When senior David Harris studied abroad in China to perfect his Mandarin, he didn’t expect to become a singing, guitar-playing sensation on some of the country’s most popular TV competitions. But Harris, a double major in industrial engineering at McCormick and in Mandarin Chinese in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, has tried out for and won spots on several Chinese talent shows, including Xing Guang Da Dao, similar to American Idol, and Huang Jin 100 Miao (pictured). On that show, which is similar to America’s Got Talent, Harris earned second place. After he returned from studying abroad, Harris continued to fly back to China to perform. “Luckily my teachers have been very understanding, but it’s not easy,” he says. “The jetlag is the hardest part.”