By Alan Waters
Staff Writer

When you hear the phrase “singled out”, you might think about being left out, being alone and being by yourself. Well thanks to MTV, and most recently, to Bryan Collins and Shannon Wheeler along with the rest of the rest of a strong cast brought to the screen by MTV, this phrase will mean “singled out” and stands with a group of singles who wait as patiently as a pack of starving hyenas for their first meal in a game show with perennial playmates Jenny McCarthy and Carmen Electra as co-hosts, where the people that are single become the winners. This reward is completely appropriate for Bryant, as the single life is the right life in college.

The idea of the game is you have one “contestant”, who is “singled out” and stands with their back toward a group of singles who wait as patiently as a pack of starving hyenas looking for their first meal in four months. The contestants answers a selection of questions limiting the crowd down to a finalist who then answers the final questions in order to win a date with the lucky contestant, well, in some cases.

Bryant University featured its very own version of MTV’s Singled Out this Valentine’s Season. Having the program the day after Valentine’s I allowed all those single folks such as myself to feel better about themselves for a few minutes, even if it was just the mere ten of us on campus.

When asked how they came up with the idea both Bryan and Shannon responded by saying, “They were thinking of all the Anti-Valentine ideas they could and this one seemed to work for all the single people.” Yes I keep rubbing it in, I mean it is not like I wore a black suit or anything the day of Valentine’s day. Okay so maybe I did, and maybe I took part in the game show, but do you blame me? It was fun and this Hallmark season needs to be spiced up a little bit sometimes. Lucky for me, SPB will remain an active part of the staff by sending an essay to the Archway and my columns, but to attract more students to SPB events. So make sure you keep your ears and eyes open for more columns from me and my joint adventure.

Dana Pepa, a contestant on Singled Out kindly took into consideration the single folks when planning their event. That is why Alan Waters will be taking part in a new series called SPB and Alan: The Joint Adventure. My goal is not only to attract more readers to the Archway and my columns, but to attract more

A throwback to the ’90s with Singled Out

By John Crisafiulli

Greetings from Galway, Ireland!

From John’s study abroad blog

This past weekend was our long awaited homes-

day, spent with an Irish family. On Friday we were all pretty nervous about what it was going to be like. Would it be awkward? Would there be stuff to do? Who knew? So we boarded the bus at 6:00 in the evening bound for Castelbar, about an hour away from Galway.

The bus ride was long and the road was very bumpy which led us to question where in God’s name we were going. The bus dropped us off in a dark parking lot, which was a little random, and our host families gradually came through to cart us away. Mary Gallagher, our host mother, finally came to pick us up. I was going with two guys from Stonehill, Tim and Tim. We hopped in the car and off we went up the road to Mary's house. It was a nice little house with tons of fields in the back and a great view.

We went inside and met Frank, her husband. They were both so very warm and welcoming. We sat by the fire for a bit and then Mary went off to fix us dinner. She made us baked chicken, mashed potatoes and carrots in gravy. It was so nice to have a home cooked meal after fending for ourselves for a week. They wanted to know all about us and were eager to hear about our impression of Ireland thus far. We had tea and ice cream for dessert and then Frank went off for his weekly game of darts.

We sat with Mary by the fire and watched the "tele" for awhile. It was fun to watch the local shows and we talked a lot. She had set up a bedroom just for us with three beds and all. In the morning, they even let us sleep late, a luxury considering how loud the students in our housing are. We spent the day exploring Castelbar and visiting a museum. The Museum of Country Life, Mary works there. It was very interesting; it told the history of the poverty of Ireland in the early 20th century. We walked back and got caught in a hail storm. It was great to be out in the country, away from the hustle of the city for a bit.

That evening we went over next door to Frank and Mary's daughter's house. She was also hosting three students from our group and a German exchange student. Jackie, the oldest of the four Galagher kids, has three little boys, two seven year old twins and one six year old. One of the twins is deaf which was really tough. They were so funny.

The kids surely kept us entertained; they liked playing football in the yard and Playstation. Jackie brought her crew over and we all hung out in the sitting room. Mary played the piano and the kids brought drums and guitars. It was good old fashioned fun. They taught us card games and us them and we played for awhile.

Jackie took the boys to bed and her students stayed at Mary's house. She made us all a late night "pizza and "chips". She fed us non-stop the whole weekend. We met one of their other daughters, Denise. She is 16 and still in high school. She brings Dylan, Jackie's deaf boy, to Dublin every Sunday where he stays all week for school. It is very tough for them to have to have him so far away.

Sunday, Frank made us a traditional Irish breakfast with sausage, tomatoes, chips, black pudding, beans, bread and tea. It was really good and really the best we had all weekend. We drove through town and then played football with the boys for awhile. Frank took off before us with boys to go see thier Granny. We gave Mary our host gifts, which she loved and we visited the weekend was already over. It was so fun and interesting to live with them for a few days. They are very similar but also very different from Americans. They don't use heat at night because energy is very expensive. They are much more modest than us bold Americans. They are very warm and welcoming, something that Americans are not exactly known for. It was such a great experience and they offered for us to "call" in if we are ever back in Castelbar. What we thought was going to be an awkward experience turned out to be so much fun. I am one of the highlights of the study abroad experience! Cheers.
Burns asked the venerable heroes to broil and the futility of it all, but Burns' many achievements and stories about World War II. Airing on PBS in September, "it is not enough to currently em­ phasize in Springfield, Illinois. "He never lost sense of what was worth fighting for," Burns joked. Focusing his speech directly on his movie, Burns talked about the difficulty of making such an epic film. "How do you do justice to the smaller moments?" he asked. Instead of relying on the easy topics such as Adolf Hitler or Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Burns chose instead to focus on "everyday people" from four American towns: Luvurne, Minnesota; Sacramento, California; Waterbury, Connecticut; and Mobile, Alabama. One story involved a young man named Glen Frasier. He lied about his age, joined the army, and was sent to the Philippines, experiencing hand-to­ hand combat and prison camps. His loved ones back in Alabama thought he was dead. "The greatest cataclysm in history came from basic human emotions," namely, "courage," Burns said. With that in mind, the lights were dimmed and the audience was treated to a clip of the first two-hour episode. When that ended, Ken Burns discussed some of the people and gave some interesting facts about the war, for example, most of the casualties of were civilians and the 442nd regiment, the most decorated section of the United States Army, was composed of Japanese-Americans. "One antibiotic to this misery [...] is memory. By stepping into memory, these men and women [in his documentary] have shown us ourselves," Burns remarked. The presentation ended with a haunting montage of the horrors of World War II, from the battlefields to the concentration camps.

Ken Burns discusses his new documentary The War which will be aired on PBS in September as a 14 hour series.

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Ellis Hall

By Kelly Drew
Staff Writer

Bryant University staff and students, as well as the general public, were treated to a spectacular performance given by Ellis Hall. Hall, a prolific musician, has played with many other performers including Tower of Power, James Taylor, and Stevie Wonder. On February 15th, as part of the President's Cultural Series and Black History Month, Janikies was rocked by Hall and his backup band. After a brief introduction by President Ronald Machlitt, Ellis Hall took over, bewailing to the audience, "What're you people doing in my living room?"

Beginning, with a medley dedicated to Ray Charles (featuring such hits as "Hallelujah I Love Her So" and "America the Beautiful"), Hall eventually broke out his other musicians or, as he put it, "his 'court of funk'- that's P-H-U-N-Q-U-E-E." Featuring a... (continued)

Global community hour: Jamaica

By Ashley Palmer
Staff Writer

Without leaving the grounds of Bryant University, a gathering of students, faculty, and members of the surrounding community traveled to the faraway country of Jamaica, as they gathered at Bryant Center on Friday, February 16, to celebrate Jamaican culture. Deidre Fraser, class of 2010, led the global community hour by sharing with the audience her experience as well as an abundance of information regarding the lifestyle and culture of her native country. Jamaica is known for its music, dance, folklore, landscape, and the ever-popular "jamaican food". Fraser discussed the cuisine and its various flavors, including jerk chicken and pepper pot. She also touched on the country's famous reggae music, which has been a significant part of the culture throughout the years. Fraser's knowledge was shared in an engaging and informative manner, leaving the audience with a deeper appreciation for the rich culture of Jamaica.

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Campus Undercover

By Jared Neilan, Timothy Osborn, Michael Oliveri, Philip Weiss
Staff Writers

Before we begin, we would like to express our appreciation for all of the positive feedback we have been receiving from you, the readers. For this week's "Campus Under Cover" installment, we are delighted to introduce you to the historical and cultural richness of Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts. Brandeis is not as well known as many of the other colleges that we've featured in the past, but we find it quite impressive that it has only a student body of 2,100 undergraduates but has been around for 59 years.

Brandeis was founded by Jewish Americans who embraced the idea of educating minority groups in America during a period of discrimination in higher education. Today, the school continues to be a national leader in Jewish studies with 55% of its student population representing this field.

Things we didn't like...

1. "Well endowed" - With an endowment of $467 million dollars, you can rest assured that Brandeis students are well taken care of. We feel that this is a reflection of their successful alumni body.
2. Large and in charge - Considering Brandeis has a similar sized student population to Bryant, it has numerous large academic buildings. Imagine a world in which you would have to exit the Unibuild to get to your next class.
3. No negligence here - Unlike Bryant, Brandeis' walkways were actually clear with no ice or snow. Seems like Brandeis didn't run out of salt or sand for the one snow storm of the season.
4. Renowned Faculty - Although we didn't experience a class, we got the impression that Brandeis faculty members were the best in their respective fields. Notable Brandeis professors have included Aziza Hill, Abraham Maslow, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Morris Schwartz (Tuesdays With Morrie).
5. Got Greeks? - Due to the fact that the university has a high percentage of students involved in fraternities or sororities, it is difficult to find common areas on campus.
6. You're invited! - Brandeis students intern and work at major companies such as Goldman Sachs, Lehman Brothers, and Morgan, and in the case of our tour guide, foreign government (we were not sure if this was something we liked considering the fact that we are jealous).
7. Our crest - In case you were wondering, the globe may be our logo but we do also have an official crest. Every institution that we have visited including Brandeis uses the crest as the main symbol of their university. At Brandeis the crest was a visible icon on campus.

Things we liked...

1. Clean up your act - From the windows, to the walls... you know how the song goes. It seemed as though every building we visited needed a scrub down.
2. Your Guide - W-E-I-R-D. We had never heard a tour guide describe the school's cafeteria food as "finger-lickin' good." And that was just the beginning. We can't imagine that our tour guide was the best representation of a Brandeis student.
3. Castle! - You think Hall 17 is awkwardly sized and placed? Imagine a full blown out Scottish Castle in the middle of campus, which houses sophomores in suites and doubles. Please note we are not kidding here, it is an actual castle! Oy vey!
4. Class Size - While the freshman class is about the same size as ours, their required first year classes are lecture style with up to 130 students. This is probably a reflection of the fact that professors at Brandeis are more interested in research than teaching. Let's not forget about the wonderful TA's they have.
5. Keeping it real... - Considering that research is such a focal point here, the majority of professors come from strictly academic backgrounds. Our tour guide even admitted that some Biology students (including him) were exposed to a real world experience in internship programs, they were shocked by the striking difference between classroom training and the goings-on of the real world.
6. Budget - Because we were not able to enter half the buildings on campus, and judging by the fact that there were no students being present, we didn't gain any sense of community at Brandeis. The campus seemed to have no area to bring students together in a social atmosphere; we get the feeling everyone just hangs out at the library.
7. Facilities needed - All buildings on campus were inspired by 1950s type architecture. The buildings can be described as cold and linear. When new buildings were not attractive in their physical appearance.

Things we brought home...

1. We would like to see Bryant hold an icon for more than ten or so years. It is now time to update our crest as the main symbol of our institution, we are respecting tradition while also providing instant credibility. For a school that is short on tradition as it is, we could really use this.
2. Conventional wisdom would tell us that we need to have the ability to provide the basic necessities to students before allowing them to eat and sleep. This year we have seen Bryant struggle with both (e.g. long lines at Salamone and students living at the Comfort Suites). While Brandeis only has 3100 undergraduate students, they have the facilities to support nearly double that. Hopefully Bryant will continue building up its infrastructure as it has been doing with the new residence hall.
3. To say the least, we were impressed by Brandeis' endowment. If anything, it made clear to us that while we had a successful initial capital campaign, we are ready to see the next kick off. What many students do not realize is that a campaign not only allows for new facilities but it also infuses money into department budgets, enriching our programs and "expanding the world of opportunity."

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**EMT CALL** EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered FEB 14 2007-Thursday at 08:22
Location: UNISTRUCTURE
Summary: A report of a female passed out on the floor. EMS was activated.

**THEFT (OTHER)** Larceny / Other ($50-$200) FEB 15 2007-Thursday at 15:20
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A minor accident was reported with no injuries.

**BURGLARY (RESIDENCE)** Burglary/B&E A Dwelling Anytime FEB 16 2007-Friday at 15:00
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of money and DVDs stolen from a room.

**ASSAULT (Non Aggravated)** FEB 17 2007 -Saturday at 01:15
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A student reports her ex-boyfriend had damaged things in her room.

**VANDALISM** Vandalism FEB 17 2007-Saturday at 13:08
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student reports the front window of Hall 3 broken.

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**Intern Spotlight:**

**Lyndon Blakesley '07**

**Concentration:** Accounting and Economics

**Internship Site:** Ernst & Young

Location: Boston, MA, Summer 2006

**What were your major responsibilities?**

Assisting with quarterly reviews and 104 testing; verifying that statement numbers were correct and tying them to the financial statements or IPO (SEC filings); reviewing internal controls of clients and testing those controls.

**What did you learn about the profession?**

General tasks of what's involved in auditing. Team dynamics. Being part of an organization for the first time.

**What did you find most challenging about your internship?**

Traveling - commuting one hour to and from work. Control testing and categorizing of controls.

What did you find most rewarding about your internship?

Paycheck! Getting a good insight into what the profession involves (work expectations). The training, I received. Liked the firm and I liked the people. Received an offer for a Staff I Auditor position which I accepted!

**Did you receive compensation for your Academic internship?**

Yes.

**Who was your faculty supervisor** and what were your academic requirements?

Dr. Timothy Krumwiede
Reviews and an essay on the Disadvantages of SARBANES OXLEY.

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Study Abroad Spotlight

Name: Kevin May
Class of: '07
Location: Freiburg, Germany
Partner: IES
Semester Abroad: Spring '06
Duration: January 11 – May 12

Reason for going:
I had been to Europe before on a family vacation and since then I had always wanted to go back. Also, the program I participated in offered classes that helped me complete my political science minor, so what better way than to finish up in Germany!

Best experience/memory:
On St. Patrick’s Day I was able to go skiing in the Swiss Alps and it was an incredible experience.

Funny cultural experience:
When I got my hair cut at the local barber shop, I couldn’t speak English, so I was nervous that I wouldn’t be able to instruct them to cut my hair the way I wanted. Surprisingly, it turned out to be the best one I’ve had in my life.

How was the school different from Bryant University?
The IES European Union program was run independently, with no ties to a university. It consisted of three sections students could enroll in, depending on their major or minor: Economics, International Business, and Political Science. There were no classes on Friday, except for any field trips teachers may have scheduled. In fact, students were free to travel for three-day weekends. Finally, as part of the curriculum, the students took two seven-day trips to Eastern and Western Europe, visiting the different EU institutions.

How did this experience change you?
I became much more independent. I had never really traveled on my own, especially internationally, and this definitely helped me overcome that fear. Also, the semester helped me gain a new perspective on international politics, which was really unique. Also, I became a soccer fanatic.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?
Absolutely! Studying abroad is something every student should take part in while in college and I would go again in a heartbeat.

Name: Lindsey Ferrigno
Class of: '07
University: Lorenzo d’Medici
Location: Florence, Italy
Partner: AFI
Semester Abroad: Spring '06
Duration: January 28 – May 20

Reason for going:
I wanted to learn more about the Italian culture. When I was younger, many of my family members would tell me stories about their time living in Italy, and I wanted to experience it myself. So, I figured I would never have the opportunity again to study abroad in a foreign country, so why not while I was in college?

Best experience/memory:
My favorite memory was becoming friends with the owner of my favorite restaurant, “Il Porcellino.” The owner, Franco, and I had become very close friends along with everyone else at the restaurant. He was my Dad away from home. On my walk to class, I would pass the restaurant, and he would yell “Ciao Bella” and insist stopping in at the restaurant for a espresso. This just goes to show how friendly the Italians were.

Funny cultural experience:
One of my classes was a Wine class. Our teacher cancelled class one week and told us to meet him at a Chianti Wine Tasting of over 100 different Chiantis all from Italy. My professor and classmates met him at the convention center where we began tasting different wines. After tasting over 20 different Chiantis, we began cheering our professor! He had never heard of doing this before!

How was the school different from Bryant University?
Classes were much more relaxed. The professors would be late to class all the time; punctuality was not a part of their culture. There was very little homework, and the classes were based around the Italian culture.

How did this experience change you?
I learned that I am much more independent. I was able to function over 1,000 miles away from my family and friends, and had a great time doing it!

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?
Absolutely! Hands down, studying abroad was the best decision I have ever made. I think everyone in college should take the opportunity to study abroad.

SPB Presents:
Spring Weekend
2007

April 27, 28, and 29

More information to come soon!
Student Speak Out

How well do you feel Bryant Facilities Management responded to last week's storm?

"They could have done better. The sidewalks are still pretty icy even a week later. The way they left them was pretty dangerous."
Shannon Griffin '08

"I think they could have handled it in a more time efficient manner."
Stephanie Olson '10

"I have nothing to say other than they really could have done a better job. This campus was really dangerous."
Todd Kierstead '09

"I thought they could have cleaned it up a lot faster, especially before it all froze."
Richard Zambarano '09

"It was a piss poor job!"
Charlie Granatell '08

"Terrible! It's tough for me to subscribe to the campus policy when I step outside and am fearful for my life."
Chris Mulville '07

"I don't think they did a good job at all; they didn't plow and they didn't salt. I slipped a couple times."
Kimberly Primavera '07

"I think they did a pretty bad job; however, it was ice, not snow, so there wasn't too much they could do."
Stephanie DePietro '09

Compiled by Joe Domaney
Bulldogs enter the final stretch

By Alan Waters
Staff Writer

When some athletes look back at their four years here at Bryant, they are sad to realize that all their hard work is coming to an end. For others, it is a relief. More importantly, athletes look at this as the end of an era and the beginning of a new time at Bryant. In my eyes, I think all athletes, when looking back, should see it as a wonderful time. Half of an amazing memories, games and friendships that will last a lifetime.

For Bryant's men's and women's basketball seniors, this time is coming close. This past Tuesday was Senior Night for both teams, who Rubenoff finished with 8 points and 6 rebounds. Skiba finished with 4 points and 5 assists and Cegarra got her first start of the season.

On the men's side, Bryant defeated Merrimack 74-69, and received the 13th seed in the conference. Three seniors were honored for the Bulldogs: Nate Sudlow, Chris Burns and Dan Hammond. Each played well and helped capture the close victory. Sudlow finished with 20 points and 2 assists, while Hammond added 3 points and 1 assist.

Tuesday night on was not just about Merrimack, however. It was also about the past few years wearing the black and gold for these seniors. These years have been filled with great games and memories. Not surprisingly, when asked, these seniors recall different games as their best memory. Erin Murphy stated, "The game I felt was the best was when we beat Bentley this year, which was the first time we have beat them in the regular season, and there was such a huge crowd which helped out." Rubenoff and Cegarra agreed that it was the best game this season. As far as best memory for the ladies over the four years, Rubenoff summed it up best by saying, "My favorite memory was when Pam Malcolm scored her first points on her senior night." All the other basketball teams came to support her and it was such an emotional moment. "It was one of the biggest and most emotional events in Bryant athletic history. For the senior men, the best memory was summed up by Hammond, who said, "making it to the NCAA finals was tops for them. However, having a favorite game or a best memory is not all. These seniors each want Bryant to remember something about them when they hang up their uniform the last time and finish their careers here. Cegarra wants people to remember that she "was a hard worker. I worked hard as a practice to make others better and myself better." Rubenoff agreed, saying, "I hope that people remember me as a hard worker and a team player." Murphy said, "When I decided on one thing I want people to remember is that I was a hard worker, who focused on working hard on defense, and did whatever it took to get my team a win." Hammond responded in four words: a "leader, hard worker" and "blue collared." In the eyes of Bryant these seniors are more than just players on a basketball team, they are part of a community, the Bryson community. They deserved the win they got last year and I am proud they represent Bryant athletics. They make me proud to be an athlete and proud to go to Bryant. So thank you seniors for what you have given this school and for making it a better place.

Do you like to write? Join The Archway's Sports Staff. E-mail archway@bryant.edu or join us on Mondays in Bryant Center Room 2b at 4:30 PM.
Bulldogs skate towards championship

By Greg Hirshorn

The Bryant Bulldogs hockey team has once again advanced to the Regional Playoffs along with the NECCHA playoffs. For the second year in a row, Bryant has accomplished the feat of advancing to both of these tournaments.

Last season, the team beat the odds to win two games in the Regional Playoffs and advance to the national tournament in Rochester, NY. The Bulldogs fell short in the NECCHA playoffs with a second round loss to the UNH Wildcats. They enter this year with a winning attitude hoping to reclaim their title of NECCHA champions.

The team left this past Friday as they headed to the site of the regional tournament in Rochester, NY, ironically being the same site as the previous year’s national tournament, which Bryant attended. Their first game was a loss, an outcome that did not please the Bryant hockey team.

They were defeated, which halted the chance of a return trip to nationals, this year taking place in Colorado. Even with this loss, the Bulldogs showed great character by winning the second regional game that they played with a score of 2 to 3. Even though this season will not contain a repeat trip to nationals, the team still has its sights set on the NECCHA title.

The first game of the NECCHA tournament took place Monday night at Bryant’s house rink located in Burrville, RI. UConn came to town to take on the favored Bryant Bulldogs. The Bulldogs came out playing the kind of hockey that brought them to the playoff situation that they are currently in. With a mix of great physical play on defense, the ability to take advantage of the power play on offense, and solid goaltending, Bryant found itself up by a score of two to nothing at the end of the first period.

The second period got off to a disappointing start when UConn went on the board with a short-handed goal only 6 seconds into the period. Bryant was quick to retaliate with a goal to regain their two-goal lead shortly following the UConn score. Later in the period, UConn scored yet again making the score 3 to 2 in favor of Bryant after two periods of play.

The third period would be the period where Bryant would run away with the game and dominate UConn for the continuation of play. Bryant scored 4 goals in the third and held UConn scoreless to win by a final score of 7 to 2. With UConn taking penalties out of frustration, Bryant took advantage with goals that brought a close game out of reach for the UConn Huskies.

One moment of particular drama took place in the third period when a fight took place after an altercation in favor of the UConn net. A UConn player used his stick as a spear to jab at a Bryant player, causing ensuing chaos on the ice. The player from UConn was ejected and showed his lack of class by kicking over a full garbage can on his way to the locker room.

After this exhausting game Bryant now prepares for a trip to Nashua, NH, where they will take on UMass as the NECCHA semi-final game. If Bryant can stick to a game plan of tight defense and not allow the other team too much time with the puck in the Bryant zone, while capitalizing on power-play opportunities, the Bryant Hockey team has a good chance at winning this game on Saturday between two closely matched teams.

If Bryant goes onto win Saturday, they will advance to the NECCHA championship game to be played on the next day. With a win in Sunday’s game, the Bulldogs will win their first NECCHA championship in the past three years.

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Mark your calendars

Besides the NE-10 basketball Tournament, here is a look at the rest of the Bulldog sports action for the upcoming week.

Men’s Lacrosse: Sat, Feb. 24 vs. Adelphi 1:00 PM
Women’s Lacrosse: Thu, March 1 vs. Salve Regina 7:00 PM (Exhibition)

Men’s Tennis: Fri, Feb. 25 at Pace (at Hartford, CT) 1:00 PM
Women’s Tennis: Sat, Feb. 25 at Pace (at Hartford, CT) 1:00 PM

Indoor Track: Fri, Feb. 23 & Sat, Feb. 24 at New England Championships
Oden makes his mark in college game with bigger things ahead

By Jeff Shelman
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT Campus)

The best debates are often the ones that lack a correct right answer. Stuff like: Is figure skating a sport? Deep dish or thin crust? Gorilla or grizzly bear?

Here's a new one: Oden or Durant? When this basketball season began, there was little question of the freshman hierarchy. Ohio State's Greg Oden was No. 1, Texas wing Kevin Durant was No. 2.

Things, since then, have become a bit murkier. There was Oden missing seven games because of offseason wrist surgery and playing with a brace on his shooting hand. There was Durant recording six 30-plus-point performances since the beginning of the Big 12 season. Oden plays on a balanced Ohio State team averaging in double figures and is ranked second nationally. Durant, by contrast, has almost single-handedly carried the Longhorns this season.

So who's No. 1? Oden or Durant? Some of that depends on what the question is. Based on pure production, Durant has had the better freshman season. Who's going to be the better pro? That's another end of 17 and 17.

Spencer Tollackson: "They really, truly are about two opposite-end-of-the-spectrum guys as you could get," said Michigan State coach Tom Izzo, one of only three coaches who has faced both players this year. "One's big and strong. One's long and not nearly as strong. One is very, very active and one that's not as good--but that's hard to judge because of the hand and where he's going with it. The other one is definitely much more polished.'"

As impressive as it is to see a 7-foot, 280-pounder playing with a brace on his shooting hand, to get the ball to the baseline in a Jan. 31 win at Tech, probably would have been the top pick in each of the past two NBA drafts--is shooting 61.1 percent from the floor. His free-throw percentage is a Shaq-like 62.1 percent, but that is largely because he's still shooting free throws with his nonshooting but healthy left hand.

"Oden, just his physical presence changes the game," Iowa Coach Fran McCaffery said. "We played him when he was virtually playing with one hand and still had a hard time slowing him down.

Nobody has been able to slow Durant this season. The Texas forward is putting up better numbers than Carmelo Anthony did in his one season at Syracuse. In 25 games, Durant has been held under 20 only four times. As a result, Durant could become the ultimate rarity: a national college player of the year who is less than a year removed from his high school prom.

"When he came in here, I told him that I thought he had a chance to be the next big thing in college basketball this year," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "I told him that should be his goal, that should be what he wants to do.

If Durant has a weakness, it's probably his defense. Offensively he is extremely impressive. "Durant is a freak of nature in a way," Izzo said. "He's so long and he's so athletic and he handles the ball so well and he can shoot it from such deep range.

Durant, who has been compared to Tracy McGrady and called a smaller version of Kevin Garnett, also has the ability to score early and often. The most notable example came when he scored 37 points and grabbed 23 rebounds in a win at Texas Tech.

So, who's No. 1?

If both players enter this summer's NBA draft--which is a strong possibility--there will be more discussion about who is No. 1.

In large part because of size and defensive ability, Oden remains the consensus front-runner to be the No. 1 pick.

"I don't see anybody passing up a 7-footer with his skill set," said an NBA Eastern Conference scout who has seen both players multiple times. "He moves so well, he's been playing with one arm, and he can guard anybody in the league right now at [power forward or center]."

Need also could affect the decision.

"In the long run, who could be the best pro? I just look at them, and I don't think we know the full Oden yet," Izzo said. "The guy barely shuffle-dribbles yet because I don't think that's comfortable with his right hand.

"You can spend 30 minutes with him in person and it was only the third or fourth game of the year for them he's amazing, too. It's just two amazing kids, it really is.

Is there a wrong answer? Probably not.
Don’t Play the Race Card
By Greg Hirshorn

Tim Hardaway was a re-
tired NBA player who I used
for his skills on the court and
moves that he made in the course of his career. Dur-
ing a radio interview over the recent NBA All Star
Weekend Hardaway made the comment, "you know I hate gay people, so let it be known. I don't like gay people and I don't like to be around gay peo-
ple. I am homophbic. I don't like gay people, I don't like to be in the world or in the,
United States. So yeah, I don't like it." How about you tell us how you really feel Tim? Hardaway was hoping to begin a television career as a commentator but after making such a minority comment like the one shown above he can kiss that dream goodbye. In the year 2007 the world is becoming more accepted than ever before and comments like Hardaway's are not viewed as offensive. If Hard-
away had half a brain in his head he would know this before making this comment and raising his career in a matter of seconds.

The host of the show

Kennedy Uncensored: Black History and Malcolm
By Brian S. Kennedy

You learn the most from your critics. Over the past few years I've written several articles in preparation for Black History Month. I decided that it would be important to use my column to pay homage to some of the most important black leaders in history. Last week's MLK Jr. column was the first, and before I Forget Us we had one more. By this

arcsways in February, I had prepared a piece on W.E.B. DuBois and Booker T. Washington for the second column. However, after a verbal attack with one of the other students on campus, one of my friends named me two of the most influential books that I have ever read. "Post Traumatic Slavery Disorder" by the apology of Malcolm X. If you are a true fan of mine, a decent human being, or just interested in the work, I strongly recommend these books.

"Post Traumatic Slavery Disorder" was published in 1963, its impact and influence still felt today. The most important point I pulled out of it was that the methods of slavery involved separating black people from their homeland and culture, pitting them against each other, and making the last through the generations to guarantee subservience. Essentially what it created was a method that has similar mental ef-

fects to those found in the survivors of the Holocaust and the children who still have nightmares about the Nazis long after Hitler has been routed. The system attributed to Willie Lynch was meant to cause generational dysfunction, so the ef-
ts, it is argued, remain today. The solu-
tion offered in the book is to remove the educational and justice systems in order to allow those who understand the disor-
der to help those affected. The largest bar-
rier to the system's was the Criminal Of-
defender Records Information, which denies African Americans positions where they could relate to other African Ameri-
cans and stop the damage before it is too late.

"The Autobiography of Malcolm X" is one of the most important books anyone interested in understanding our current populace is woefully ignorant of the realities of racism. Lansing. To fit this book I treated today by a bunch of intellectual elites who like to pretend the North was inno-
cent simply because it didn't have as many, vast, open plantations with hun-
dreds of slave laborers. Malcolm X himself points out today which is ashamed of what he has done and will find any suitable scapegoat. It used to be blacks, now it is the white


The Daly Soapbox: Thank You, Facilities Management
By Ryan B. Daley

Check out this week's Letter to the

Editor. As you received your letter he re-
ceived from Facilities Management

workers during the aftermath of the Valen-
tine's Day ice storm. All I have to say is that he's ab-
solutely right - Facilities was appreci-
ated here at Bryant.

They clean up our mess and we leave it even worse most of the time. Some workers are in cleaning until the sun rises and others come in before you even go to bed and stay into the afternoon. You may not always see the work they're doing but there's a lot of behind-the-

scenes toil performed. They're very hard-working and critical to all of us as well.

Some of the best conver-
sations I've had with Bryant staff have been with facilities workers and not the faculty. Most I know have unparallelable hum-
erness and when you get to know them, they lead lives very similar to yours and mine.

Are we telling you this though? You already know it from the conversa-
tions you had with Bryant staff and even coming back from a class to your first-year residence hall, you've gone to your custodian for advice before; you've had a late-
night conversation with someone cleaning the room you're using to study in the Unistructure; they've been there to listen to you

express frustration. The bottom line is - they're there for anything you need not hours all of the day. What got the worst was facilities management really complain about dirty bath-
rooms, especially on a Sun-
day morning, the ones who miss the toilets when you've drunk too much; you can find a wretched mess and there's usually one or two people on the first-year areas on week-
end mornings.

Don't complain about the "terrible clean-up job" when there's only 12 men on take to care of the entire campus the day after a bad storm. It's not the workers that read. They're under-
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The Daley Soapbox

Cont'd from page 11 on sod they'd have enough to pay the overtime necessary to deal with the clean-up! In fact, I'm not trying to discount what anyone has to say about the poorly executed cleanup job, nor pat them on the back for a job well done. What I'm saying is there is a dynamic which many people miss: it's not the weather's fault that it's been super-slippery this past week; they were understaffed. To anyone who may have read this week's Student Speak Out and agrees whole-heartedly: Don't hold it against the workers — they did the best job with the resources they had. Many workers stayed late into Thursday morning shoveling and many put in extra hours... As soon as the temperature heated up this past week they were out non-stop clearing ice from the pathways.

They bust their asses keeping our campus beautiful and a lot of times they go disrespected. Stop and think next time you're about to throw your coffee cup on the ground. Pick up that piece of junk mail you don't want instead of leaving it on a table in the Bryant center. Recycle your newspaper instead of leaving it on the bench in the Rotunda. Most importantly, say "Thank you" once in a while to let them know you appreciate all that they do for us.

Letter To The Editor: In Defense of Facilities

Dear Editor,

I would like to extend a special "thank you" to the Facilities Management Department here at Bryant. Last week my car was absolutely stuck in ice. I was running late to work and began to get really frustrated. My friend saw a Facilities truck driving by, and waved them down. At first two men came out with ice-picks to help me get out. While helping me there were four other cars that were stuck, who they attended to. They got the other cars out fairly easy, but my car has rear wheel drive, and so it took more time. Those two gentlemen stayed out there with me for about a half hour, and they called two more. The other two gentlemen were going to bring dirt and salt to try to melt the ice. A third gentleman from Facilities also came over, so three men were there at the time, trying to help dig and push my car out. We were all unsuccessful though until the last two gentlemen came. They brought the "good" materials. With the dirt and salt under my tires, and five gentlemen helping me get to work. I feel that the Facilities Management Department did a great job.

I want to send out a thank you to those gentlemen for helping me get to work. I wanted to thank them and let them know I appreciate all their help.

Thank you,

Hafiz Greigre

Race Card

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person, but because he is black. Give me a break. In addition anyone who uses the race card in my eyes has to hide. OJ Simpson used the race card during his trial saying that one of the witnesses was unfair because he was a racist and did not like Simpson due to the color of his skin. Who would someone like OJ Simpson have to hide? Oh yeah, a murder. When his back was against the wall and his options were limited OJ went to the good old race card which will get a person out of almost any situation imaginable.

For someone like Tim Hardaway who says that he knows what's it's like to be hated due to the color of his skin, he uses this excuse as a cover up for his own actions. "I'm a minority mind set I see from people like Hardaway and Bonds is, 'I'm a minority so proportionately aided by school vouchers, but the idea is decried. In contrast, minorities disproportionately obtain abortions, but abortion is considered a sacred right. These people are Pro-choice? Don't make me laugh. They prefer killing kids to educating them, and educated kids generally don't need to make the choice of abortion in the first place. However, as long as they can get 9 out of 10 blacks to vote for them, Democrats will continue this genocide and paint the right as racists. The Fox enjoys another meal at Black America's expense, with "black leader" (Malcolm X had plenty to say on those as well) Al Sharpton heading up the inquisition against anyone, black or white, who dares to disagree.

The point, my friends, is to spend your time educating yourself and others. The most important education you get here at Bryant is that which occurs on your own time away from classroom. As on sod they'd have enough time - more acutely, you share it more broadly, and you care about it more passionately. America has problems but America is not the problem. As an American citizen (or a citizen of any country) the onus is on you to use the knowledge you obtain to better your environment. If you learn anything at all from Black History Month, learn that people risked their lives and their well-being to change a thoroughly racist society with their own blood, guts, tears, and lives. If you aren't willing to do just because you are lazy or unsure of your ability, you are doing a great disservice to yourself, your family, your country, your community, and the rest of humanity.

KU: Malcolm X

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blacks. If we ask Malcolm X, he says bluntly, "Conservatism says 'Let's keep the niggers in their place,' liberalism says 'Let's keep the knee-growths in their place, but tell them we'll treat them a little better, let's fool them more, with more promises." He liked conservatives to wolves, where you knew your enemy was smarting and could fight them, and liberals to foxes that would have you half-digested before you knew what was happening. I can't speak for all conservatives, but I would like to think in thirty years we've changed our attitudes and are more honest about real solutions.

Every time I look in an inner-city all I see is ghetto riots run by Democrats, even in the reddest of red states. Is it any wonder they oppose school choice, but support "reproductive choice?" Minorities are disproportionately.
Observations

By Lauren Centino and Ryan P. Daley

Probation?

Has anyone else noticed the increase in professors who tell their students that a class test score average of 65-75 is a respectable and good score? Let's say a student maintains an or her 70-75 in each of his or her classes. The grades this student would receive would be a C- to a C. If this student has even one C-, their GPA will drop below a 2.0. Technically a GPA below 2.0 puts a student on academic warning after freshman year and if it happens again, you're on probation. Give us a break!

Facebook me!

What's up with those who try to communicate with us through Facebook messages? Please, we prefer e-mail, phone calls, snail mail, telegraph, Morse code... anything but Facebook!

Broken cables

Thank you, to whomever installed the new inspection certificate in the Bryant Center elevator. For the longe time we've had an expired (as of late December 2006) inspection certificate. We can now ride the elevator safely to the third floor without saying an "Our Father" on our way up.

Black? White?

We're excited for this upcoming Black/White program next Thursday (3:30 in Janikies). See you there.

WJMФ Rocks!!!

We've been really into WJMФ lately... they've got some good stuff going on. We especially like the Parente's underwriting.

Dining Digest: “Say Cheese”. The Vegan Plight In Salmo

By Kim Cole

Staff Writer

When I took a tour of Bryant in October of 2004, I remember being very impressed that the student government pointed out the vegan section in Salmo. Having been good friends with a faithful vegan for the past six years, I am fully aware of the difficulty and expense that come along with a vegan lifestyle. It was remarkable to me at the time that the administration of the school would go through such lengths to support this lifestyle. Yet as proof of the ambassador's words, proudly displayed on the wall is a large sign that clearly states "VEGAN!"

Often, I find that vegans are confused with vegetarians. Vegans cannot eat anything that is derived from an animal. Honey, dairy (including milk, cheese, and butter), eggs, fish, and many other choices that are typically acceptable as part of a vegetarian diet are off-limits for a vegan. Most baked goods that are not specifically made to be vegan including bread, muffins, and cookies contain milk, butter, and eggs. Even many vegetable soups are not included in a vegan diet. Typically, broth soups include chicken or beef stock in the list of ingredients. Even cooked vegetables that are made with butter or vegetable oil are not considered vegan. With such limitations on being a vegan, you can imagine my amazement upon hearing the Bryant University is supportive of buying and producing dairy-free, egg-free, and animal by-product-free foods that would constitute enough of a variety to have its own section in the dining hall. Can Bryant University truly claim to support vegan lifestyles on campus? Let's specifically look at Salmo's vegan section. Close to every day, cheese sauce is one of the items on the menu. Clearly, cheese falls in the restricted dairy field. Similarly, pasta, vegetables, and Alfredo sauce (also a butter and cheese dish) have been offered in this area. Just this past weekend, sausages with peppers and onions were offered under a vegan titled section. Assuming that the tofu (optionally available), the vegetables, and the rice are all made with vegetables and not butter, there are three options (along with the salad bar, fresh fruit, and bread) that offer only vegan choices available in Salmo.

The worst part of all this is that freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are required to have a meal plan if they want to live on campus. Why should vegans be asked to pay thousands of dollars a year for a meal plan that does very little to fulfill their nutritional needs while still abusing the dietary guidelines of their lifestyle? I feel that the limited selection for vegan students on campus coupled with the requirement to have a meal plan as an underclassman is a serious deterrent for vegans to attend this university. Granted, there are a limited number of vegans in comparison to other students, but to keep the menu free of meat should be more consideration for this minority. Although I still hold out for supporting the fact that diversity just is? How much easier is the difficulty and expense of providing a truly vegan selection that supplies a healthy variety of the nutrients the body needs. All I ask is that Bryant stop advertising the fact that they do or fulfill their promise to their vegan students.

Simon Says: Why DO We Care?

By Toby Simon

Staff Columnist

I don't know about you, but I'm really sick of hearing about Anna Nicole Smith. I do feel badly that she died a premature death but there are other things to talk about in the news besides who fathered her baby, whether she was abusing drugs, how depressed she's been for the past few months, and where she wanted to be buried? Granted, waiting to read who was the "father of the week" kept many of us on our toes.

And then there's Britany. How about that brunchaher over her shearing her head. Do we really care? Does this really mean she's over the edge or did she really want to sport a baldie haircut? After all, there's great precedent for fashion with shaved heads (Think Sigourney Weaver in Alien 3, Natalie Portman in V for Vendetta, and of course, the singer Sinead O'Connor). Just today we found out that Britany was checking into rehab. How many stories devoted to these efforts will now follow?

So if you do care about this stuff and are interested in learning more about the fascination/obsession/kolality of celebrities, here are three books: "The Image" by Daniel Boorstin. This is not a new book but it still has a lot to say about how news became "news" and how people say about how news became "news" and how people became a greater source of distraction. "Life: The Movie" by Neal Gabler. He looks at television which is a great communications tool and has become a new greater source of distraction. "Amusing Ourselves to Death" by Neil Postman. He looks at television which is a great communications tool and has become a new greater source of distraction.

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Bulldog Reviews: Breach

By Michael Pickowicz
Staff Columnist

For some reason or another, the movie Breach seemed to fly under my radar until about a few days ago. Barely seeing any trailers or knowing anything about the movie, I felt it would be nice to avoid the blockbusters this week and see something different. After seeing the movie, I can say that I was pleasantly surprised. Breach is a spy thriller, based on true events, about the capture of the United States' greatest mole. The movie stars a man named Robert Hansen, who has, for years, been giving valuable US information to the Soviets, during all the way back to the Cold War. To bring him down, FBI rookie Eric O'Neil is hired to look for Hansen's clerk to get more information on the man. The only problem is O'Neil is informed that Hansen is nothing more than a sexual predator whom the government is keeping under the rug. As time goes on, O'Neil begins to look at Hansen me as a mentor, finding no information that would convince him of the charges against Hansen. When he finally learns the truth about his mentor, he realizes that he may have gotten in too deep. One aspect of Breach that I really liked is that it was down to earth. True, it's based on a real event, but it was nice that no Hollywood fluff seemed to be added to the story. All the characters seemed very real and it was easy to get attached to their personalities and relationships. The most interesting aspect of this movie was the main character, Robert Hansen, played by Chris Cooper. The character himself was very complex. He was the one who created the movie, so he definitely helped the movie. Not only was O'Neil not able to see through him, but I was also interested in who exactly Hansen was and wasn't. Also, the story in general was enjoyable. The only thing that really annoyed me in Breach was that there were a few unanswered questions. While the movie clearly wants to avoid the "why," it is still kind of aggravating that there were no answers. With that said, however, the movie portrays Hansen's personality so well that I could make pretty good predictions of the unanswered questions. It's good to see a movie played by Chris is thoroughly enjoyed this year. While it is an off-reel movie, there are a few diamonds in the rough. Breach would be one of them. It is an excellent spy movie that has great characters and a great story. If you're worth taking the trip to the movies for, I give Breach 4 Bulldogs out of 5.

This Movie earned
4 out of 5 Bulldogs

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Greg's Book Reviews:
The Lies of George W. Bush

By Greg Hirshorn
Variety Editor

Over the recent Winter Break I had the opportunity to read two books. I will tell you about the first book that I read in this week's issue and provide a summary of the second book in next week's issue. The first book that I read was an eye opener for me. It was The Lies of George W. Bush: Mastering the politics of deception by David Corn. Before reading the book, I knew several of the things that Bush had lied about but I thought to myself, how could there be a 388 page book on all the lies that Bush has lied about? It seemed a bit over the top at first to think that a person was lied to over thirty times on such a consistent basis. After reading the book I can honestly tell you that every page of this book brings out valid points on issues that Bush has lied about.

There was an important statement in the introduction that created a mindset before getting too far into the book. Corn says, "George W. Bush is a liar. He has lied large and small, directly and by omission. He has mugged the truth-not merely in honest error, but deliberately, consistently and repeatedly." This cleared up an important point that leaving out crucial pieces of information that hurt your argument is a particular case is a form of misleading the public and lying by not telling the full truth on an issue.

The book is broken down in a year by year fashion, with each chapter investigating lies that he has told about different topics such as his tax policy, global climate change, September 11th, and possibly his most well known lies concerns the reasoning for the reasons for the United States' entry into Iraq. These are all some of the chapters; the book covers just about everything.

I found one of the more interesting lies in the chapter about Bush and his actions regarding September 11th. In a speech time days after September 11th he asked the question, "Why do they hate us?" His answer was, "They hate our freedoms." I believed this explanation from Bush until this book examined what he was saying. Terrorism experts and State Department officials agreed that the main goal of bin Laden's actions was to chase the United States out of the Continued on Page 15

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Horoscopes

Scorpio

You're very good at keeping secrets, so do that again. Don't let anybody know who's really in charge. Put up a figurehead.

Sagittarius

More research is required. Hit the books or the Internet. Several key questions have popped up, and you can find the answers.

Capricorn

Better figure out what you've made, and what you've spent recently. This is one of those jobs that you're better off doing yourself.

Aquarius

Ostensibly seek your advice, and well they should, since you're so smart. Listen to their ideas, too, and you'll prove it conclusively.

Pisces

It's perfectly natural to go over your decision in your mind. Don't worry, you can make adaptations as you go along, if you like.

Aries

You're getting heckler. Don't let this news interfere with your critical thinking. Withstanding isn't the only thing. How you play the games matters, too.

Taurus

You have a talent for building monuments. Construct a legacy your family can rely upon for generations.

Gemini

You're looking good, but don't relax. There'll be another tough question. No flirting, drinking or wild giggling fits until after the gig is over.

Cancer

You have the natural ability to do very well in business. This serves you in whatever you do. You can manage both time

Leo

A difficult task is nearing completion, and that's a wonderful thing. Don't let this event go unnoticed. Plan a celebration for tomorrow.

Virgo

Not only do you have to dog the job done yesterday, but the requirements keep changing, too. Luckily, you do well under pressure. Keep telling yourself that.

Libra

Your friends provide lots more than a few good jokes. They strengthen your resolve, improve your confidence and take you into action. You've got to love them for it.
Sunday Sunday Sunday:
A Monster Day at the Track

By Joe Domaney

This past Saturday men, women and children of all ages and walks of life filled the stands at the DCU center as the monster truck invaded Worcester, MA. Fans anxiously awaited the appearance of trucks including, Thrasher, BullDozer and even the ever popular Grave Digger. The show started off with an introduction of all the trucks as they filed out of the backstage area. A special commemorative fire truck displaying our nation's flag came out to the tune of "God Bless America," followed by the singing of our National Anthem. The performance was followed by a loud ovation from all in attendance. The announcer began to roar up the crowd by incorporating them in the countdown for the trucks to fire up their engines for the intense, three round event. As the engines fired, you could feel the building start to vibrate. The majority of these vehicles are created from shells of regular trucks we see on the road everyday. The biggest difference is nothing on the truck is stock as most of these stand around 10 feet high with approximately 66 inches, four wheel steering, and a super-charged engine pumping approximately 1,400 horsepower.

To start off the show, all trucks were allowed an opportunity to warm up with a wheelie competition in their first round. All of the big rigs reached their limits while jumping over a string of four cars at once, destroying all that got in their way and trying their hardest to impress both the judges and the crowd. Before the second monster truck round, "Quad Wars" took over. Here, two teams - Team Massachusetts and Team New Jersey - raced against each other. Obviously the dark green Team New Jersey lost the first heat and the crowd loved it.

The second of the three monster truck events was a race of the monstrous machines in bracket format to determine a speed champion. Each big rig would take a one lap circle against another starting at different sides of the arena, the winner would go on to the next round where the competition became even more fearsome. After all was said and done, BullDozer dominated all including the Dominator himself.

During intermission the temptation to show down was too great. There was a mad rush to get to the front of the line for oodles of scrumptious fried dough at the concession stands.

After everyone had re-filled to take their seats and the lights dimmed, it was time for an awesome robot fire show. It was pretty exhilarating seeing one massive robot on wheels shoot another while scorching hot torches flew from the other robot. After the amazing light show, the four wheeler teams came back out to buzz around the track raging war against the other team, but this time there was a tie. In the two lap tiebreaker, once again Team Massachusetts came out on top. This was perfect because the intensity of the "Quad Wars" transitioned nicely into the capstone of the show, the monsterfreestyle competition. In this third event each driver was given a full 60 seconds to do whatever they wanted to GIT-R-DONE!

This was the best part of the show as this is where everything came into one: wheelies, speed, donuts and wrecks! A cargo van, which had been sitting around in the middle of the arena for the entire show, was now being brought into the mix and the trucks showed no problem getting over the massive structure. The most popular Grave Digger went last and sure enough he posted a perfect score leaving a wonderful last impression on the entire audience.

As awesome as this was, the fans did not get the full experience of watching these monster trucks in the best possible atmosphere. The first thing that comes to mind when thinking monster trucks is some back country hillside venue, however, it was amazing to be able to see monster trucks make an appearance in the middle of a city. Nevertheless, the experience is much better when the event takes place outdoors rather than in a confined arena. After all, these arenas are created for a basketball or hockey game, not a monster truck show! Another Monster Jam show stops at the Dunkin Donuts Center in Providence from Friday March 2nd through Sunday March 4th; "BE THERE!!!!"
Leader
Bricklayer
Human being*

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