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## PENTAGON UNVEILS NEW NHL RETROACTIVELY REALITY SHOW: "WHO WANTS TO BE INVADED?" CANCELLED

By Mr. Clark '06

*LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR DEPT.* (WASHINGTON, DC) Citing the growing threat of rogue states and the lack of public support for the occupation of Iraq, Pentagon officials have decided to reshape their foreign policy by replacing the expertise and judgment of think tanks, analysts, and high-ranking military officials with a reality television series called *Who Wants To Be Invaded?*

"It's a pretty simple formula," Rumsfeld explained when asked how *Who Wants To Be Invaded?* would work. "The contestant nations will go through a series of challenges to determine who is the most worthy target."

Rumsfeld went on to describe such activities as 'Harboring Terrorists Challenge', in which contestants try to fit a whole terrorist cell into a phone booth, and 'Weapons Program Obstacle Course', in which contestants will try to carry a suitcase full of uranium past a series of obstacles while U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix hits them with a wiffleball bat.

Rumsfeld also mentioned challenges titled 'Threatening Neighbor States Bingo', 'Non-Christian Showdown', and 'We Dare You To Eat Something Humiliating'.

"At the end of each episode, you, the American public, will get to vote for your least

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By Mr. Clark '06

*SOME OF US CARE DEPT.*

(TORONTO, CANADA) Just days after cancelling the 2004-2005 National Hockey League season due to a prolonged labor dispute, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman announced today that the NHL would be "retroactively cancelled."



*This picture will help our illiterate readers understand the basic idea of the article.*

We're closing the Hall of Fame. Also, the Stanley Cup will be sent to that warehouse from *Raiders of the Lost Ark* that has the Ark of the Covenant in it.

"[NHL Players' Association executive director] Bob Goodenow and I finally agreed on something: that the best thing for hockey was to kill it for good, like Old Yeller. So as of today, the NHL never existed. In fact, I'm not even talking to you right now. If I can't see you then you're not there!"

Bettman proceeded to shut his eyes,  
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When asked to clarify, Bettman remarked that the situation was "...just how it sounds. Retroactively cancelled. We've decided to cancel all previous NHL seasons in addition to the 2004-2005 season. All statistics, awards, and players will be erased.

# HAMILTON HOROSCOPES

**ARIES:** (MARCH 21—APRIL 19)

**DUCK!**

**TAURUS:** (APRIL 20—MAY 20)

Don't let up on your training. Someday you will be recognized for your superior air guitar skills.

**GEMINI:** (MAY 21—JUNE 21)

You should consider getting out of bed and returning to class today. Even though you are abnormally hairy, no one is buying the "hibernation" excuse.

**CANCER:** (JUNE 22—JULY 22)

Do not yell out "G-Unit!" during Church. Despite what you may think, the G does not stand for God.

**LEO:** (JULY 23—AUG. 22)

Do not steal candy from any babies this week. In twenty years, that baby could end up being the next WWE champion who happens to have an incredible memory.

**VIRGO:** (AUG. 23—SEPT. 22)

Your life will depend on being able to distinguish between "buttloads" and "assloads"

**LIBRA:** (SEPT. 23—OCT. 23)

You will be very relieved when you learn that your traumatic experience with the Oompa Loompas was only a dream.

**SCORPIO:** (OCT. 24—NOV. 21)

You will be the laughingstock of academia when you write a paper about the social theory of Richard Marx.

**SAGITTARIUS:** (NOV. 22—DEC. 21)

The Stars suggest that you don't mix acupuncture and patriotism. Flag poles are much much thicker than the needles you are used to.

**CAPRICORN:** (DEC. 22—JAN. 19)

It would not be wise to brag about your "Level 19 Rogue" while you are attending your very first sorority party

**AQUARIUS:** (JAN. 20—FEB. 18)

The planets Mars and Uranus are aligned today.

But this has nothing to do with your future. Go buy some groceries and watch Regis and Kelly.

**PISCES:** (FEB. 19—MARCH 20)

Your brief stint with vegetarianism will take a tragic  
2 turn when you discover what "sweetbread" is

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cover his ears, and scream "LA LA LA I'M NOT LISTENING" for several minutes.

With no professional hockey in North America, fans are turning to other activities to fill the gaping void in their souls created by hockey's absence.

Dave Kennedy '07 is one such fan. "Yeah, it's been pretty rough, but I've managed," Kennedy said. "I've picked up needlepoint, which passes the time. Also, I do a lot more drugs now."

Former NHL All-Star and Hamilton alum Guy Hebert '89 could not be reached for comment because he was erased by Gary Bettman.

*R.I.P. Guy Hebert, erased at the age of 38*

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favorite countries,” Rumsfeld continued. “Each week the country with the fewest votes will be eliminated. From the show, that is.”

At the end of each week of *Who Wants To Be Invaded?* viewers will be able to get on their cell phones and vote for the most worthy (recipient/victim) of American (liberation/invasion) by text-messaging 33284 and entering “i h8 (name of country)”

“It’s a lot like *American Idol*, but instead of giving a record contract to the winner, we’re going to bomb their country,” Rumsfeld later added.

North Korea’s Kim Jong-Il, Syria’s Bashar al-Asad, Iran’s Ayatollah Khomeini, and Canada’s Wayne Gretzky will represent their countries as the four contestants in the first season of *Who Wants To Be Invaded?*

Foreign policy experts such as *Entertainment Weekly* columnist Wanda Barnes have already begun to speculate on who will win.

“Iran’s definitely the favorite going in,” Barnes writes in the upcoming issue of *EW*. “They have a very strong combination of WMD programs and blind hatred for the Great Satan. I also like North Korea’s chances -- Kim Jong-Il’s ruthless insanity and mistreatment of his own people could put the DPRK over the top. Syria’s a long shot, but if they kill any Lebanese Christians then all bets are off!

“As for Canada...I’m not sure why they’re on the show. I guess they are to blame for Alanis Morissette and the National Hockey League. Stupid Canucks.”

*Who Wants To Be Invaded?* will air weeknights from 10-11PM on FOX.

Kim Jong-Il could not be reached for comment because he doesn’t talk to filthy capitalist pig-dog oppressors like us. Plus, he’s so ronery. Oh so very ronery.

## HOWARD DINER SELLS JUKEBOX, HIRES MEATLOAF

By Mr. Erb ‘05 and Mr. Clark ‘06

*TWO OUT OF THREE AIN’T BAD DEPT.*

(CLINTON, NY) After hearing Meatloaf’s song “I’d Do Anything For Love (But I Won’t Do That)” played on the Howard Diner jukebox for the 174th time this semester, diner employee Amanda Drake ‘07 realized that the rest of the songs on the jukebox were obsolete.

“Students love that song,” Drake said. “Maybe it’s because you can sing along when you’re drunk. Maybe it’s because you get 12 minutes of music for 25 cents. I don’t know. But they play it all the damn time!” Drake complained to her Bon Appetit boss about the song, but where she saw annoyance, her boss saw opportunity. Bon Appetit promptly hired Meatloaf to be a regular performer.

Bon Appetit administrators made this decision after realizing that hiring Meatloaf would bring in off-campus business -- and would be significantly cheaper than maintaining the jukebox.

Meatloaf, born Marvin Lee Aday, has spent the last ten years acting and performing at an equal mix of sold-out stadiums and bar mitzvahs. But Bon Appetit’s offer of reliable, weekly work was too good an offer for Meatloaf to turn down. In exchange for a lifetime supply of bonus meals, Meatloaf will play live in the Diner Thursday through Saturday nights from 8-11PM. Friday nights will also feature special duets with Meatloaf and infamous diner employee Wally.

Meatloaf reportedly included a clause in his contract that would allow him to play one song other than “I’d Do Anything For Love” at least once per hour.

Because of security concerns, Meatloaf and bandmate Jim Steinman will play in a plexiglass cage similar to the one being considered by late-night Jitney drivers.

Meatloaf could not be reached for comment because, like a bat out of hell, he was gone.

# RUPTURED EARDRUM DISPROVES “WORDS CAN NEVER HURT ME”

By Mr. Millhauser '08  
*INDOOR VOICE DEPT.*

(WESTMORELAND, NY) The events of last Tuesday mark a groundbreaking, earth-shattering, soil-disrupting moment in the history of mildly annoying sayings.

Bobby Jenkin, a second grader at Westmoreland Elementary School, uttered the time-honored saying, “Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me,” after being called a ‘total retardoid’ by classmate Benjamin Stoker.

But Stoker in response, screamed “YES THEY WILL!” directly into Jenkin’s right ear. Stoker’s deafening shriek was so shrill and loud that it ruptured Jenkin’s eardrum, therefore disproving the “sticks-and-stones” maxim and possibly disrupting the space-time continuum.

Jenkin was rushed to a nearby hospital and treated, but emergency room doctors do not expect Jenkin to regain hearing in his right ear.

“Poor kid. We’re doing all we can, but it doesn’t look like anything will work,” Dr. Vanessa Alger remarked. “He’s had a history of persistent ear infections, but I never thought it would come to something so tragic.”

This is the second time in recent weeks when a famous saying has been contradicted. Utica resident Andre Carpenter recently published a study in *The American Journal of Taxidermy* that disproved the adage “there is more than one way to skin a cat.”

Jenkin was unavailable for comment because he couldn’t hear us when we asked him questions. Stoker was also unavailable for comment because he was in time-out.

## THIS WEEK IN COMEDY:

### Bobby Peru

In response to criticism over the controversial skits that have appeared in past shows and hundreds of angry letters from Bill O’Reilly fans, the “Bobby Peru” sketch comedy group performed a heartwarming show this past Thursday.

The show went off without a hitch, and the crowd was especially pleased by the skits “Love Makes Us Friends,” “Caring is Sharing,” and “A Hug a Day Keeps Those Naughty Frowns Away.”

Citing their newfound concern for protecting the nation’s youth from radical thought and electricity, Bobby Peru also put on the highly praised “That Doesn’t Belong in a Light Socket!” skit.

Before the show, the group handed out lollipops and miniature American flags to the crowd. They also stayed long after the show to hold hands and actively listen to their audience.

Having always been known for biting cynicism and topical comedy, Bobby Peru has taken a step forward with their new approach. They have truly become an organization with the community’s best interests at heart. This reviewer wishes only that more groups would follow in Bobby Peru’s footsteps.

So what’s next for the group? Word has it they will be making balloon animals to hand out to homeless children this weekend.

Reportedly, the infamous “Yodapez” improv group will also be helping the homeless this weekend by dangling delicious ham sandwiches out of the back of a moving car. Those crazy devils!

- Mr. Orlando '08

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