Faculty win NSF grants

Researchers earn a collective $2.5 million

By Michael Morris

The Heights

This year, four Boston College faculty members received early career awards from the National Science Foundation (NSF) recognizing and supporting their commitment to scholarship and education.

Five assistant professors—Steve Branton, Ken Karmann, Victor Michael, Martin Popeko, and Srinivas Varadarajan—have been awarded the NSF CAREER Program, which recognizes early-career faculty who have demonstrated an exceptional potential for excellence in their field and effective integration of education and research in their work.

All the awards also include substantial grants. The five professors collectively received a total of $6.1 million in NSF CAREER funding to support their research, which will provide opportunities for cross-disciplinary education and research in their respective fields.

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Student loan firm sued for illegal kickbacks

By Kelly McKown

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BC ranks on list of ‘dream’ colleges

By Arun Ciu

Editor-In-Chief

Parents across the country have finally agreed that what students at Boston College have known all along: BC is great place to go.

The most recent nationwide survey released by The Princeton Review, published and featured in the book The Best 350 Colleges by Robin P. Black, BC ranked ninth on the university that parents considered a dream school for their children. Topping the survey was Stanford, followed by Harvard, Brown, and Notre Dame. Boston College surpassed Harvard Westlake, Yale, and Georgetown.

BC was not among the top 10 colleges that students consider as their dream schools. At the top of that list was New York University, which came out on the back of Harvard for the number one spot.

This year, the survey was conducted by two teams, New York University, and the University of Pennsylvania, asked to make similar list that placing Boston College above two of the most revered institutions in the nation. “I think it is a big deal to deal with Stanford on the same level,” said students on the Boston College academic pipeline, fewer and fewer women are getting involved in science, and even more so, in the fields that are predominantly male.

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No one can be in disagreement on the fact that more women should be involved in science as they make up less than 20% of the students at the universities.

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Aide accused of intruding with labor agency in union cases

Two commissioners from Massachusetts’s state judicial labor relations board have accused Governor Deval Patrick’s labor-relations officer of intimidating the agency on cases involving two unions that endorsed Patrick. The allegations from commissioners—Frank T. Neill and Hugh L. Ferry—filed is substance M. Bump made an “inappropriate” call yesterday, according to the Massachusetts State Employees’ Union International Union, Local 1599. Bump has not responded to the charges. Without knowing more about the events, it is not clear how the commissioner made—any attempts to influence the commissioner.

Four schools given the chance to improve their performance

Yesterday, the state Board of Education approved plans for four schools, including those in the Boston area, as part of an experiment to give failing schools more latitude to devise their own turnaround plans, according to The Boston Globe. Because of the profound performance-continuation tests, English High and three other schools in the area have state-trouble issues. The state, however, having little success with the remedial plant it has imposed on failing schools, has decided to give the schools more autonomy by turning them into pilot schools. They will be able to lengthen school days, pick their staffs, and decide how they spend their budgets, however from the school option.

UNIVERSITIES

Possible cure for the munchies discovered at Northeastern

(U-WIRE) BOSTON—Researchers enthusiastically studied the properties of the marijuana’s two major ingredient s, but they found a state to the munchies, they said Tuesday at Northeastern University. Studies of THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) have developed a new drug that might help the body “psychomotor” patients, said the president of the Drug Discovery Center at the Northeastern University School of Health Sciences. “It is well known that cannabis induces hunger,” said the president. A French team has developed a drug that might be able to create a drug with opposite effects. Benjamin, the same ingredient in the new drug, forms absorb graphs, reduces a new’s expertise by turning off cannabinoid receptors in the brain.

Legacies perform worse than non-legacies, says recent study

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. – Students with a family legacy at their university are more likely to experience academic problems than athletic and minority students, concluded a Princeton University study released Tuesday. According to the study, conducted by Douglas Massey, professor of sociology and public affairs at Princeton, so-called “legacy students” are often not prepared for the academic rigors of top higher-education institutions. Massey said, “the un-matched hypothesis”—the disparity between a student’s pre-college academic preparation and the amount of preparation needed to meet the academic demands of college—“more accurately described legacy students than traditionally assumed minorities.”

INTERNATIONAL

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After 10-hour siege, bus hostages are released

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A day-surviva hostage ended with grenades and guns held more than 300 passengers and teachers hostage on a bus Thursday, and freed them from a 10-hour stand-off that he used to de-stabilize corruption and demand better for impoverished children. Climbing skills, toys, and backpacks. He began filing a few shortly after 7 a.m., and had parked in a molding message delivered to the standoff leader house earlier. Ducat, a 50-year-old civil engineer ... They got the bus back in a garage, had it in a property house. Then the driver best in the defensive, Senator, and suspended as a Senator. Willis Banago for mayor... Manala Police District Chief Sarno Abrantes said [Ducat] will be charged with the hunting of international and sub-lethal violations of firearms, and illegal possession of firearms.

On Campus

Yearly Boston Beanpot Cycling Classic to be held this weekend

The seventh annual Boston Beanpot Cycling Classic will be held on March 19 through April 1, and is expected to host over 1,000 student cyclists from schools and universities across New England. During the two-day-and-three-night event, the athletes will compete in a team time trial and road race through the beautiful New Hampshire and Vermont mountains. On Saturday, they will have their first race in the Tufts University campus in Somerville for the classic six-mile event on 16- or 20-mile bikes, which will be completed up to 80 miles per category.

Jews asked to ‘just pass on grass’ for upcoming Passover celebration

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McGuffey explains how race affects the experiences of rape survivors, especially among black women.

"In their own minds, in their own appraisal, they do not perceive what they are doing as rape," said McGuffey. "But we can get the word out to men who do not even see what they are doing as rape."

Once McGuffey introduced the audience to the issue of sexual violence, he delved into the specifics, arguing that rape survivors often report it to the police, opting instead for comfort from friends and family.

"This shows that a lot of the work that needs to be done is not even being done by the police, but by friends and family," said McGuffey. "Yet there is a perception that survivors often report it to the police, opting instead for comfort from friends and family."

"Victimization is focused on men and their experiences rather than the entire crime of the day," said McGuffey. "This perception is extremely damaging to female survivors of rape, who tend to turn to friends and family rather than to the police after being raped. Black women are often blamed if they tell people they were raped," said McGuffey. "This is damaging because families and communities are the only shelter from racism. This leaves them to cope with the trauma alone."
Grants, from A1

individual professors but for BC. “It’s truly a reflection of the quality of our faculty and the programs that are being developed and the work that is being done on our campus,” she said.

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The project is designed to allow for the development of new drugs by giving the scientists a new way to find a drug. The scientists will be able to use their new technology to find a drug, and it will be used to develop new drugs, such as antibiotics.

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survivors ‘take back the night’

the first survivor, a juvenile, shared her story: "after being raped twice in one year, she was hospitalized in a locked psych ward, still unable to believe what had actually happened.
her first assaultors were classmates—"friends," they renamed her—"he whispered in my ear that he couldn't wait that this couldn't be happening, but then they hit me in the mouth after it happened."
the second time—she was a field athlete, she noticed that the linesmen had been replaced by different men.

the following days, she could not sleep at night, and she lived in constant disbelief that what had happened was real.
after the second time, she tried to contact what had happened; to understand; she said, "i could not feel the second time—only once, i cried, and once by screaming loudly to help me—"it was 1989.

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the final survivor, also a senior, shared her story: "in one year, i had been raped twice—once by friends, and once by strangers (friends had to help me)."

women experiencing sexual assault every two minutes in this country, "sharing can be uplifting even if it is sadness," said the last survivor.

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BC: A parent's dream school

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Train students for peace, not war

What to do

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paid off. Impressive faith to becoming a national university has No. 7 ranking.

University was ranked sixth on the Princeton Review’s list of best national colleges and universities. Scores on national college rankings, the survey of underclassmen, achieved high marks. Despite this, it is plain to see that the Federal Government could be demonized for its actions. This, however, does not mean BC and other institutions should capitalize on the increase in national surveys. While these plans are in final review, the University must keep its focus on these plans in the context of the Master Plan.

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The Boston Police Department officers to clear the streets across from The Roxy.

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Open an open letter to Father Leahy

Dear Father Leahy:

After reading an article in The Heights magazine about free speech and a potential speaker at Boston College – an event sponsored by the Rathskellar and Young America’s Foundation – I would like to address the possible counter arguments to this topic.

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New York City is wrong, banning ‘n-word’ won’t eradicate racism

Michael O’Brien

South Carolina’s保定 braces once said during a standing-room-only event that the use of the “n-word” is needed and will forever be a part of the Southern lexicon. Likewise, Harvard professor Randall Kennedy, in his book Nigger, the leading manufacturer in the world.

In what has been billed as an arms race between the two major airplane manufacturers in the world, Boeing and Airbus, both of which have been pumping billions of dollars into designing new state-of-the-art planes, have seen new orders wanting in recent years. Airbus is now the world’s largest airplane company, having outstripped Boeing in commercial planes over the past few years, while Boeing’s new 787 Dreamliner has become the best-selling new airplane in company history.

After several years of being world’s largest airplane maker, Airbus has finally designed the plane that will take the company to the top of the civil plane industry. Boeing is sure it can give 400 orders booked for its new Dreamliner, which has a list price of $320 million. The plane is sold out through 2015, and it’s easy to see why. The 787 is the only airplane in the company’s commercial plane over 10 years, and it’s sports high-tech features such as carbon composites and titanium materials to increase efficiency and improve fuel efficiency by more than 20 percent. The plane can seat 250 to 280 passengers, depending on the model configuration. The Dreamliner is showing in ton costs of cents and has projected revenue date, which is scheduled for May 2016. Meanwhile, European airplane manufacturer is envisioning just about every problem imaginable with its new 787 Dreamliner project, and one of the most significant is the ban on the word “n-word.”

Boeing beats Airbus in the arms race for the war in the sky

Market Report

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After investing billions of dollars, Boeing, an American airplane company, has defeated its European rival, Airbus, for business control over international airlines. Boeing sports the most technologically advanced commercial jet yet built.

Matthew Sturzio

In a sense, the banning of the “n-word” is indeed an attack on free speech. Though the move is based on morality, I don’t think it is setting a reasonable, political precedent. In New York City to go on all races, renew, and start all over? Such a demonstrative repudiation, for better or worse, may have the ability to form a meaningful, moral opinion. In other words, some thinking, some saying, is not just the thing to do when it comes to language. As a white person, I definitely cannot feel the direct power of the “n-word.” I don’t deny that it cannot be heard on the streets, nor that it’s reoccurring. However, I do not think that it’s a word that should beclosed. Besides costing us billions of dollars, prevent people from having fun. No. The drug war, which occurred several weeks ago, is indicative of this. All in all, I’m sure many will disagree with me. I hope, however, that my view is one that we’re getting at: freedom of speech is something we cannot do without. As a white person, I definitely cannot feel the direct power of the “n-word.” I don’t deny that it cannot be heard on the streets, nor that it’s reoccurring. However, I do not think that it’s a word that should beclosed. Besides costing us billions of dollars, prevent people from having fun. No. The drug war, which occurred several weeks ago, is indicative of this. All in all, I’m sure many will disagree with me. I hope, however, that my view is one that we’re getting at: freedom of speech is something we cannot do without.
British sailors shown on Iranian TV

Faye Turney, one of the 25 British sailors and marines arrested by Iran last week, stated that their ship had crossed into Iranian waters before the arrest.

The British military had earlier confirmed that the ship in question was the HMNLS Border Force and that it was part of a joint mission in the Persian Gulf to monitor and track Iranian vessels.

According to Iranian state television, the British sailors were captured on Thursday, March 29, 2007, after they allegedly entered Iranian territorial waters.

In a televised statement, the Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said that the British sailors had crossed into Iranian waters and had been arrested for doing so.

The Iranians presented visual evidence of the incident, including footage of the British ship and its crew members. The footage showed the British sailors wearing yellow life jackets and being taken aboard a Iranian vessel.

Mottaki also said that the British sailors had been warned not to enter Iranian territorial waters, but they ignored the warning.

The British government has denied the claim, saying that they were in international waters.

The incident has raised tensions between the two countries, with both sides issuing strong statements.

The British government has called for the immediate release of the sailors and marines, while Iran has demanded an apology from the British government.

The situation remains volatile, with both sides refusing to back down.

**Interviews and Transcripts**

The interviews and transcripts from the incident are available for download and can be accessed through the links provided.

**Video Clips**

The video clips of the incident can be viewed on YouTube and other social media platforms.

**Images and Photos**

Photos and images of the incident can be found in the gallery section of the website.

**Facts and Figures**

- The number of British sailors and marines arrested by Iran is 25.
- The incident took place on Thursday, March 29, 2007.
- The Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki made the initial statement.
- The British government has denied the claim of crossing into Iranian waters.
- Tensions between Britain and Iran have escalated.

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**Resources and Links**

- [Iranian state TV](http://example.com/iranian_tvt)
- [British foreign office](http://example.com/british_fo)
- [Joint statement](http://example.com/joint_statement)
- [International law](http://example.com/international_law)

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**Editor's Note**

The situation is complex, and it is important to consider all the facts and perspectives before forming an opinion.

**Further Reading**

- [BBC News](http://example.com/bbc_news)
- [The Guardian](http://example.com/the_guardian)
- [The New York Times](http://example.com/the_new_york_times)
Bioresmediation has few consequences for Earth

By Paul SymanSky

Humans have been exploiting natural and biological resources since the dawn of civilization. Agriculture is one example, in which wild organisms were manipulated to suit the needs of humans. While agriculture is still very much a part of civilization, humans are now beginning to exploit other, smaller life forms. A certain form of bacteria has been used for foodstuffs and medicines for awhile, but their potential applications in bioremediation are just now being realized.

This century has brought new contaminants, and threats to the Earth. Spilled petrochemicals, another waste, and even deadly nerve agents are all threats to our planet. Aside from the initial destruction, these threats have long term consequences in some cases; they’re incredibly difficult to dispose of safely. Experts propose burying the contaminants, monitoring them, or even pipelining them into space. From an environmental and practical standpoint, each of these solutions clearly has a few drawbacks.

Bioresolution is one alternative that doesn’t seem to have any major consequences for the Earth or humans. The concept of bioremediation involves specialized bacteria, transformed into environmentally benign organisms. The organisms are all recent phenomena. Certain forms of bacteria, including some that can be used to break down oil spills, are all recent phenomena. Bacteria are introduced into the site and the toxins within go to work.

One industrious species is Deinococcus radiodurans. This microbe is not fazed by radiation needed to kill a human – the microbes are not fried. Because of its ability to withstand such extreme conditions, scientists have engineered it to specifically degrade common toxic substances found near nuclear sites. The use of bacteria to accomplish such tasks has profound economic and environmental benefits.

By exploiting these microbes and utilizing biotechnology, many cleanup efforts can be completed with minimal investment. Furthermore, using bacteria removes human from the site, thus eliminating danger to life. Their quick and efficient work can recover more quickly.

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The microbes’ biochemistry prohibits them from absorbing these materials effectively.

Additionally, the absorption of other toxins may lead to bioremediation, whereby the bacteria are introduced into a food chain, and eventually, through consumption, produce wind up with large quantities of the contaminants in their bodies. Obviously, in areas where a food chain does not exist, such as nuclear waste sites, bioaccumulation is not a problem; but elsewhere, it is a very real consequence.

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Freshman Suzanne Cannon and the Eagles could not hold onto the lead in a 9-7 loss to Boston University.

be Ryan, who will be forced to digest a new playbook offensive-minded Jagodzinski and his new staff will that BC attracts,” said Jagodzinski.

had 10 years ago, just the names and faces changed. And again, this team, this col kids and that’s what I’ve got here again with these mistakes out there. And again, this team, this col

said it, they’ve come from other programs; these kids is excited about coaching.

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one only the third time in the history of the program, a

Jagodzinski inherits a team that won 10 games for

Perhaps the focal point of all the change with the

“Perhaps he’s out of practice as they feel fit.

Hasselbeck.

While Ryan did not have any problems with his

Hannigan kept the offense going when she

able to capitalize on a rare three-on-two breakaway

received a long pass from Shauna Culhane and was

the timeout was called, when Elizabeth Kadison

just one minute into the frame for the Eagles’ fourth

Lancaster, from B8

That’s the type of kid that BC attracts, I say Jagodzinski.

Left tackle, from B8

But I’d rather be,” said Jagodzinski.

Parise left school as well, leaving major holes

Drew Stafford and Travis Zajac bolted for

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March 29, 2007

Jerry York and the Eagles will have a familiar NCAA Tournament appearance when they go on the North Dakota Fighting Sioux in the Frozen Four.

A high-stakes rivalry continues

Late BU surge beats BC

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The made-for-TV BC basketball season

The Heights

March 29, 2007

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PLOT TWIST NO. 1: Sean Williams and Akida Let’s do a little bit of outlining, shall we?

Baseball, from B8

Jason Bernstein / photo courtesy of The Hartford Courrier

So, Basketball season is over. (What Final Four?) The 2006-2007 season was dead long on March 31st at approximately 7:30 p.m., E.T. And yes, BC Basketball—collegiate sport—was just fine. Al Skinner. Coats may be closed up for the joke, but the drama and tension that have echoed loudly and in general (Magna) ptomaine, being “50-40” on the NCA. All becoming the graduating candidates for the Charlotte Bobcats head coaching job already thirsting to recall historical records—paid only to be recalled in historical fiction.

This season the marks of the best-made TV sports movies—self-. . . self-. . . since Steve Aronizawa was hired as game-winning field goal against Navy on Dec. 10.

Just a little bit of self-serving, shall we? Plot Twist No. 1: Sean Williams and Al Skinner. McKenna and Al Skinner (as expected) So much more out of—(10) Regardless, things kick off nicely for the No. 10-ranked Eagles on 11. It, when manageable UNH, as expected. They’re on top of the whole— or at least, riding on top of all the other torches that are on top of the world.

Plot Twist No. 2: The Vermont Bobcats. We. . . We realize that our protagonists are not immortal, but that parentheticals are the redemption that is bound to come. At least that’s what we’re telling ourselves now that they lose to Princeton a week later.

Things turn to somewhat when a cutter off the jar wins against the centerpiece of the expanded version of the scheduling. We’re against BC’s second most successful, to make people think this team is worthy of exultation.

In the ACC opener against Maryland, Williams had two hits, including the only hit of the game against the Terps, thus breaking the skid and creating much return. The team’s way to a season-opening hit has been long the ethos—is he the team, or he’s like a black-and-white breakup of John Stamos’s in the Least Popular for saying “I broke your leg.”

Work with me, baby. . . .

Then, Plot Twist No. 3: The Thumneen enough.

As is good rhetoric of redemption, I’ll include (in a very great right tear, the team struggles with hit in first game against BYU) Then— While Big Ben the Platypus of the worldmanda on and on about BC’s “toughest season” is (incredibly, the Eagles suffer a season mirage against Connecticut), I’ll like Al Skinner because I’re better than what I was last season.

Plot Twist No. 4: The indefatigable five-foot-three in BC AC, played punctuated on beneath rule against yet Florida State. It’d be like Al Skinner does here some kind of cosmic role in the movie— in the kind of the Dad Lachey (in every season of The Navigators—considering he’s yet absolutely as low from the basketball world) face again, this is the aforementioned period of redemption, which will obviously include a capping inglorious moment of some sort capped off by a shot of wine walking by No. 11 in the Quad, identifying a certain team promotion by Alphonse.

BCnotes

Men’s basketball

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Men’s golf competes in Virginia
Robert Reid and Alex Stankewich both finished in the top 20 to lead BC.

BC basketball a made-for-TV saga
Jeff Jagodzinski has enjoyed his first five months as the new head football coach at Boston College, and says he has been impressed, among other things, with QB Matt Ryan.

Jeff Jagodzinski excited for football’s first practices
By Jeffrey Weinstein
Sports Editor
The scene at this year’s first open spring football practice had a different feel to it.

The sight of quarterback Matt Ryan on the options offense, piloting the football to a rotating group of running backs who all shuffled around the sides, evoking the same play, was part of it.

Another was the sound of first-year offensive coordinator Steve Logan, whose Southern accent resonated over the moaning of pads from the offensive line drills, shifting words of encouragement and instruction toward the quarterbacks as they executed passing drills.

The offense, which had won three consecutive games last year under Tom O’Neill, now-vacant, while the defense knew only two.

“Yeah, things were different under the

practice bubble at Alumni Stadium, and head coach Jeff Jagodzinski, going into his first spring practices with his new team, is acutely aware of that.

“The pace of practice is fast, and I told those guys, ‘You guys aren’t going to see what you saw last season. We’re practicing at a higher level. You have to adjust with it.’

“They’re getting a better feel for me, of how things are going to go. I’m getting a better feel every day for these guys and I think they’re getting a better feel for me, of how things are going to go.”

See Spring Practice, B6
Mr. BC
A who's who guide to the nominees for Boston College's most prestigious award

Hail to the Chiefs
Kaiser Chiefs' 'Angry Mob' may not be 'Employment,' but it's a whole lot better than welfare

Looking Out
The Lookout' appears to be intriguing alternative to its weekend rival:
Will Ferrell, on ice

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2. COLD WAR KIDS
Proclaimed as “the kindest, skinniest band you will ever meet,” Cold War Kids have gotten a nice little barrage of publicity and praise since the release of their debut album Robbers and Cowards. Though the band has a thoroughly indefinable sound, Cold War Kids won’t annoy the hell out of you like a lot of “indie” bands. And they only have one album, so if you’re still a stranger, you don’t have much to catch up on. Check out the pulsing single “Hang Me Up To Dry” if you want a taste. Then head on down to the Middle East on Friday night for a larger ration.

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4. GORILLAS AT THE FRANKLIN PARK ZOO
Lacking in friends lately? Come spend an afternoon with Little Joe and Okie. This pair of adolescent male gorillas has finally returned to the Franklin Park Zoo in Boston after a four-year absence and they’re ready to party. The two cuddly buddies are part of the newly renovated gorilla exhibit. Rumor has it that spectators can get extra close to the animals as they prance around in a five-star habitat. Pay them a visit on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Jennifer Lopez’s latest album perfectly reflects its title – Como Ama Una Mujer (How a Woman Loves). Her new disc, which is composed largely of ballads, reflects the trials and tribulations that women encounter every day in their relationships. Among the highlights are “Te Voy a Querer” (“I Am Going to Love You”) and “Que Hiciste,” (“What Did You Do?”). Underscored by traditional percussion beats and the accordion, “Que Hiciste” contains a sensual salsa flavor, reflecting the influence of her husband, Marc Anthony, who also lends his vocals to the track. It explodes in a powerful bridge that demonstrates Lopez’s impressive vocal range. It’s no surprise that “Que Hiciste” was the album’s lead single. Lopez sings: “Hoy destruiste con tu orgullo la esperanza / Hoy empeñaste con tu furia mi mirada.” Translation: “Today with your pride you destroyed hope / You blurred my sight with your fury.” With each note she manipulates her lyrics, painting the picture of a woman whose universe has been destroyed by her lover.

The album is a personal triumph for Lopez, who proves that she is an artist and not just an entertainer. Her voice carries surprising power and has a beautiful tone. Nevertheless, she lacks the power of her contemporaries; despite the overall strength of her album, it doesn’t have the radio-ready spark of an artist like Shakira. It would be incorrect to brush aside her work as bland, however. Her pop is the real thing; when you listen, you can’t help but become addicted. There are songs that drag, like “Amarte Es Todo” (“Loving You is Everything”), and the succession of ballad after ballad gets a bit tired. Her tracks make an impact because each set of lyrics she sings reads like a poem, perfectly reflecting love’s struggles, proving the value of a good lyricist. Therein, Mujer thrives.

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Concert Review: Kevin Michael

With a loud boom, a quiet office on Tremont St. suddenly came alive with the deafening...
The Kaiser Chiefs formed in Leeds, England, in 2003. Their debut album, Employment, released in 2005, was hailed by the music press as the savior of British rock, and in many ways, that assessment was correct. Songs such as “Everyday I Love You Less and Less” and “I Predict a Riot” were loud, vibrant, witty, and fresh. It was a new sound for a new millennium, and the combination of clever songwriting and fervent guitar-playing made Employment a modern indie classic.

Unfortunately, the sophomore slump has afflicted one more neo-new-wave band, just as it did with the Killers and Franz Ferdinand. Don’t be misguided; there are certainly many great songs on Yours Truly, Angry Mob. It’s just that the album lacks the vitality and originality of its predecessor.

The Chiefs’ trademark theatrical, tense, and passionate style is still present. So are the band’s main inspirations: ’60s Brit-pop, ’70s punk, and ’80s new wave. But Yours Truly, Angry Mob differs in many ways from Employment. For starters, it is much more rock-oriented than the Chiefs’ electro/indie debut.

Perhaps the greatest difference, however, is in the lyrics. While Employment was all about rejecting the status quo and rebelling against “the man,” Yours Truly tries to hide from him. The Chiefs’ lyrics are more pessimistic, and the new formula works quite well for a few songs – after a while, though, the songs become too depressing for their own good and the excessive cynicism leaves the listener feeling hopeless rather than energized.

Despite this setback, Yours Truly is a great time capsule album. Just like the Clash’s debut in 1977 and Blur’s Modern Life Is Rubbish in 1993, the Kaiser Chiefs have captured life in England in their own era.

This album is about being young, bored, idealistic, and anxious, as if the Chiefs are all dressed up with no place to go. This is the album to listen to after spending hours getting ready to go out on a Saturday night, only to end up staying home anyway.

By far, the overriding theme of Yours Truly is frustration and disillusionment with fame. Employment sold over 3 million copies worldwide and was one of the most successful debut albums of the 21st century, but now the Chiefs are jaded by their success.

Much of the album reflects their conflicting desires: they want to leave the spotlight, but they also want to be recognized for doing so. “Thank You Very Much,” for example, is about an obsessive fan who cornered vocalist Ricky Wilson after a show. “Leant My Lesson Well” reveals the Chiefs’ self-loathing in the wake of their sudden fame. In “Retirement,” Wilson wishes he could have invented something practical so that he could give up music and live a life of comfort and solitude.

Still, the Chiefs are unlikely to garner sympathy from their fans for being too famous. Unsurprisingly, the best moments on the album come when the band stops being so serious and self-pitying and starts to have fun again. Lead single “Ruby” is energetic and catchy, while the riot-inducing fervor of the final two minutes of “Angry Mob” is perhaps the greatest moment of the album.

The Kaiser Chiefs’ refusal to accept fame lightly could propel them to make relevant music for years to come – the worst thing to happen to a young band is financial stability, which almost always brings complacency and mediocrity. Judging by Yours Truly, Angry Mob, the Chiefs are far from that point.

Led Zeppelin produced beautiful interpretations of these works – for instance, consider “Babe I’m Gonna Leave You,” which was recorded by Joan Baez in 1962 and released by Led Zeppelin in 1969. Perhaps an even better comparison is that between “Stairway to Heaven” and “Taurus,” a song by the band Spirit (Led Zeppelin opened for Spirit in 1968). Randy California, co-leader of Spirit, allegedly viewed Page’s tune as a “reworking” of his original. Though it’s somewhat disappointing that Spirit was never credited, Page completely ripping off Jake Holmes’ “Dazed and Confused” is much more disappointing.

Holmes opened for The Yardbirds in 1967 and Page’s version was released by Led Zeppelin in 1969. Holmes never sued, but wrote a letter to which he received no reply.

Unlike the previous, The Verve got into a bit of legal trouble because of “Bittersweet Symphony,” which contains a sample of the Andrew Oldham Orchestra’s recording of The Rolling Stones’ “The Last Time.” They had gotten the rights to the song, but apparently had used too much of the sample.

So, yes, Lethem’s idea could have both positive and negative effects. In the end, credit should be given when it’s due, but it also shouldn’t stifle creation.
Spot this hole-in-the-wall for some real Sol

By Alexi Chi
Heights Editor

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Sean Hanel

Sean Dible was originally raised by a pack of wolves in Detroit, Colo., but he migrated to St. Louis, Mo., and found a human family when he was 5 years old. As the valedictorian of a high-school class of only one student, Sean made his way to Boston College to pursue degrees in both history and English. As BC, he led Kappa Nu—participated in Phi Delta Arrope Service trips to Jamaica, served as an Orientation Leader, and captained the Rugby team. Although it has been alleged that Sean wet the bed until he was 18 years old, this is a falsification. Have mercy.

Patrick Corcoran

Pat “Hollywood” Corcoran hails from a little slice of heaven known as Topsfield, Mass., home of America’s oldest fair! Pat is a communication major who thinks nothing feels quite as good as a crisp pair of white socks wrapped in Teva sandals. In his spare time, he enjoys beekeeping and stamp collecting. His role model is Uncle Jesse from Full House, as they both have incredible charm, good looks, and dashing good looks.

Alex Rikleen

Sophomore Alex Rikleen, of Boston suburb Wayland, developed an incredible interest in the many varieties of dill dell in high school and began to pursue a career as a butcher. When Alex, raised a proud Jew, was informed by his rabbis of the conflict between dill dell and Jewish dietary laws with such a profession, he began his quest to become the token Jew and co-captain of the Campus School Volunteers Marathon Team, “representing Long Island to the fullest extent of the law,” and celebrating all that is JB’s Beans. His favorite phrase is “That guy with the hat at that game,” and he is still waiting for those results overnight. His favorite clubs are STF, and BCHC. Tonight, look for Jolly Jim turning red with embarrassment when he gives one lucky female audience member a back rub on stage.

Chester Li

Chester Li, A&S ’08, hails from the town of Woodbridge, Conn. He majors in economics, with a minor in general education. As BC, he lives off campus, comrads with the Campus School Volunteers Marathon Team, “representing Long Island to the fullest extent of the law,” and celebrating all that is JB’s Beans. As the valedictorian of a high-school class of only one student, Chester started his way to Boston College to pursue a degree in history and English. As BC, he lives off campus, comrads with the Campus School Volunteers Marathon Team, “representing Long Island to the fullest extent of the law,” and celebrating all that is JB’s Beans. Tonight, look for Jolly Jim turning red with embarrassment when he gives one lucky female audience member a back rub on stage.

Peter Curran

Peter Curran lives in Maimi, a town of 40,000 people in Wisconsin, with his younger brother, Alex. His favorite music includes OAR, Hinder, Dave Matthews Band, Bayside, Taking Back Sunday, and anything country. Peter is an avid collector of movies and own over 200. In the summer, he works as a duck driver, just like the ones that give the harbor tours. His interests include all sports, long walks on the beach, candlelit dinners, and sunsets.

Tim Bates

Timothy “Tim” Bates of Massapequa, N.Y., is a sophomore communication major who you wouldn’t have an unkindly seen here on the Heights. At a towering 6-2, with eyes of pure blue steel and a charming Irish smile, Tim is a key player for the America’s fastest intramural flag football team The Regulators, and the legendary 14th place co-ed softball team Average Joes. These days, he can usually be found running down Commonwealth Avenue training for the Boston Marathon with the Campus School Volunteers Marathon Team, “representing Long Island to the fullest extent of the law,” and celebrating all that is JB’s Beans.
The party is over for the very hip couple Petra Nemcova and James Blunt. People magazine confirmed exclusively on Tuesday that the two, who had been dating for just over a year, “split in February. It’s very amicable,” said a source close to Blunt. The last time the model and singer were spotted together was when they hit the Oscar party circuit, including the Elton John viewing party where Blunt performed. In March, however, the musician has become a regular fixture in the L.A. nightlife scene as a solo artist. On the 21st, he was spotted at the club Les Deux with recently rehabbed Lindsay Lohan. According to an eyewitness “Lindsay and James were never affectionate, but they did seem flirty, standing next to each other and constantly talking.” The two did leave together with a few other people at about 2 a.m. Lohan is fresh out of rehab and already connected in the most high-profile split. Somehow she manages to be everywhere. This was the first serious relationship for Nemcova since she lost her longtime boyfriend, photographer Simon Allee, during the 2004 Tsunami in Thailand. The model survived by clinging to a tree for eight hours with her most serious injury being a broken pelvis. After surviving something so tragic, there is no question that Nemcova will be able to rebound from this split.

Lucas Alexander Conrad is “out” - excuse the obvious pun. Project Runway judge and Elle magazine fashion director Nina Garcia gave birth to her first son with husband David Conrad Saturday. Garcia’s rep said that both mother and child were doing very well.

Garcia is best known for her role on the designer competition while her husband is a senior managing director at Guggenheim Capital. When Garcia spoke to People in October, she joked that “this baby must have some amazing fashion sense, waiting until empire waists and volume came back into fashion.”

On Monday Anna Nicole Smith’s toxicology report was released and revealed that there was no foul play. The combination of nine separate drugs spurred her overdose, according to Broward County medical examiner Dr. Joshua Perper. Without getting too complex, six of the medications were sedatives, two worked as hypnotics, and one treated warts. In her final days, Smith began having chills, vomiting, and having fevers as high as 105 degrees.

Clare Waismann, executive director of the Waismann Method and Registered Addiction Specialist spoke to US Weekly about Smith’s death. She stated that there were apparent alert signs before her death. “Her having access to that many drugs, that would be completely safe environment,” she said. It seems that this part of the Smith controversy may be over.

Jennifer Lopez (Como Amo una Mujer) said:

“When we began working on it, I was like, ‘Wouldn't it be great to have a song that I could sing to a baby one day?' – On the song “Tu Amor Me Mancha”

Wall-to-Wall - Write on Jennifer Lopez - Message

John Waters (Hairspray) said:

“I must be the only gay man that’s never been to the gym in my entire life.”

Wall-to-Wall - Write on John Waters - Message

Amy Poehler (Saturday Night Live) said:

“NBC announced this week that it has renewed Lost for a fourth season. Said the show’s writers, “Oh, crap,” – While hosting Weekend Update.

Wall-to-Wall - Write on Amy Poehler - Message

A Second Opinion (BC) wrote

It iritates me to see television actors get obscenely large paychecks. (Need I mention Ray Romano’s $1.8 million per episode on Everybody Loves Raymond?) The Friends negotiation set a torrid example that has left stars greedy for more and more money. Often, their salaries just don’t add up when compared to a show’s Nielsen ratings. But when it was recently announced that Christopher Meloni and Mariska Hargitay renewed their Law and Order: Special Victims Unit contracts at the rate of $300,000 per episode, I was overjoyed, feeling that some sort of wrong had been righted – similar to the Rob Lowe West Wing scandal. The two actors infuse life into yet another procedural drama – a spin-off at that – that would be completely bland without their presence. The work that they do is some of the most underrated today. Last year, both received Emmy nominations, resulting in a win for Hargitay.

Meloni shines in the role of Elliot Stabler, a detective with a fierce temper who is troubled by a divorce. He has demonstrated from his gigs outside his eight-year run on SVU that his talent has depth. His range of characters includes a recurring role as Christopher Keller, a bisexual serial killer on former HBO drama Oz, and as Freakshow in both Harold & Kumar films.

As good as Meloni may be, it’s Hargitay that always manages to steal the show right from under him; she embodies the show’s most tender scenes. Her character, Olivia Benson, is the product of rape who puts rapists in jail, each time putting away the father that she has never met. She not only has the talent of a lifetime, she’s one of today’s most beautiful working actresses. She resembles an old Hollywood screen siren; her classic beauty should come as no surprise, as her mother is the legendary 1940’s blonde bombshell Jayne Mansfield.

Following a spike in viewership last season, SVU has taken a dip this year, facing new competition from ABC’s relocated Boston Legal and reruns of popular CBS shows such as CSI: Miami. But SVU remains a ratings gem in syndication, and, I have faith that it will thrive once again. Here’s to several more years of Meloni and Hargitay.

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‘The Lookout’

Who needs ice skaters when you have a perfectly respectable heist about to go down? Not us, that’s for sure.

Reader, you would not believe the restraint I had to exert this week. The new Will Ferrell movie, despite the fact that it’s just Talladega Nights on ice, was calling out to me like a Siren. With statements like, “I’ll get inside your face,” any maturity I had was withering away. I must resist … must cover … good movie … The Lookout … (sound of collapsing in exhaustion).

Anyway, The Lookout is an intense heist thriller – superb, in my book. A young hockey star has everything going for him in life; he is, in fact, the golden boy. As with many golden boys in film, however, he gets into a car wreck and suffers brain damage. Later, working for a bank, he becomes mixed up with the machinations of some dangerous thieves – and nothing goes as planned.

The main actor in The Lookout is Joseph Gordon-Levitt from 3rd Rock From the Sun and 10 Things I Hate About You. As convincing as he is as an actor, his luck is unparalleled. He worked alongside Larisa Oleynik (aka Alex Mack), and he is currently working with Isla Fischer from Wedding Crashers; how many deals with the devil is someone allowed to make? Oh, and Jeff Daniels is also in the movie, but whatever.

In conclusion, I think The Lookout will definitely be one of the better, darker dramas of the year. Ignore the fairly overt borrowings from Memento and buckle your seatbelts. The Lookout will do its job.

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28 WEEKS LATER
May 11
This sequel to the 2002’s 28 Days Later looks intriguing, but its trailer lacks spark. Without the “red eyes” of Cillian Murphy as the pencil-thin protagonist, this follow-up might not be able to rise above the zombie-flick trash barrel. B+

THE INVISIBLE
April 27
From the producers of Batman Begins and The Sixth Sense, this film is clearly a step down in these guys’ careers. We’ve all wondered what it would be like to be invisible, but after gems like Hollow Man, Hollywood can go ahead and leave us to our own fantasies. B+

THE LAND OF WOMEN
April 20
Whoooda thought that Adam Brody’s first major film role would be an awful lot like his OC alter-ego Seth Cohen? Toss in a little bit of Zach Braff’s life-crisis angst and a motherly Meg Ryan, and you got yourself a nice, big flop. C+

CLOSE-UP ON

Shooter’s Kate Mara

FROM THREESONES ON NIP/TUCK TO cyber-nerding on 24, Kate Mara is no stranger to playing a diverse range of roles in television dramas. In Brokeback Mountain, she broke hearts with her portrayal of Heath Ledger’s daughter; in her most recent big-screen foray, she plays Kentuckian Sarah Fenn, again breaking hearts (this time, with a shotgun).

Opposite Mark Wahlberg (whose character is her love interest), Mara donned a Southern accent and multiple sets of lingerie for her first film with director Antoine Fuqua (Training Day). Critics may not have been thrilled with the thriller, but it at least gave Mara some time to stretch her triceps before she stretched her international intrigue in the upcoming Transsiberian. The film costars Ben Kingsley, Emily Mortimer, and Woody Harrelson, and it has Mara traveling on the famous Trans-Siberian Railroad from China to Moscow.

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**BORED IN CLASS?**

**Sudoku**

Directions: The Sudoku is played over a 9x9 grid. In each row there are 9 slots, some of which are empty and need to be filled.

- Each row, column and 3x3 box should contain the numbers 1 to 9. You must follow these rules:
  - Number can appear only once in each row
  - Number can appear only once in each column
  - Number can appear only once in each 3x3 box
  - The number should appear only once on row,

_Sudoku Answers See Page 11_

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**Crossword**

**ACROSS**

1. Spheres
2. IRS mo.
3. Seek
4. Big pile
5. Batman and Robin, e.g.
6. Glistens
7. Gymnasts
8. Most Indians
9. "...Polie Olie"
10. Smile!
11. Danny of "Radio Days"
12. Body of water
13. Sluggers Musial
14. Crafty
15. Kimono sash
16. NBC classic
17. Opening letters
18. People with upturned noses?
19. Comparative construction
20. Branchlet
21. Floor squares
22. 40 digits, briefly
23. Affectionate critic
24. Carried
25. Part of a play
26. CD’s rival
27. Man’s title
28. Our star
29. Decays
30. Smedge
31. Medicinal solution
32. Mine activators
33. Nervous
34. Rugged range
35. Ran naked
36. Hidden
37. Chinese philosophy
38. Calf meat
39. Packing a wallop
40. Selkirk letters
41. Agatha’s contemporary
42. Down
43. John and Maureen
44. Shrink back
45. Cereal grass
46. Ruin
47. Nabokov novel
48. Places
49. Ponselle and Parks
50. 49 Black goo
51. Trick pitch
52. Remove shrink wrap
53. Razz
54. Shopaholic’s outing
55. One of Pooh’s pals
56. Outshines
57. Be off
58. Small songbird
59. Deneb or Vega
60. One of Pooh’s pals

**DOWN**

1. Switches on
2. Italian ewe’s milk cheese
3. Halfway, briefly
4. Distress signal
5. Happiness
6. Shakespearean contraction
7. 49 Black goo
8. Trick pitch
9. Remove shrink wrap
10. Razz
11. Shopaholic’s outing
12. Outshines
13. Be off
14. Small songbird
15. Deneb or Vega
16. One of Pooh’s pals

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**Girls and Sports**

By Andrew Feinstein

- Why doesn’t your friend go talk to your friend?
- The one sitting at the bar?
- Hmmm... he’s not really my friend’s type
- He’s kind of a really big chicken
- Apparently, it would help your cause if lost a few pounds

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**Los Angeles Times Sudoku**

**THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES** By Michael Mapham

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**Girls and Sports**

By Andrew Feinstein
COMICS

CLASSIC PEANUTS  BY CHARLES SCHULTZ

Here's the fierce jungle animal sneaking up on his prey...

Using all his native cunning, he creeps up behind his victim...

Is this the front or the back?

GET FUZZY  BY DARBY CONLEY

You may have chased Mac and Manx and Chucky Huggs off, but you will never get rid of Fuzzy! He is deep in hiding - ripping his time until the upeding: the day when cats start attacking!

Viva la Rude-olution!

I put a can of tuna out on the sidewalk five minutes ago. Fuzzy's already gone.

Betrayed by tuna... my whole world is upside-down...

THE QUIGMANS  BY BUDDY HICKERSON

“Oh, no! I shouldn’t have used the steroids!”

DILBERT  BY SCOTT ADAMS

When you're done researching new technology, I want you to inventory our furniture.

When do you think you'll be done?

When will you forget you asked me, and assign the furniture project to someone else?

Two weeks. I'll be done in 15 days.

HERMAN  BY JIM UNGER

Go FISH  BY J.C. DUFFY

Where did we go wrong, Norman?

At the last light.

I meant that in a deeper sense.

So did I... the last light is when you started talking.

“Take your time, Doc. I’m enjoying reading ‘Predictions for 1978.’”

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3-27
By Ryan Malone
Heights Staff

Scorsese, DiCaprio, and howling

Martin Scorsese and Leonardo DiCaprio plan to collaborate next in *The Wolf of Wall Street*. *Wolf* will document a business tycoon who spent 20 agonizing and miraculously shiv-incident-free months in a prison that probably got the Oxygen Network on TV and served something called “quiche.” Like DiCaprio’s earlier *Catch Me If You Can*, the film will prominently feature a criminal’s relationship with an FBI agent. Unlike DiCaprio’s previous efforts, however, the character will probably not infiltrate the mob as a cover to sell diamonds illegally to fund the airplanes needed to get off a sinking cruise liner. While Brad Pitt was initially rumored to star, he ultimately decided to spend more time with the four children his girlfriend adopted while he was reading the script.

SCorSeSe, DiCaprio, anD howling

Johnny Depp. Antonio Banderas. *Sin City*. Sentence fragments dramatic. The phrase “historically significant” gets bandied about all too often these days, but possibilities like this indeed warrant its usage. According to Robert Rodriguez, director of the first *Sin City*, Banderas might appear in *Sin City 2* and Depp is penciled in for the third. Interestingly enough, Depp originally expressed intent to portray Benicio Del Toro’s Jackie Boy in the first installment, but opted to do *The Libertine* instead. Contemporary scholars have subsequently characterized the move as “totally not cool [man].”

Don’t like ‘Apocalypto’? ‘F– off.’

“Lady, f– off.” This is what Mel Gibson reportedly told an assistant professor of Central American studies at Cal State Northridge to do when said lady alleged *Apocalypto* was, you know, racist and stuff. With a sterling track record of cultural sensitivity to his name, Gibson was understandably shocked, hence the colorful (or as Gibson described it, “colorless, in that I do not see color but instead a hedonistic rejection of the Lord and savior”) language. The heckler was then removed from the lecture Gibson was delivering to film students who wanted to learn how to do that thing he did with his shoulder in *Lethal Weapon 2*. That part was made up. The following is not: Gibson reportedly yelled at several indignant Mayans who were also escorted from the premises to “Make [their] own movie!” Had they been given the opportunity to respond, they probably would have either said that their comparative lack of shoulder elasticity proved prohibitive in that regard or they would not have dignified him with an answer.

By Blair Thill
Heights Staff

I have always been fascinated by the ABC show *Dancing with the Stars*. I have never really known why. Perhaps it’s because the “stars” to which the title alludes have been the likes of sitcom has-beens and boy band wash-ups. Nevertheless, I have been a fan for the past three years. I know the importance of stiff arms during a quick step and quick feet in a mambo—not that I will ever dance a quick step or a mambo in my life, but it’s good to know just in case, right?

This year, I have a special attachment to one of the contestants—Joey Fatone, or as his partner has dubbed him, Joey “Fat-One.” I am ashamed to admit that I was a huge ‘NSync fan, which completely negates the fact that Joey fits into the washed-up boy band category I previously mentioned. Joey has a special place in my heart because he is the only member of ‘NSync that I have ever met. He’s also the only *Dancing with the Stars* contestant I have ever met, which means I am basically obligated to root for him. When I met him, he seemed to be an all-around good guy (and a good dancer), so I think that gives me more reason to support him. If you don’t, Heather Mills might, and then where would Paul McCartney be?

Maybe I am overstepping my boundaries. I would hate to think that I am using my media power, however limited it is, to sway your vote on a reality-TV competition—unlike a certain man by the name of Howard Stern. Stern has started an all-out campaign to get his listeners to vote for the worst singer that has ever graced *American Idol*, Sanjaya Malakar. As an ending thought to this column, I would like to plead Stern to stop this; unlike him, some people actually watch *American Idol* for the good singers. Cease your juvenile campaign, Howard Stern, and stick to things you know—whatever those things are.