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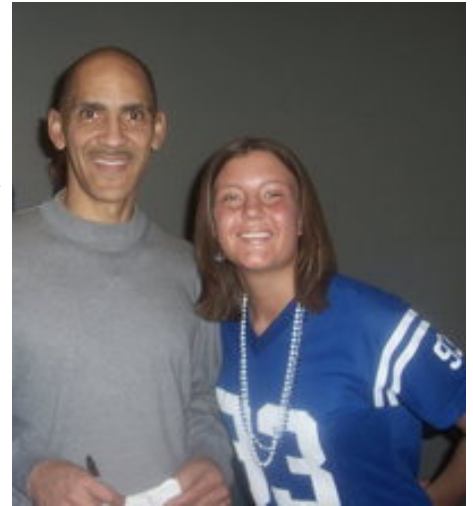
CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

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Dear «Greeting»,

The Indianapolis Colts are one of the best teams in the National Football League. They have a high powered offense and a young, tough defense. They have been a perennial playoff team over the past few years. Much of their success has been attributed to their head coach. Tony Dungy has been the coach of the Colts for the past five years and has brought great success in the win column, but he has brought much more than that. The Colts are known as a team of great character and they are a *team*, in the truest sense of the word. The character and qualities that Tony Dungy has brought to Indianapolis has captured the heart of the whole state. He is loved and respected by everyone who knows him. He receives 1,500 - 2,000 requests to speak each year, but he only accepts 15-20. On March 16th Tony came and spoke to the students of Ball State. Eric Knodel, an Athletes in Action staff member, and co-worker with us, had been inviting Tony to come ever since he arrived in Indianapolis five years ago.



One of our CRU students with Tony Dungy

Tony is an outspoken Christian and has a great desire to see college students grow in their relationship with God during their college years. He spoke from personal experience by sharing with the students that after becoming a Christian at a young age there were times in his life, during college especially, when he put his relationship with God on hold. Many college students at Ball State can relate to what Tony shared. The typical Ball State student has grown up going to church and knows about God and Christianity. College, for them, is an escape from the rules, from church, and from parents. It is a four year time in their life when they can live fully and solely for themselves. Unfortunately, college is such an influential time in a person's life that the way they live in college often transfers into life after college.

Tony's encouragement was to put God number one in your life. Give him the rightful spot in your heart. Because of his reputation and great success in professional football there was a great response from his talk. Two thousand students came to hear him speak and afterwards we collected nearly 700 comment cards expressing interest in hearing more about what faith in God looks like.

Thank you for your prayers for this outreach. God orchestrated this event perfectly. Please pray with us now as we begin to follow up with these 700 students and talk with them further about knowing Christ.

What's coming up...

- *End of the year social.* Pray for many students to come and bring their non-Christian friends.
- *Honoring the graduating seniors.* Pray that the seniors would leave Ball State ready to be life-time laborers for Christ wherever they go.
- *Sending students into the summer.* Pray that all CRU students would grow closer to Christ this summer whether they are at home or on summer project.

Thank you for all of your prayers for us. We are doing well and love ministering with you!

Trusting the Lord to move,

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