Newton named new Law School dean

Current chancellor of University of California law school will assume position on July 1

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

University President Fr. John Jenkins appointed Nell Jessup Newton as the new dean of the Law School, the University announced Tuesday.

Newton currently serves as chancellor and dean of the Hastings College of the Law at the University of California and will assume her position on July 1, according to a press release.

Patricia O’Hara, current Law School dean, announced her intention to step down from the position last March.

O’Hara told The Observer she has interacted with Newton through a national group of law schools and that Newton is “highly regarded” within that group.

“She will bring great experience and energy to the position,” O’Hara said.

Newton’s area of expertise is in American Indian law and has served as dean of the law schools at the University of Denver, according to 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,” Newton said in the release. 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 RIFE FOR A CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP, AND I FELT THE TIME WAS RIFE,” 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.

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 1981, 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.

Keith Sherin of General Electric speaks to Fr. Theodore Hesburgh on Wednesday after accepting the award named for him.

STUDENT SENATE

28 new senators sworn into office

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

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.

New members of the Student Senate are sworn into office at a meeting Wednesday.

Identity theft a threat on campus

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

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If ever you received a credit card application that suddenly appeared on your Facebook page, you’re not alone.

“BY THE TIME YOU REALIZE [YOUR IDENTITY HAS BEEN STOLEN, YOU’RE OUT TRYING TO BUY A CAR],” he said. “SOMEONE RUNS A CREDIT CHECK ON YOU AND REALIZES THAT YOU’VE ALREADY OWNED FOUR CARS AND SEVERAL BOATS. AND YOU HAD NO IDEA.”

College students are particularly vulnerable because many students have not had to depend on their identity and therefore do not realize its worth.

“They might not have even realized its value yet, but the criminals certainly have,” Dobbin said. “This is the kind of information that makes them more vulnerable.”

A blank credit card application in the garbage can give someone the opportunity to steal your identity.

“I COULD OPEN IT UP, FILL OUT YOUR NAME, AND START TAKING ON YOUR IDENTITY SLOWLY, STARTING WITH THAT,” Lenette Votava, organizational communications analyst, said.

If identity thieves fill out their addresses on enough credit card applications under your name, then it is more believable to the credit card company that you may have moved and they gain control of your identity and finances.

“They build it up a step at a time in terms of plausibility,” Dobbin said.

Another reason college students are vulnerable is their widespread use of social networking sites, like Facebook, Dobbin said.

“People are very willing to give away a lot of what we would call valuable information on social networking sites,” he said.

“Valuable information is information that other institutions would consider private and would use to prove...
LESSONS LEARNED

Remember back to first grade. The teacher handed each of us 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 stands are packed with fans with various levels of sobriety, there is a certain feeling of kinship among us. It doesn’t matter what you look like or who you are, as long as you are not a fan of the opposing team. With the flourish of fansfare, the outbursts of cheers, and the magic of the marching hand, 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 about a hundred times. Every time it disappears, I find myself falling to the same panicked routine that ends in calling failing 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 everyday, I find myself not wanting to go. However, my college life 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 ask about the assignment that cannot be made up.

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, some are really stupid decisions, college is something to 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 experiencing 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. Contact Alicia Smith at asmith16@ndmail.umsa.edu.

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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 DeBartolo Mainstage Theatre 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 from Thursday, April 2, 2009 through April 4, 2009. 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 the event to observer.news@nd.edu.

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.

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Videoconference discusses Africa

By MEGAN LONEY

New York

The election of President Barack Obama has enormous symbolic importance both in the United States and in the African continent, Gregory Garland, public affairs chief for the Central Africa Department of African Affairs, said during a videoconference with Saint Mary's students and faculty.

Garland, public affairs chief for the Central Africa Department of African Affairs, said during a videoconference focused on U.S. foreign policy in Africa with the State Department on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. in Spes Unica.

Garland set a basis for discussion among the three participating schools by giving a 20 minute talk on the relationship between the United States and Africa, specifically "the societal and formal government to government relations."

He first addressed the impact of the election of a black president on those relations.

"President Obama is clearly the son of a Kenyan, and Africa considers him their own son," Garland said.

Because of this perceived change in the direction of the relationship, he explained, "there is a central challenge will managing Africa's high expectations for the Obama administration."

"I think that the expectations are high and that people want to see major advances in the U.S.A. or in Africa are going to be let down, but that does not lessen the great symbol that he is for people around the world," Garland said.

According to Garland, if Obama disappoints the continent, there is a danger that those exceedingly high expectations, and not because of a lack of initiative on the part of the administration.

"Obama's challenge is more difficult than the one faced by former President George W. Bush," Garland said. "Whoever comes into office will have to manage the expectations and finessed in Africa's high esteem, Garland said.

"The Bush administration left a strong legacy in African continent. There is a general appreciation for the Bush administration with respect to sub-Saharan Africa," he said.


Garland described this attitude as "This is the first time in American history that we are not just treating Africa as a place with real people, with real governments and with real interests," he said. "We have done it for a long time."

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Profs. discuss humanitarian work

By MOLLY ADDISON
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.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

17 dead in car bombing, building raid

A Taliban suicide bomber disguised in army uniforms detonated a car bomb and stormed a government building killing 15 police officers. The attack highlighted the increasingly deadly tactics that Taliban militants are learning from al-Qaida, an expert said.

The multi-pronged raid mirrored an attack in Kabul in February when militants assaulted three government buildings simultaneously, killing 20.

The attack came during a meeting of tribal leaders in Kandahar province's capital office killed seven civilians and six Taliban militants.

Pictures prove bad prison conditions

JOHANNESBURG — Newly released images that provide a rare look inside a Zimbabwean prison show emaciated inmates too weak to stand, with their faces hidden if they can barely bring food to their mouths.

Human rights activists and former prisoners have long suspected conditions in the country's jails and prisons but there has been little hard evidence available.

Producer Godknows Nare spent four months on the behind-the-walls documentary, training insiders to capture the footage. His work, "Hell on the Behind-Walls," is expected to air on South African TV.

African state broadcaster, and was being syndicated internationally by Associated Press Television Network. Nare said he hoped the footage would persuade Zimbabwe's new coalition government and the international community to step in to help.

NATIONAL NEWS

Planes grounded on safety concerns

ATLANTA — An Atlanta-Southwest Airlines, a unit of US Airways, said it was grounding one of its 300 to 350 aircraft for a safety inspection.

The grounding, which represents nearly 40 percent of AS's total fleet, caused scattered delays and cancellations throughout the day, but ASA declined to disclose how many, saying the situation was fluid. Company spokesman Patrick McCarthy said the carrier had hoped to have all the planes returned to service for its evening flights.

The paperwork audit raised questions about whether the engines on Bombardier CRJ200 planes, primarily operated in the Northeast, were being inspected according to the guidelines provided by the engines' manufacturer, McDonal.

Budget curbs Everglades restoration

TALLAHASSE, Fla. — Gov. Charlie Crist's celebrated $1.34 billion deal to buy 72,000 acres of land for $333 million, and hold a 10-year option to buy the remaining land. The decision means the original deal — laden with special interests — will be far less ambitious than planned.

LOCAL NEWS

Reward for information in dog killing

WINCHESTER, Ind. — The Humane Society is offering a $2,500 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person who killed a dog that was later found buried on a landfill.

The dog's body was found near the intersection of two county roads on March 24. Authorities say the dog was shot, stabbed and bashed with a bicycle frame, and that some parts of its skull were broken off.

The Randolph County Sheriff's Department is investigating, but Mag. Todd Dunn said there were no witnesses.

United Kingdom

Commander in chief goes global

President Obama attends international summit with world leaders on first trip abroad

Associated Press

LONDON — He talked nuclear threats with Russia's president and gave an iPod to the queen.

And that was only the beginning. It was an eventful first day on the world stage for President Barack Obama, launching high level talks, placing China ties on a fresh footing, calming fears about the ailing U.S. economy — seemingly everywhere, relaxed and smiling all the while.

While wife Michelle attracted breathless attention with every step, Obama declined to offer campaigning tips or to embolden British Prime Minister Gordon Brown ("good policy is good politics," he said).

There was even a chance to talk to a British fisherman with Brown's young sons — and to include two hours of quality time with Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace.

"Michelle has been really thinking that through," Obama said provocatively, referring to the daunting clothes dilemma posed by an audience with the queen. Mrs. Obama chose a black skirt and coat for the occasion, a double strand of large pearls.

Before that meeting at the palace, diplomacy of a different sort.

Brown, his one-decameter one factor in his shaky politi cal standing, said Whitfield that Obama had provided "renewed hope" all around the world. Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, whose nation has often assailed the U.S. offered his own praise, albeit more measured. His first meeting with Obama, he left him "far more optimis tic" about Washington-Moscow relations.

Undeterred by his cold, Obama held a whirlwind of one-on-one talks with those and other leaders, including Chinese President Hu Jintao. He aimed not just to lay the groundwork for Thursday's summit of the 20 largest wealthiest and developing economies but also more broadly to initiate a new era in American foreign rela tions.

His first task was a little repair job.

British feelings were hurt by what was perceived as a bit of a cold shoulder from Obama toward Brown when the British leader visited Washington last month. So when Obama and Brown appeared together before American and British reporters, Obama bent over backward to show his affection for both host and host country. The lengthy round of questions made up for the slight of no news conference in Washington, and Obama took special care to note that the talks with Brown were his first official stop on his first overseas trip.

"The United States and the United Kingdom have stood together through thick and thin, through war and peace, through hard times and prosperity, and we've always emerged stronger by standing together," Obama said next to a beaming Brown.

President Obama, right, and Britain's Prime Minister Gordon Brown walk to a joint press conference at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London on Wednesday.

Nevertheless, Obama hedged his bets by also saying — 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 them as a major development 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 which Moscow considers its sphere of influence, and Russia's devastating war last year with its neighbor and former Soviet republic Georgia.

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Fargo opens as river level falls

Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. — Businesses reopened and commuters traveled Wednesday as the bleated Red River fell below the sandbags and the worst of the permanent floodwalls protecting Fargo, feeding optimism the city had escaped a disastrous flood.

Under a cloudy but mostly dry sky, residents returned to work and officials began scaling back their flood response. Officials said schools would reopen Monday.

"Our word for the day is restore and recharge," Mayor Dennis Walaker said.

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Market opens quarter with gains

Wall Street shows a rebound; experts caution that lowest point may not be past

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 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. Savings home sales rebounded in February from a record low, the National Association of Realtors reported, while the February ADP National Employment Report said private sector employment dropped by 742,000 in March. The figure was higher than anticipated, and a ratting sign ahead of the Labor Department's Friday report on nationwide job cuts last month.

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In Brief

Car sales jump from Feb. to March

DETROIT — Talk of government loans and bankruptcy and a 37 percent drop in March sales isn't good news, but despite all it, 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 lurched forward in March, pushing 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 strategy at PNC Financial Services Group Inc.

Americans bought 857,735 new vehicles in March, compared with 1.36 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 patients, 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.

"Sacrifice" limited funding for fewer events or higher membership dues, the proposal suggests.

"It has not always been flattering to see what demographics their industries use to appear to have colored their judgment in matters of public health," said Dr. Stephen Nissen, a proposal co-author and former president of the American College of Cardiology.

Associated Press

Protesters vandalize banks, criticize officials

LONDON — Chanting C-20 protesters clashed with riot police in central London on Wednesday, overwhelming police lines, vandalizing the Bank of England's smashing windows at the Royal Bank of Scotland.

An effigy of a banker was set ablaze, drawing cheers.

More than 30 people were arrested after more than 200 protesters, an anti-capitalists, environmentalists and others clamored London's financial district for what organizers termed "Financial Fool's Day." The protests were called ahead of Thursday's Group of 20 summit of world leaders, who are expected to have failed to take concrete steps to resolve the global financial crisis that hit the housing markets and workers worldwide.

Late in the day, police said a man had been reported to have collapsed near one of the protest camps and responding officers were unable to resuscitate him. He was pronounced dead at a hospital. It was unclear if the man was a protester, and the cause of death was under investigation.

Protests in London's financial district — known as "The City" — began as Prime Minister Gordon Brown and President Barack Obama held a news conference at Britain's foreign Ministry elsewhere in the capital.

A battered effigy of a banker in a bowler's hat hung on a traffic light near the Bank of England as protesters waved signs saying, "Resistance is Fertile," and "Make Love not Leverage.

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CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

Specialization has arisen in recent days that the various countries in the Group of 20 are disagreeing about how to handle the global financial crisis. Amid the backdrop of thousands of protesters, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said Wednesday that the G20 was close to agreeing on global reforms for the financial system.

This week so far has been volatile, with the Dow gaining 87 points on Tuesday after plunging Monday by 254 points on President Barack Obama's rejection of General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC's restructuring plans.

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Equality advocates Smith posthumously honored

Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — As editor and publisher of a small-town newspaper in the Mississippi Delta, Hazel Brannon Smith was boycotted by fellow whites and condemned in the state Senate because she advocated equal treatment of blacks during the volatile 1950s and 1960s.

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

"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 Washington County, 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 Jackson.

During the 1948 presidential election, Smith was publisher of the Smith County Herald, to draw 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 physical opposition," the resolution reads.

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The Vatican is — in an exquisitely cautious way — trying to decide whether to keep the Mexicans who are running the order and to determine whether the Legion is a "knight of God," as the Rev. Jason Berry, a New Orleans journalist who has written about the Legionaries for years, and produced the film "Vows of Silence," about the Holy See's review of abuse claims against Maciel.

The group was formed in 1941 and became one of the most influential and fastest-growing orders in the Roman Catholic Church. Pope John Paul II championed the group, which became known for its orthodox theology, military-style discipline, fundraising prowess and success recruiting priests at a time when seminary enrollment was generally dismal.

The group says it now has more than 500 priests and 2,500 seminarians worldwide, along with 50,000 Regnum Christi members. In the U.S., the Legion runs at least 120 or so prep schools, along with a few seminaries for teenage boys, and it has been building a college — the University of Sacramento — in California.

Yet, the order and its lay affiliate, Regnum Christi, had detractors throughout its rise. Critics condemned the group's secrecy vows that bordered on criticism of a superior, and its practice of limiting contact between seminarians or Regnum Christi members and their families.

Former members eventually formed support groups, such as the Re-Gen Network, to warn others against joining, and, in some cases, to help families get their relatives out. In 2007, the Legion sued Re-Gen to stop them from publicizing internal documents from the order.

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The public's desire for news and information has grown more voracious than ever. News dissemination at speeds never before imagined possible. People want news in a personal way, catered to personal tastes that are not daily, weekly or monthly news sources could possibly deliver, now or in the future. Instead, the Internet has become the greatest mass 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 each page hit, tweet, blog and blog 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 so garners more hits and support. One only need glance at The New York Times most commented and obviously biased account of a situation, and one must be able to recognize 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 original events, but often do not give a full account.

Current TV 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 53 million, up 10 million from 2007, and has a devoted following.

The documentary shorts are often interesting, but 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 biased 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 hasn't covered the story of two CurrentTV reporters who are now being detained in North Korea after attempting to film a story on North Korean refugees. Democratizing news and information means that only three-stories that the majority find interesting and support will make the front page. And in CurrentTV's case, the viewers have clearly chosen what they want to see. At Current TV, 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 one must understand and consider in keeping up with 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 Linahan inspired "Dittoheads" and those on the right use the "Main Stream Media." More, or less, it's the psychological fact that a person gravitates toward 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 CurrentTV 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 information sources. For every personal bias, there is a source that can be used to confirm those views. The Internet has 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 thoughtful, some are drabulous. Unlike a presidential election, where connections, money and experience matter in garnering attention, the Internet has provided a forum where any of these news candidates have a platform to project to millions with ease. And in CurrentTV's case, the viewers have always enjoyed choices, but this many candidates muddles 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. In front of our house along the St. Joe River, gorgy possums and raccoons and skunks have been un-hibernating themselves and beginning their spring tradition 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 awake 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. These next few weeks are a great time to appreciate the warmer weather because by the time we get to May and June, we’ll be taking it for granted. So take advantage of each new day. This year — every day if we so choose — we unite ourselves to the mystery of the body of Christ through receiving communion with false notions of easy hope. Violence is serious

I have to disagree with Pat Cassidy’s contention that Bookstore Basketball team names inspired by instances of domestic violence are “absolutely hilarious,” (“Why so serious?” March 31) that we can simply laugh at domestic violence and not be disturbed by the things we deem appropriate to joke about say a lot about us as individuals and the way we relate to others. Cassidy claims “it’s not this fault that one fourth of women are involved in domestic abuse," but in reality, it’s fault of our entire society. Making jokes about domestic violence only desensitizes us to its reality and ultimately a culture of low tolerance for abuse to occur on such a devastating scale. Cassidy expresses pride of his ability to “bring a smile to someone’s face,” but a smile to someone who one smile come? Are a few laughs worth normalizing violence that affects millions of women?
Now all that is left is a couple of strong albums for a full Prince comeback. His producer has decided to give it all out and release a double album along with an album from his latest protege, Bridget Valente. Consequently, "MPLSound" and "Lotusflow3r" all come packaged as a set, sold exclusively at Target for under $12. It’s hard to find cheaper music these days.

Any Prince fan will know how to handle Valente’s disk. Expect that same type of songs that we’ve heard from other earlier Prince proteges such as Sheila E., Apollonia and Carmen Electra. The music being wholly written and produced by Prince, has its high points but beyond that, it’s entirely forgettable. After a single list, there isn’t a single song that would cause a listener to put this disk back and have a second thought.

Moving on to the Prince songs, the discs fall into two separate genres, "Lotusflow3r" plays as a straight rock album while "MPLSound" jumps between funk and balad. Both contain their fair share of high lights without one outshining the other.

"From the Lotus..." the opening track, was very easy to listen to what can also be described as a dark alley of the Internet where these songs must have been recorded. The track 6/5 is hard to call it a song draws the listener into the world of Prince with a guitar solo, drums, machines, and other worldly sounds.

There have been numerous hints during all of these years about Prince’s new album. "MPLSound" and "Lotusflow3r" have created an album that is not quite as good as the one that fans have been waiting for. The album is not as great as the "Sign O’ the Times" or "The Black Album," but it is a good effort. It is a very strong album that could be picked up by the loyal fan, or the one that has not heard Prince in a few years. The album is a great one, and it is something that fans have been waiting for.

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Cultivation Thai Restaurant

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This is 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 seats only about 20 and about a quarter of the orders are for take out. Water is served without glasses of ice. The simple menu lists over 75 items, including appetizers, soup, salad, noodles, rice dishes, entrées, rice curries and desserts. The back of the menu contains sleeved printout pictures of Cambodian places of interest as if it were an Oregon city 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 wasn't being rude, but rather straightforward.

The Crabc Rangoon appetizer was pleasingly presented in a boat-shaped dish with a section for the clear sauce, but the woman's bread consistency outweighed the very small parcels of crab stuffing. The seasoned potstickers, on the other hand, were possibly the pinnacle of the meal. Served affably in a woven basket lined with lettuce, these gratifying dumplings seemed to melt in the mouth. The wok-sea-sauce provided an excellent complement to the savoury dough and filling.

One of the most popular dishes today at Cambodian Thai is the pad thai. This most well known dish in Thai cuisine consists of cooked rice noodles with eggs, check rice noodles with eggs, navy beans (fish sauce), crushed peanuts, bean sprouts, garam masala and fillings. This dish is a flavorful, aromatic and filling experience. The dish is extremely filling and makes a great lunch or dinner option.

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NCAA Men's Basketball

Kentucky introduces Calipari as new coach

Associated Press
LEXINGTON — New Kentucky basketball coach John Calipari told reporters Wednesday that he is not the "grand pooh-bah" or the "emperor." He just wants to win.

He got a king's ransom, however.

Before the news conference, Kentucky's athletics board approved a 10-year, $31 million contract that makes Calipari the nation's top basketball coach in the nation. Athletic director Mitch Barnhart defended the contract, saying that the university paid a premium price to get their guy, adding that Calipari can flat-out coach.

"I'm a regular guy, folks," Calipari said. "I'm a basketball coach who's going to have to put his kids on the bus. I have to go to the gym. I have to drink water. I do not have a magic wand."

He might need to find a magic wand. Kentucky fired Billy Gillispie last Friday after two seasons and he won 40-27, including losing 14 games this season and failing to lead the Wildcats into the NCAA tournament.

"The challenge of being here is competing for national titles, but I think I know what I'm buying," Calipari said. "But that's what you buy into when you come here."

And Kentucky has demonstrated its ability to pay whatever it takes to back to that level. Calipari's deal eclipses the $1.6 million a year that UConn program brings in $6.3 million in direct revenue, the majori-

By Calipari's standards, it's a bargain.

Calipari, 44-5-0 in 17 seasons, leading both Memphis and Massachusetts to the Final Four. He said he has long dreamed of running a coaching college basketball's winningest program.

"This was a dream I've had since I've been a part of basketball," Calipari said. "I believe it was 1992, we brought our team down here from Memphis. I think the March 14 accident that killed 59-year-old Mario Reyes. If convicted, Stallworth will face as many as 15 years in prison.

Stallworth's blood-alcohol level after the crash was .26, well above Florida's legal limit of .08, according to results of a blood test. Stallworth will also be charged with DUI, which carries a possible six-month sentence plus fines and community service for first offenders.

"I told Dr. Dunn and Mitch, if you want something to happen in a year, do not hire me," Calipari said. "That's how now things are." Stallworth said after firing Gillispie that he wanted to hire a coach that embraced what the Kentucky job meant, on and off the court. Calipari sounded like he understood what they meant.

"Our goals will be to make the program as commonwealth of this program, proud of their program, proud of their team by our work on the court, integrity off the court," he said.

Calipari's deal eclipses the $8.3 million average of Florida's Billy Donovan and Kansas' Bill Self as the head coaches of each, according to Calipari's contract.

Calipari, 50, knows what he is getting into at Kentucky. He said before he made his decision, he reached out to several former Wildcat coaches.

"I talked to coach (Joe B.) Hall, I talked to Tubby Smith, I talked to Rick Pitino about this job," Calipari said. "And none of those coaches would trade their time here for anything in the world."

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MLB

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.

"I was pretty concerned," Girardi said. "In today's world it seems like there's a lot of off-season 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 Award

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 semifinal. 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 DeJuan Blair 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 Rufin-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 53.9 seconds left after 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 Faris of Indiana Class 2A champion Heritage Christian was fouled with a second left on a three-point attempt. After hitting the first two free throws, she missed the last one, giving the West the win.

Rufin-Pratt and Diggins were co-MVPs.

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Drivers track down late sponsors

Associated Press

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 scrapping," 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.

Driver & Reinhold Racing announced the 33-year-old Manning would drive the team's No. 23 car Sunday, a one-race season — especially so late in the game. "I think we're there, and it's just the beginning."

There is nothing more important to us right now than having a strong car count," said Terry Angstadt, president of the IRL's commercial division. "We are planning 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 economic boon.

Manning still plans to run more than half the Indy Racing League's Grand Am series than IndyCars, and he didn't mince words when asked how the global economic woes have impacted racing.

"It's been a nightmare," 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 testament 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 1 1/2 seasons with Rahal Letterman Racing, the promising 28-year-old suddenly found himself out of a job when the team's Ethanol sponsor pulled out. Hunter-Reay expected even better things this season after last year's achievements with REPCO-Watkins Glen, 10 top-10 finishes and rookie of the year honors at the Indianapolis 500.

So instead of losing Hunter-Reay, George figured out a way to keep him around.

"When you see the talent and marketability of a Ryan Hunter-Reay, believe me, we were just working hard trying to pull out a sport that Ryan got in a car," Angstadt said. "I compliment Tony for taking the opportunity that I think was right for our business. It was right for Ryan, it was right for his team, to really make that happen."

How many more drivers could be added in coming weeks? "It's anybody's guess."

There are plenty of familiar names available including Former Indy 500 winner Buddy Rice, former Indy pole-winner Brunner, 2005 Indy runner-up A.J. Foyt IV, and former Indy winner Bobby Rahal would still like to get his team back on the track.

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NBA

EAST RUTHERFORD — Devin Harris had 19 points and 11 assists, and the New Jersey Nets tapped a season-high, five-game losing streak with a 111-105 victory over the sluggish Detroit Pistons on Wednesday night.

Rasheed Dooling, inserted into the starting lineup to give the team more life, scored 15 of his 23 points in the second half in helping the reeling Nets win for only the second time in 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 suspended for picking up his 16th technical foul the night before.

Brook 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.

The performances had many wondering whether the Nets had quit on coach Lawrence Frank.

Against the Pistons, that was never in doubt.

Harris’ penetration and drives allowed New Jersey to score 26 points in the point and shoot 101 percent from the field for the game.

The Nets never trailed after Harris scored five points and handed out two assists in a 6-5 run that gave them a 13-9 lead.

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-8, including three 3-pointers.

Rodney Stuckey, Tayshaun Prince and Walter Herrmann scored 16 points each for Detroit.

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 in 1-of-6 shooting and handed out four assists, but at times he looked out of control, particularly in the second quarter.

Raptors 99, Magic 95

Chris Bosh had 24 points, including a 22-pointer over Dwight Howard with 29 seconds left that put the game out of reach.

Joe Calderon had 21 points and Shawn Marion added 17 and 15 rebounds for the Raptors, who nearly blew an 11-point lead before holding on to extend their season-high winning streak to five games.

Rashard Lewis missed a potential tying 3-pointer with 20 seconds remaining.

Howard had 30 points and nine rebounds for Orlando (55-19), which fell percentage points behind Boston for the Eastern Conference’s second seed. The Magic host first-place Cleveland on Friday night in a game that Boston has now lost some of its luster.

The Raptors made sure of that.

Marion had consecutive fast-break dunks, and added a three-pointer after a three-point play to cap a 15-3 run that gave the Raptors an 11-point lead with a minute left in the third quarter.

It was the largest lead for either team in an up-and-down game that had 21 lead changes and little defense.

But it would quickly evaporate.

Hedo Turkoglu made a 3-pointer after being fouled by Joey Graham on a driving layup to cut Toronto’s lead to 84-81 early in the fourth quarter. But Toronto’s 26 made free throws to Orlando’s 13 proved too much.

The Raptors shot nearly 70 percent from the field and handed out four assists, and the New Jersey lead.

In the second quarter.

The scoring would settle in

Neither team could pull away in an up-and-down first half that saw 15 lead changes.

The Magic went on a 10-2 run that gave them a 43-40 lead, but it wouldn’t last.

Anthony Parker hit a three-pointer in the waning seconds that helped put the Raptors ahead 55-52 at the half.

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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 slumping New Jersey Devils on Wednesday night.

Crosby 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 vic­to ries leader who will be hon­ored at home during 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 in a 13-second span of the second, making it 5-1.

Brodeur is 22-24-5 with four ties against Pittsburgh.

The Penguins finished 6-1-1 during the longest homestand in franchise history, improving to 13-1-2 since Feb. 25, when they were in danger of missing the playoffs. Now, they are tied with Philadelphia for the fourth spot and home-ice advantage in the first round of the Eastern Conference play­offs.

The Devils were pushing Boston for first place in the con­ference before their slide, which has dropped them three points behind second-place Washington. The Devils have been outscored 22-7 during a slump that caused coach Brent Sutter to tell his players "the foot is down ... enough's enough" during an extended team meeting Tuesday.

Malkin’s goal, his 34th, came on a hard wrist shot from the right circle late in the first with Devils players in front and back of him and gave him a NHL-high 108 points. Some fans in the 18,180 consecutive sellout crowd at Mellon Arena began chanting "MVP, MVP!"

Crosby’s 30th goal was only his second on the power play in 56 games, a deflection of Kris Letang’s shot from the left circle. Crosby also had an assist, giving him 99 points for the season.

The game between division rivals that could meet in the playoffs had the chippiness of a postseason game.

In the first period, the Devils’ Damien Zubrus charged across the ice to attempt to level defensemen Brooks Orpik after Orpik put his stick out and tripped Zubrus as he skated up ice. Orpik drew interference and roughing penalties, and Zubrus was called for roughing.

Crosby and New Jersey’s Bobby Holik exchanged words as the teams left the ice at the end of the second period, and Pittsburgh’s Hal Gill and the Devils’ David Clarkson also got into a verbal exchange. Sutter drew an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

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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 a minute earlier, alone without a defender. Not a jumper, like his unguarded 3-pointer that ended the scoring in the first overtime.

His last long-range shot, on a pass from Paul Pierce, lifted the Boston Celtics to 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 smotherscreen everybody — no 3s and we gave up a 3," Charlotte coach Larry Brown said. "Then we had a good shot at the end.)"

But Raja Bell missed and the buzzer sounded.

The Celtics moved a game ahead of Orlando, which lost to the Miami Heat.

"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 shot from the right corner.

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

The first overtime ended with a 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 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.

Ersnka Okofo’s short bank shot with 46.4 seconds left 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 11.3 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 know it was in my legs."

The Bobcats let another lead slip away when the Celtics sent the game 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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**French Toast 21, Four Girls and Andy 6**

The French Toast girls downed the team formerly known as Enchantée Wednesday in open bracket action.

Enchantée changed their name to Four Guys and A Girl after one of their players, Molly "Prime Minister" McCarthy, shaved her head for the St. Baldrick's Foundation.

French Toast put up a tough fight against their more experienced opponents. Their defense held from the start of the game, but had just run out of the luck by the end of the first half, and carried over into the second.

French Toast had taken some harsh falls in their blind walks, gold sparkle leggings, knee highs, bandanas, and green shirts blazed with "Wet Shots" across their chests in their fight against the ever-professional, yet still entertaining opponents. So entertaining that McCarthy ended up carrying around a French Toast player Kate Toshner on her back, helping her reach the basket and try to make a shot.

Four Girls and A Guy dominated most of the game on both sides of the ball, as all of their players scored multiple times.

"We played our hardest, but Molly [McCarthy] tore it up," French Toast captain Jenny Flagman said. "Also, Sierra [Smith] scored some major points. Tell their future competitors to watch out, and be ready for the return of French Toast next year.

"French Toast clearly came to play, and we'd like to thank them for sharing their orange slices with us," she said. "Good game ballers. See you next year!"

French Toast player Maggie Reagan added: "I hope these girls take it all. They are the bomb-diggity!"

Care Bears 21, Infield Fly 8

In the end, Care Bears, sporting knee-high socks and bathrobes, were no match for Infield Fly and their sweater vests, leggings, and pink polos.

Putting up their best effort, Infield Fly kept throwing up the shots but found nothing but iron. Care Bears didn't retract, holding a 10-point lead for most of the game.

Despite their large lead, the Care Bears still unhappy with their play, calling for each other to return to fundamentals, and they were especially foul and bounces pass.

The Care Bears also didn't prove so caring when they "accidently" knocked a ball into the face of one of their female opponents. She came out unharmed and back into the game pretty fast.

"We really packed the box defense, and I think it worked out," Care Bears' captain Alex Reiner said, "Bounce passes were key. Nothing turns anyone on as much as a good bounce pass or a Care Bear.

Infield Fly took the loss gracefully.

"My team went out with full force and aggression," captain Jenna Zigman said "but we were distracted by the cuddliness of the bears."

Slippery When Wet 21, Marry Me Mary Flynn 37

Covered in baby oil and sporting tiny shorts, Slippery When Wet trailed for the majority of the game, but were able to step up offensively in the last few minutes which led to their victory over Marry Me Mary Flynn.

"It created unmatched team unity," Slippery freshman forward Pat Kissling said of the team's bonding ritual.

"Our defensive excellence throughout the game, Marry Me Mary Flynn made a lead, with some tied scores that they quickly broke out of largely thanks to the abilities of members Jay Williams and Jeff Howard.

Slippery When Wet represented Alumni Hall, while Marry Me Mary Flynn was formed by the men of St. Edward's Hall.

For the majority of the game, Slippery When Wet was trailing by one point, and generated just enough offense to keep up with their opponents.

"It was a tough battle, but we prevailed in the end," freshman Michael Vega said.

Fortunately for the upcoming opponents of Slippery When Wet, the team announced that this was the last game where they will utilize the defensive support of baby oil.

Anne Franks of Lafayette 21, Team Nullset 6

Anne Franks of Lafayette took the lead at the offset, which they were able to easily maintain for the rest of the game, and easily defeated Team Nullset.

"Our team's offensive strategy is through quick ball movement," Anne Franks junior center Doug Hummon said. "We're looking for the open guy who's cutting to the basket, and we're always moving around."

Early on in the match-up, it looked like Team Nullset might have stood a chance against their very strong opponents.

Junior center Dan Mueller lit up the scoreboard with a team high of three because he was the only one to play more than once this week," Nullset freshman forward Michael Johnson said.

The offensive strategy of the Anne Franks quickly took over the court and showed in the final score of the game, 21-6.

"Our strategy was pretty simple," Nullset's forward Kyle Lofitt said. "Pass the ball to the open guy and lay it in." Anne Franks sophomore forward Kyle Lofitt said.

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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 humbly 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 was a great feeling right now," Williams said.

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ter David Casey said.
Notre Dame got two back in the bottom of the frame, starting with Casey scoring junior outfielder David Mills on an RBI single. Senior shortstop Jeremy Barns then drove Tate with one out.

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with one out. Dani Miller reached base by way of a walk, and junior Heather Johnson followed by crushing a ball to left field for a 2 RII home run. But the Irish weren't finished yet, as sophomore Katie Fleury laced a home run to left field with two outs, the third big fly of the inning. Fleury's smash marked only the third time in program history the Irish hit three home runs in a single frame.

Notre Dame's dominance at the plate continued on the mound, as sophomore Judy Valdivia came in relief of Bargar and shut the door in the sixth inning.
Notre Dame recorded a series high 30 total bases and 6 stolen bags.
The Irish return to Big East action on Saturday as they make their push for a playoff berth.

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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 second inning. Toledo left fielder Joe Carpman 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 Justin Battin said.

"It's spring ball right now. The time he spent in practice last week..." Randy Cannon said. "Too bad we lost."

"We usually struggle with the wind when we're visiting Toledo," said Chris Brown, who collected two hits, two RBIs and scored a career-high three runs.

"I'm not going to say that," Courtesy Flush got on the board first, opening up the game with a three-bucket 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 grinning, wind- ing minutes.

"It was a good game. It was a good match up. They were good sports," Chris Brown said. "Too bad we lost."

"Too 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."

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.

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Junior second baseman Ryne Intlekofer fields a groundball during Notre Dame's 11-7 win over Toledo Tuesday. Intlekofer scored two runs in the afternoon.

Football

Defence 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 Randy Jarrett 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 MICHALSKI
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 scored their second and third runs off leadoff homeruns in the fourth and sixth innings by freshman outfielder Kristen Nelson and senior first baseman Katie Rashid.

In the seventh inning, with the Belles leading 3-1, the Belles recorded their second winning streak to seven

ND Softball

Offensive fireworks power ND

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Every softball coach knows that falling victim to the drums of the middle of the season can mean the difference between making the playoffs and watching from the outside. But apparently the Irish couldn't care less, as they put on a big-bang performance en route to an 11-4 victory over Northern Illinois on Wednesday.

The Irish (18-11) started off slow, scoring only two runs through the first three frames. But the lack of offense didn't last long, as the Irish picked up the pace in the middle innings to tally nine unanswered runs against a beleaguered Husky pitching staff.

"We usually struggle with the clock continued to run, slowly. Courtesy Flush's slightly improved offensive play pushed them to a 17-12 lead. However, the increasingly freezing winds seemed to stimulate McLovin look-alike Zenk and his Chris Brown Beat Down compatriots, who went on a 7-3 run. With the