

# PLAY MONEY: WALL STREET WANNABEES GET THEIR SHARES

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There may be some wealthy students, maybe even millionaires, walking around campuses nationwide.

Wheeling and dealing on the New York Stock Exchange is the source of fortune for many of them. But while the money may not be real, the experience is.

For the third year, the AT&T Collegiate Investment Challenge is offering college students, as well as their professors, an opportunity to take part in a stock market competition that successfully mixes the seriousness of learning with the fun of winning.

The four-month competition began Nov. 1, with each participant paying

a \$49.95 entry fee to possess a \$500,000 fictitious trading account. Last year's winner, Doris Anne Wart, a Louisiana State U. graduate student, turned her starting portfolio into \$1,248,559.

Each individual must keep up with the market — which stocks are hot and which ones aren't. Game participants phone in their transactions on an 800 service number and receive monthly statements listing the trading activity. Brokers on the phone system give up-to-the-minute stock prices.

With the broker's assistance, each student tries to build an account high enough to win real money, such as a

\$25,000 scholarship check or a trip to the Bahamas. The competitors have until Feb. 28 to perfect their strategies and portfolios.

Michigan State U. finance student Bobby Rahman said the game offers an accurate portrayal of real-world dealings. He added, "If you want to take a risk, take it. If it is real money, that changes people's lives." In this situation, however, the players don't have too much to lose.

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## No place for a woman?

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Last fall's locker room incident involving a female *Boston Herald* reporter and several pro football players, and a subsequent National Football League ruling, is affecting collegiate athletics.

Now collegiate athletic organizations are examining their equal access policies for reporters, which allow both female and male reporters to enter the locker rooms and interview players.

The NFL ruled in favor of Olson, fining the players and team a combined total of \$72,000.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association allows open locker rooms for major college football bowl games and men's basketball tournaments, like the Final Four, but does not specify rules for regular season interviewing.

Here are stances some schools have:

- Under a new policy at the U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, the UNC football locker room is closed to all reporters until players are dressed. The policy was formed following the school's refusal to allow a female reporter from the campus paper to conduct post-game interviews in the locker room.

- The U. of Texas and Texas A&M U. have special rooms where reporters — both male and female — can interview players after they've showered and changed.

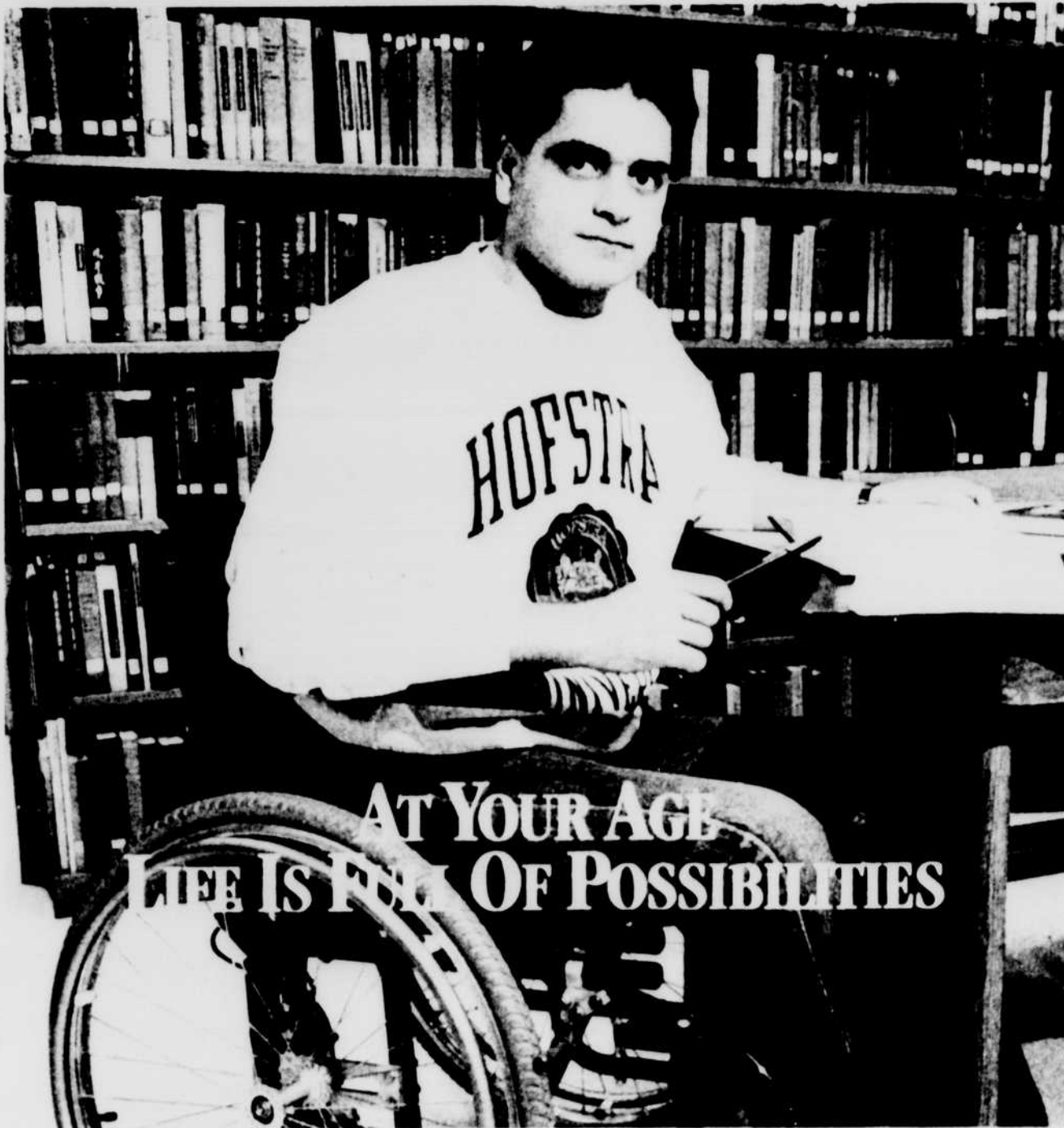
- Rice U. Sports Information Director Bill Cousins said Rice's policy is to hold an open locker room for 20 minutes after a game. During the week, the athletic facilities are closed to all media.

- The U. of Houston doesn't allow women reporters in male locker rooms. Sports Information Director Ted Nance said, "We don't allow men in women's locker rooms, either."

The policy at UH is beneficial to the female reporters, Nance said, because female reporters get to interview players individually.

In UH's first game, inside receiver Marmy Hazard was hurt. He dressed quickly, and the only one that talked to him was a female reporter, Nance said.

"We might end up closing the locker room altogether and bring out the players for interviews," Nance said.



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