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Move over Kelly: Here comes Renee

♦ SMC senior auditions for second installment of "American Idol"

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

Move over Kelly Clarkson, Renee Tern's vying for a spot on "American Idol," Fox's second installment of the hit summer series that is part-reality TV and part-talent search.

The Saint Mary's senior finance major made the preliminary set of auditions held in October in major cities throughout the U.S. She left for Los Angeles Monday for the second phase in which the group of 200 young adults will be narrowed down to 32 during a week of intensive tryouts.

"It was crazy," Tern said of the auditions held in Detroit over fall break. "They said between 10,000 and 12,000 people came. God gave me a little place."

Tern, however, is not the stereotypical "American Idol" contender. The Chicago native, in fact, did not watch the first run of the show nor does she listen to pop music. Tern is unassuming at first glance and her speaking voice has a raspy sound to it. She never had voice lessons and waited until last year to join the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Voices of Harmony.

Students: TCEs could be more resourceful

♦ Evaluations help university and teachers, but work needed to aid students

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
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As the semester draws to a close, students will fill bubbles and answer questions for over 40,000 teacher-course evaluation surveys.

While some students fill out the scan sheet to make a pattern or scribble phrase responses to the short answers, the University uses TCEs in several ways to evaluate the professor and course. It's a measure of a professor's classroom performance. It's a measure of how well students feel they were taught," said Carol Mooney, vice president and associate provost.

"It's designed not simply to measure the professor's performance for tenure purposes but to help them analyze how the professor can improve his teaching style. A TCE drop-off box is located inside of DeBartolo.

Students will fill out over 40,000 TCEs this December. TCEs are important for measuring the professor's performance for tenure and to help them analyze how the professor can improve his teaching style. A TCE drop-off box is located inside of DeBartolo.

CHRISTMAS ON CAMPUS

Holiday spirit can be found all over campus in the form of festive decorations. Above, the Carroll Hall Christmas tree after its ceremonial lighting.

Gator Bowl tickets go on sale

By LAURAN WILLIAMSON
News Writer

It's official — the Irish are Gator Bowl bound. The only question now is how will students get tickets?

Junior John Dee plans on attending the bowl game. "Although I'm very confident we'll be going to another bowl next year, you cannot be too sure," the Colorado native said. "I want to make sure that I go while we've got the chance. I'd hate to graduate without ever having been to a bowl."

On Jan. 1, the Irish will face North Carolina State in Jacksonville, Florida's Alltel Stadium at 12:30 p.m. A student ticket sale will take place Thursday at Gate 10 of the Joyce Center between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Student tickets are for personal use and there is a limit of one ticket per student. Each student may bring up to six student IDs, including their own, when purchasing tickets at Gate 10.
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INSIDE COLUMN

The big O

I was pretty excited a few weeks ago when I signed up for the last Inside Column of the semester. It was almost as exciting as when I got a gorgeous date for my formal. Oy! I figure I just can’t lose. But then I quickly realized that no one reads this article. Ever.

However, what I can promise you is that I’ll spare you any sob stories of my years here at Notre Dame or why my fall break was better than yours. Even though it was. I even won’t talk about the alcohol policy which I can guarantee you will continue to change and parietals which I can promise you will continue to change.

For lack of space I’ll get to the point. There is a negative reputation associated with The Observer for a good number of people. Believe it or not, The Observer is not run by gremlins late into the night. Only part of that statement is true.

Editors, writers, and people that can’t figure out which door really leads to the men’s room spend their time in the basement of South Dining Hall into the early morning. A majority of these people spend six hours or more doing their jobs which often pay nothing. The point is the amount of work poured into every paper is amazing. I have the fortune of escaping hours before some people get to the office at 3 or 4 a.m. in the morning. These people usually have the paper as their first priority with classes and parties a distant second. I don’t mean to say there aren’t a large number of people on this campus that don’t sacrifice for us, especially all those that represent Notre Dame in sports. Maybe it’s just my point to say there is another group that is sometimes overlooked for their sacrifices of a different sort.

Sure, at the same time, there’s a good amount of errors in the paper day in and day out. A lot of the things in the paper might appear to suck, including this article. On a completely different note, we all still lament the fact that there is no more Dining Hall into the early morning. A lot of the people on this campus that don’t sacrifice for us, especially all those that represent Notre Dame in sports. Maybe it’s just my point to say there is another group that is sometimes overlooked for their sacrifices of a different sort.

What’s happening @ ND

Wednesday: UNICEF card and gift sale, Hesburgh Library Concours, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday: National City Bank Excel Awards, McKenna Hall Auditorium, all day.

Wednesday: Remax Continuing Education Seminar, McKenna Hall 210-214, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday: Arts and Letters Holiday Party, McKenna Hall Auditorium, 4 to 7 p.m.

What’s happening @ SMC

Wednesday: Recital Forum-Non-Major Student Recital, Little Theatre, 12 to 1 p.m.

Thursday: Residence Life Brown Bag Luncheon, Welsh Parlor 12 to 1 p.m.

Saturday: ND Glee Club Holiday Cantata, O’Laughlin Auditorium, 5:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Monday: Conservatory of Dance, Regina Dance Studio, 4 to 9 p.m.

What’s cooking

North Dining Hall

Today Lunch: Tortellini with basil cheese sauce, cioppino sauce, blanco pizza, breadsticks, honey-glazed pork chops, white beans with ham, collard greens, cherry crisp, baked lemon perch, vegetable rice pilaf, scrambled eggs, breakfast ham, buttermilk pancake, chicken nuggets, seasoned fries

Today Dinner: Buffalo chicken wings, macaroni and cheese, green beans, cherry crisp, cheddar-baked Pollock, tofu jerf, lentil and barley stew, Oriental vegetables, whole beets, BBQ rib sandwich, seasoned fries, pork fried rice, chicken tamale, festa corn and black beans

South Dining Hall

Today Lunch: Manicotti, cacciatore sauce, chicken fajita pizza, quiche Lorraine, chicken cordon bleu, baked cod, delmonico potatoes, honey-glazed baked ham, Italian risotto, cut green beans, grilled vegetable plate, Secheunan beef and vegetable stir-fry, flame-roasted corn and black beans

Today Dinner: Chicken fajita pizza, rice and black olives, baked chicken parmesan, roast pork tenderloin, sesame-baked pollock, corn cobetteries, Italian beef sandwich, potato skins, onion rings, Oriental shrimp with noodles, wet beef burritos

Saint Mary’s Dining Hall

Today Lunch: Italian loafer, mushroom and garlic pizza, potato bacon chowder, French dip sandwich, rousou with mushrooms, whole green beans, cilantro rice salad, bow tie pasta, broiled herb tomato, Japanese cucumber salad, marinated vegetable salad, chocolate chunk cookie

Today Dinner: French onion soup with cheese, sauerkraut, shepherd’s pie, Caesar chicken breast, Italian meatballs, breaded fried pollock with dill sauce, macaroni and cheese, falafel, tumeric rice, yellow cake with mocha icing, sweet potato pie, chocolate chunk cookie, basic omelet

What’s inside

CAMPUS NEWS

Students donate toys and tales

Circle K and the Management Club are sponsoring the annual Toys and Tales drive to aid local children.

World & Nation

Iraq angered by U.S. control of U.N. report

Iraq accused the U.S. of taking the U.N. copy of Baghdad’s arms declaration to tamper with it.

Business News

Banker picked as new SEC leader

President Bush chose Donaldson as the new leader of the SEC.

Viewpoint

Can we just be friends?

Jacqueline Browder

Vantage point column

Can guarantee you will continue to change after dating.

SporT S

Irish to meet Blue Demons

Garage rock returns to the music scene.

Women’s basketball will meet the DePaul Blue Demons tonight.

Scene

Rocking it out!

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Correction

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and values for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If you have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 or mlutz@nd.edu.

What’s going down

Suspicous signs removed

Unapproved signs posted in Deltatre Hall were removed and given to NDSP on Thursday.

Liquor law violated in Tampa

NDSP identified and transported an intoxicated female student to her hall where she was released to her parent Saturday. The case was referred for administrative review.

Drugs found in Keough

NDSP confiscated marijuana from a room in Keough Hall on Saturday. The case was referred for administrative review.

Driver stopped for DUI

NDSP arrested a visitor for driving while intoxicated and a suspended driver’s license Saturday.

Compiled from the NDSP Crime Blotter.

Local Weather

TODAY: HIGH 45 LOW 28
TOMORROW: HIGH 47 LOW 28
THURSDAY: HIGH 37 LOW 26
FRIDAY: HIGH 31 LOW 27
SATURDAY: HIGH 37 LOW 28
SUNDAY: HIGH 33 LOW 28

Circle K collects tales and toys

By JESSICA DALSING
News Writer

Circle K and the Marketing Club are co-sponsoring the fourth annual Toys and Tales Drive. The drive will be going on from now until Dec. 18.

The aim of the drive is to promote reading within underprivileged children between the ages of two and 13. "I can't imagine what it would be like to be a child on Christmas and not get any presents," senior Jackie Jaskol said. "This is a small thing that we can do to make someonesChristmas a little better." The Marketing Club is co-sponsoring a contest in which will award a prize to the academic class that brings in the most toys and books. "You know that your donation is going to a local program possibly helping one of the children that many of us volunteer with every week," said Elaine Ellis, vice president of service for the Marketing Club.

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Tickets

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10. Only cash and checks will be accepted.

Along with the current students, many alumni will attend the game to support the Irish, said Chuck Lennon, the executive director of the Alumni Association. Lennon, who went with the Alumni Association to every bowl game Notre Dame has played in over the last 22 years, said, "My favorite part of the trip is meeting alumni from all over the world, including Italy, Ireland and Saudi Arabia. It's fun to see the wide-spread support of the team and the coaches, especially this year being Coach Willingham's first year. He and the team have done a great job representing Notre Dame."

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Professors warn of bio-terrorism

• More investment needed to prevent biological attacks

Special to The Observer

The Dec. 7 edition of the scientific journal The Proceedings of the Royal Society of London contains a paper in which a team of University of Notre Dame biologists offer a framework for merging ecology and economics to identify optimal strategies, acceptable risks and the economic consequences of invasive species.

David Lodge and Gary Lambert, professors of biological sciences, and Brian Leung, research associate professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, write that invasive species, which are increasing rapidly worldwide, are a major cause of extinction and are economically expensive, costing the United States alone $137 billion annually. Yet rigorous quantitative risk analysis frameworks for invasive species are lacking.

The researchers present a quantitative bio-economic modeling framework to analyze risks from invasive species to economic activity and the environment.

Lodge coauthored an article in October in the journal Science that suggested a method of identifying invasive species that are likely to become nuisances if introduced in the Great Lakes.

The Royal Society, founded in 1660, is the independent scientific academy of the United Kingdom and is dedicated to promoting excellence in science.

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Physics machinist remembered

By CAITLYN EARLY
News Writer

Frank Rzeszutck, a former machinist from the Notre Dame Physics department, died on Nov. 26 at Memorial Hospital after suffering a heart attack.

Rzeszutck joined the Physical Department in 1969 after he emigrated from Poland, and retired in 1997.

He worked as an instrument maker for 28 years at the University and designed technical equipment for the Physics, Chemistry, and Engineering departments. He created machinery for Brookhaven and Argon National Laboratories.

"Frank was an interesting man, there wasn’t much he couldn’t fix," said Bob Gard, Rzeszutck's co-worker. "I’ve been in this business for over 30 years and worked with lots of different people, and I’ve never seen a man quite as meticulous and as skilled as Frank." When Rzeszutck was not in Newlald Science Hall, he fixed the ovens and coolers at his family’s bakery, Baker’s Dozen Bake Shop in South Bend. He was also an active fundraiser and organizer for a Catholic radio program broadcast out of Poland, known as Radio Marya.

"My dad was a very dedicated and generous man. He was even known to fix professors’ cars in his free time," said his daughter, Lucy Rzeszutck, a junior FFT major at Notre Dame.

The memorial service for Rzeszutck was held Nov. 29 at St. Adalbert’s Church, South Bend and he was buried at St. Joseph’s Cemetery.

Rzeszutck is survived by his wife, Maria and their six children, Tony, Lisa, Margaret, Christopher, Donna and Mary.

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Idol
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Faith Gospel Choir. But Tem has a secret weapon — a rich, captivating singing sound of her voice. When I sing "O Holy Night," the girl next to her began to cry, amazed at the sound of her voice.

Tern said. "I don't know why. I was too worried about what people would think of me. I couldn't hide it for very long. I think it's because God didn't want me to hide it."

Tern reentered the spotlight last year when she joined Voices of Faith. She said she enjoys the opportunity to perform and the friendships that the choir provides.

"I'm doing it. I'm loving it. It's like going to Church," Tern said. "They're really excited about their voice as a gift from God and plans to practice in a corner by herself to avoid a similar incident."

When Tern started college, the girl who had been singing since she could talk stopped performing in public, afraid that people wouldn't be impressed.

"I lost my confidence," she said. "I don't know why. I was too worried about what people would think of me. I couldn't hide it for very long. I think it's because God didn't want me to hide it."

Tern attributes her success to her image "sucked." He said, "I think maybe two people out of every class take them seriously."

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TDCE
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TCE professor applies for renewal, pre- member of the campus community, while other departments use them to evaluate students' abilities. A professor can use the TCE results to improve teaching styles and evaluate their own material. Spanish professor Barbara Connolly said, "It depends how much time students take but when they give specific suggestions then they are helpful."

In spring 2002, the enrollment in TCE-evaluated sections for the University was 40,985 and the overall response rate was 75 percent, according to the 2002 University of Notre Dame Fact Book. The overall response rates for the College of Arts and Letters, School of Architecture, College of Business Administration, College of Engineering and College of Science were 80, 69, 71, 72 and 64 percent, respectively.

Some students wonder how effective the TCEs are. "I think they are worthless," junior Danielle Davis said. "Everyone rushes through them and everyone wants to get out of class. I think maybe two people out of every class take them seriously."

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 Currently, there is some misinformation about professors out there and the current systems — word of mouth and ND Today — are incomplete," said Foley.

Foley said a database would reflect the varied views of students and not just the positive or negative opinions that seem to be posted on ND Today, an independent student-run Web site.

Foley said Harvard, Northwestern and Stanford make their equivalent to TCEs public, and the trend in higher education seems to be moving to making information available to help people.

When Faculty Senate meets in January, Foley said the Student Senate will push to have the TCE issue on their agenda.

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Federal court opposes ruling against death penalty

Associated Press

NEW YORK

A federal appeals court upheld the federal death penalty Tuesday, firmly rejecting a lower court’s conclusion that it was unconstitutional and declaring that only the Supreme Court can change “well-settled” law.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reached deep into history to show that Judge Jed Rakoff, a federal judge in New York, erred in his July ruling that President George W. Bush decided that the cost of lying is too great. The cost of lying now might result in his being destroyed by the armed forces of the international community, he said during a Dec. 5 interview with the French television station France 2. The State Department released the transcription Tuesday.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the U.S. analyses of Iraq’s declaration would be “deliberative” and “careful” in order to “understand what it is that Iraq is purporting to declare, as well as what they have failed to declare.” Two copies of the Iraqi documents were delivered to U.N. headquarters in New York late Sunday, one to the Security Council and the other to the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission.

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OSTOKHOLM

American, Japanese and Swiss scientists won the Nobel Prize in chemistry Wednesday for inventing techniques used to identify and analyze proteins, advances that revolutionized the hunt for new medicines.

The techniques are also proving useful for diagnosing some cancers. John B. Fenn, 85, of Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, and Kiyoshi Tanaka, 43, of Shimadzu Corp. in Kyoto, Japan, will share half of the $1 million prize. The other half of the prize goes to Kurt Wüthrich, 64, a scientist with the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich and the Scripps Research Institute in San Diego.

Because of their work, "chemists can now rapidly and reliably identify what proteins a sample contains," the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said.

"They can also produce threedimensional images of protein molecules in solution. Hence, scientists can both 'see' the proteins and understand how they function in the cells," Fenn and Tanaka produced their breakthrough in the latter half of the 1980s, transforming an analysis technique called mass spectrometry, which lets scientists rapidly identify a substance. Mass spectrometry is used in tests for doping and illegal drugs, for example.

In the 1990s, Wüthrich revolutionized the chemistry of the hunt for proteins in solution. By combining mass spectrometry with protein chemistry, Wüthrich was able to create "mobile particles" used to find and identify proteins in solution. With this technique, scientists can now rapidly and reliably identify what proteins a sample contains.

Former President Jimmy Carter accepts Nobel Prize

Associated Press

OSLO

Former President Jimmy Carter, in Oslo to collect his Nobel Peace Prize, said Monday that his support of President Bush is solid, provided he keeps working toward the United Nations and weapons inspectors for a solution in Iraq.

The former president will accept his Nobel diploma and medal, and give a traditional lecture, at a gala ceremony Tuesday at a theater in the Oslo City Hall. The prize also includes a $1 million cash award.

Carter said at a news conference he supports the stance of President Bush so long as he continues to work for a solution on Iraq through the United Nations.

The debate over Iraq is even more pertinent because gun

BERGE, chairman of Peace Prize committee, said that singling out Carter for the honor should be considered a "kick in the leg" to Bush.

Carter is being honored "for his decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development."

Carter, a Democrat who said he gets along well with the Republican president, urged Bush to support the efforts of international inspectors now searching for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. He also urged Iraq to comply with U.N. demands.

"If Iraq does comply completely with the mandate of the United Nations Security Council ... I see no need for a conflict," Carter said at the Norwegian Nobel Institute. "Otherwise, I think it is quite likely there will be an armed conflict."

Carter said he wasn't surprised by concern in Europe and elsewhere over possible military action in Iraq.

But he dismissed as "foolish" the sentiment that the main U.S. goal is to gain control of Iraq's vast oil reserves.

"There are many sources of oil in the world," he said. "I don't think any reasonable American citizen, certainly not our leaders, would have that as a pre-eminent consideration, just getting oil. We can buy oil ... at a cost must less than invading a country."

Carter said the United Nations is the right forum for countries to solve their differences and called on the United States to work with the body to find a solution in Iraq.

Carter, president from 1977-1981, was selected for this year's prize for his efforts to promote peace during more than two decades, including the 1978 Camp David Agreement for which he narrowly missed winning the prize because he wasn't nominated in time.

"I consider that the Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to me primarily because of the last 20 years of effort by the Carter Center," he said, referring to the Atlanta, Georgia-based center he founded in 1982 that is active in issues involving peace, human rights and health projects in 65 countries.
Bush selects new SEC leader

Investment banker chosen for the job

WASHINGTON

William H. Donaldson, an investment banker who won backing Thursday to Wall Street and the Bush family, was chosen by President Bush on Tuesday as the new chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission. He pledged to work to restore confidence in the markets and corporate America.

At a White House ceremony, Bush said Donaldson's mission would be "to vigorously enforce our nation's laws against corporate corruption and to uphold the highest standards of integrity in the securities markets."

Bush said restoring confidence in the markets was essential to the country's economic well-being. Donaldson said, "It's time for us to pull our socks."

He listed the numerous cases of corporate wrongdoing over the past year and said he would deal with them swiftly.

Arid uncertain markets and a shaky economy, Bush is moving to revamp his economic team in advance of the 2004 election campaign. On Monday, he named railroad executive John Snow to succeed Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill. Still to be named is a replacement for White House economic chief Larry Lindsey who, like O'Neill, has vowed to leave.

Wall Street investment bankers, when Friedman was said to be the leading candidate, but a final decision by Bush is awaiting the resolution of unspecified personal and professional issues that recently cropped up for Friedman.

Bush also is promoting a new tax-cut package, which aides say could cost as much as $300 billion over 10 years, as the White House tries to control political damage from the ailing economy.

Democrats criticized Bush's economic team as well as his policies, and called for SEC Chairman Harvey Pitt's resignation. Pitt quit under pressure last month over his handling of the SEC's response to financial debacles at Enron and other big companies that wiped out investors' retirement savings, cost thousands of jobs and socked pension funds across the country.

Donaldson was chairman of the New York Stock Exchange from 1990-95 and a co-founder of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, a well-known investment banking firm.

His appointment to the SEC requires Senate confirmation.

Democrats and consumer advocates appear to be keeping an open mind on the question of whether a Wall Street figure should be named to police investment firms and corporate America.

Senate Banking Committee Chairman Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., who will lose that position next month when the Republicans regain control of the Senate, said he looked forward to "a thorough confirmation process in which Mr. Donaldson's record will be carefully examined and his views on the challenges facing the SEC fully reviewed."

United holds preparatory talks

A day into its bankruptcy reorganization, United Airlines held preparatory talks with its unions Tuesday on concessions while its CEO began a tour of United's U.S. hubs as part of a campaign to reassure passengers and employees.

The world's No. 2 air carrier stressed it was business as usual for its daily flight operations in the wake of the largest bankruptcy filing in aviation history.

But its financial emergency, including daily losses as high as $22 million, continues despite the protection of U.S. Bankruptcy Court. United move quickly to start addressing top priorities in bankruptcy: customers and cost cuts.

A team of United executives met with financial advisers for its unions in Boston. Company representatives said the meetings were intended to set the stage for broader talks with unions in the coming days about management's plans in bankruptcy. Union officials did not immediately comment.

United needs to make steep labor and other cutsbacks soon to emerge healthy from bankruptcy sometime in 2004 as planned and to keep its $1.5 billion interim financing intact by meeting creditors' periodic benchmarks. But it also needs employees' support for the reductions, since labor turmoil could fatally damage its plans.

"We're trying to continue the consensus and collaborative approach that has been displayed over the last several months," United spokesman Joe Hopkins said of the preparatory talks. Meanwhile, chief executive Glenn Tilton headed west on a tour of United's network at the same time as the airline ran full-page ads in major U.S. newspapers, urging passengers not to give up on United.

IN BRIEF

WorldCom CEO payment criticized

A federal judge on Tuesday criticized WorldCom Inc.'s proposed compensation plan for former CEO Michael Capellas, warning that he could still hand down a multibillion dollar fine if the company doesn't show it is truly "committed to reform."

Manhattan federal court Judge Jed Rakoff issued a four-page memorandum order calling on representatives of the company to come to his court on Dec. 16 to discuss the compensation package.

A WorldCom filing in bankruptcy court said Capellas would be a signaling bonus of $2 million, an annual salary of $1.5 million and a $1.5 million bonus guaranteed in 2003.

Kmart launches new, sexier image

Kmart Corp., known for basic apparel, showed off its next celebrity brand — Latina pop singer Thalia — Tuesday, in a bid to woo trendier customers with sexier, dirtier looks.

The line of clothes, lingerie, accessories and shoes for girls and women, bearing the Thalia label, will make its debut in 800 stores in July 2003. Eventually, the collection will expand to such categories as perfume, jewelry and cosmetics, she said.

"This represents an endless door of options," said Thalia, flanked by Kmart's chairman and chief executive James B. Adamson, at a media briefing.

Northrop Grumman deal approved

Defense giant Northrop Grumman Corp. said Tuesday the Justice Department has given the go-ahead for it to complete its $7.8 billion acquisition of TRW.

Shareholders of Los Angeles-based Northrop Grumman and TRW voted Wednesday on the deal, which would mean an end to the 101-year-old Cleveland company and bring its space electronics business into its former competitor.

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Over 12.5 million watch 'The Sopranos' season finale show

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**NEW YORK**

The complexity of merging two news operations has stalled any CNN/ABC deal, AOL Time Warner Inc. chief executive Richard Parsons said Tuesday.

Parsons, in a speech before the annual UBS Warburg Media Week conference, said such a merger would make good business sense because it would allow ABC to benefit from CNN's international reporting expertise, while CNN could expand its audience via ABC's stations and generally broader reach. CNN is owned by AOL, Time Warner; ABC is owned by Disney.

But figuring out the logistics has been challenging. "We've hit a pause ... because it's very, very complex," Parsons said, adding that both news organizations would want to maintain full control of what appears on their airwaves.

ABC and CNN have been in discussions for months now about a possible merger. Last week, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution quoted CNN chairman Walter Isaacson as saying he and ABC News President David Westin had already worked out how to run their operations if they are merged.

Isaacson said the deal had been delayed as AOL, Time Warner takes care of other issues.

Indeed, Parsons indicated that the media conglomerate's plate remains quite full, as it dealt to buy a waterfront deal to buy a waterfront home and a plot to kill New York boss Carmine — the latter decision leaving fellow co-conspirator Johnny Sack very unhappy.

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"This is a huge number by anyone's standards."—David Baldwin

HBO's executive assistant

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Celebrities mobilized against a possible war in Iraq on Tuesday, gathering to publicize a letter urging President Bush to avoid military action. More than 100 entertainers signed the missive, which says a war with Iraq will "increase the likelihood of terrorist attacks, damage the economy and undermine our moral standing in the world."

"This notion of pre-emptive war is setting a precedent ... and we must ask ourselves, and undermine our moral standing in the world."

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Robert David Hall; and "Ocean's Eleven" co-stars Matt Damon, Don Cheadle, Elliott Gould and Carl Reiner.

B.EM.'s Michael Stipe, Peter Buck and Mike Mills joined fellow musicians Peter Yarrow and Bonnie Raitt.

Bush has threatened military force against Saddam, saying the dictator has amassed weapons of mass destruction that pose a danger to the United States. U.N. weapons inspectors are searching the Middle Eastern country for such devices but have turned up little so far.

Sheeh, who plays the president on "The West Wing," said he believed Bush was eager to go to war with Iraq because he wanted to settle a personal score with Saddam Hussein.

When Bush's father was president, he ended Saddam's invasion of Kuwait but did not eliminate him in the Gulf War. "I think he'd like to hand his father Saddam Hussein's head and win his approval for what happened after the Gulf War. That's my own personal opinion — I don't know if that's true. I hope it's not, but I suspect it is," Sheen said.

Houston back in the spotlight, faces big career test

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Those glory days, however, seem far away. Over the past few years, the singer has been dogged by controversy, from her tumultuous 10-year marriage to bad boy singer Bobby Brown to her missed concert appearances.

She looked so emaciated as a concert for Michael Jackson last year that there were rumors she was dying. And in 2000, Houston was charged with marijuana possession when an airport security guard found the drug in her purse; the misdemeanor count was dismissed when a counselor said Houston did not need treatment for drug abuse.

Brown has a history of drug and alcohol arrests, including an arrest last month in Atlanta on drug and traffic charges.

After years denying drug use, Houston confirmed in an interview last week with Diane Sawyer on ABC's "Primetime Live" that she had used cocaine, marijuana and pills.
As the semester ends, the University will allow students to share their suggestions, complaints, and praises about professors and classes through Teacher Course Evaluations.

Many students, though, will rush through the TCEs merely to get them out of the way, seriously evaluating their instructors and thus either allowing poor teaching practices to continue or neglecting to commend professors for a job well done.

Students, however, are not entirely to blame. They cannot be expected to take TCEs seriously when they do not see significant benefits to completing them.

Students are in the best position to judge the fairness of exams, the professor's ability to communicate with their classes, the thoughtfulness of tests and the overall quality of the professor and class.

But it is evident that the TCEs are not used appropriately. The evaluations may not be perfect, but their imperfections fail to rationalize the University's refusal to release the results.

Students should be allowed to access the statistics compiled from scan sheets, as well as the written responses, which paint a more accurate and complete picture of the course and professor.

Furthermore, making evaluations public would benefit professors by rewarding outstanding teaching. At the same time, less accurate evaluations would bring about improvements to those courses by holding professors more accountable.

TCEs could be much more valuable tools. If the University made the information they received public, students would be better informed when selecting classes.

Students could seek out popular courses and professors instead of accepting teachers' recommendations poorly from their peers.

Once the University begins to make students' opinions public, it could certainly make for improvements, even when our own world feels like it's caught up in a cyclone.

In a few years, there are people who we've shared meals, conversations and an amazing amount of free time with. Getting over them isn't always easy and feelings aren't as easily changed as accepting to the terms that the "Let's be friends" agreement sets for us.

Maybe we can never really just "be friends." although it is possible to maintain a good terms relationship with an ex, if we really make an effort and are honest with them. Things are never going to be the same as they were when we were dating that person and the definition of normal often takes on a different meaning in a post-dating friendship. However, we may not be in Kansas anymore post-dating, but Oz isn't so bad — and the shoes are fabulous.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GOP gains do not suggest dissatisfaction with Democrats

Michael Derocher's Dec. 3 letter, "Democrats act sore losers," is filled with so many errors that it will be impossible to stick to the 150-word limit for letters.

First of all, the media is not libelously biased as Derocher claims. He is incorrect in his assertion that 109 senators were forced to stop applying the word "racist" to affirmative action decisions as a factor for discriminating between college applicants as "racist discrimination. There have been suggestions for a redefinition of the term "racism" if we still acknowledge, as Tona Boyd and Shamus Rohn apparently do, that "all racial discrimination is wrong? I would be interested to know the views of both authors regarding affirmative action, because if discrimination based on race is wrong under all circumstances, then it doesn't follow that all forms of affirmative action are wrong.

It seems to me that if someone supports affirmative action, he or she must believe that discrimination based on race is in fact permissible under certain circumstances. But Boyd and Rohn apparently do not believe this. If "racism" were redefined to account for social factors, it would become impossible to label admissions committees who use race as a factor for discrimination between college applicants as "racist" groups, but it would not stop anyone from labeling their actions as wrong.

If we all agree, as surprisingly it seems we all do, that racial discrimination is always wrong, then would it really make a difference if people were forced to stop applying the word "racist" to affirmative action programs and other institutions and individuals who discriminate based on race, and substitute "racially discriminatory" in its place? I do not think so. While it may seem that what ultimately boils down to the substitution of a two-word label for a one-word label. Of course, I would be interested in hearing any suggestions from anyone who can clarify this matter for me.

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Dec. 10
By MARIA SMITH
Assistant Scene Editor

On December 15, VH1's Big in 2002 award show will hand out prizes for the best groups, artists and shows in a variety of creatively named categories, including the "I Believe I Can Spy" award for best movie spy and the "Rockin' and Rollin'" award for rock artists who have gone on the longest and the strongest. The more unusual "Garage Sale Award" will take a look at a musical movement that has been hailed as a revival of the dying art of rock and roll. The Hives, The Vines, The Strokes, and The White Stripes will compete to be the biggest name in the new to 2002 category of Garage Rock.

Surely, MTV and hit radio stations have been playing a lot of this new sound — or is it an old one? The gritty guitar riffs, rough vocals and unpolished recordings of the new revivalist rock bands are reminiscent of classic rock sounds from the '60s and '70s. All emerging around the same time, with similar sounds and similar names, the groups are easy to confuse not only with each other but with older bands. Names used to be simple and plainer — The Hives, The Vines, The Strokes or The White Stripes could easily fit in with The Kinks, The Doors or The Rolling Stones.

As novel as the whining amps and rough-edged drum beats sound in the midst of synthesizers and teen pop divas, garage rock has a long and sometimes illustrious history. Garage rock was first performed in the '60s by younger people with a lot of energy, if not always a lot of talent. The genre could include a lot of different sounds, but all the bands had a certain straightforward energy in common. Garage rock became popular because it was widely accessible and easy to play. The chords weren't too hard, the lyrics were down to Earth and musicians could be good or bad and still play together.

Though garage rock bands were numerous, few got significant popular exposure at the time. The Kingsmen were the first to introduce garage rock to the popular scene, scoring a hit with their still famous "Louie Louie." Some garage rock groups did gain more lasting fame — The Kinks, The Ramones and The Velvet Underground remain famous today. Bands still use garage rock as a meeting point — "Louie Louie" is played by more cover bands than almost any other song.

While the new garage rock bands have much in common with the original movement, they have a better shot at wide popularity and fame than many of their predecessors. The musicians are more talented, the music is more sophisticated, and their fame has already spread wider and faster than the bands of the '60s and '70s. If the groups are willing to work for a following, they can do big things.

Some rock fans are offended not only by the hype surrounding the garage-rock revival, but by the insinuation that rock could be or needed to be revived at all. But as popular music styles have diversified and sometimes disintegrated in the '80s and '90s, rock and roll has lost its power and drive. Perhaps for loyal fans of old rock movements the groups are merely an imitation of their predecessors. But for many listeners, new or old, garage rock is a breath of fresh air. The sounds may be classic, but certainly not stagnant, and however far back they go are still far ahead of some of today's flashier music trends. A period of Lifehouse, Christina Aguilera and Backstreet Boys could use an infusion of real back-to-basics rock.

With names and sounds so easily confused, are the bands riding to fame on each other's shoulders? Certainly they are more distinctive for what trashy outfits they wore to the last awards show than for the quality of their music. To discriminating listeners, the bands are clearly not copies. They come from different backgrounds and opposite ends of the world, with The Hives and The Vines earning their fame outside U.S. borders before venturing into the states. As The Strokes, The White Stripes, The Vines and The Hives compete for the VH1 award, their particular strengths will come to the forefront.

The Strokes

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The White Stripes

Though The Vines are talented, they have not yet gained as much popularity in the United States as many of their peers. Although “Get Free” won them the award for Best Single in Australia’s Aria Awards, they have been behind in the VH1 polls.

The Vines

Emerging from Sweden in impeccable black suits with shiny white ties and shoes, The Vines sound like a raucous party in full swing. They are best when they are upbeat, rocking at a high tempo with all the energy of old garage rock but more complicated melodies and harmonies. Vocalist Howie Pelle Almqvist, guitarist Vigilante Carlstrom, guitarist Nicholas Olmquist, bassist Matt Destruction and drummer Chris

Dangers of Detroit’s rock scene, the Whites have a darker sound than The Strokes. Their music video for Dead Leaves and the Dirty Ground is characteristically haunting, with ghostly images behind the lyrics: “Soft hair and a velvet tongue. I want to give you what you give to me, and every breath that is in your lungs is a tiny little gift to me.” Whatever else they might be, The White Stripes are not music for the upbeat.

While The White Stripes sound original at their best, their numbers can sometimes drag. Keeping drums and a single electric guitar rocking instead of grazing at a slow tempo proves too difficult on some of the songs off their 2002 release White Blood Cells. The White Stripes fared well at the MTV Video Music Awards, taking away the awards for Breakthrough Video, Best Editing and Best Special Effects for Fell in Love With a Girl. The duo has been ahead in the VH1 poll, and may soon be hailed as the top band in garage rock.

The Vines

Where The Strokes are smooth and the White Stripes are simple, The Vines are dark and complex. The group released Highly Evolved, their first album, in July 2002. Fast tempos, complicated instrumentals and half-tuneless shouting vocals characterize their higher energy numbers like “Get Free” and “Outatheway,” but they’re more diverse than that. The mellow “Maryjane” is reminiscent of the Grateful Dead’s “Rosemary,” well other songs seem to have a bit of Nirvana or even the Beatles thrown in. The title of the album is more than appropriate for such a complicated group. While music that is too basic or too stereotypical can quickly become boring, The Vines remain engaging with time.

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Tuesday's win was the Canadiens' second straight victory and a fourth game-winning streak. They beat Phoenix 4-2 and ended their five-game winning streak against Montreal in Boston, 4-2, with a victory Nov. 29.

The Blackhaws skated to a scoreless first period, as the Islanders wasted a two-man advantage that lasted 1:38. Thibault made both of his seven saves of the period during that stretch. Osgood made a nice stick save on Phil Housley in the first minute of the game, and then along with defensive Kenny Johnson - managed a successful breakaway by Theoren Fleury at 15:15.

The Blackhawks took the lead at 7:52 of the second period when Sullivan, at the top of the crease, tipped Daze's centering pass past Osgood. Hamrlik tied it off a faceoff at 12:51. He cut in from the left point, accepted a pass from Jason Wiemer in the left circle, and whistled a shot that Osgood didn't see. Wiemer's clear-in kicked off the backboards, and Scardina, by the left post, put a backhander in Thibault's pad.

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Snow to resign from Augusta

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WASHINGTON
T reasury Secretary nominee John W. Snow will resign his membership in Augusta National Golf Club, which has been under fire for not allowing women to join.

Snow, chairman of the transportation and railroad conglomerate CSX, was nominated Monday by President Bush and must be confirmed by the Senate.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer told reporters Monday morning before Bush's announcement that such a membership would not be a "disqualification" for a nominee.

Three hours later, Fleischer announced Snow is leaving the club. But, he added: "The president does not judge that to be a disqualifying factor."

White House spokesman Claire Buchan said Snow "is in the process of resigning. It's all part of the process of filling out papers and making courtesy calls."

Augusta National spokesman Glenn Greenspan said the club would have no comment.

"Mr. Snow has done exactly what he should do. No one in the public eye ... should be willing to be identified with sex discrimination," said Martha Burk, head of the National Council of Women's Organizations, which has been leading the fight against Augusta National. "I think he's done exactly the right thing."

She added that Bush should consider potential nominees' club memberships as a factor.

"They would never put forward a candidate of an all-white club and they should never put forward a member of an all-male club," she said.

Last month, former CBS chief executive Thomas H. Wyman resigned from Augusta National after 25 years, calling the club's stand on female members "pigheaded" and saying up to a quarter of its 300 members feel the same way he does. He was the first member to resign in protest.

Augusta National officials took Wyman's resignation in stride and said it would not change the club's position that it will decide when to admit women on its own and that there will be none by the Masters in April.

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Rose may get second chance at glory

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Pete Rose may finally be getting his second chance.

Baseball's career hitter leader could know by the end of the year if baseball will agree to end his lifetime ban — which would make him eligible for the Hall of Fame.

Rose and commissioner Bud Selig met secretly in Milwaukee on Nov. 25 and their lawyers have been exchanging draft proposals that could end the ban, a baseball executive said Tuesday on the condition he not be identified.

A 17-time All-Star and former National League MVP, Rose agreed to the lifetime ban in August 1989 following an investigation of his gambling but has maintained he never bet on baseball. None of the 14 men previously banned for life by the commissioner's office was ever reinstated.

"It's a first hopeful sign," said Cincinnati Mayor Charlie Luken, who wrote twice to Selig last month urging reinstatement. Luken said he spoke to Bob DuPuy, Selig's top aide, on Nov. 27 and DuPuy said he would get back to him in about 30 days.

Baseball wants Rose to admit misdeeds as part of any agreement ending the ban, the executive said. Rose cannot appear on the ballot for the Hall of Fame as long as he is on the permanently ineligible list. Baseball officials already have held meetings to discuss the implications of a possible reinstatement, the executive said.

Selig did not return a telephone call seeking comment and DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, issued a statement that did not confirm or deny the meeting.

Rose's lawyers, S. Gary Spicer and Roger MacKey, did not immediately comment.

Rose took a Delta flight to Milwaukee from Cincinnati on Nov. 24 and chatted with members of Marquette's women's basketball team, which was returning home from a game in Dayton, Ohio, according to the school.

ESPN.com and WXIX-TV in Cincinnati reported Monday night that Selig and Rose had met two weeks ago.

Joe Morgan, a Hall of Fame second baseman who was Rose's teammate on the Big Red Machine teams of the 1970s, has pushed for Selig and Rose to compromise, the executive said.

Morgan spoke about the situation at the World Series, after Rose was given the longest ovation among the stars who appeared in the pregame on-field promotions at Cinergy Field.

"It's a first hopeful sign," said Pete Rose, who applied for reinstatement in September 1997 but has not been ruled on it, saying he hasn't seen a reason to alter the ban. Still, he has twice allowed Rose to participate inpregnate-on-field promotions at World Series games. Other than that, Rose may not be in areas not accessible to fans.

When the Reds asked for permission this year to allow him to appear in the final game at Cinergy Field, Selig turned them down.

"I knew there's been conversations going on," John Allen, the team's chief operating officer, said Tuesday. "It was a difficulty for the Reds to be put in when we requested permission for the final game at Cinergy. We were denied, then two weeks later at the World Series — that was a very difficult situation. Whether that prompted some conversations, I don't know."

Luken wrote to Selig on Nov. 13 and Nov. 20, asking for a meeting on Rose. Lukens wants Rose reinstated in time for the April opening of The Great American Ball Park, the Reds' new home.

"Whatever the crime, time has been served," Lukens wrote. "Whatever agreements were signed years ago are irrelevant today.

Asked about his letters Tuesday, Luken said, "It seemed unfair that Pete Rose was allowed to participate in the World Series but not to come to his home town to participate in ballpark activities.

Rose was investigated by baseball starting in February 1989 while manager of the Reds. John Dowd, who headed the inquiry for commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti, wrote a report that detailed 412 baseball bets between April 8 and July 5, 1987, including 52 on Cincinnati to win. Dowd cited evidence that included betting slips alleged to be in Rose's handwriting, and telephone and bank records.

After a legal challenge, Rose agreed to the lifetime ban Aug. 23. "One of the game's greatest players has engaged in a variety of acts which have stained the game, and he must now live with the consequences of those acts," Giamatti said.

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Maddox won't be warming Steelers' bench

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher held class Tuesday on the subject of what separates good NFL quarterbacks from mediocre ones and, just as significantly, those who play from those who sit. He can only hope Tommy Maddox was sitting at home on his day off. Listening intently and taking notes, Cowher wasn't bench Maddox despite one of the most peculiar days ever by an NFL quarterback during the Steelers' baffling 24-6 loss Sunday to Houston. Maddox effectively threw the offense to a 422-yard day, only to hand the Texans' defense three touchdowns with two interceptions and a fumble.

"It's hard to explain a game like that... in my 23 years in the league as a player and a coach, I've never experienced a game like that," Cowher said.

Still, Cowher made it clear Maddox won't stay on the field Sunday against Carolina (5-6) if he keeps turning the ball over. The Steelers (7-5-1) have eight turnovers in Maddox's last two starts, and are 0-2-1 in his last three starts.

"How do you explain Tommy running and the ball falls out of his hands... the ball falling out of Antwaan Huddle E's hands?" Cowher said. "It's not a lack of effort, but you can't do it. I'm not going to tolerate a continued pattern of that and they understand that."

Perhaps that's why Maddox will sit Sunday, but hasn't been assured he will finish. Kordell Stewart won his two most recent starts while replacing an injured Maddox. "It will be monitored, and we'll go from there," Cowher said.

Cowher seems concerned one of the most bizarre losses in team history might adversely affect the Steelers' confidence and state of mind going into their final three games. They lead Cleveland (7-6) by a half game and Baltimore (6-7) by 1 1/2 games in an AFC North race they figured to have wrapped up by now.

"Oh, there's no doubt," said Cowher, who didn't watch the game tape with his players Monday. "This was a game that can affect your mindset. That's why I didn't want to look at it, and we didn't look at it. It would just make you madder and madder, as it did me.

"We've got to get it out of our minds." Getting rid of the turnovers might be more difficult. Maddox may have become too willing to gamble during his recent run of big-yardage games and, Cowher said, might be pressing to get big yardage when he should accept an incomplete or a short gain.

"You feel like you can get past the line there, but there's a fine line and you have to be smart and know whom you're playing against," Cowher said in a reference to Texans cornerback Aaron Glenn, who scored twice off Maddox-thrown interceptions.

Those were the kind of mistakes that a quarterback can get away with in the high-scoring Arena League, where Maddox rebuilt his game a couple of years ago, but not in the NFL.

"You don't want to take away from a guy's decisiveness or a guy's confidence, but at the same time you've got to be smart," Cowher said. "That's what separates the good ones from guys who keep making the same mistakes over and over.

"The other day, where the ball falls out of his hands? Just put the ball away and recognize on (third-and-15) you're going to punt. It's not a problem. You're going to have interceptions, but you can't continue to make bad decisions that put your team in situations they can't overcome.

"The more he plays, the more experience he gathers and, hopefully, he'll learn from it."

Meanwhile, left tackle Wayne Gandy is wearing a protection boot on his injured calf and is listed as questionable, as are wide receiver Ines Ward (hamstring) and linebacker James Farrior (sternum).

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Police allegedly toasted Iverson felony

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

A former hotel security guard said he overheard a police detective make a toast to Allen Iverson’s "next felony" last summer, days before the NBA star was charged with threatening two men with a gun.

Wesley Gregg told Iverson’s lawyers he was working a late-evening shift at a Philadelphia hotel July 8 when he spotted the lead detective in the investigation dining with other officers at the hotel’s bar and heard him boast "he is going down" when a news story about the 76ers player appeared on TV.

When the detectives got up to leave, Lt. Michael Chitwood made a toast: "This is for Iverson’s next felony," Gregg said in a signed statement he gave Iverson’s attorneys on July 24.

The lawyers never used the statement in court.

Prosecutors dropped all charges against Iverson after the two men he was accused of threatening said they were unwilling to testify.

But the tale was passed along to Iverson, who no longer works at the hotel, were not immediately successful. Iverson, one of the league’s most popular players, was unavailable for comment Wednesday.

"I’ve heard about police officers toasting to Allen Iverson’s next felony conviction."

Allen Iverson

76ers guard

Chitwood, a decorated officer well known in the city for his involvement in high-profile cases, did not immediately return a phone call Tuesday. He told the Daily News he was at a steak house in the Sheraton on the night in question, but denied making a toast involving Iverson.

"It’s positively, undeniably false," he said.

Attempts to locate Gregg, who no longer works at the hotel, were unsuccessful.

Iverson, one of the league’s most popular players, was unavailable for comment Tuesday.

Police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson defended the department’s handling of the case and said any suggestion that officers may have been overzealous is false.

"As far as I am concerned, it is over. I am not going to do another investigation on Chitwood or anyone," he said.

"Hypothetically, even if true, it didn’t involve any sort of violation of the law, or police rule or procedure," Johnson said. "He is off duty. He has First Amendment rights, just like anyone else has."

A hotel security guard alleged that a police detective proposed a toast to 76ers guard Allen Iverson, pictured above, after he was charged with threatening two men with a gun.

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Franck joins 15 hall of fame inductees

Associated Press

NEW YORK — George "Sonny" Franck never thought he'd live to see this day. The former All-America tailback from Minnesota in 1938-40 didn't know whether he would ever make the College Football Hall of Fame — despite accomplishments with the Golden Gophers.

"I thought maybe I'd die first," Franck said. He's still alive.

The 84-year-old Franck is one of 15 former greats set to be inducted into the Hall of Fame on Tuesday night. The other players are Auburn split end Terry Beasley, Princeton running back Cosmo Jacacciari, Arizona State quarterback Pat Tillman, Southern California safety Ronnie Lott, Pittsburgh quarterback Dan Marino, Navy tailback Napoleon McCallum, Michigan offensive tackle Greg McKinney, Georgia Tech defensive back Randy Nixon, Texas offensive tackle Kerrie Shore, Kansas State linebacker Gary Spaulding, Iowa tailback and punter Reggie Biggins and Missouri right end Kellen Winslow.

"This is just a dream," Franck said. "I've been dreaming about making the Hall of Fame my whole life."

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Associated Press

DETROIT — Sacramento Kings star Chris Webber's federal perjury trial can wait until after the NBA season ends, a federal judge ruled.

Webber, father M. Webber Jr. and aunt Charlene Johnson are charged with obstruction of justice and perjury. They are accused of lying in a federal grand jury about their dealings with ex-University of Michigan basketball booster Eddie Martin.

Martin says he gave $616,000 to Webber and four other Wolverines players while they were amateurs. Martin, who pleaded guilty to illegal gambling, said he gave Webber and his family $280,000.


Edmunds initially suggested the trial be held in May or June, before agreeing to a request from Webber's lawyer, Stephen Fishman, to set it after the NBA playoffs end in June.

"There is no reason I can think of," said Fishman, to delay the trial before the Webber family's trial.

Edmunds said the court would hard press to hold this trial before July 12.

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NBA Webber trial set after season

Webber has denied taking all but $280,000 of money from Martin. He testified before the grand jury in August 2000 that he took money from Martin in high school, but could not remember if he took money in college.

His father also admitted taking gifts from Martin when he balanced against the federal law that bars the disclosure of the indictment on a variety of grounds.

The next hearing in the Webber case is Feb. 5 for defense motions seeking the dismissal of the indictment.

On Nov. 7, the university punished its men's basketball program for the NCAA rule violations linked to Martin. It said it would prohibit the team from playing in either the NCAA tournament or the NIT after the upcoming season.

The team also forfeited 112 regular-season and tournament victories from five seasons.
AROUND THE NATION

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Coach Frank Franchise was not ready to roll for some Alabama fans.

More than 4,000 bobblehead dolls of former Alabama coach Dennis Franchise, who left abruptly for Texas A&M last week, remain unsold.

Joseph Turney, president of Yell Crew, the Crimson Tide’s football fan association, says some students are getting the little statues and breaking them.

"They don't have a lot of sentimental value anymore," said Turner. "My girlfriend and I are going to get a little rope and hang it down from the side of her balcony with a sign that says, 'Sell out.'"

Eleven thousand Coach Franchise bobblehead dolls with a white shirt were given out and sold as part of a fast-food restaurant promotion. Another 5,000 dolls, with Crimson Tide red shirts, were bought by the university for this fall for sale as part of a limited edition series.

Only a couple hundred bobbleheads, leaving university officials looking for new options now that Franchise has left and is viewed by some fans in a negative light for not telling his players in person about his decision to leave.

Paul Boos, director of the university's Office of Student Media, said the office was offered 4,000 of the dolls at $3 apiece, but the university withdrew the idea and the office decided against it, too.

"We considered all sorts of things, like giving people a driver, yelling 'Hail! and letting them toss them off on five buck lots, but we had a couple of reservations about it," he told the Birmingham Post-Herald in a story Tuesday.

He said the student newspaper, The Crimson-White, has finished publishing for the semester, making bobblehead tossing harder to promote.

"And it might come across as being too mean-spirited," Boos said.

One thousand of the dolls are being auctioned on one of the university's Web sites, www.rolltideauction.com, but interest has been minimal. Alabama officials have even asked Texas A&M's marketing department about buying some of the dolls, but eventually all dolls still around will probably be destroyed.

Dallan Hopper, director of the university's athletic marketing department, said that might make a winner of those who got a red-shirted Coach Franchise bobblehead.

IN BRIEF

Bulger to start for the Rams on Sunday

Marc Bulger received medical clearance to play Sunday as the St. Louis Rams’ quarterback carousel turned again.

Bulger, who was at quarterback for all five Rams victories this season, has been out since Nov. 18 with a sprained ligament between his index and third finger. He’s made progress the last several days and will replace Jamie Martin, who was ineffective in Sunday’s 49-10 loss at Kansas City, for this week's game against the Cardinals.

Bulger has a 106.0 passer rating, which would lead the NFL by a wide margin if he had enough attempts to qualify. He has 12 touchdown passes and two interceptions and played well in the first game against the Cardinals.

In a 27-14 victory Nov. 3 in Phoenix, Bulger was 20-for-29 for 245 yards with two touchdown passes and two interceptions.

Martin lost a fumble that was returned for a touchdown and threw two interceptions in his third career start. Coach Mike Martz indicated some of Martin’s problems were due to inactivity.

Vince Carter out two weeks with knee injury

Vince Carter of the Toronto Raptors will miss two weeks with a strained right knee after colliding with a teammate during practice on Tuesday.

Carter missed 10 games earlier this season because of an injured left knee. The latest injury was diagnosed as a mild strain of his patella tendon.

The All-Star guard has averaged 19.2 points in 10 games.

Forward Antonio Davis also didn’t make the trip to Cleveland for Wednesday’s game because of a swollen right knee. Davis, averaging 13.5 points and 8.3 rebounds, left a game against Chicago on Friday night in the second quarter with the injury and didn’t return. He missed Sunday’s game against Portland.

The Raptors, who have lost nine of their last 12 games, have been undermanned all season, and are still without Lamond Murray, Eric Montross and Mamadou N’diaye.

Lindsey Hunter is expected to return on Wednesday night after missing 11 games with an injured right knee.

Playstation named new sponsor of Rose Bowl

Sony PlayStation has replaced AT&T as the sponsor of the Rose Bowl.

Monday’s announcement came nearly eight months after AT&T said it would not be renewing its contract, leaving the nation’s oldest bowl without a major corporate backer.

Washington State will play Oklahoma at the Rose Bowl on New Year’s Day.

around the dial

NBA BASKETBALL

Trail Blazers at Nets 7 p.m., ESPN

NHL HOCKEY

Blackhawks at Rangers 8 p.m., FOXCH

WOMEN’S NCAA BASKETBALL

Notre Dame at DePaul 8:30 p.m., WHME
Demons
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victory.

The road wins have been a vast improvement from a year ago when it took Notre Dame until Feb. 3 to get their third road win. McGraw said the team has already gotten over that hump this season.

"I think we're over the hurdle of winning on the road," McGraw said. "I think we've proven that and we've played well on the road. So I think now its just going to be a question of just looking at each game and come out and play hard. That's all were worried about. It's not the wins or losses at this time, its whether or not we're improving."

After DePaul, Notre Dame will play its second home game of the regular season when they face Temple Dec. 14 at 1 p.m. The Irish then have two more home games before traveling to Tennessee Dec. 28.

The Vols beat Notre Dame in the second round of the NCAA tournament last season.

Note:
With their 4-0 start, the women's basketball team is ranked eighth in the Associated Press poll, joining the Irish mens team in the Top 10.

Nakamura's American agent, also was at Tuesday's meeting, was Mets senior assistant general manager Jim Duquette. "It was a good exchange of information," McAleenan said.

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Major League Baseball
Nakamura meets with Mets' Phillips

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Free-agent third baseman Northtiro Nakamura met Tuesday with New York Mets general manager Steve Phillips, who is seeking a replacement for Edgardo Alfonzo.

"We had a good meeting. We got to know each other," Phillips said after the session at Shea Stadium.

"I told him we'd be back to him in a couple of days. The player is going to Japan tomorrow. He's got to assess what he wants to do. He has decisions to make."

Nakamura hit .294 with 42 homers and 115 RBIs last season for the Buffaloes, Yomiuri Giants and Hanshin Tigers.

Nakamura visited Los Angeles and New York during his trip to the United States. He brought along Masami Shigeta, his Japanese agent, Greg McAleenan,

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Horoscope: You have a lot of energy and enthusiasm today. You're likely to be very productive and accomplish a lot. You may want to take on a new project or start a new endeavor. You're likely to be very successful. You may also want to take a break and relax. You're likely to enjoy your free time.

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Irish try to freeze out Blue Demons tonight

By JOE HETTLER

The Associated Sports Editor

To say DePaul likes to shoot 3-pointers is more than a
slight understatement — especially considering that Blue
Demon guard Ashley Luke has shot 55 percent, while Notre
Dame has only attempted 30 3-pointers as a team.

Stopping the DePaul's outside shooting will be the
major challenge for the Irish.

Wednesday night at the DePaul Athletic Center when
they face the 5-2 Blue Demons.

Notre Dame (4-0) will be going for its fourth straight road victory of the season.

"They're a very good 3-point shooting team, it's going to be a real challenge for our defense," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "It's going to be a real challenge for our defense. We haven't faced a team with this talent in a perimeter game."

Muffet McGraw

Irish coach

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Luke leads DePaul with a team-high 11.5 points per game, while teammate Sarah Kustok has averaged 11.3 points per game.

Sophomore guard Jenni Danti leads the Blue Demons in scoring and minutes played averaging 13.1 points per game and checking 28 minutes per contest. She was also named to the All-Tournament team when DePaul played in the Rainbow Wahine Classic.

However, the Irish counter with an array of scorers. Notre Dame has all five starters, including three sophomores averaging double figures in scoring, led by Jacqueline Batteast's 17.5 points per game. The Irish have also shot 50 percent or better from the field in all four games this season.

"We have great balance," McGraw said. "I think seven people are capable of leading the team in scoring, so we really expect at least five of them to double figures every game."

Notre Dame has been the play of Katy Fleck, who's 14.5 points per game is nearly three times her production last year. Additionally, fellow sophomore Teresa Burton has averaged 12.5 points, while last year's leading scorer, Alicia Rayay has added 12.5 points per outing.

Notre Dame is also finishing up a four-game road trip that saw the Irish defeat USC, Valparaiso and Arizona State.

The Irish defense completely shut down the high-powered Sun Devil offense Saturday, as Notre Dame held Arizona State to only 16 first half points, en route to a 81-52 win.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

The Belles would love to avenge last season's 73-54 loss to the Leafs. The Irish close out its four-game road trip at DePaul tonight.

FOOTBALL

Gator Bowl

Jan. 1, 12:30 p.m.

The Observer will publish a special 12-page issue on Monday previewing Notre Dame's first trip to the Gator Bowl since 1998.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Lawyers for both Pete Rose and Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig are exchanging drafts that could possibly end Rose's lifetime ban from the sport, thus making him eligible for entry into the Hall of Fame.

MENS BASKETBALL

Irish vs. DePaul

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

The time of Saturday's game is different from the time listed on the tickets for the game. The correct time (5:00 p.m., rather than 7:30 p.m.) is published above.

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