

Thank God It's Friday!

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Today, I'm wearing my lucky GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY sweat shirt for three reasons:

- It's dress-down Friday and sweat shirts are the new shabby-chic fashion
- It's almost St. Paddy's Day and Georgetown logos attract positive attention at most Irish pubs
- My Georgetown basketball team is expected (by me!) to win-it-all during the current March Madness national college tournament with the winning combination of a young coach named John Thompson III and an

inspiring shooter named Patrick Ewing Jr. These names are throwbacks to their respective Dads who made basketball history together in 1984 when John Thompson Senior coached everybody's favorite 7-foot star Center, Patrick Ewing Senior resulting in a national championship for the Hoyas.

But the real reason for my upbeat attitude on this glorious Friday is the GREEN that is sprouting up on Wall Street. The alternative energy "green stocks" have been holding up like champs during the latest market correction giving us more confidence and enthusiasm that investors have finally gotten the message that green is good for investors as well as for the environment.

Dollar-colored green has returned to some battered telecom stocks such as QUALCOMM which has rallied up some 16% year-to-date as an example of a specific countertrend to recent declining stock prices. And we all know that green APPLES simply taste better as our favorite computer stock flirts with the \$90 price level.

We are now 10 weeks into the new year of 2007 and additional green trends are attracting our attention. The consumer staple area is particularly attractive at this time as are many European-based companies profiting from the continuing success of the power created by the European Community banding together for economic aggrandizement. Other consumer icons, such as STARBUCKS, have been pared down to more attractive levels this past month thus warranting our renewed attention. We are monitoring market action to give us a timing signal of how low such a quality stock can go before it screams to be purchased with renewed vigor.

Lately, the greenest pastures of all have been in the bond pits, where bond investors like us are being rewarded for owning high-quality and high-return investments. The *known outcome* of our bonds continues to attract long-term investors to this age-old solid green sector.

Flourishing environmentally-conscious companies, green shamrocks of St. Patrick's Day, the green hillsides of Walnut Creek , and the green growing in your portfolios—we hope these add to your enjoyment of a fantastic weekend. **Go HOYAS!** By: **Jude Bedell**

	March 16, 2007	December 29, 2006	Percentage of Change
DOW JONES	12,110	12,463	- 2.8%
S&P 500	1,387	1,418	-2.2 %
NASDAQ	2,373	2,415	-1.7 %
10-year Bond YIELD	4.55%	4.71%	-3.4 %*
			*When yield goes down, prices go UP.

