaws contained within.

Second, one must recognize that alternative news sources often do not employ reporters that are able to maintain the high journalistic standards set by many of the major traditional news sources. They provide an alternative perspective to the mainstream events, but often do not give a full account.

Cannabis is a digital cable station whose stated goal is, in fact, “the democratization of the media.” Founded by Al Gore, the station is almost entirely user generated content, stories produced by viewers for the viewers, which usually take the form of five to seven minute documentary shorts. The number of viewers has exploded to 3 million, up 10 million from 2007, and has a devoted following.

The documentary shorts are often interesting, and they often lack journalistic integrity, and trade thorough investigative work for convenient answers. With less than 10 minutes, stories often present only one particular side of a story, or sometimes lack thorough explanations.

The network is also bloodied itself as it primarily shows only viewer created content. While one would hope this would lead to diversity of topics, it seems rather limited. In fact, the channel has covered the story of the two Current TV reporters who are now being detained in North Korea to continue filming a story on North Korean refugees. Democratizing news and information means that only those stories that the majority find interesting and support will make the front page.

And in Current TV’s case, the viewers have clearly chosen what they want to see. At the moment, seven of the top 20 stories involved marijuana legalization in some form, somewhere. Given the enormity of world economic and diplomatic events, I find it hard to believe that marijuana-related stories truly represents 35 percent of the most relevant news.

This leads to the third and most important fact that one must understand about content in keeping up on his news, the existence of a very strong psychological effect known as the confirmation bias. Some refer to it as “the echo chamber.” Those on the left use the Limbaugh inspired “Ditoidhead” and those on the right the “Main Street Median” or, see, it’s the psychological fact that a person genuinely enjoys reading news and commentary that supports his worldview, rather than disputes it. Although this bias seems obvious academically, its effects are highly pervasive.

The polarization of Current TV towards cannabis-inspired segments demonstrates, for example, the character of the audience who watches it, their beliefs, and why those particular shorts are viewed so much more than others. Another example is polarization on the left towards the NYT opinion pages, which tend more liberal, and conservatives move to The Wall Street Journal, for its more conservative opinions.

More importantly, it is the reason for the vast proliferation of alternative news sources. For every personal bias, there is a source that can be used to confirm those views. The Internet has only made it more powerful. To avoid this, one must maintain daily in striving to diversify news sources across a range of reliable, trustworthy sources and views.

Democratization has produced a thousand candidates for good news. Some are expert; some are loud; some are thought; some are distrustable. Unlike a presidential election, where one can see and experience matter in gaining attention, the Internet has provided a forum where any of these news candidates have a platform to project to millions with ease. America has always enjoyed choices, but this many candidates muddle the quality of the entire pool.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Wake up! Yes, you. Time to wake up! It’s that time of year, as my house sits along the St. Joe River, gorgo possums and racoons and skunks have woken from their slumber and are beginning their spring transition of stupidly staggering right out into the road trying to figure out where they are. “Where am I?” is unfortunately the last question some of them will ask in life as their newly-wakey reflexes aren’t yet equal to the task of a speed limit of 30 miles per hour.

On a more pleasant note, have you noticed the daffodils blooming? They made it through last weekend’s bizarre snow flurries and the robins are back. Out into the road clition thrills us this week will seem like nothing because by the time we get to May and the mistakes that need correction. He instead never points out things we did poorly or give ourselves a time, as a gift from God. Perhaps at the beginning of Lent you took the task of preparing for Easter just a bit more seriously than you do now. For many. Even during these 40 days, days in which we’re supposed to be awake, attentive and preparing, we can be lulled into the false gogginess of our daily routine. Before we know it, we’re out in the middle of the road, looking around and wondering. “Where am I?” We need to keep waking ourselves up, because we do take a lot for granted.

We presume, without thinking much about it, that the lights will go on when we flip the switch; plenty of food will await us in the dining hall when we show up; our computer will save our paper when we click the little disk icon. And we need the freedom to assume that many aspects of our lives will go exactly as planned: that the class you’ve attended in DeBartolo all semester has finally moved to the Earth Sciences building announced, for example. The idiom “to take granted” means to value something or someone less than we should, to be called insightful, even negligible, even indifferent, just because we can. That’s OK for light switches and lunch, but when it goes without saying that we should appreciate even those much more than we do, for so many people without both every day. In spring, when each year the whole world awakens, we wake up, and in Lent, when we re-awaken each year to the central reality of Jesus death and resurrection, we should be especially on guard against our natural human tendency to take for granted the many great gifts with which God blesses us each day. On Easter Sunday, we each have the opportunity to renew the vows of our baptism. We can say “yes” to the most central beliefs of our faith, and vow to live out those beliefs so that our presence in the world brings it a little closer to the Kingdom of God. Every Sunday — every day if we so choose — we unite ourselves to the mystery of the body of Christ through receiving the Eucharist. You’d think such significant moments would never, ever become routine, and yet at times we can even take these gifts of our faith for granted.

In my own family, my youngest child is approaching her First Communion. Matthew, a boy in her class, knows exactly how many days are left until The Big Day. My daughter — like my other kids before her, as well as Matthew and many other second graders — will probably count for a while how many “communions” they’ve made (“Mom, I just made my sixth communion!”). The challenge for all of us comes in trying to keep that “first communion” sense of appreciation, wonder and gratitude for longer than just a few special days or weeks. Make awareness and gratitude your mission during these new days of Spring and not-so-new-days of Lent. Make a Lenten fast from apathy and indifference. The same God who created the heavens and the earth is also with you in every heartbeat and each breath you take. Take notice! Stay awake!

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PRINCETON ATTEMPTS COMEBACK WITH NEW ALBUM

By NICK ANDERSON

SOUTH AMBOY

Being an aging artist is hard. The Rolling Stones are a shell of their former selves; Bob Dylan is on the verge of being incomprehensible; John Lennon is selling out tours because of songs that are 30 years old. It's incredibly rare for an artist to be relevant in more than one era. About the only exception is Johnny Cash.

The important question for any artist attempting a similar comeback is "How?"

The easy answer to this question is a "hi" cover and a couple of strong albums. Prince started down this road with a whole festival-size stopping cover of "Group" (if you haven't heard it, stop reading and find it on YouTube).

The Decemberists succeed with mysterious concept album

By STEPHANIE DEPREZ

NORTHAMPTON

Listen to it once. Listen to it twice. Listen to it five times, and you'll still have no idea what it's about. But you'll like it.

"Hazard of Love" has all the makings of a great Decemberists album: a root in folk, blatant yet tryptic lyrics, odd instruments that pop up when you least expect them (harpsichord, anyone?) and a story that you must work to understand.

The story is what drives this album. It is a concept album, no doubt, with recurring musical themes and characters voiced by guest artists. But the Decemberists would never settle for something so easily done – instead of a straight narrative, the story of Margaret and her lover William is broken up by "The Hake," a man hell-bent on regaining his freedom from life as a widowed father.

The most frustrating (or delicious) part of this album is that it takes a few more visits to really decipher what is going on and to whom each voice belongs.

The story begins with William telling the tale of his true love entering a forest, or taiga, which requires a Wikipedia run to define (a biome covering Alaska, Canada, and upper parts of Europe). The album is full of words that aren't so common these days, adding another layer of interest. Margaret, voiced by Becky Stark, encounters The Queen, voiced by Shara Worden. The tale of Margaret, William and The Forest Queen (and the mysterious child she bears) is convoluted at the beginning, but it makes for a more entertaining for the avid listener.

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Scene Writer

It's easy to condemn the South Bend/Mishawaka area as a wasteland completely void of quality international food. With the Grape Rd. strip packed with convenience, repetitive chains, the smaller, harder-to-find local restaurants are easily lost in the background of student-driven South Bend indifference. It is easier, albeit not much, to give up on the lack of international cuisine surrounding Notre Dame and settle for a Grape Rd. chain, but it is so much more worthwhile to seek out local establishments that highlight the cuisine surrounding Notre Dame and settle for a Grape Rd. chain, but it is so much more worthwhile to seek out local establishments that highlight the importance of the typical American family's lives. Wilder exposed the shining truths that surround the life; the average American leads. A simple meal becomes something to highlight the important characteristics of the Webb family and provide the setting for the Notre Dame actors to shine through.

Cambodian Thai Kitchen is certainly worth a visit, regardless of one's familiarity with Thai food. The simple menu lists over 75 items, including appetizers, soup, salad, rice, Thai dishes, entrees, rice curries and desserts. The lack of the menu contains sleeved printout pictures of Cambodian dishes of interest as if it were a 4th grade geography project. When asked, "What do you recommend?" the server responded simply, "I don't know, whatever you like," and it was clear that he was being rude, but rather straightforward. It gave the impression that the staff is confident in its food and judging by the frequent turn over, I imagine that's exactly the kind of place that one would describe as bare bones. The all-beige interior is sparsely decorated with East Asian trinkets and faded photographs of Cambodian landmarks. The whole restaurant seems only about 20 and about a quarter of the orders are for take-out. 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Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter, left, former first baseman Jason Giambi, center, and outfielder Johnny Damon look on from the dugout during a spring training game in 2007. Head Coach Joe Girardi will move Jeter to the leadoff spot in 2009.

Girardi decides to shake up lineup

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Derek Jeter could be the first New York Yankees player to bat at their new stadium.

Manager Joe Girardi said Wednesday that his spring training switch of Jeter and Johnny Damon atop the lineup has worked so well that as of right now, the Yankees captain will bat first and Damon second for the season opener at Baltimore on Monday.

"I've liked what I've seen," Girardi said.

Girardi flip-flopped Damon and Jeter for the first time on March 26. The manager was impressed with what he saw earlier in spring training when Damon batted second so catcher Jorge Posada, coming back from right shoulder surgery, could hit first and get extra at-bats.

Jeter is a career .315 hitter batting first. The last time Damon hit second with more than 50 at-bats came in 2002.

New York will complete spring training at the new Yankee Stadium starting with a workout on Thursday. The Yankees will play their final two exhibition games there Friday and Saturday against the Chicago Cubs. Their home opener is April 16.

The team opened spring training with major questions about several key injured players. Including Posada; closer Mariano Rivera (right shoulder surgery); right-hander Chien-Ming Wang (foot); and designated hitter Hideki Matsui (left knee surgery). All four are ready for the start of the regular season.

"I was pretty concerned," Girardi said. "In today's world it seems like there's a lot of offseason situations that players go through. Surgery. Just the nature of the game."

The Yankees will be without third baseman Alex Rodriguez, who had right hip surgery on March 9, until May. Girardi knows he will be under close scrutiny, one year after the Yankees missed the playoffs for the first time since 1993.

"You understand when you take this job, you're under it all the time," Girardi said. "It's not a job where you get three years to see what happens."

IN BRIEF

Police officer in NFL's Moats stop resigns

DALLAS — The police officer who pulled out his gun and threatened an NFL player with jail instead of allowing him inside a hospital where his mother-in-law was dying resigned Wednesday.

Officer Robert Powell had been placed on paid leave pending an investigation of the March 18 incident.

"I made this decision in the hope that my resignation will allow the Dallas Police Department, my fellow officers and the citizens of Dallas to better reflect on this experience, learn from the mistakes made, and move forward," Powell said in a statement issued through his attorneys.

He had stopped Houston Texans running back Ryan Moats' SUV outside Baylor Regional Medical Center in suburban Plano after the vehicle rolled through a red light.

Harangody among 11 named to Wooden team

LOS ANGELES — Notre Dame's Luke Harangody, North Carolina teammates Tyler Hansbrough and Ty Lawson and Connecticut's Hasheem Thabeet are among 11 players named to the John R. Wooden Award All American team.

Hansbrough and Lawson will lead the Tar Heels against Villanova in Saturday's national championship semifinals. Thabeet and the Huskies play Michigan State in the other semifinal in Detroit.

Because of a tie for 10th place in the voting, the team includes 11 players. The others are Delaware Blue Hens of Pittsburgh, Stephen Curry of Davidson, Blake Griffin of Oklahoma, James Harden of Arizona State, Gerald Henderson of Duke, Terrence Williams of Louisville and Sam Young of Pittsburgh.

The top vote-getters and finalists for the Wooden Award will be announced April 6.

West beats East in high school all-star game

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Tierra Ruffin-Pratt scored 10 points and had 10 rebounds to lead the West past the East 69-68 despite 18 points by Indiana Miss Basketball Skylar Diggins in the girls McDonald's All-American game Wednesday.

The East pulled within 67-66 with 55.9 seconds left from a three-point play by South Bend Washington's Diggins.

Gennifer Brandon made a lay-up with 12.3 seconds left to stretch the lead to 69-66.

Kelly Farris of Indiana Class 2A champion Heritage Christian was fouled with a second left on a 3-point attempt. After hitting the first two free throws, she missed the last one, giving the West the win.

Ruffin-Pratt and Diggins were co-MVPs.

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INDIANAPOLIS — The grinding offseason work of finding sponsors is finally paying dividends for a few IndyCar drivers.

Companies are lining up just in time for the season-opening weekend, prompting a flurry of announcements including two more Wednesday that expanded the expected starting field Sunday in St. Petersburg, Fla., to 22.

The newest additions: Darren Manning and Alex Tagliani.

"It's just scraping," Manning said. "You've got to never give up. We all have a good product, and it's just getting it out there to the right people."

In this economic environment, it would have been easy for both drivers to write off this season — especially so late in the game.

But Manning and Tagliani kept working the phone lines and eventually landed temporary gigs.

Dreyer & Reinbold Racing announced the 33-year-old Manning would drive the team's No. 23 car Sunday, one a race ahead the English native hopes to turn into a season-long job with a solid performance in St. Pete. Congestive Racing brought back Tagliani, a 36-year-old Canadian, who started in two points races with the team last year. It too, is a one-race deal that could keep Tagliani in the car longer if team co-owner Eric Bachelart can find more financial backing.

Bachelart said Tagliani would race in St. Pete and hoped Tagliani would be back in the cockpit two weeks later in Long Beach though the details have not been worked out for the second race.

Those announcements came two days after Vision Racing owner and Indy Racing League founder Tony George hired Hunter-Reay.

And it could be just the beginning.

"There is nothing more important to us right now than having a strong car count," said Tony Angstadt, president of the IRLL's commercial division. "We were really hoping for 22 to start the season. I think we're there, and I think it's going to clearly go up in Long Beach.

But it's hardly been an econonic boon.

Manning still plans to run more than a dozen races including the Indy 500, but he didn't mince words when asked how the global economic woes have impacted racing.

"It's been pretty bleak," he said. "I have a manager who works out of the U.K. and looks after a couple of the other drivers, and I know a lot of teams around America and back in Europe, and a lot of guys have had to shut down. So it's a real testaments to anybody who can keep going in this current climate.

That's why the four-year IndyCar veteran jumped at the offer Tuesday night.

"I guess I was just on their minds when the opportunity arose that they needed a guy at the last minute," Manning said.

Until two days ago, it appeared Hunter-Reay didn't have a job, either.

After spending the past 1½ seasons with Rahal Letterman Racing, the promising 28-year-old suddenly found himself out of a job when the team'sEthanol sponsor pulled out. Hunter-Reay expected even better things this season after last year's achievements.

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NBA

Nets snap losing streak

Raptors' Bosh puts up 24 and holds off late charge from Magic

Associated Press

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Harrison scored 19 points and 11 assists, and the New Jersey Nets wrapped a season-high, five-game losing streak with a 111-98 victory over the sluggish Detroit Pistons on Wednesday night.

Kwame Dooling, inserted into the starting line-up to give the team more life, scored 18 of his 23 points in the second half in helping the Nets win for only the second time in their last 24 games. The point total matched his season high.

Richard Hamilton scored 29 points for the Pistons, who were playing their fourth game in five nights. They were also without Rasheed Wallace, who was out for picking up his 16th technical foul the night before.

Billy Lopez added 19 points, fellow rookie Ryan Anderson had 14 and Vince Carter 12 for New Jersey, which was embarrassed in losses to Minnesota and Milwaukee in its last two games.

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Against the Pistons, that was never a concern.

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The margin was 11 at the half and it grew to 21 points in the fourth quarter when Dooling scored 13 points, shooting 5-of-6, including three-pointers.

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Allen Iverson, who complained about his minutes after playing 18 in the loss to Cleveland on Tuesday, played 17 against New Jersey. He scored four points on 1-of-4 shooting and handed out four assists, but at times looked out of control, particularly in the second quarter.

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The scoring would settle in the second.

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NHL

Penguins roll 6-1 behind Crosby

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Evgeni Malkin and Sidney Crosby scored power-play goals and the Pittsburgh Penguins ended one of the best homestands in franchise history, twice scoring two goals in a matter of seconds against Martin Brodeur during a 6-1 rout of the skidding New Jersey Devils on Wednesday night.

Brodeur and the Devils extended a late-season slump (0-5-1) that is jeopardizing their high playoff seeding. Brodeur had allowed six goals against the Penguins only once previously, on March 11, 2006, in Pittsburgh during a 6-3 Penguins victory.

Brodeur, the NHL career victories leader who will be honored at home Saturday after a ceremony Friday night, hasn't won in six starts since going 9-1 following his return from a biceps injury.

Pittsburgh scored early and often in this one, a rare rout of their longtime rivals. Matt Cooke and Bill Guerin scored 36 seconds apart in the first period to make it 2-0, and Crosby and Jordan Staal made the game one-sided by scoring in a 13-second span of the second, making it 5-1.

Brodeur is even-24 with four ties against Pittsburgh.

The Penguins finished 6-1-1 during the longest homestand in franchise history, improving to 13-3-1 since Feb. 25, when they were in danger of missing the playoffs. Now, they are tied in points with Philadelphia for the fourth spot and home-ice advantage in the first round of the Eastern Conference playoffs had the chippiness of a postseason game.

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NBA

Celts beat ‘Cats in double OT

Associated Press

BOSTON — Ray Allen was surprised to find himself wide open behind the 3-point arc. With 2.1 seconds left in the second overtime, he connected.

Not an airball, like his 3-point shot less than minute earlier, also without a defender. Not a going-hasket, like his unguarded 3-pointer that ended the scoring in the first overtime. His last long-range shot, on a pass from Paul Pierce, iced the Boston Celtics in a 111-109 win over the Charlotte Bobcats on Wednesday night and into second place in the Eastern Conference.

"I really didn’t expect (Gerald) Wallace to leave me," said Allen, who shot from the right corner. "Paul just had the wherewithal to get it to me. He was driving to maybe put us ahead one. I definitely try to put myself in good position.

The scrappy defense that got the Bobcats back in the game in the third quarter was missing. "We didn’t handle it. We had a foul to give. We’re going to smoother everything — no 3s and we give up a 3." Charlotte coach Larry Brown said. "Then we had a good shot at the end."

But Rajai Bell missed and the buzzer sounded.

The Celtics moved a game ahead of Orlando, which lost to Chicago.

"During one of the overtimes I glanced up at the board and saw that Orlando lost," Boston coach Doc Rivers said. "I didn’t do a ‘yip, hip, hooray’ or anything. I can care less."

The Bobcats, fighting for the final playoff spot in the conference, blew leads in the last 30 seconds of the fourth quarter and both overtimes and fell 1 1/2 games behind the Chicago Bulls, who are idle.

"We had a great opportunity to beat the defending champs in their own building," Wallace said. "We’ve got to put this game behind us."

Pierce led Boston with 32 points, Allen added 22 and Rajon Rondo had 21 points and 11 assists.

"Ray was wide open, regardless if he did airball the shot before," Pierce said. "I have total confidence in him."

Wallace had 20 points and 10 rebounds for the Bobcats, and Boris Diaw scored 17.

The first overtime ended with 3-pointer by Allen with 12.4 seconds left that tied the game at 101, followed by a miss by Bell from the right corner.

The game was tied at 103 early in the second overtime before Pierce hit a layup and Allen made a 3-pointer for a 106-103 Boston lead. Raymond Felton put the Bobcats ahead with a jumper, then Pierce gave the Celtics a 108-107 lead by converting an offensive rebound.

Emeka Okafor’s short bank shot with 46 seconds to play put the Bobcats ahead for the last time, 109-108. Allen then shot an airball on a 3-point shot, but Felton missed and Boston’s Eddie House rebounded with 1.3 seconds left, setting up Allen’s final shot.

"After he shot the airball, he came right back," House said. "That’s a Hall of Fame player right there."

A tip from House, an outstanding 3-point shooter, may have helped.

"Eddie was saying to me, ‘I don’t want to say anything to one of the best shooters in the NBA, but your shot is flat,’" said Allen, who went 5-for-13 on 3-pointers. "I knew it was in my legs."

The Bobcats let another lead slip away when the Celtics went into overtime tied at 93 by scoring the last eight points of the fourth quarter. They had a chance to win when Pierce inbounded the ball to Rondo with 3.6 seconds left, but Rondo missed a layup.

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- **Mammoth Mall**
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on the practice squad helped him observe his teammates and improve both his team and himself.

"I helped the offense get better, I helped myself," he said. "If I didn't get better last year it didn't matter. I was making the team better every single day."

Williams said Hart, the former defensive line coach at the University of Washington, was teaching the team fundamentals. He said graduate assistant Bryan Young helped as well.

"He's teaching us so much, and coming back, it's made the picture and teaching us from his experience," Williams said. "It's a great feeling right now.

Williams is a part of a defensive unit led by long-time assistant David Bruton to graduation. Sophomore linebacker Harrison Smith will slide into the secondary to take over for Bruton's spot. Junior safety Sergio Brown said the defense won't have to change too much to accommodate him.

"It's not really going to change too much because Harrison, he's got a lot of experience, he's done it as well," Brown said. "And once we get on the same page and everybody's clicking, we'll proba­bly be going to be better than last year.

Smith said he felt more comfort­able with the defense because of his experience and that he could answer questions the younger guys asked him about it.

"It's different from last spring," he said. "Really, I feel like more of a guy that some of the younger guys can look to and ask ques­tion. I feel like I know most of the ins and outs of the defense." The sophomore, Brown said, was in pretty good shape. Spring ball is about dusting off certain areas of the body, he said.

"Just the basics, new terminology and stuff," he said. "Really trying to figure out where we left off and sharpen up some areas where we were kind of rusty." The defense got a chance to test itself in a scrimmage last Saturday, noted Williams he was nervous about. But he said he was able to gather himself and focus.

"That was just a big scrimmage in my mind. I just wanted to go out there and work hard," he said. "I just had to clear my throat, and after that I felt great.

Williams said watching from the sidelines last year helped him "take mental stuff," which helped him keep from making the same mistakes the starters made.

"Coaches correct somebody, and afterwards you have to make the same mistake as they do," he said. "Mental reps help so much." Contact Bill Brink at bbrink@nd.edu

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Tokarz

Notre Dame's return to baseball was drama­ tically ended by a 6-3 win over the Hoosiers, putting the Irish on a path to the conference title. Junior outfielder A.J. Patek had two hits and two RBIs in the game.

Miller's first career start took place at the bottom of the third inning, when the Irish took over after an error by the Hoosiers. The Irish pushed their lead to 9-0 in the fourth inning, with another error by the Hoosiers leading to two more runs.

"It's a great feel­ing right now," Williams said. "We're looking to keep the energy level high.

The Belles will face their next MIAA opponent on Saturday as they travel to Alma College for a double­header. The first pitch is scheduled for 2 p.m.

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slow pitchers," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "But what was really important was when their pitchers missed, they took advan­tage.

Starting on the bunt for Notre Dame, Brittany Bargar dominated Northern Illinois (9-18) through three innings, giving up only one run on a pair of Irish errors. But the Huskies hitters adjusted in the fourth, picking up three runs on a pair of singles and a bases-clearing double.

Facing a 4-2 deficit, the Irish suddenly turned on the power switch in the bottom half of the fourth to put on a display for the fans watching at Melissa Cook Stadium.

Senior Linda Kohan began the surge by belting a home run down the right field line with one out. Dani Miller reached base by way of a walk, and junior Heather Johnson followed by drawing a bases-loaded walk to left field for a 2-RBI home run.

But the Irish weren't finished yet, as sophomore Katie Fleurty laced a home run left field with two outs, the third big fly of the inning. Fleurty's smash marked only the third time in program history the Irish hit three home runs in a single game.

Notre Dame's dominance at the plate continued on the field, as sophomore Judy Valdivia came in relief of Bargar and shut the door in the face of the Huskies' offense. Valdiva threw three innings of no-hit ball to secure the victory for the Irish.

"She had good stuff and it was really moving," Gumpf said. "She kept the other team guessing.

The outpour of Irish power continued into the sixth as Notre Dame put up five runs of insurance for Valdiva. Junior Christine Lux jacked a three-run home run that just cleared the right field fence with one out in the frame. Johnson drove in Miller for a second time with a single to left before Lux's knock cleared the bases. Fleurty doubled to left and scored on a throwing error later in the inning.

Wednesday's victory gives the Irish a much needed win against a non-conference opponent, a feat they accompl­ished in stunning fashion. Notre Dame recorded a sea­son-high 30 total bases and six stolen bases.

The Irish return to Big East competition this weekend for a doubleheader against Pittsburgh on Saturday as they make their push for a playoff berth.

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Cynthia Weber. The new VP. We worked together all year.

Don't ring a bell. Let me know when Giant gets back.

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BASEBALL

Rockets grounded

Irish overcome rough start, win back-and-forth game vs. Toledo

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Associate Sports Editor

After losing five of their last seven, the Irish may have started turning things around Wednesday, defeating Toledo 11-7 at Frank Eck Stadium. The Rockets gave Irish right-hander Todd Miller a rough welcome in his first career start, touching up the sophomore for three runs in the top of the first. Toledo left fielder Joe Corfman led off the game with a long home run over the left field fence, and two batters later cleanup hitter Jared Hoying added a two-run bomb to right field.

"Just in batting practice, you could tell with the wind that the ball would really carry today," designated hitter Williams said. "It's a good game. It was a good match up. They were good sports." Chris Brown captain senior Jared Zenk said. "Too bad we lost." Once again Courtesy Flush took control of the opening minutes in the half, opening up with a 3-1 run. As the clock continued to run, slowly, Courtesy Flush's slightly less mediocre play pushed them to a 17-12 lead. However, the increasingly freezing winds seemed to stimulate McLovin look-alike Zenk and his Chris Brown Bead Down compatriots, who went up on the board first, opening up the half up 11-7 after roughly 30 grinding, windy minutes.

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FOOTBALL

Defense hopes to improve

Williams, Smith hoping to make impression

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Freshman defensive end Hafis Williams spent all of last season on the scout team. This year, he found his name second on the depth chart.

"Defensive line coach (Randyl) Hart just put the depth chart up and we just went along with it," Williams said. He knows, however, that his position may change at any time. "It's spring ball right now. The depth chart just goes up and down," he said. "I'm working hard right now making myself better and making my teammates better." Williams said the time he spent

SMC SOFTBALL

Saint Mary's extends winning streak to seven

By CHRIS MICHAELSKI
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's College softball team stayed hot yesterday, as they recorded their third straight double-header sweep against Olivet College, winning 3-1 and 7-0. The wins bring their overall record to 18-2 and their winning streak to seven.

After jumping out to an early 1-0 lead in the first inning, the Belles recorded their second and third runs off leadoff homerruns in the fourth and sixth innings by freshman outfielder Kristen Nelson and senior first baseman Katie Bashid.

In the seventh inning, with the Belles leading 3-1, the Comets tried to start a rally with the bases loaded, but couldn't get on the board. In the second game, junior left fielder Ashley Peterson led the offensive charge in the nightcap with three hits, two home runs, and six RBIs. Junior shortstop Maureen Healy followed that up with an impressive performance of her own, going 2-for-4 with two runs scored. Catcher Ashley Fusaro also went 2-for-4, scoring a run of her own.

"Solid defense has been our forte this year as well as stringing base hits together," Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. Sullivan's words have rung true recently, as the Belles have shut out their opponents in four of their last six games.

BOOBOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Courtesy Flush ekes out win vs. Chris Brown Beat Down

By NATHANIEL LEE, MEAGHAN VESELIK, and MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writers

In early round play, Courtesy Flush edged Chris Brown Beat Down 21-19 Wednesday afternoon. The marquee matchup between two 'serious' teams proved to showcase more sweatbands than impressive plays, as missed lay-ups, dropped balls and passes to nobody ruled the day.

"Winning this game was pure jubilee," Courtesy Flush captain MBA student Doug Cannon said. "It was a good game between two really good teams, make sure you say that." Courtesy Flush got on the board first, opening up the game with a three-basket run before Chris Brown fought back. The teams traded a series of air balls, disrupted only by the occasional untied shoe or fogged-up glasses. Courtesy Flush however managed to maintain the offensive and defensive edges, and went into the half up 11-7 after roughly 30 grinding, windy minutes.

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