

**Favorite Radio Station****Winner: 97.5**

As if MTV, the Grammys and Hollywood weren't enough, the hip-hop superstars have even taken over Chapel Hill. The blend of sultry R&B, back-breaking bass and mainstream rap make 97.5 the perfect choice for anyone wishing to get more in touch with their inner ghetto superstar.

**Favorite Local Group****Tie - Only Midnight and Weekend Excursion**

Once again, jam bands blow away all challengers, proving that acoustic-driven emotion is more than a match for electro-metal noise. This year's award is a bittersweet pill, however, as Weekend Excursion played its last official concert together earlier this semester. Cry softly into your lite beer, and then cheer up. John Mayer will be there in the morning.

**Favorite Place to See a Band****Winner: Cat's Cradle**

No surprise here. Cat's Cradle is by far the best local venue for catching national acts on tour. In fact, it is one of the best on the East Coast and probably even the country. Couple that with the Cradle's dedication to promoting and featuring local music, and this is clearly one of the hippest hangouts.

**Best Place to Find that New CD****Winner: Best Buy**

The electronic monster that has eaten countless mom-and-pop claims another customer. Check out the sales rack on opening day for sweet deals on the hottest new releases. Sometimes you can snap up a CD for right around \$11. Don't count on Best Buy to have indie or local releases.

**Favorite Web Site****Winner: CNN.com**

You are all boring people, but at least you are abreast of what is going on in the world. Truth be told, though, CNN.com is the quickest and easiest way to see who is leading in the elections, what country we are invading and how to keep your kitchen sink from eating your baby. To top that off, it has the best and most concise collection of links to other news sources, with the topics ranging from entertainment to international tragedy.

**Favorite Reality Show****Winner: "The Real World"**

No matter the place, no matter the people and no matter the season, this show never fails to please. It's the classic story of what happens when you put too many people with too much booze and bottled-up sexual energy into too sweet of a house. Thank you, MTV, for highlighting all our social ills and then exploiting them for all they are worth.

**Best place to see an arthouse flick****Winner: Varsity****Honorable Mention: Chelsea**

The Varsity, with its Franklin Street location and competitive prices, is a hot spot for all those medium-sized movies that won't make the THX cutoff. The Chelsea, on the other hand, has an eclectic mix of heartbreaking documentaries and controversial independent films.

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