Will Pittinos
News Editor

Beer cans that glister on the quad and shoes that hang from trees might become rather expensive for those who are responsible for throwing them off balconies or out of windows.

Dean of Students Beth Tyler recommended on Tuesday to the College Life Committee that fines of $250 be imposed for those found guilty of throwing objects off balconies, or out of windows, and for vandalism.

These regulations will be in effect beginning fall 2004. "I want [Lake Forest] to be a place where people party safely," said Tyler about the new regulations. "I'm interested in fairness." Tyler will also suggest that the College prohibit possession or consumption of alcohol by anyone under the age of 21, distribution of alcohol to anyone under the age of 21 and public intoxication.

The recommendations have been met with varied response from members of Student Government. "It's good to improve the academics of the school, but the Administration has to make sure that students are happy, and that is what attracts good students to our school," said Student Government Executive Board President candidate Julie Sanson. "I'm afraid that the Administration doesn't always keep that in mind."

"I agree with the new policy on alcohol because I really think that the alcohol policy needs to be reviewed because the College needs to follow the laws of the state and the country," stated Ed Yets, candidate for the position of Executive Board Treasurer.

"However, I am leery of a policy that would infringe on the ability of any student over 21 to have fun on campus."

The money received from the fines will go towards alcohol Policy Continued on pg. 2

GA Executive Board Candidates Outline Policies
Compiled by Kristen Waspi

The Student Government Executive Board elections are to be held from Sun., March 28 at 12 p.m. until Tues., March 30 at 8 p.m. This year elections will be held online, which means you can vote anywhere on campus, at any time during the election period. More details on how to vote online will be posted on the Pipeline Announcements page, as well as sent via campus mail.

The following are each candidate's platform provided to learn about the candidates and vote for the person you feel will best represent the student body. Further questions regarding Student Government elections can be directed to Kristen Waspi, Student Government Vice President and Election Chair, at waspike@lakeforest.edu or x5212.

Candidates for President
Joshua Gordon-Blake '06

I am currently president of McClare Hall, a representative in the General Assembly, and a member of the Student Government Executive Board. I have also served as co-chair of the pub committee, as a member of ARBC, BLAC, Student Leadership Scholars, and Community Outreach Committee. I believe in raising the reputation of Lake Forest College while maintaining the strong social traditions that make Lake Forest College what it is. I am using these two weeks to not only campaign, but also get a feel for the needs and desires of the student body. Please feel free to stop me at any time, whether during these campaign weeks or afterwards to voice any ideas, desires, or complaints.

Julien Sanson '05

"Who was hanging out with your friend last Saturday night? Wanna know? If you decide to vote for me, all you will have to do is to look in our new directory with pictures."

Don't know what's going on?

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Party in the cafe makes you bored?
The tent parties are coming back! I have been involved in the past for two years with student government, as a new member, as President of Blackstone, as well as Chair of several Platforms Continued on pg. 2

John Luporini
Staff Writer

Some students at Lake Forest College may not realize it, but their institution is ranked among the best in several nation-wide college standing lists. Recently, US News and World Report listed Lake Forest College among the top 100 liberal arts colleges in the nation, standing tied at 97 with several other institutions such as Wittenberg University in Ohio and Transylvania University in Kentucky.

President Stephen Schutt feels that the College’s increasing number of applicants is a sign of an improving school. “It’s a mark of our success that Lake Forest’s applicant pool is getting larger,” he stated.

US News and World Report uses classifications that are assigned by the Carnegie Foundation, a major center for research devoted to the teaching profession, that groups together similar schools in order to create their lists. Therefore, Lake Forest College was grouped with similar liberal arts schools.

In the Princeton Review, Lake Forest College was listed second in the category of Best Academic Bang for Your Buck, a ranking based on the value of education at the institution relative to the average student’s payment. In a related subject, Lake Forest College was ranked tenth in the nation in the category “Students Happy with Financial Aid.”

Lake Forest College was featured in the publication Colleges of Distinction, which releases guidebooks and runs a website designed to help people in their search for excellent schools nationwide. The institution includes 110 schools in their studies. According to Colleges of Distinction, “Lake Forest offers the best of many things. Many members of the faculty are nationally and even internationally known scholars and every member of the faculty puts teaching first.”

Besides teaching, Colleges of Distinction mentions student engagement, “[A] sense of community and security,” and successful post-graduation outcomes in their report on Lake Forest College.

President of Gregory Hall Nick Rhodes also offered support for Schutt and the improvements that the College has undergone in recent years. “I think President Schutt’s doing lots of positive things, said Rhodes. “I think that by word of mouth the school’s reputation is spreading and that is attracting more applicants.”

Both faculty and staff are pleased with the recent improving rankings, as the solid rankings will be a good public relations tool and help the school market itself in the competitive world of small liberal arts colleges.

Dean Motzer also believes, “We celebrate student accomplishments better than we have before...success in graduate school placements and so forth...have residual benefits in improving our reputation.”

In terms of admission this year, Motzer said, “We are celebrating receiving more than 2,000 applications, up 140 percent since 1992, a significant improvement in outreach and recognition that this is a place desired by students.”

Motzer also mentioned the alumni outreach efforts of the Alumni Development Office as another way the school has “more effectively maintained contact with alumni, helping to create momentum that is really beneficial to how we improve as an institution.”

Daniel Kolen aided in the writing of this article.
Candidate Platforms Present Diverse Ideas

As representative to the Student Affairs Trustee committee, I have been supporting the formation of a new student lounge/pub for the past two years and actively voiced you interest in this venture. By voting for you, you vote for an experienced leader who will vote for the only candidate who has office experience, and more importantly, you vote for the continuation of progress. You vote for a better Lake Forest College.

Vice Presidential Candidates

Richard Lopez ’07

For whatever amount of credits that comprise my platform, I feel they are second to the quality that makes a Good Student Government official, the quality of heart. This in no way means my adversary lacks this quality. This simply means that when it comes down to dedication that the duties of VP entail, I’ll be putting in endless hours for the cause of Student Government. There is no glory for me because I’ll be truthful and say that I’m putting this aside to contribute to Student Government. In addition, I’ll throw out a couple of my credits: internship at local volunteer center, and active in the community.

Candidates for Treasurer

Emily Bangert ’07

As a candidate for student body treasurer, I am dedicated to proper distribution of funds amongst student organizations on campus. My background as class council treasurer, student body treasurer, and student representative for the budget committee of my school district give me the experience to both handle a budget of this size and fairly allocate funds. I believe I am qualified for this position and excited about the possibility of representing the student body in this capacity.

Ed Vrtis ’07

Our campus is expanding and changing in ways no one would have imagined a few years ago. With increasing academic success, a new library to service students’ needs, diverse student organizations, amazing athletic teams, and the addition of a new student lounge to campus, LFC is becoming a university that I will be proud to be a student. With all these changes, it means that we need strong leadership for the future and that’s what I will provide. With a proven track record, leadership experience, and innovative new ideas, I know that I am the best candidate for treasurer.

Candidate for Secretary

Evan Marc ’07

A good candidate for secretary isn’t just a good note taker. They must also be able to voice their opinions, be active in the community, and dedicated to their duties. I believe that I have all of these qualities and will be a good candidate for this position. My experience as secretary or numerous clubs and being socially involved in the Lake Forest community makes me an ideal candidate. This policy, Schell argues, will become an empire because, it would lead the United States down a path of prevailing wars against regimes that harbor weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

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By John Luporini Staff Writer

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Characterizing the Bush Administration’s response to the September 11th terrorist attacks as a “series of concentric circles,” Schell described the Bush Doctrine as escalating from its original goal of fighting a war on terrorism to fighting wars against regimes that harbor terrorists and desire to develop or export weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

This policy, Schell argues, will lead the United States down a path of empire reminiscent of the nineteenth-century heyday of the British empire, an empire complete with a “civilizing mission” and a desire to secure material resources, specifically oil.

What differentiates America’s empire from past empires, according to Schell, is its nature as a “disarmament empire,” an empire that seeks to make itself the only military power of any real weight by relegating the other states to purely non-military forms of behavior.

Schell finished his lecture by telling the audience that he doubts the United States can maintain the classical empire built on force. According to Schell, the nature of power has changed, with military power becoming less important in comparison to other kinds of power, including economic, political, and cultural power.

Schell believes that the United States ought to choose not to become an empire because, it would undermine its fledgling democracy and also harm our republican institutions at home.

Lake Forest College Crime Watch

Wed. March 17

Officers responded to a report of a drinking game (beer die) being played in a residence hall. A board was confiscated and all present were issued notices of violation.

Officer responded to a fire alarm in a residence hall. A smoke detector had activated for smoke and false alarms were issued. Investigation is ongoing.

Officer responded to a report of vandalism in a residence hall. A window in a bathroom was shut because it had been broken. Investigation is ongoing.

Rumor Mill: GA Executive Board Compensation Pending

Rumor: Next year the executive board members of General Assembly will be given monetary compensation for their positions.

Truth: At the GA meeting on Tuesday March 16 the idea of compensating our GA officers was introduced. No decision was made, although this discussion will likely continue into the future. Many institutions of higher education provide modest compensation for student government leaders to offset demands on their schedules that often interfere with their ability to have paid jobs.

Dean Beth Tyler

Vandals Will Pay High Fines

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training and educational programs. “I am already planning for more [alcohol education programs] than in the past,” said Tyler.

The Dean will also present her recommendations to the Residence Life Advisory Council on Wednesday and will discuss them with General Assembly in the coming week.

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Don't Forget Your Wallet

News Editor

Are You Kidding Me? Weird and Outrageous News
to go on campus. This all seems active, with a guaranteed place voices mark happy times in pus from south to north, loud everywhere. Spanning the cam-partying? It can safely be said, over cures alls. look more alive, sharing hang-alike guzzle water and begin to before. Freshmen and seniors drunken antics of the night discuss the hook-ups and those sporting major bed-head those sporting major bed-head students. Many prefer to go out, taking advantage of local bars and clubs, as one anonymous junior said, “the party scene here gets old after a while, so it is nice to get out into Chicago. The advantage to partying here is the cost – bars are expensive as hell!”

Seniors and juniors who stay here do party hard but know their limit, as there are countless tales of over-doing it as freshmen, winding up in hospi-tals or waking up next to people they don’t know. Although alcohol is a big part of campus life, many don’t feel it is not out of hand. Courtney Barry, a freshman on campus, says “drinking is not a problem as long as people know that their limits–once it goes past their limits it is ridiculous.”

In talking with President Schutt about campus life, the idea of “learning and responsi-bility” was stressed. Responsibility is something that we are learning here all the time, whether we realize it or not. It is a gradual change, but noticeable. Many freshmen have already figured out how much they can drink without feeling too terrible in the morn-ing, and some sophomores and juniors actually apply this knowledge.

Most people understand that alcohol isn’t all there is to life and while it isn’t required to have fun, you can have fun with it. Alcohol on campus is a part of life. For the many who choose not to drink at all there is not a huge pressure to do so, and that decision is not criti-cized or seen as a bad thing. Some Lake Forest students feel that the party scene here is bet-ter without alcohol.

One student said, “The kids who go out and get smashed every day are the ones who are missing out–not the ones who choose not to.”

Next year, as has been announced, Roberts is going substance-free. Some fear that this will harm the social atmos-phere of campus. As president Schutt stated, however, “the College’s goal is not to become a dry campus.” He went on to explain that learning how to deal with the pros and cons of alcohol is part of an education. Alcohol is certainly not an evil thing, and it isn’t presented that way here. It is a part of life, now, next weekend, and in our future. As Julia Childs used to say, “The key to life is everything in moderation.”

Are You Kidding Me? Weird and Outrageous News

Will Pittinos
News Editor

The following are a few sto ries from the past week that I just could not believe – some are true, some are not, and they all have a little added Pittinos flair to them. Check back next week to find out which ones came from real news stories.

Don’t Forget Your Wallet

A West Virginia man – you know this is going to be good – accused of robbing a convenience store left one important clue for police – his wallet.

Not only did this brilliant guy leave his wallet, he almost did not even make it out the door with the register that he is accused of stealing. He crashed into the wrong door on his way out. He might have a new career waiting for him at... nevermind.

Just Bad Luck

It was like a scene out of a Leslie Nielsen movie. A 60-year old Texas man was hit by a slow-moving train while walking home from work. Then, a car hit the ambulance that was to take him to the hospital. The man survived both inci-dents with only minor injuries.

Bin Laden Look-Alike?

A French man, who claims that he was traumatized by the recent bombings in Spain was convicted of trying to run over a man that he thought looked like Osama Bin Laden. The man’s lawyer said that his client was the “victim of a hallucination.” This has to be the best excuse for trying to run over the guy that is cheating on your girlfriend that I have ever heard.

Last Week’s Answer

I do not think that even the Academy could stoop so low as to award Oompa Loompas a life-time achievement award in miniature format – though they have been close sometimes. That is not to say that Oompa Loompas are not some of the most intriguing movie characters of all time.

The real news stories come from The Miami Herald’s “Weird News” section. The fake stories, well, I am not really sure where they come from.
STENTOR

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This Side of Chicago: Theater in Chicago
Lysia Ulhir Staff Writer

This week’s Chicago corner focuses on the Chicago theater district. Make sure you see at least one play in Chicago, with the many options: It won’t be hard to find one you’ll enjoy. The following are just a few shows playing now.

Lucky Stiff

Druny Lane Oakbrook Terrace

The Noble Fool Theater

The Belle of Amherst

through May 2. Tickets are $10-

77 E. Randolph St.

Studio Theater (In Chicago

(312) 595-5600.

$42-$62, but they have student

discounts. Call the box office at

(630) 530-0111.

Our Lady of 12th Street

Steppenwolf Theatre Company

1650 N. Halsted

This play brings a group of childhood friends back together after the death of their favorite teacher, tension rise in this humorous yet spiritual play. This play runs through March 28.

Tickets cost $20-$25 call the box office at (312) 335-1650.

King John

Chicago Shakespeare Theater

on Navy Pier

800 E. Grand Ave.

This is a Shakespearian drama about politics and allegiances. It runs through June 6. Tickets cost $42-$56, but they have student discounts. Call the box office at (312) 595-5600.

The Exposed View

Studio Theater (In Chicago Cultural Center)

77 E. Randolph St.

This is a dark comedy that focuses on two new friends and examines love, life and marriage. It runs Fri, Sat, and Sun through May 2. Tickets are $10-$15 call (773) 454-5112 for the box office.

Damage Control

The Noble Fool Theater

16 W. Randolph St.

Call the box office at (312) 725-1196.

Features

The Reel Life with Marc Huxhold:

Documenting Child Molestation in “Capturing the Friedmans,” and Bob Dylan in “Don’t Look Back.”

Marc Huxhold Film Critic

Capturing the Truth

We are all guilty. All of us have watched “The Real Wild One” or “Survivor” at least once and secretly enjoyed it. Did he actually dump Carrie for Roger while having a wild sexual orgy? Did Michael really just eat those raw slugs? It can be absolutely unbelievable. Besides, those people are way too pretty to be real. Leaving this fake reality behind us to do more upsetting places where the truth can never be discovered. In Andrew Jarecki’s documentary “Capturing the Friedmans,” he looks for some truth behind the boilersuit case story of sexual abuse and misconduct, only to find that things are much more cloudy then they seem.

Arnold Friedman is the loving father of three boys, a successful and well respected teacher, and a pedophile. When the post office discovers that he has been receiving child pornography magazines from abroad, the police take action, revealing a devastating ring of child sodomy and sexual abuse that Friedman perpetrated with his son Jesse during the

REVIEW

Carey And Winslet Shine Brightly in a “Spotless Mind”

DanielleKolen Features Editor

Smart, funny, original, and sweeter than “Sunshine of the Spotless Mind” is the first near-flawless release of 2004. While the plot revolves around a procedure that erases memories of a person (or in one woman’s case—a dog), the strongest part of the story lies in the relationship between Clementine (Kate Winslet) and Joel (Jim Carey).

From Elijah Wood’s (“Lord of the Rings” and “Spaced”) to Bill Murray to Patrick-Clementine’s annoying suitor-to Kirsten Dunst’s (“Spider-Man”) the chemistry between the actors is difficult not to like. It may not be brilliant, it may not be particularly original or provocative, but it is funny, quirky, and often surprising. The film characters are about as complex and interesting as most romantic comedies: they make clever jokes and they have strange yet amusing quirks and tendencies, but none bears a personality distinct enough to be remembered long after one leaves the theater. This is made up for in the excellent and likeable performances by virtually the entire cast.

Around last May, I downloaded the script for “ Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind” and read about how the film was being shot, and how it was going to look. I was looking forward to the film ever since and was not even slightly disappointed when I walked out of the theater. A romantic masterpiece has been created.
Delta Chi Owns Up To Accusations

On Friday, February 6th, the Associate Member Chairs gave the Associate Members a task. The task was for them to drive to Iowa City, IA and photograph the headquarters of the Delta Chi International Fraternity. They left at approximately 9:30 p.m. They drove together and the trip was uneventful until they got to mile marker 56 on I-80. Around Princeton, Illinois the associate member’s car spun out on a patch of black ice. The car left the road and ended up in a ditch. There was damage to both axles and the car was not driveable. Fortunately, no one was injured in the accident.

All involved, including the Associate Members, felt that the best way to handle the situation would be to handle it internally, including compensation for the damage sustained to the car. Upon further inspection, the best way to handle the situation would be simply to come clean. That decision, however, was not made. Delta Chi has a reputation for taking responsibility, and we are attempting to do this now.

We apologize for the incident and the way we initially handled it. We assumed responsibility internally in the following ways:

1. The Associate Member Chairs have resigned. They recognize their mistakes and a change of power, and a different perspective, will hopefully revamp the Associate Member process.

2. The chapter as a whole has vowed that there will never be another road trip incorporated into the Associate Member process. Instead we will work harder in order to find new ways to bring Associate Members closer together.

3. The former president of the fraternity, Zachary B. Routman, has taken full responsibility for his actions. He has stepped down and I, Aaron E. Kaplan, am the new president of the Delta Chi fraternity.

Finally, Delta Chi has enjoyed a positive reputation on campus and we vow to continue the good work we do to keep this reputation intact.

Aaron E. Kaplan ’05 Delta Chi

In Her Shoes...

One Guy, Some Pills, And Three Weeks Without Testosterone

Daniel Berry
Columnist

A few weeks ago, my senior seminar discussed how we classify people and why. I can clearly recall my professor posing questions to the class such as, could a white man classify himself as a black man, or could a man or woman think of him or herself as the opposite sex? That last question really got me thinking, so one month ago I set out to find the answer. Could I think like a woman?

The first step in my transformation was to seek out medical advice on the topic. I found a doctor who I confided in. After agreeing to let me conduct the experiment, we discussed treatment options. There were two paths that I could follow: hormone treatments would inhibit the testosterone in my body. The difference between the options was the pain factor. The first available treatment is an injection called Lupron. I’m not too keen on shots, but to my delight, the alternative was a pill.

Unfortunately, the pills would only block a small portion of the testosterone, so I had to get the shot as well. I began my double treatment one week later.

After three weeks on the hormones, I will no longer be taking them, partly due to complications I incurred from the medications, but mostly because I don’t want to start growing breasts or renting “Sex and the City” DVDs. Now, why would I want to research a hypothetical question about finding myself as the opposite sex? To answer that question, I had to leave the comfort zone I’ve been in since birth. Like any other boy, I never thought about being a girl. I did find myself imagining how I would look different, but after the experiment I finally felt a state of calm behind my exterior. Although I didn’t understand my newfound tranquility could only be due to the medications. On the fifteenth day, my emotional side emerged. I sat down to dinner to watch “Average Joe: Adam Returns” with my mother and fiancé. Towards the end, one woman in the film broke down and cried about how she thought Adam was just a pretty girl who would move to New York to be with him. As her lower lip trembled, the tears came streaming down my cheeks. For a moment, I felt not only her pain but also her disappointment and it really affected me.

Finally, I had an experience during this past week. A friend asked how and when I knew I wanted to be a woman. I sat half and then she asked me to describe that love. To put it simply, when I looked at Lesa from across the room, I fell in love with her all over again. Just looking from afar was better than anything I could’ve bought or received. I knew that with her I could be homeless and destitute but still consider myself rich. Yeah, I know it sounds like a cliché, but nothing would make this world better than to have her at my side.

The weeks of popping pills and many new experiences later, I finally have a sense of what it was I was seeking to answer. I wanted to know if feeling like a woman would lead me to classify myself as one. Certainly, 21 days and a really painful injection have not led me to rethink who I am; however, I didn’t come away from this with zero to show for it. In fact, I believe I learned quite a lot. Sure, there were some rough times but there were also some really enjoyable moments. The big thing I learned, though, was that people don’t need classifications. We are who we are and that’s more than we can limit ourselves with colors or genders. Just remember, it doesn’t matter what you are on the outside, be who you are on the inside.
“Chappelle’s Show” Is A Hit

Joe Meixell
Staff Writer

Quite frankly, sketch comedy is a dying art right now. Saturday Night Live, already less appealing than it was five years ago, is even worse without Chris Kattan and Will Ferrell. MadTV looks great in comparison, and that in itself is enough of a reason to be scared; this has got to be the first time that MadTV has ever been more appealing than another show on television.

Chappelle’s Show, hosted by Dave Chappelle of stand-up comedy fame, is sketch-based comedy that will have you rolling on the floor. While the sketches aren’t live, the sheer hilarity of the content is more than enough to make up for any laugh-track moments; besides, the studio audience watches the skits on screens and gets just as big a kick from them as the viewer.

The show is brash, unstrained, and unfraid to poke fun at some issues that simply wouldn’t fly on SNL. A segment known as Charlie Murphy’s True Hollywood Stories, hosted by the brother of Eddie Murphy, has produced a show’s worth of sketches about Rick James during his heyday. A second episode saw Charlie playing basketball against Prince and the Revolution – in Prince’s signature purple pants and women’s blouse. While this may not sound like comedic gold, anyone who has seen these episodes can tell you that you truly have to see the show to understand just how funny it really is.

Chappelle includes healthy doses of potshots at anything and everything, including a hilarious bit about Lil’ Jon’s inability to rap and a segment on the different legal systems for young black men versus white CEOs. It can be loud, aggressive, and sometimes downright crude, but the overall effect of Chappelle’s comedy will have you coming back for more.
SPORTS COLUMN

Joltin’ Joe: 2004 Baseball Predictions

Here we are, with about a week until the baseball season officially kicks off for all thirty clubs. It seems a bit too cold for baseball here in Chicago, but the stars have been shining up in the Florida sun for quite some time and it’ll be the dog days of August before you know it. That’s right – hard to believe, but we’ve just days away from pennant races, no-hitters, game-winning walks and everything else that contin- ues to make baseball America’s pastime. So, without further ado, here it is: The Official Joltin’ Joe’s 2004 MLB Preview.

Biggest Mover: The offsea- son has seen some very large names, along with some very large sums of money, shifting places across the nation. Alex Rodriguez switched places with Alfonso Soriano, Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte; Billy Wagner found his way to Philadelphia; your own Chicago Cubs picked up a Twin, a Brave and a Fish (LaTroy Hawkins, Greg Maddux and Derek Lee); and Vladimir Guerrero and Miguel Tejada switched coastlines. Curt Schilling traded his purple socks for red. Kevin Brown is a darker shade of blue, and I-Rod could soon be wearing a Cub’s jersey. The AL East will be a force to reckon with for the next decade. The American League will more of the same, with Seattle taking the West over Anaheim and the Twins win- ning the Looser’s Bracket… I mean, the Central Division (sorry to any White Sox fans out there, but you can’t beat them in your fate and go buy a Prior jersey). The AL East will be a competitive tournament. The NL East might surprise some people with a win or two. The Red Sox offense is huge without Big Papi or Pedro, but they’ll still be a force to be reckoned with.

Biggest Potential: Tom Hicks won’t ever admit this, but letting A-Rod go to the Yanks was probably the best move the Rangers could have made. With a starting infield under age of 28, if Texas can find some pitching they will be a force to reckon with for the next decade.

Playoff-Bound: The National League West will see a resurgent D-Backs squad edged out by the aging Giants, as Barry Bonds squeaks the last of hisAbnormal Home Runs to a previously weak offense isn’t likely to perform as it did last year, and the Yankees’ lineup has gotten much stronger. However, the Yankee pitching staff will fall to pieces in June and the Red Sox will win the division on the strength of their outstanding rotation. George Steinbrenner will be furious with a Wild Card spot, and Joe Torre’s con- tract extension will be nullified as GM Brian Cashman gives Reggie Jackson a call.

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