

News A3



**Fall favorites**  
This season's best reasons to "leaf" your house

Voice B1



**Tasteless tunics**  
Urban Outfitters stirs up controversy yet again

Sports A12



**Digging out**  
Volleyball 0-10 for the first time ever

## Bradley crime reputation: Legit or legend?

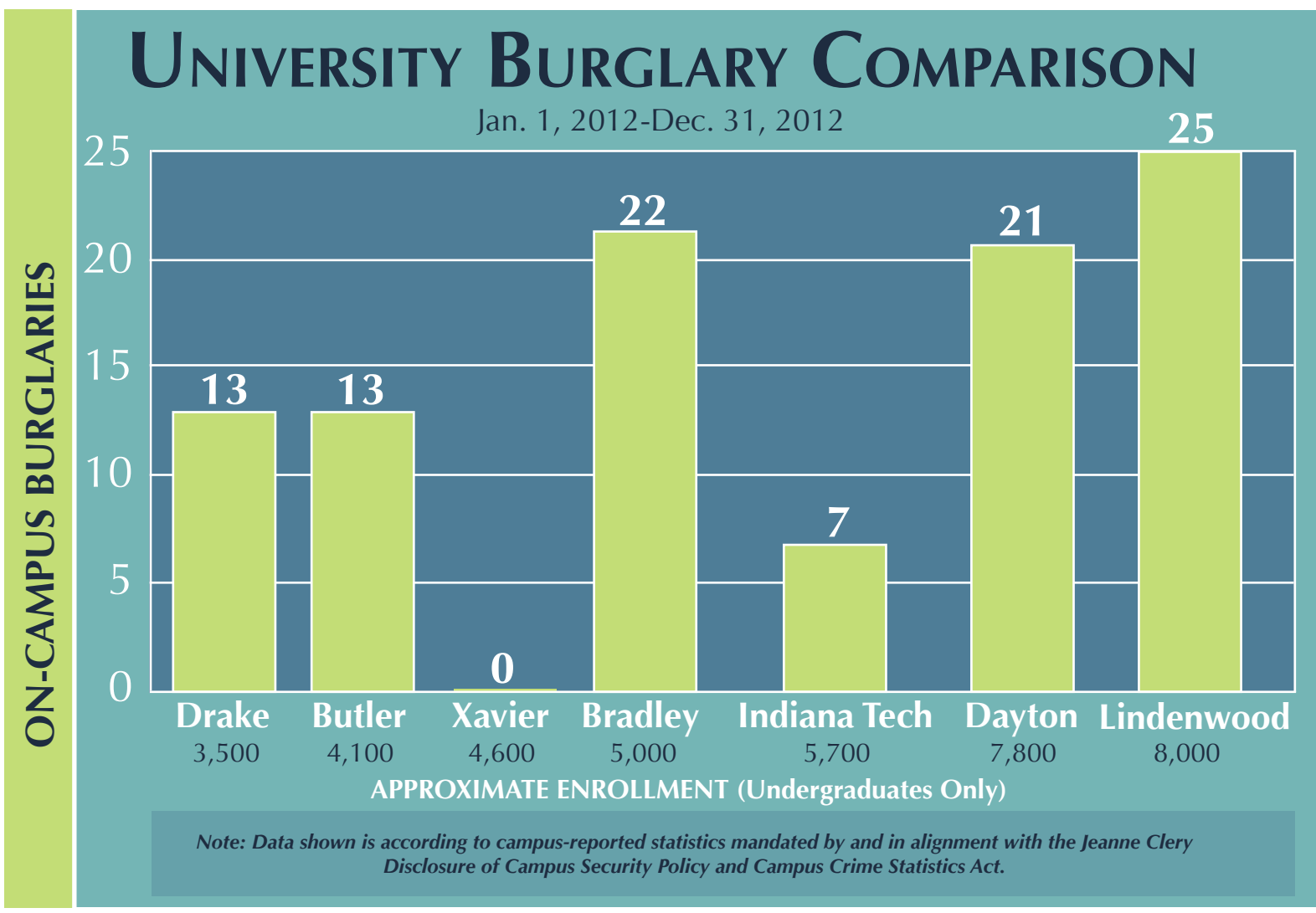


chart design by Sierra Buechler

BY SAM PALLINI  
of the Scout

When a Bradley University Police Department Safety Alert is sent to students, the issue of campus safety surfaces quickly thereafter. But are student perceptions of Bradley crime legitimate or fueled by rumor? Bradley, along with all other universities, publishes an annual campus safety report, as mandated by the Clery Act, which analyzes on-campus, off-campus and non-campus properties. The act provides a basis for safety compar-

isons among universities. Bradley is distinctive in the sense that there are few universities in the United States with nearly 5,000 undergraduate students in a city of 115,000 people. By examining four-year, private universities of medium size in the Midwest, feasible comparisons lie with schools such as Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, Dayton University in Dayton, Ohio and Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. Of these four universities, Bradley's 2012 burglary statistics were the highest by one. Dayton, located in a city with a similar

population, reported 21 burglaries to Bradley's 22. BUPD Chief Brian Joschko said the Clery Act statistics may be misconstrued when assessed out of context, and numbers rarely tell the whole story. "We investigate a considerable amount of what would be most likely pranks," Joschko said. "We take them all seriously, as they are crimes, but you cannot walk into someone else's house, even if it is a fraternity house, and take anything off of the wall. Things like that are typically going to be one fraternity's prank on another fraternity, but it still counts as a

burglary and goes on our official statistics." A burglary is defined as unlawful entry of a structure to commit felony or theft. Joschko said uninformed student perceptions can fuel rumors that make crime on Bradley's campus seem like a bigger issue than it is, and crimes of opportunity reported in the same fashion as a violent burglary pose such issues. "[Burglary] numbers [like fraternity pranks] are counted as the

see **CRIME** Page A7

## Before you sign: Lessons in house hunting

BY TESSA ARMICH  
of the Scout

It's only a month into classes, but students are already renewing leases and searching for places to live next year. Some say it's easy to get caught up in the lease-signing key-finding frenzy, which can create a bit of pressure. "I felt like if I didn't sign [a lease] right away, I wouldn't have

a place to live off-campus," junior civil engineering major Angela Linley said. To help relieve some of that pressure, here is a guide on what to consider when looking for an off-campus home. **Research, research and more research** Consider the upfront rent as well as utilities. Common utilities include electric, water, waste dis-

posal, sewer, cable and internet. Keep in mind that electric is often the most expensive utility. Also consider other expenses, such as the prices of groceries and kitchen supplies. "Have a budget," vice president of Student Affairs, Nathan Thomas said. "When living off campus, the expenses come in many different forms; especially when to the one cost of living in residence halls. Make sure you

know all the expenses of living off campus and aren't surprised when big bills start coming in." Although typical off-campus choices tend to be St. James, Main Street Commons or Ideal Rentals, there are other housing options. "Do a lot of research on different places, not just the big names,"

see **HOUSING** Page A7

## BRIEFS

### Fall Job and Internship Fair



photo by Maggie Cipriano

Bradley hosts its annual Fall Job and Internship Fair Sept. 18 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Renaissance Coliseum.

Students networked with 156 potential employers for paid and unpaid internships and full-time jobs. Attendees could also submit résumés and sign up for interviews.

There were 1,215 students in attendance, compared to the 1,136 students last fall, according to the Smith Career Center.

Future on-campus job fairs include the Graduate and Professional Fair Oct. 23, the Nursing and Physical Therapy Fair Nov. 11, the Spring Job and Internship Fair Feb. 19 and the Career and Public Service Expo April 9.

### Hilltop Trot 5k Run/Walk

On Saturday Oct. 4, the Bradley University Department of Physical Therapy, ShaZam Racing and Running Central will host the annual Hilltop Trot 5K run/walk.

The race will begin at Laura Bradley Park at 9 a.m.

Early bird registration runs from now until Sept. 21 online at [www.hilltoptrot.com](http://www.hilltoptrot.com). It is \$20 for Bradley students and alumni with a \$30 rate for the public. After Sept. 21, prices will be \$25 for Bradley students and alumni and \$35 for the public.

All proceeds will go to fund the doctor of physical therapy class 2016's attendance at the 2015 American Association of Physical Therapy national conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.

### President's Office Hours

President Joanne Glasser will hold her monthly office hours from 3-5 p.m. Sept. 25.

Students are invited to come in for one-on-one discussions with Glasser about anything they feel needs to be improved upon or changed at Bradley.

From suggestions about dining hall food to questions about tuition, Glasser welcomes all inquiries.

Any students looking to attend office hours can find Glasser in her second floor Swords Hall office.

## POLICE REPORTS

- Officers were dispatched to Bradley Hall 12:00 p.m. Sept. 11 after a suspicious zebra colored carry-on bag was found under a bench on the second floor. Police evacuated the area and called in the bomb squad.

The bag was determined to be safe and was later returned to the student owner, who said she left it there so she wouldn't have to carry it upstairs.

- A student informed an officer about a broken window in their 1300 block Fredonia residence at 10:32 p.m. Sept. 11. The residents showed the officer a video of the male student suspect throwing a two-liter soda bottle at the window.

Residents of the home requested to press charges. The suspect was arrested and taken to Peoria County Jail.

- Officers were dispatched to the 1100 block of Glenwood Avenue at 1:23 a.m. Sept. 14. A male non-student asked officers to issue a citation for a next-door party. While officers spoke with the non-student, an unknown male from the party yelled an obscenity.

The party house student residents were given a citation for noise restriction.

- Residents of the 1400 block of Fredonia reported one student and two non-student males causing damage to the residents' home. The males damaged four wall hangings, a stairwell banister and a composite at a Sept. 9 party. All suspects have been identified. Charges have yet to be determined.

- A male student reported his bike stolen Sept. 12 between 11:00 and 11:50 a.m. The male said he parked his bike in the Olin Hall bike rack but did not lock it because his chain lock was broken. The bike was found at a later time.

- Officers on patrol saw a group of intoxicated underage students helping a female climb the steps of University Hall Sept. 13 at 12:52 a.m. When questioned, the first female denied drinking but later admitted the students drank at a party on the 600 block of Duryea.

All students in the group were given a breathalyzer test resulting in BAC levels of .169, .205, .187, .122, .026 and .125. Officers issued warnings and walked everyone home.

## CORRECTIONS

The Sept. 12 A6 article on graduate school international student enrollment contained incorrect information. The Graduate School enrollment is 578 students. The school has grown from 42 international students in 2012 to welcoming 185 this fall. Students with GPAs between 3.75 and 4.0 receive a 35 percent tuition reduction, and students with GPAs between 3.25 and 3.74 receive a 20 percent reduction in tuition.

Last week's A16 feature on Jim DeRose also contained incorrect information. DeRose has led the Braves to seven NCAA tournaments and has won three Missouri Valley Conference tournaments.



Walgenbach Lawlor Properties

Serving Bradley Students for over 25 Years!

### Houses for Rent 2015-2016 school year



- 2-6 bedrooms
- off street parking
- close to campus
- updated features
- maintenance included
- washers and dryers available

Call for info or showing 309-453-3065

[www.rentbuproperties.com](http://www.rentbuproperties.com)

READ ONLINE:  
[WWW.BRADLEYSCOUT.COM](http://WWW.BRADLEYSCOUT.COM)



# Club sports to add women's lacrosse

DANEALLE KHAIMSKIY  
of the Scout

A new club is checking into Bradley next year. A women's lacrosse team will soon join the existing 26 sports clubs on campus.

"I played in high school, and I wanted to start a team here," sophomore co-founder Elise Nelton said. "There was a lot of interest that I ran into on campus."

According to Nelton, assistant director of Campus Recreation Nick Kramer has been a big supporter of the club. Bradley tried to start a women's lacrosse team in the past, but all efforts fell through.

"When I was applying [to] Bradley, [admissions representatives] were saying they were really supportive of starting a lacrosse team here," sophomore co-founder Natalie Blaszkowski said.

The co-founders have a list of goals for this year, with establishing a cohesive team at the top of the list. Blaszkowski and Nelton said the club will not compete this year but will instead focus on improving important skills and learning to work as a team.

"We eventually have to get dues and fees organized once we get into the league and get the equipment figured out," Blaszkowski said. "After we apply for funding from the school, they can buy us the equipment, and then we can

rent it from the school."

The team will play as a Division II team in either the North Central Plains or Central Plains division of the Women Collegiate Lacrosse Association (WCLA).

Blaszkowski and Nelton said they plan to have conditioning practices twice a week, once during the week and once during the weekend, but plan to add more as time goes on.

"We're going to have a practice on Sunday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the alumni quad," Nelton said. "We are super excited to get this going."

Students can email their questions to clublacrossebu@gmail.com.

# EE students develop new battery

BY MARKIST BOOKER  
for the Scout

Former Bradley electrical engineering students have developed a rechargeable battery, bringing technology one step closer to wireless freedom.

The Wireless Power Transfer Freedom project, which began as the senior project of May 2014 graduates Sergio Sanchez, Tyler Hoge and Elie Baliss, evolved into a yearlong experiment to push the limits of wireless technology.

The process involves taking power from a wall outlet, storing it on the battery and transferring a wireless signal to smart phones.

The concept of the battery is similar to sending Wi-Fi signals. When the battery is inserted into an outlet, it acts as a wireless

router and sends power instead of sending information.

"The ultimate goal of the project is to charge smart phones wirelessly," said electrical engineering professor and project advisor Prasad Shastry.

Although the rechargeable battery has yet to become commercialized, Hoge said the project will create wireless hotspots for smartphones and eventually other devices, allowing complete wireless charging.

The project has come a long way from current wireless devices by transmitting signals with more power and even reaching other devices at greater distances.

"This project was essentially taking that problem and answering it in a completely different way," Hoge said.

# Just Kitten' around: Improv troupe starts strong

BY TORI MOSES  
of the Scout

The cat's out of the bag: Bradley's comedy group is back to elicit enough laughter to last nine lives.

The Barbeque Kitten improv troupe started its year by inviting students to its first show Sept. 13.

Typical shows feature 10 to 15 games that include participation from the student audience.

"The first show is always fun," junior vice president Peyton McDermott said. "We never [have] a problem with audience participation."

The Kittens, as they call themselves, choose each show's games from a list ahead of time. Each game lasts a few minutes long.

"It's like playing pretend when you're a kid," junior member Derek Yeghiazarian said. "You have an hour and a half to be silly."

According to Yeghiazarian, the group has been entertaining ideas for different types of shows.

"For the past two and a half years, we've been doing games most people have been familiar with," he said. "[Something different] would make what we do a little more fresh."

The group is considering putting on a sketch show, which would be a collection of brief scenes prepared ahead of time.

"You know what joke you are working up toward, and you can ad-lib along the way," Yeghiazarian said.

Six Kittens graduated last year, leaving nine students currently in the troupe.

"It was a hefty number," McDermott said. "We are always looking for new members."

To join the group, students can start by going to open rehearsals, which are held every Wednesday at 10 p.m. in front of Bradley Hall,



photo by Kristin Kreher

Bradley students gathered in Neumiller Lecture Hall Sept. 13 for BBQ Kitten's first show of the year. Kittens from left to right: Peyton McDermott, Taylor Soto, Derek Yeghiazarian, Jake Hayes and Lorelei Nancy Volpe.

moving to Williams Hall when it gets colder.

"We get to know them, and if we like them, we invite them to Monday night closed rehearsal," McDermott said.

After closed rehearsals, stu-

dents may be invited to take part in the shows. After no less than two shows, the Kittens take a vote to decide if the student will become a member of the group.

"We like doing it this way because it let's us get to know peo-

ple, and we can see how they will work with the group," McDermott said.

Yeghiazarian became a member last May. He said the process of joining allows the Kittens to know if potential members will work

well with the cast.

"We depend on other people to carry the scene," Yeghiazarian said. "When you are on stage you have to trust the other person."

The next BBQ Kitten show will be Oct. 25 in Hartmann Center.



# BOLT fosters student leadership



Bradley Organization Leadership Training provided students with information about campus resources and leadership skill development Sept. 14.

*logo provided by Student Activities Office*

**BY KRISTIN KREHER**  
of the Scout

Student organization representatives recharged their leadership skills at BOLT, a new training session designed to develop stronger student leaders on campus.

Sponsored by the Student Activities Office (SAO), Bradley Organization Leadership Training invited leaders from registered

student organizations to attend a training session Sunday, Sept. 14.

Opening presentations by Director of Student Activities Tom Coy and SAO Graduate Assistant Kaci Green focused on club management and campus resources. The training session was part of an initiative by SAO to better educate student leaders.

"I noticed student organizations were struggling with the

same issues over and over again," Green, who spearheaded the event as part of a graduate school project, said. "[I] thought a big training for all of our student organizations could give them all of the tools and resources necessary to be the best leaders they could be."

Coy and Green's presentations informed students about room reservation and flyer posting policies, gave ideas for publicizing

events and offered tips for fundraising.

Leaders from 37 of the 240 registered student organizations attended the event, which featured breakout sessions with information on specific areas of interest.

Topics in the sessions included personality and values assessment, marketing and fundraising, working with the outside community, positive leadership qualities and tech crew and SABRC.

The night concluded with a workshop on officer transitions, a process that may cause difficulties for student organizations from year to year according to Coy.

Tips for creating a smooth transition included writing descriptions of officer responsibilities, holding earlier elections so past leaders will be available to help and compiling all user information and passwords to pass on to appropriate members.

The Edge student radio Station Manager Ethan Hoerr said his organization frequently experienced issues with changing leadership, so the officer transition training was useful to him.

"We are trying to implement a lot of new things with The Edge that will need to be tended to now

and continuing into the future, beyond the time I graduate in May," Hoerr said. "Knowing this, and learning from my own experience figuring out the responsibilities of Station Manager, I will be very intentional about transitioning the next Station Manager into leadership so that there won't be any hiccups."

Assistant Director of Student Activities Lauren Smetana said she believes Bradley fosters student leadership through the relationships between student affairs staff members, advisors and organization members.

"In my work with ACBU, I like to have conversations with [students] about their goals and challenge them to take on roles or do tasks that are outside their comfort zones so they can continue to grow as leaders," Smetana said. "Bradley is not afraid to let students take ownership of their projects and events, which really forges student leadership on campus."

Students who missed the training and are interested in learning more about organization resources may visit SAO's Resources page on Bradley's website.

## Cardboard castles for a cause



*photo by Dan Smith*

Alpha Chi Omega and Pi Kappa Alpha paired up to shack up at Habitat for Humanity's annual Shack-a-thon, hosted on Baker Quad Sept. 17. The event raises awareness of homelessness and collects money to support Peoria Habitat for Humanity.

## Youtuber teaches tricks of the trade



*photo by Maggie Cipriano*

Students shared laughs with YouTube star Stuart Edge in Marty Theatre Sept. 12.

**BY MONICA VELAZQUEZ**  
for the Scout

On Sept. 12, YouTube sensation Stuart Edge brought sarcasm, spunk and the comical stylings of his humorous showcase, Edge Talk, to Bradley.

Ranging from appearances on "The Tonight Show" to joking around with students on the Marty Theatre stage, Edge's performances channel the energy of the crowd into comedic routines, dances and magic tricks.

Edge connected with students, speaking on both his background and his first impressions of Peoria.

Rather than showing all of his

videos, the audience was given a behind-the-scenes look into how he made his videos as well as some of the secrets to his tricks that combine science and quick thinking.

Edge Talk included a discussion on humor and life as Edge spoke about "complicating things to make them interesting, but not to overcomplicate them." He encouraged students to get out of their comfort zones and to explore opportunities.

Rising from Porta Potty cleaner to video company worker, Edge said his life's journey helped him gain a new perspective and figure out a solid path that led to his present success.



# Fall Into Fall



By: Danealle Khaimskiy

## Tanners Orchard

The orchard has been around since 1947 and is famous for its apple cider doughnuts and hot apple cider drinks. From a petting zoo to apple picking, Tanners offers families a fun and inexpensive way to enjoy autumn.

- Everyday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- 740 State Route 40, Speer
- Free admission

## Haunted Peoria Trolley Tour

This tour is unlike any other, focusing specifically on Peoria's dark history. Participants can expect to hear stories about the Legend of Nee-Nee-Wah, the Curse of Old Lady Gray and the Lady in White. Tours last approximately 1.5 hours. For tickets, call (309) 673-6000.

- Sept. 20 and 27: 1 p.m.
- October 4, 11, 18 and 25: 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- 619 SW Water St., Peoria (Kelleher's Pub)
- Tickets: \$15 plus \$1 to trolley driver

## Peoria Fine Art Fair

With 150 artists from 30 states and four countries, the fair features a children's corner with take home arts and crafts, as well as sculptures, paintings and everything in between.

- Sept. 27 and 28: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 200 NE Water St., Peoria
- Tickets: \$5 per day, \$7 for the entire weekend

## Riverfront Market

Farm fresh produce, organic meats and music can all be found in one convenient location this fall. The Riverfront market offers visitors a variety of homegrown food and plenty of free samples.

- Saturdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- 200 block of SW Water St., directly in front of the Peoria Riverfront Museum
- Free admission

## Laser Light Nights

The Peoria Riverfront Museum invites you to rock out with its laser light show. The show is set to songs written by the Beatles, U2, Pink Floyd, classic rock vinyl and Metallica throughout the year. Shows run between 30 and 50 minutes.

- Sept. 20, Oct. 18 and Nov. 15: Starts at 6 and 7 p.m.
- 222 SW Washington St., Peoria
- Tickets: \$10

## Columbus Ships: Pinta & Niña

Replicas of Christopher Columbus' ships, the Pinta and Niña, are docked next to the Spirit of Peoria and are open for self-guided tours. The Niña was built by hand according to the traditional construction style of the 15th century.

- Everyday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Peoria riverfront, down river from the Spirit of Peoria
- Tickets: \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$6 for students 5-16

## Wildlife Scary Park

Wildlife Prairie Park will have its annual Halloween celebrations complete with hayrack rides, haunted train rides and trick-or-treating. Patrons can also see some of the animals and go through the park's newly added Curator's Cabin Ride.

- Oct. 17-26: 4-8 p.m.
- 3826 N Taylor Road, Hanna City
- Tickets: Non-members \$10, Members \$8

## Moonlight Cruise

If you are looking for something romantic to do this fall, the Spirit of Peoria offers two-hour night cruises. The boat includes a cash bar and live music, and you can rent private sections to make the evening extra romantic.

- Sept. 19 and Oct. 3: Boarding starts at 7:30 p.m. and cruises run 8-10 p.m.
- 100 Water St., Peoria
- Tickets: \$20

## "Spring Awakening"

Bradley Theatre Department's fall musical this year is "Spring Awakening," a work set in 1800s Germany covering topics ranging from abortion to homosexuality to rape and abuse. Tickets can be purchased by calling (309) 677-2650 or at the Box Office in Hartmann Center.

- Sept. 25 - Oct. 5: shows start at 8 p.m.
- Hartmann Center
- Tickets: \$5 for freshmen, \$9 for sophomores-seniors, \$17 for senior citizens and \$19 for general admission

## Morton German Fest

If you're craving alcohol, fair food or lederhosen, then German Fest is the place for you. Featuring all things German, the fest offers a variety of wine and beer tasting, as well as music and contests.

- Oct. 6: 1-9 p.m.
- Behind Main Street Deli south of Main Street and west of Adams Street
- Free admission



## Editorial

## Campus safety needs student support

When a Sunday morning stroll across campus reveals nothing but tranquility, it can be hard to imagine what is just down the hill.

As part of Peoria Police District 3, the areas surrounding Bradley have seen a 22 percent increase in aggravated assault/battery crimes during the first half of 2014 compared to the first half of 2013 according to the Monthly Crime and Statistics Report of July 2014.

During those same periods, total violent crimes rose by nine percent, while burglary rates remained steady, averaging just less than 10 per month.

In the past week alone, the Peoria Police Department's CrimeView application showed two instances of property damage and one residential burglary

within a single block of Callender Avenue, an area populated by students in off-campus houses.

There is a difference between strolling across Olin Quad and walking to a friend's off-campus house. The fact remains that off-campus areas provide more dangerous environments than on-campus areas; however, our actions often do nothing to improve the situation.

How often do we walk through these areas absorbed in text message conversations?

Why do we laugh when we hear stories of friends wandering home from downtown or from Farmington in drunken stupors during the wee hours of the morning?

What means of defense would

we have if someone approached us with negative intentions?

Thankfully, we have a lot of options. The Bradley University Police Department (BUPD) is paired with the university and area safety response departments to create the safest environment possible for all students.

But the Hilltop Safety Cruiser is only effective if students actually call it.

BUPD's Vacant House Watch program only works if students take the five minutes to sign up for it.

And the pepper spray keychain our parents bought us only protects us if we actually carry it.

Others do their best to protect us from dangerous situations, but do we help ourselves?

We could be provided every safety resource there is, but we, as students, must be proactive.

Take the extra 30 seconds to lock your car door. Don't leave your residence with your doors and windows wide open. If it's dark out, don't walk home with your face buried in your phone.

It's all common sense. But if we don't use that common sense to our advantage, these "crimes of opportunity" are going to continue because our disinterest in being proactive invites it.

So let's cooperate with the efforts of all those trying to protect us.

Be smart. Stay alert. And don't hesitate to use your resources.

## Opinion

## Yellow swing: My ticket to Neverland



**Sam Pallini**  
spallini@mail.bradley.edu  
Editor-In-Chief

When I was eight years old, my parents bought a tiny cottage in Door County, Wisconsin.

We had jet skis and a boat, tubes and waterskis, fishing poles, a volleyball net and even kickball bases. But my favorite thing was the little yellow swing.

I'm the oldest of four - and the

only girl - so I've spent the time I was left alone (or needed to be alone) on the swing that hung from a huge tree not even two feet from our front porch.

At age eight, I would sing to myself as I swung back and forth. No cares, no worries.

But as the years went on, life changed a lot.

Mom and Dad let me buy a CD player in fifth grade. So I sat on my swing, plugged my big Sony headphones into the jack and listened to Stacie Orrico's album on repeat.

When I turned 13, I got my first iPod - a first generation Nano. I sat on my swing and listened to my "tennis pump-up" playlist created from my tiny iTunes library.

Then, a few more years passed, and I got an iPod that held all of my 60,000+ songs. I still sat on my swing, and I still jammed out, this time to Ciara and Missy Elliot.

But fast forward to May 2014. Because I would be living in Spain for the next two months, I went up north with Dad so I could get my single dose of the cottage before I

missed out on an entire summer at my favorite place.

I helped prep the cottage for summer, but I had to end the day on my swing.

I'd grown so much that I almost didn't fit on the seat, my music was playing from my phone, and my headphones were streaming questionable music via Bluetooth connection. Things were so different from the eight-year-old kid that sang out loud.

That was the only time I went up to my cottage this year. And before I knew it, I was driving back to college as a senior.

My parents had been planning for a while to update our cottage - windows, walls, plants—but the text I got came as a surprise.

Cutting down my tree was never part of the plan.

Branches were trimmed annually to avoid potential damages, but I never saw it as a big enough problem to get rid of it entirely. It wasn't some nuisance of a natural disaster, it was my go-to.

Now, my little yellow swing

is lying on a shelf in the shed, and my tree has become firewood lying under a tarp collecting dirt until we burn it next summer.

The hardest part of growing up isn't the curiosity of what lies ahead, but rather the fear of leaving things behind. It's horrifying to turn around and realize you can't go back that way—to know that what once was a tree is now just a wallpaper photo and a memory.

So while I've got to find a new place to hang my swing, I realize that letting go of the comfortable in order to embrace the possible is what I need to do to progress forward.

Maybe next summer — just maybe — I'll take my swing and hang it from the branches of the oak tree next to our neighbors' cottage. After all, their little 8-year-old girl has a lot of learning left to do. And I think it would be good for her to take a trip to Neverland on a little yellow swing, too.

2014 Staff

## THE SCOUT

**Editor-in-Chief:** Sam Pallini  
spallini@mail.bradley.edu

**Managing Editor:** Kristin Kreher  
kkreher@mail.bradley.edu

**News Editor:** Danealle Khaimskiy  
dkhaimskiy@mail.bradley.edu

**Copy Editor:** Tessa Armich  
tarmich@mail.bradley.edu

**Copy Editor:** Tori Moses  
vmoses@mail.bradley.edu

**Staff Reporter:** Jaylyn Cook  
jlcook@mail.bradley.edu

**Sports Editor:** Aaron Freeman  
anfreesman@mail.bradley.edu

**Sports Editor:** Garth Shanklin  
gshanklin@mail.bradley.edu

**Asst. Sports Editor:** Chris Kwiecinski  
ckwiecinski@mail.bradley.edu

**Sports Reporter:** Aaron Ferguson  
aferguson@mail.bradley.edu

**Voice Editor:** Kristin DiMaggio  
kdimaggio@mail.bradley.edu

**Asst. Voice Editor:** Jacob Wulf  
jwulf@mail.bradley.edu

**Photo Editor:** Maggie Cipriano  
mcipriano@mail.bradley.edu

**Asst. Photo Editor:** Daniel Smith  
dpsmith@mail.bradley.edu

**Design Editor:** Sierra Buechler  
sbuechler@mail.bradley.edu

**Graphics Editor:** Chris Walls  
cwalls@mail.bradley.edu

**Online Editor:** Calvin Walden  
cwalden@mail.bradley.edu

**Advertising Manager:** Travis Kelso  
tkelso@mail.bradley.edu

**Advertising Representatives:**

Matt Iannacco  
miannacco@mail.bradley.edu  
Erik Munoz  
emunoz@mail.bradley.edu  
Ellen Dwyer  
ecdwyer@mail.bradley.edu  
Hunter Klemme  
hklemme@mail.bradley.edu

**Advisor:** Chris Kaergard  
ckaergar@bradley.edu

All letters to the editor must be received by 5 p.m. Tuesday in Sisson Hall 319 or emailed to [bradleyscout@gmail.com](mailto:bradleyscout@gmail.com) for inclusion in Friday's issue. Letters longer than 500 words will not be accepted. The Scout reserves the right to edit letters for inappropriate content. All letters must include the writer's name, contact information and relationship to Bradley. Responses to published letters will be eligible for print only the week following their appearance in the Scout.

Any e-mails directed to members of the Scout staff may be published as letters.

The Scout is published by members of the undergraduate student body of Bradley University.

Opinions expressed here do not necessarily reflect those of the university or the newspaper's sanctioning body, the Communications Council.

## Ideal Rentals.net

Specializing in Student Living

Leasing For 2014-2015 Starts

September 8th 2014

Make your appointment NOW!

3 to 9 Person Houses Available On

Ayres

Cooper

Institute

Barker

University

Main St

Bradley

Elmwood

Rebecca

Callender

Fredonia

Underhill

Large 3 Person Apartments With

Free WIFI and Laundry Also Available

Call 309-637-5515 Or Text 309-208-0767

Idealrentals.net Or Facebook.com/idealrentals



## VOICE

Inside:  
Minecraft - 3-D Printed Car - Stan Lee

# Urban Offense

by Kristin DiMaggio

Imagine losing a loved one in an act of brutal violence; you have to live with only a memory of them for the rest of your life, as well as being hypersensitive to similar acts of violence. Now imagine that someone designed, or even worse, wore a shirt that makes light of the event, or something similar; wouldn't it always be "too soon?"

Clothing company UrbanOutfitters is no stranger to controversy and, shockingly, they've made headlines yet again with a clothing design.

The company recently produced a vintage looking Kent State sweater. Seems like your average design, no? Unfortunately, that's not the focus point of the sweater, as it also sports fake blood splatters.

If you're unfamiliar with why this is stirring up trouble, let me give you a quick recap: in 1970, thirteen unarmed Kent State students were shot, four of whom were killed, by the Ohio National Guard members sent to disperse a student protest.

Selling a product based on acts of violence and, arguably, terror is not the best way to go about being "new" or "unique." In other words, it's not edgy—it's disrespectful.

What may be worse is that the sweaters cost \$125 each. No reasonable person would try to profit from a tragedy such as the Kent State shooting. Making the shirt "vintage," to symbolize that enough time has passed, does not make it any more okay to sell.

In an attempt to make a comparison to a more current tragedy, that is as if American Airlines and United Airlines painted their planes to appear completely destroyed by fire from the 9/11 terrorist attack. Unthinkable, right?

The design invoked a public outcry from both consumers as well as Kent State representatives, leading to the company pulling the sweater from shelves.

Unfortunately, this isn't the only "edgy" item the store has produced for sale. Other



examples of Urban Outfitter's great judgment are its "Eat Less" shirt (yes, that was honestly what the shirt said) and a yellow shirt that had what looked like a Star of David on the pocket, giving it a Nazi Germany-esque feel.

It seems as though Urban Outfitters thrives on controversial designs and cultural appropriation. The saying "any publicity is good publicity" should really be reconsidered by the company because it seems as though most of its public relations has been bad, resulting in the pulling of its products from store racks. Why not cut out the middleman and make clothing that's actually edgy rather than tasteless and offensive?

The bottom line is that while clothing choices reflect upon those who

wear it, it is also a direct reflection of those who create it. Especially if it is overpriced disrespect.

# In Their Own Shadows

By Kristin DiMaggio

If you've logged on to any social media recently or even remotely care about football at all, you have seen the flood of news about Ray Rice and Adrian Peterson's abuse cases.

Rice, a former running back for the Baltimore Ravens, is now suspended indefinitely after a video of him abusing his wife surfaced earlier last week. Retailers pulled his jerseys and other merchandise from their shelves after the news broke.

Peterson's case is somewhat different than Rice's. It involves his son and is being described by Peterson's attorney as a form of discipline for the child. The governor of Minnesota called for his suspension on Tuesday, and as of Wednesday morning, Peterson was added to the commissioner's exempt list, which essentially bars him from playing until the commissioner gives the OK.

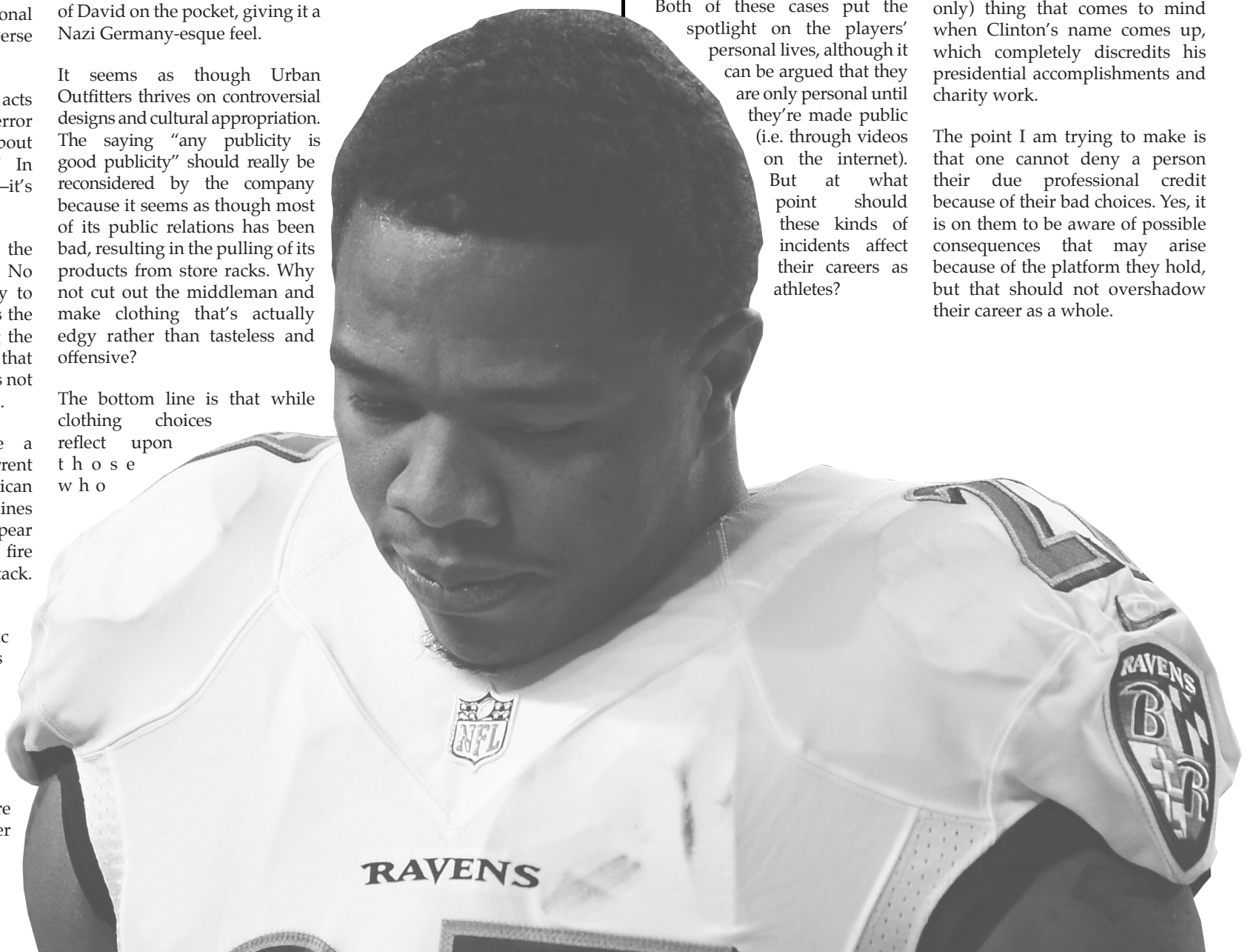
Both of these cases put the spotlight on the players' personal lives, although it can be argued that they are only personal until they're made public (i.e. through videos on the internet). But at what point should these kinds of incidents affect their careers as athletes?

By no means am I condoning the abuse that has taken place: domestic violence is an ongoing problem, and it is despicable that these men have engaged in it. However, it is hard to argue that they aren't talented within their professions. There are plenty of celebrities through the years who have faced similar situations.

In the late '70s, film director Roman Polanski was arrested for sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl. While he fled to Paris just hours before his hearing, there is one thing the public cannot deny: the quality of his work. Polanski's films inspired a generation of directors after him, and they continue to captivate audiences. "Rosemary's Baby" set a precedent for future horror films; not many directors can say the same about their work.

Another example is former president Bill Clinton's affair with then White House intern Monica Lewinsky. For some of us, this is the first (and maybe only) thing that comes to mind when Clinton's name comes up, which completely discredits his presidential accomplishments and charity work.

The point I am trying to make is that one cannot deny a person their due professional credit because of their bad choices. Yes, it is on them to be aware of possible consequences that may arise because of the platform they hold, but that should not overshadow their career as a whole.





# MINECRAFT PURCHASED FOR \$2.5 BILLION BY JACOB WULF

Two and a half billion dollars. That is the amount of money that Microsoft will pay to buy out indie game developing company Mojang, creator of the wildly popular world building game Minecraft.

On Sept. 15, Mojang announced on its blog that it would be selling to Microsoft. As big of a change as this may be, it shouldn't come as a surprise. Markus "Notch" Persson, creator of Minecraft and founder of Mojang, has expressed his frustrations with Minecraft for months. According to his blog, Notch never intended for Minecraft to become as hugely popular as it did, and the stress of developing the game seemed to be too much for Notch to handle.

In June, Notch tweeted, "Anyone want to buy my share of Mojang so I can move on with my life? Getting hate for trying to do the right thing is not my gig."

Notch removed himself from day-to-day operations at Mojang long before this buyout was announced, but the Minecraft community still places blame on Notch whenever anything bad happens to the game.

"I don't want to be a symbol, responsible for something huge that I don't understand," Notch stated on his blog in September.

Now free from Minecraft, Notch can continue to work on smaller projects, doing what he enjoys. Notch even said on Twitter that if any of his new projects begin to get popular, he will "probably abandon it immediately."

But what of Minecraft? It is more than just a sandbox survival game. It is a game that has sparked the creativity of a whole new generation of gamers. In an era dominated

by mindless mobile gaming, Minecraft gives players the opportunity to let their creativity run wild and create nearly anything they can imagine: from towering castles and massive dragons to working calculators and flourishing farms.

The possibilities are endless, but players are concerned that the wonderful charm of the game will be clouded by what Microsoft has planned.

The video gaming world is no stranger to having beloved games sullied because some big company wanted to make extra money. Since Microsoft has not yet announced what it plans to do with Minecraft, tensions are high.

It is entirely possible that the massive resources Microsoft has will be used to enrich the game. Hopefully Microsoft will continue to listen to the community, like

Mojang always had in the past and build the game based on what the community wants.

Unfortunately, it is also entirely possible that Microsoft will use the popularity of the game to milk every last cent out of the cash cow. Players could very well start to see in game micro-transactions instead of community created add-ons and paid expansion packs instead of free game updates.

Only time will tell what will happen to Minecraft with Microsoft at the helm, but hopefully players won't be needing to pay \$2.99 for greener grass.

THE truTV  
(IMPRACTICAL)  
**JOKERS**  
*Tour*

FEATURING  
The  
**TENDERLOINS**  
Comedy Troupe

SEPTEMBER 23 • 7:30PM  
(309)673-3200 PEORIA CIVIC CENTER TICKETMASTER.COM



# Print-a-car: Will it get you far?

## By Jacob Wulf

On Sept. 13, at the International Manufacturing Technology Show, a truly incredible automotive accomplishment occurred; a car was created using a 3D printer.

Local Motors, a community driven manufacturing company where enthusiasts, hobbyist innovators and professionals can work together to create all sorts of incredible machines, printed a 3D car.

The car, called the Strati, was printed over a 44-hour period and then assembled by a team led by Local Motors. The Strati uses the material science and advanced manufacturing techniques developed by the U.S. Department of Energy, and it was printed using direct digital manufacturing.

The mechanical parts of the Strati, such as the motor and battery, were not 3D-printed but instead provided by other sources.

Forty-four hours is a long time to manufacture a car, compared to the 18 hours it usually takes to manufacture a commercially-made car.

However, the Strati is the first of its kind and sets a precedent

for what humans are capable of doing.

Inventor Charles Hull developed 3D-printing in 1984, but it has not come into the public eye until recently. Now that it has, it's been generating a lot of buzz, both good and bad.

Skeptics have criticized 3D-printing for its reliance on environmentally harmful plastics, potentially toxic air emissions and excessive use of energy. On top of that, commercially available 3D-printing has created controversy concerning the ability to 3D-print working guns.

There is no doubting the potentially incredible benefits that 3D-printing is capable of producing for our society, though. It can allow for mass customization of consumer products, the creation of complex design that would otherwise be unable to be produced and can even be used to save lives with the use of 3D-bioprinting (scientists have been working on creating a 3D-printed human heart).

But for now we have the Strati, an incredible innovation in the world of both 3D-printing and automotive manufacturing.

Who's to say what we will see 3D-printing do in the future? Maybe we'll all be eating in restaurants that serve 3D-printed food.

# STAN LEE: THE MAN BEHIND MARVEL?

## BY JAYLYN COOK

Let's make this clear: I love Stan Lee.

Not only did he revolutionize superhero archetypes by introducing a radically diverse group of flawed, relatable characters and relevant, issue-driven stories to an art form that no one took seriously, but he also helped bring Spiderman (my all-time favorite hero) to life, something for which I'm eternally grateful.

With that being said, how much of Marvel's legacy is really owed to Stan Lee? Almost anyone who has ever read a comic or watched an entry from the Marvel Cinematic Universe knows who he is, as he has reached iconic status over the years.

But what about everyone else involved?

It's a known fact that Lee didn't create his most famous characters by himself. He had the help of legendary comic artists Jack Kirby (Fantastic Four, X-Men, Hulk, Iron Man, etc.) and Steve Ditko (Spider-Man, Doctor Strange) to solidify Marvel Comics as the powerhouse it has become today.

Most people just assume that guys like Kirby and Ditko simply drew what Lee wanted based on his scripts. According to a handful of comics historians and Lee himself, however, Marvel artists were almost entirely responsible for the looks, backstories and personality traits of many of the company's most popular characters.

By using the famed "Marvel Method," Lee wrote a plot outline of a comic and sent it to an artist. The artist would then draw all of the artwork based on the outline, sending it back to Lee to fill in the dialogue. The artists had as much creative control over the comics as Lee, editor-in-chief of Marvel during the '60s.

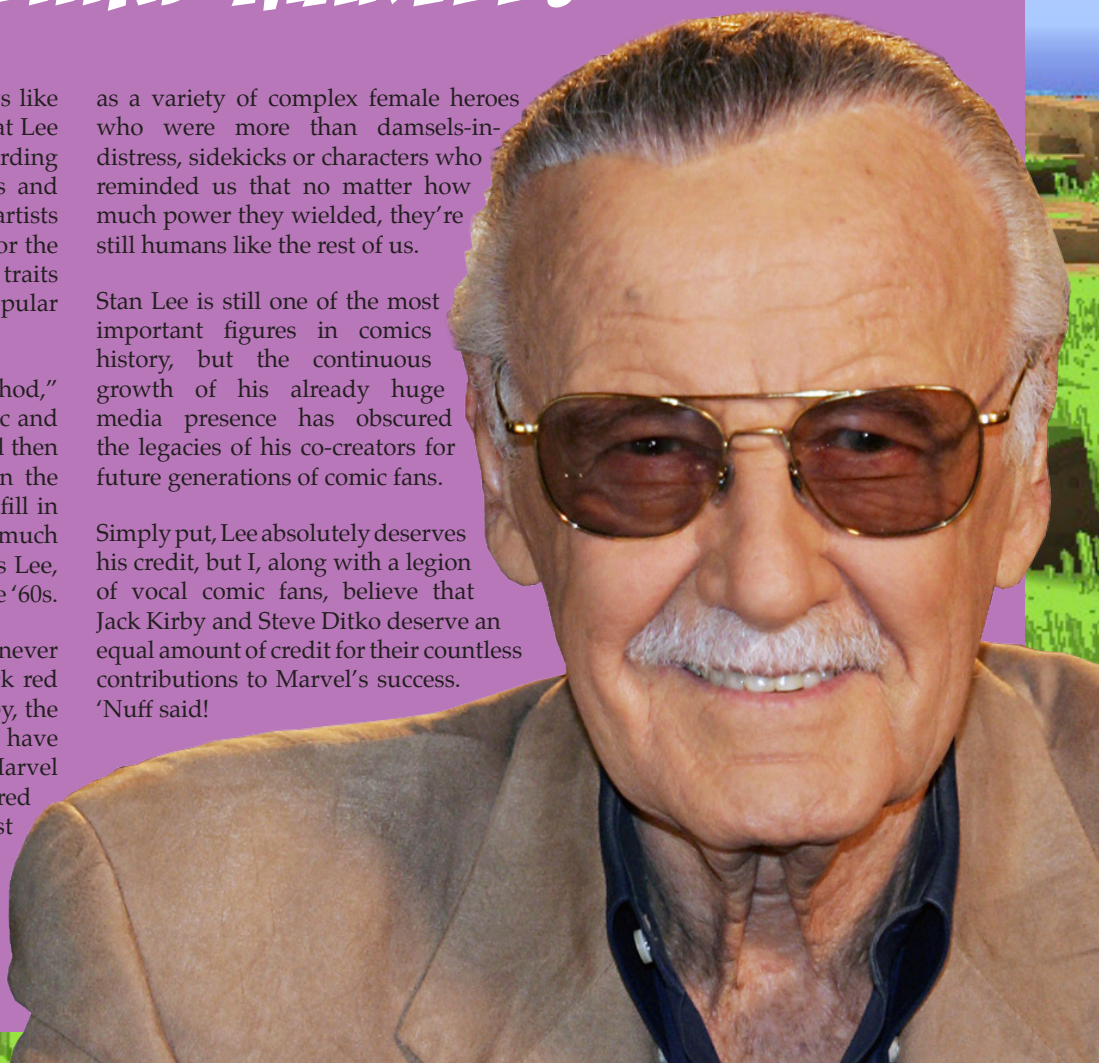
If it weren't for Ditko, Spiderman never would have donned his trademark red and blue suit. If it weren't for Kirby, the Fantastic Four most likely would have never existed, meaning that Marvel Comics would have disappeared into obscurity like many of its past competitors.

If that had happened, society never would have been introduced to the first black superhero, as well

as a variety of complex female heroes who were more than damsels-in-distress, sidekicks or characters who reminded us that no matter how much power they wielded, they're still humans like the rest of us.

Stan Lee is still one of the most important figures in comics history, but the continuous growth of his already huge media presence has obscured the legacies of his co-creators for future generations of comic fans.

Simply put, Lee absolutely deserves his credit, but I, along with a legion of vocal comic fans, believe that Jack Kirby and Steve Ditko deserve an equal amount of credit for their countless contributions to Marvel's success. 'Nuff said!





CLASSIFIEDS

Classified ads can be submitted to the Scout business Office in Sisson Hall 321 or by calling the Business office at (309) 677-3057. Please submit classified ads by 5 p.m. Monday for inclusion in the Friday issue.

Organist/Pianist/Choir Director

First Presbyterian Church, Delavan, is seeking a PT Organist/Pianist/Choir Director. Some exp pref. Plan worship w/ pastor, select music, lead choir practice, play Sun. morning & other svcs. \$100/wk + mileage. Our 4-manual Hinner's pipe organ is one of the largest in this part of IL. Delavan is about 30 min. from Peoria. Call Jeff at 309-267-7283 or Paul at 309-244-7105.

Houses for Rent

2-5 bedroom houses for the 2015-2016 school year. All close to campus on Fredonia, Barker, Cooper. Washers and dryers, maintenance included. [www.rentbuproperties.com](http://www.rentbuproperties.com) 309-453-3065

IDEAL RENTALS

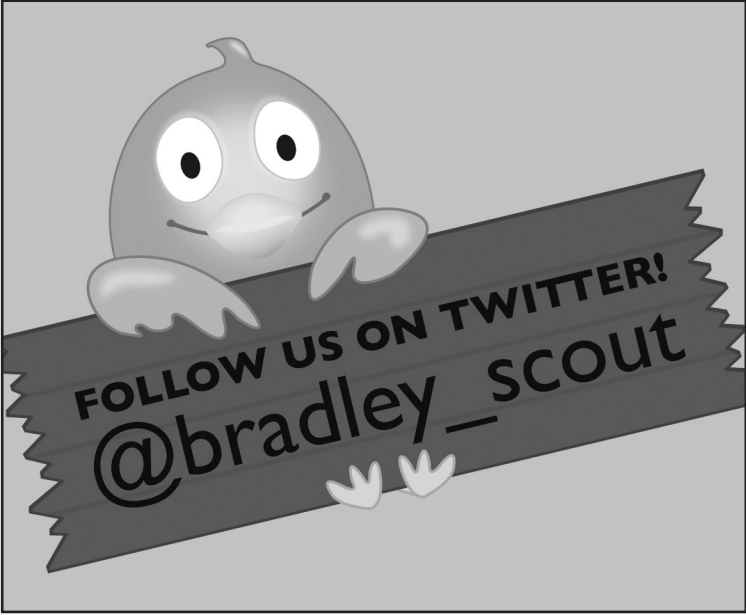
1723 Callender 3 Person 1 1/2 Bath Large bedrooms, central air, and Large Back Yard 637-5515 or [info@idelrentals.net](mailto:info@idelrentals.net)

Ideal Rentals

3-6 Person houses and apartments close to campus. Many to choose from. Contact Us At 637-5515 or [info@idealrentals.net](mailto:info@idealrentals.net)

1102 N University

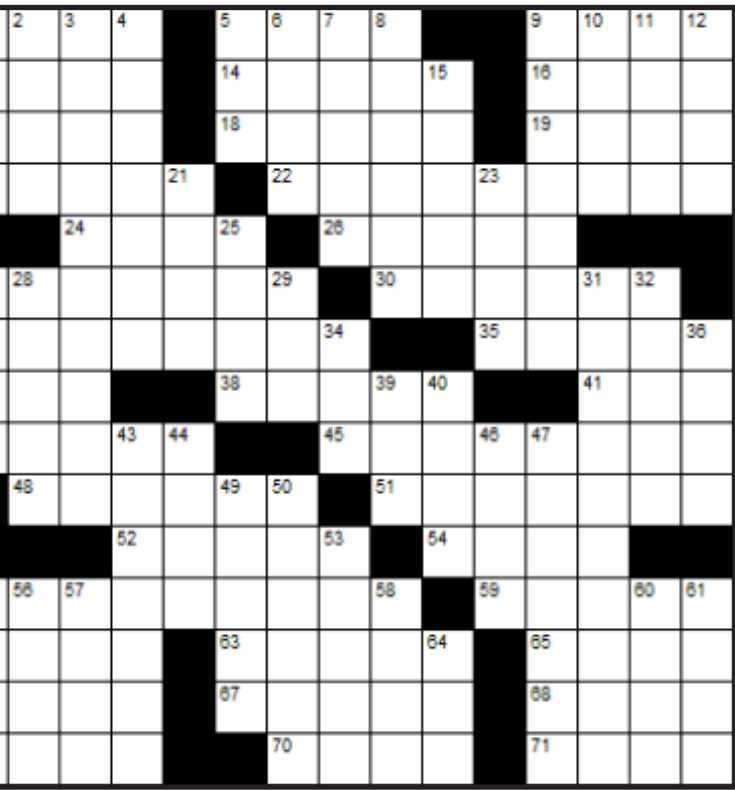
3 Person, 1 Bath, large bedrooms, central air, Large living room, Free WIFI, Free Water, Free Off Street Parking. Contact Us At 637-5515 or [josh@idealrentals.net](mailto:josh@idealrentals.net)



DISTRACTIONS

ACROSS

- 1. Hit hard
- 5. Was indebted
- 9. Flying saucers
- 13. Forearm bone
- 14. Eagle's nest
- 16. Not a single one
- 17. Harvest
- 18. Not domesticated
- 19. Small freshwater fish
- 20. Answer
- 22. Cops
- 24. Deceased
- 26. Turbine part
- 27. Paddler
- 30. Trinket
- 33. Wrestles (slang)
- 35. Neighborhood
- 37. Holiday drink
- 38. Aromatic solvent
- 41. Spy agency
- 42. Dirty fogs
- 45. Least old
- 48. Every year
- 51. Avoiding detection
- 52. Blacksmith's block
- 54. Satisfy
- 55. Listened
- 59. Brusque
- 62. Nobleman
- 63. Inflexible
- 65. Bulwark
- 66. Being
- 67. Serpentine
- 68. "Smallest" particle
- 69. Accomplishment
- 70. Delight
- 71. Evergreens



DOWN

- 1. Prickle
- 2. Away from the wind
- 3. Showy bloom
- 4. Pitiabile
- 5. Buffoon
- 6. Cry
- 7. Mistake
- 8. Conversation
- 9. Experience
- 10. Froth
- 11. A single time
- 12. Observed
- 15. High society
- 21. Sweet potatoes
- 23. Hood
- 25. Broad valley
- 27. Possesses
- 28. Fragrance
- 29. Mesh
- 31. Speed up
- 32. Midsection
- 34. Timid
- 36. Strip of wood
- 39. Dawn goddess
- 40. Tracks
- 43. Twisted into deformity
- 44. Gone under
- 46. Tidy
- 47. Entryway
- 49. Declares
- 50. An inner piece of cloth
- 53. Lawful
- 55. Pay attention to
- 56. Lack of difficulty
- 57. Backside
- 58. Water barrier
- 60. Not fast
- 61. Shade trees
- 64. Coloring agent

SRH PROPERTIES

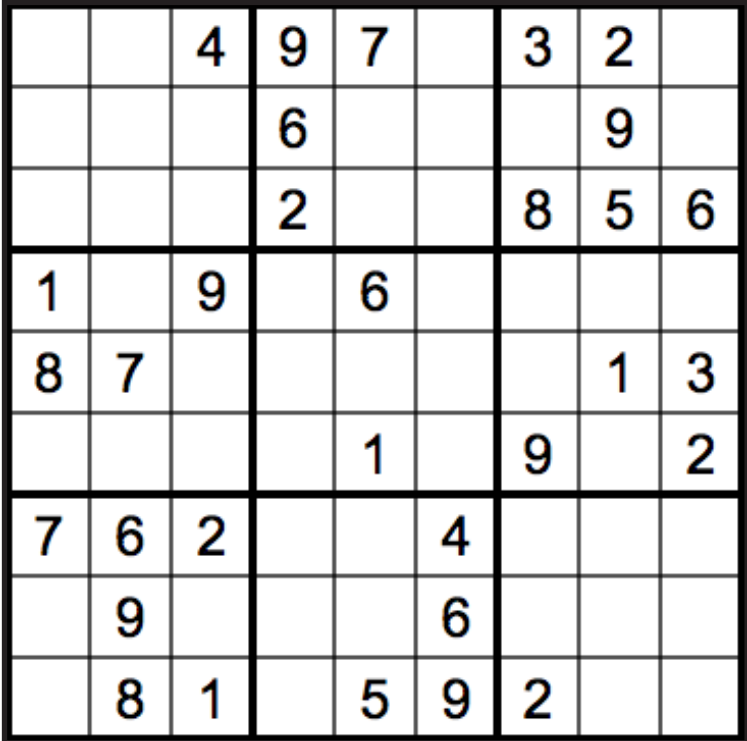


1-2-3 bedroom apartments available for 2015-2016

- Water, sewer, and HEAT included
- Appliances included, ceiling fans
- 24 hour maintenance
- Professionally managed and maintained
- Balconies, large rooms, very nice!
- Laundry facilities
- Apartments from \$295 per person

Call us today at (309) 696 - 2015  
[www.SRHProperties.com](http://www.SRHProperties.com)

SOLUTIONS ONLINE  
[bradleyscout.com](http://bradleyscout.com)





## CRIME

continued from page A1

same thing as somebody viciously kicking in a door and ransacking a house," Joschko said. "We don't typically see that. Those types of violent forced entry are very few and very far between."

Bradley reported 22 burglaries in 2012, a slight decrease from the 23 burglaries reported in both 2010 and in 2011.

"Although the robberies and burglaries are trending downward...the decreases are not significant," Joschko said. "Nonetheless, we are seeing decreases in these types of crimes, and we attribute the decrease in burglaries to the installation of card access systems on campus and the deployment of other types of security technology such as cameras and even blue light emergency poles."

Although burglaries reported in 2012 totaled 36, only six of these were forced entry. The remaining 30 reports are what Joschko deems "crimes of opportunity" such as thefts from unlocked car doors, open residential windows and items left out in public locations.

Junior and Williams Hall resident Danielle Stortz said she finds that crime on Bradley's campus is no different than other universities of similar status.

"I don't feel that Bradley or the surrounding areas are necessarily dangerous," Stortz said. "I feel that, like anywhere, you just have to be more careful after dark when you can't see as far and as well."

Joschko said he urges students to utilize the resources provided

## BUPD SAFETY OFFERINGS FOR STUDENTS

- ForeWarn: Text messaging system for immediate emergencies
- Silent Witness: Anonymous tip line
- Hilltop Safety Cruiser: Free rides available 7 p.m. – 3 a.m. every night
- Student Patrol: On foot escort services available Thursday–Saturday 7 p.m.– 3 a.m.
- Vacant House Watch: Registered houses intentionally patrolled during class recesses
- Operation Identification: Free engraving system for student valuables
- Timely Warning/Safety Alert: Email notifications of criminal activity near or on campus
- R.A.D. [Rape Aggression Defense System] training: Self-defense classes for women
- Victim Witness program: Offers support to students dealing with traumatic judicial issues
- Motorist assistance: Tow truck calls, keys locked inside car, dead battery charge
- Officer patrol 24/7 –On foot, bicycle, vehicle
- Bradley-specific police station with 24/7 dispatchers

by the BUPD to help them feel safe regardless of location or time of day. Senior and Main Street Commons resident Atlee Sprague said she is a firm believer in those resources.

"Living off campus has made me realize the importance of safety," Sprague said. "I constantly take the [Hilltop Safety Cruiser] in order to stay safe."

While both on-campus robberies and burglaries have seen decreases between 2010 and 2012, the number of forcible sex offenses rose from four in 2010 to six in 2012. Joschko, however, said this is not an indication of increased sexual assault activity on campus.

"I want to be very clear: I believe that we are not seeing an increase in sexual assaults," Joschko said.

"Rather, I believe we are seeing an increase in sexual assaults being reported to authorities. This is [a] good thing."

Based upon the results of the Clery Act reported statistics of the nine schools depicted in the graph on A1, criminal activity is relative to population and undergraduate enrollment. As city size and university size increases, criminal activity tends to as well. Likewise, with smaller schools and smaller cities, criminal activity decreases.

Additional graphics and statistical data are available online at [www.bradleyscout.com](http://www.bradleyscout.com). For the complete Clery Act report, visit the Police page on the Bradley website.

## HOUSING

continued from page A1

Linley said.

Comparing multiple places can help find the best deals.

Other factors to keep in mind are if the appliances are new or outdated and if the house is large and drafty, factors that will add to the electric bill.

Make a list of pros and cons for each possibility and talk it over with potential roommates. Also consider its distance from campus.

Check how many parking spots are available and whether some roommates will have to find alternate parking. Decide if a house or apartment is better for everyone's needs, and look into utilities included in the packages.

## Tour the unit

Schedule a tour and try to bring someone who knows a little about apartment searching. Take plenty of pictures to look over later, and don't leave any corner uninvestigated.

If there is a problem, speak up, and ask the landlord if the defect will be resolved.

Don't sign the lease if code violations still exist. Some code violations include leaking roofs, broken windows, holes or rotting boards in the exterior walls/foundation and improperly working exterior locks. Get the landlord to fix any problems before moving in.

## Before signing a lease

Make sure to thoroughly read

through the lease and understand the payment responsibilities of each person. Read the regulations on pets and find out the tenant and landlord responsibilities.

Thomas said he advised students to establish some general rules of the house/apartment between roommates before signing.

"Iron out some of the little details (cleanliness, when people will be over, etc.) before signing a lease," Thomas said. "Some of these may ultimately be 'deal breakers' and once the lease is signed it is very, very difficult to get out of the living arrangement."

## Moving in

Inspect your apartment or house before moving in. A self-inspection checklist should be provided by your landlord. Fill it out and write down any pre-existing defects in the apartment, so you aren't responsible for them at the end of your lease. This signed inspection is required by the city of Peoria.

Introduce yourself to the neighbors; this way they are more likely to be understanding if there is a problem. Keep your yard clean of trash or you will be fined and try to be courteous; not everyone is a college student or interested in staying up all night.

Slow down, and do the research; there's more time than you think.

# Chicky Baba

309-713-3799

CAMPUSTOWN

## Bradley Students 10% Discount

We serve Halal meat!

Falafel, Hummus, Baba Ghanouj, Shawarma, Kabobs.

Fresh & Delicious Pita Bread made to order.

[www.chickybabapeoria.com](http://www.chickybabapeoria.com)



# 2015-2016 OPENING LEASING BEGINS

Saturday, September 27th  
9am - 3pm

Sunday, September 28th 10am - 2pm

4 bedroom units still available  
as well as our BU connect program

\* Apartments rented on a first come first serve basis

- Affordable 1, 2, 3, & 4 bedrooms
- Air conditioning
- Fully equipped with refrigerator, range, microwave, and dishwasher
- Furnished
- Water, phone, cable and internet are included



**Cambridge**  
Property Management, Inc.





# Catching up with Marcus Pollard

BY GARTH SHANKLIN  
of the Scout

Bradley University football may have been sidelined since the 1970s, but arguably the school's most famous football alumni donned a Braves uniform just two decades ago.

Former Brave Marcus Pollard played 14 seasons in the National Football League with five different teams, 10 seasons of which came with the Indianapolis Colts, before retiring in 2008. The Lanett, Alabama native tallied 349 catches for 4,280 yards and 40 touchdowns in his career, despite not being drafted by any NFL team.

Pollard was a two-sport athlete at Valley High School in Valley, Alabama, playing both basketball and football. According to him, basketball was always his first love.

"To me, it's the epitome of being athletic; it combines hand-eye coordination and enthusiasm. It embodies everything that athletes strive for," Pollard said.

Pollard started his college career at Seward County Community College, where he averaged 15 points and 9.5 rebounds per game over two seasons with the Saints. In 1992, Pollard transferred to the Hilltop, where he started 27 of 31 games for the team, averaging nearly seven points and five rebounds per game.

How did a kid from Alabama who attended a Kansas community college end up in Illinois? According to Pollard, Bradley's basketball prowess played a big role in the decision.

"[It was] the rich basketball tradition," Pollard said. "A lot of great players had come through there, and it felt like, at times, they were the only team in town. There were no pro teams, no other college teams nearby. It was a really good fit."

In Pollard's senior season, the team rode

an unbeaten 16-0 home record to a berth in the NIT, the team's first postseason tournament since reaching the NCAA Tournament in 1988. After a third-round loss to the Siena Saints, the team's season ended, and so would Pollard's college career.

However, his career as an athlete was not finished yet. Then Bradley athletic director Bob Ferguson reached out to Ken Geiger, a former Bears scout who was with the Colts at the time, and suddenly Pollard found himself with a

shot at the NFL. Or, as he put it, a lot of good fortune.

"It was at the pivotal time where they were moving from the 6'6", 280 pound tight end to the guys who were 6'4", 6'5" and could run and stretch the field. I ended up on the practice squad but I kept getting better and was able to make the roster after that," Pollard said.

In his first three NFL seasons, Pollard tallied just 16 catches for 192 yards and a touchdown.

However, in his fourth season, the Colts drafted a player that would change his career: Peyton Manning.

"He was an incredible talent," Pollard said. "We had some other really good players and a great offensive line. We also had Tom Moore, the offensive coordinator who really saw some of my ability and things I could bring to the table."

We took advantage of things we could do offensively and exploited the ability that I had."

At 42, Pollard's playing days may be behind him but he's still active on the gridiron. He



joined the Jacksonville Jaguars as the team's Director of Player Development, a job he would get the same way he ended up in the league.

"I was coaching high school football after I retired, and I thought I wanted to give the NFL a look, so I went to the Senior Bowl," Pollard said. "I bumped into Ryan Robinson, the Jaguars' director of public relations, and he, Gus [Bradley, the Jaguars' head coach] and [General Manager] Dave Caldwell were looking for a person to fill the role. Ryan mentioned my name to them, they did their research and thought I was a great fit for what culture they wanted to bring. It's been great; it's been a wonderful experience."

Pollard's job encompasses a wide range of duties, from helping players with investments and housing to time management and relationships. His time back in the NFL has allowed him to evaluate what he would want to do in the future, which he said could include a stint as a general manager down the road.

eral manager down the road.

"If that option becomes available, I'm sure I'd entertain it," Pollard said. "I'd also entertain becoming a general manager. Being on this side of football and understanding equally the relationships of players to now being the person who makes the decisions of what kind of talent and people we bring into the organization intrigues me. Trying to figure out if I'm becoming a scout or GM or coach is a challenge to me. I love challenges."

As if making the NFL despite not playing football wasn't enough of a challenge for Pollard, he embarked on a completely different kind of challenge in the summer of 2011.

Pollard and his wife Amani joined the cast of the CBS show "The Amazing Race," where they finished third. Pollard said being on the show was a priceless experience.

"The Amazing Race' was exactly that," he said. "It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I got to see a lot of cool places, see a lot of cool things and meet a lot of cool people along the way. You really can't put a price tag on what I learned from being on that show."

**Above:** Pollard shown during one of his 10 seasons with the Indianapolis Colts.

**Top right:** Pollard (second row, third from right) and the rest of the 1993-1994 Bradley men's basketball team. Photo from Cullom-Davis Library Collections.

## Did you know?

Best season was 2001, with 47 passes for 739 yards and 8 touchdowns

Became the first Brave since 1970 and 12th ever to play in the NFL

His 104 career games with a reception place him in the Colts' all-time top ten

**ideal Rentals**  
Specializing in Student Living  
**Spotlight**  
Property Of the Week  
**1620 Ayres**  
**3 Bedrooms**



- Large Bedrooms
- Off Street Parking
- Central Air
- Screened In Porch

309-637-5515

leasing@idealrentals.net  
Facebook.com/idealrentals



# Bradley dominates WIU Early Bird

BY AARON FREEMAN  
of the Scout

When the 2013 volleyball season ended last November, the Braves were faced with the fact that they were losing four seniors who led the team in most statistical categories.

But sitting in the wing were three incoming freshmen. Each bring a long list of high school and AAU accomplishments to the Hilltop, who would also be able to learn and watch from a Braves team that would be coming off a Missouri Valley Conference tournament berth for the first time since 2005.

Enter the freshmen class of 2014: Jamie Livaudais, from Fenton, Missouri, Afton Sobasky from Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota and Taylor Thiele from Aurora, Nebraska.

So far, this season is not exactly what everyone had in mind for the Bradley volleyball team.

Entering this weekend, the team is winless (0-12) so far. However, with the injuries and other factors that have occurred this season, this group of freshmen are getting playing time and doing the most with it.

"We definitely did not expect to be playing as much as I am when the season started," Sobasky said. "But no matter when we play or how much we play, everyone tries to maintain focus and not think that we're just freshmen, so our confidence stays up no matter the situation."

The trio of freshmen are now the ones leading the team in most statistical categories, including Thiele and Livaudais in kills with 127 and 93 respectively, while Sobasky's 344 assists and now rank eighth in the MVC.

As the group of freshmen continue to grow as players off the court and leading the team with their play on the court, the pressures of being a college athlete and filling in for injured teammates is



photo by Chris Kwiecinski

Afton Sobasky prepares to serve the ball for the Braves against the Miami (Ohio) Redhawks in the CEFCU Classic.

not getting to them one bit.

"It is sometimes intimidating when you're out there, especially with everything that we are going through," Livaudais said. "But, our team does a great job of helping us calm down and come together as a team and not worry about what class anyone is in."

As for that pesky first win the team is looking for? Going through the process of getting better, as players and as a team, comes before winning in the minds of each of the three freshmen.

"It would be nice to get that first win," Thiele said. "But as long as we are making strides and getting better, that is all that matters right now."

Sobasky said she agrees with her teammate.

"Right now our record is not where we want it to be," Sobasky

said. "But, we are focusing on the process [rather] than the results, so I'd rather be playing tough teams and learning from that than losing."

So yes, at the end of the day, a team is judged by their wins and losses. But, one thing is clear: all three agree that during their time on the Hilltop, they want the volleyball program to continue to improve and move up the MVC standings to one day win the conference tournament title.

*Aaron Freeman is a junior sports communication major from Wheeling, Illinois. He is The Scout's sports editor.*

*Direct questions, comments, and concerns to anfreeman@mail.bradley.edu. Follow him on Twitter @AaronFreem.*

# From Tbilisi to Peoria



photo via BradleyBraves.com

Irinka Toidze during her days at West Virginia University.

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI  
of the Scout

To say that junior women's tennis player Irinka Toidze has come a long way from home would be an understatement.

Toidze hails from Tbilisi, the capital of the Republic of Georgia, a country that borders Turkey in the southwest and Russia in the northeast.

Peoria and Tbilisi are separated by more than 6,000 miles. This includes the entire Atlantic Ocean and most of Western Europe.

The distance between these cities is so large, it's comparable to a round-trip expedition across the United States.

However, even 6,000 miles apart, Toidze can find even the slightest similarities between the two vastly different cities.

"[Tbilisi is] almost like the Bradley campus," Toidze said of Tbilisi. "Everyone knows everyone. You'll always find a mutual friend."

The journey that Toidze has taken to get to the Hilltop is an unconventional and lengthy one, and she said she still struggles to find a median between the two countries she calls home.

"We have our own language [and] our own alphabet," Toidze said. "Every time I come back here

Toidze said. "From Georgia you have to travel...and airfare is really, really expensive. So I basically had to stop playing tournaments in Europe after that."

Toidze was faced with a choice: give up the game she loves for studies, or find a way to do both at the same time. She chose the latter.

"I want to play tennis and study," Toidze said. "Here [in America], you can get a scholarship [to play] and study at the same time."

From Tbilisi she went to Morgantown, West Virginia, where she got a scholarship to play tennis for West Virginia University.

However, after two years with the Mountaineers, Toidze decided it was time for a change, and began to search for a better fit.

It was during an inquiry at Rutgers University when Toidze found a connection to Bradley: head coach Matt Tyler.

"I contacted [Rutgers's] assistant, and actually their assistant is Matt's sister," said Toidze. "I looked up Bradley and talked to Matt when I visited, and I really liked it here."

From her first day on campus, Toidze has impressed Tyler with just how well she adapted to a new scene.

"She came in and it was like an automatic fit," Tyler said. "[She's] good friends with the girls and seems to really have a good relationship with everybody on the team."

Coming from West Virginia, Toidze played in the Big 12 Conference, which Tyler says is one of the toughest conferences in the nation.

He believes the competition she's played and her skill will put her atop the MVC this year.

"One of her goals would be top of the conference," Tyler said. "I have complete faith in the fact that she will be."

Toidze will have a shot to prove herself at the MVC Individual Championships next weekend. This weekend, she and the team travel to Waterloo, Iowa for the UNI Invitational.

*Chris Kwiecinski is a junior sports communication major from Vernon Hills, Illinois.*

*Direct questions, comments and concerns to ckwiecinski@mail.bradley.edu. You can also follow him on Twitter @OchoK41.*

it's like, what is going on? I have to get used to both countries."

Toidze began her tennis career in the Republic of Georgia at the early age of seven. By age 12, she became a sensation.

Toidze ranked top five in the age groups of U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-18. In Europe, she ranked in the top 75 in the U-14 group, and top 150 in the U-16 group.

However, playing at that high of a level came with a price: one she couldn't pay.

"I couldn't afford that much traveling,"

THE WEEK AHEAD					
	Friday September 26	Saturday September 27	Sunday September 28	Monday September 29	Tuesday September 30
Softball		DePaul Evanston, Illinois 11 AM	Kankakee/Lincolnland Kankakee, Illinois 10 AM/12:30 PM		
Soccer		Loyola-Chicago Chicago, Illinois 7 PM			
Volleyball	Wichita State Renaissance Coliseum 7 PM		Missouri State Renaissance Coliseum 2 PM		
Tennis	UNI Invitational Waterloo, Iowa ???	UNI Invitational Waterloo, Iowa ???	UNI Invitational Waterloo, Iowa ???		
Men's/Women's Golf			Badger Invitational (M) Madison, Wisconsin 9 AM	Johnie Imes Invitational(W)/Badger (M) Columbia, MO/Madison, WI 8 AM/9 AM	Johnie Imes Invitational(W)/Badger (M) Columbia, MO/Madison, WI 8 AM/9:30 AM
For a complete schedule, including club sports, check out <a href="http://www.bradleyscout.com">www.bradleyscout.com</a> !					
Road			Home		



# Clayton Kershaw clearly the top pitcher in baseball



**Aaron Ferguson  
Sports Reporter**

after several successful seasons and their careers begin to depreciate, but Kershaw has continued to get better every season in his career. Kershaw's .875 winning percentage this season is tied for the 14th best all-time for a season. Kershaw is the current live-ball ERA leader with a 2.49 ERA.

Kershaw produces video game-esque numbers on the field, but his accolades for off-the-field work is just as outstanding. In 2012, Kershaw won the Roberto Clemente Award for his sportsmanship and community involvement. In 2013, he won the Branch Rickey Award for his exceptional community service.

Kershaw and his wife, Ellen, built an orphanage in Zambia after meeting an 11-year old girl who was HIV-positive. In order to build the orphanage, he began donating money based on how many strikeouts he had in 2011 and 2012.

Kershaw has dominated opposing hitters en route to winning the NL ERA title for the fourth consecutive season. He has been great in terms of giving back to the community, and has won several awards in the past two years. We need to sit back and enjoy watching the greatest pitcher of our time instead of comparing him to others in the league.

*Aaron Ferguson is a junior sports communication major from Strongsville, Ohio.*

*Direct questions, comments and concerns to [aferguson@mail.bradley.edu](mailto:aferguson@mail.bradley.edu). You can also follow him on Twitter @Sports\_Aaron.*

Living in the Midwest, I have always seen a lot of coverage of baseball teams east of the Rocky Mountains, which isn't necessarily fair to the elite players and teams on the west coast.

This summer I lived in Los Angeles and got to cover the Dodgers and the Angels, some of the best talent in the league.

I believe Clayton Kershaw is the best pitcher in the game, hands down. Despite missing a month of the season with a back injury, the 26-year-old currently leads Major League Baseball with 21 wins, a 1.77 ERA and six complete games.

The lefty also leads the National League in strikeouts by four, but the two players tied for second, Stephen Strasburg and Johnny Cueto, each have one start remaining. Over his seven-year career, Kershaw has been a four-time All-Star and has won two Cy Young Awards.

Now Kershaw has the chance to win the second pitching triple crown of his career. The first came in 2011 when he went 21-5 with a 2.28 ERA and struck out 248 hit-

ters. He is coming at hitters with a hard fastball, a curveball that drops off the table and a devastating slider. If he can improve his changeup, he will become unhittable.

Other top pitchers like Verlander and Price have two seasons with a sub-three ERA while Hernandez and Wainwright each have four. Kershaw has six of his seven seasons with an ERA below three and two of those seasons, including this year, have been below two.

Kershaw is also the only pitcher of the group to have two or more seasons of 20 or more wins, and he has been in the league at least two years fewer than the others.

One of the most impressive statistics of the season for Kershaw is his 7.71 strikeout-to-walk ratio. Only Phil Hughes has a better ratio at 11.63. Kershaw has also improved at keeping hitters off base. He leads the MLB in walks and hits per innings pitched with 0.86 runners reaching base per inning, the best mark of his career.

Most pitchers are figured out



*photo by Chris Kwiecinski*

Bradley's volleyball team huddles after a point in the CEFCU Classic. The team dropped two MVC games to fall to 0-12 on the season.

## Volleyball

continued from page A12

another tough four-set loss for the Braves (15-25, 25-27, 26-24, 13-25).

Highlighting the stat chart for the Braves were freshmen Taylor Thiele, who had a team-high 14 kills plus 16 digs, and Afton Sobasky, who had a season-high 18 assists and added 13 digs. For both, it was their third consecutive double-double on the season.

The loss was Bradley's seventh straight four-set loss. Maurer said most matches going four or five sets are because of the fight in the team.

"Something that is in our mission this year is to be fighters every single set and match," Maurer said. "We want to wear our opponent out and because of

that we got, in my opinion, the biggest compliment from the coaching staff at UNI when they told us 'you guys frustrated us a lot'."

The Braves return home for two games starting Friday Sept. 26 to play preseason favorite Wichita State at 7 p.m., then come back Sunday Sept. 28 to play Missouri State.

When asked about Wichita State coming into Renaissance Coliseum for the team's MVC home opener, Maurer said that people shouldn't put too much stock into preseason rankings.

"We don't give any special attention to whoever was the preseason favorite," Maurer said. "[Wichita State] was the number one going into the season, but they were swept by Illinois State, so I think there will be a lot of parity in the MVC this season."

## Softball

continued from page A12

about having a balanced team right now."

One of those freshmen traversed three time zones to reach Peoria. Outfielder Erika Hansen came all the way from Fillmore, California, a city roughly an hour away from Los Angeles.

Hansen made a mark in the scorebook early in her Bradley career, launching a home run against Illinois for her second home run this fall.

Hansen believes the fall games are especially helpful for freshmen looking to get their college careers started.

"We get to learn how everything works...get all the bugs and nerves out," Hansen said. "We get to figure out the field and learn how everyone plays and operates in the field and up to bat."

The MVC champions will be honored prior to the Oct. 6 soccer game against Denver, where the team will receive its championship rings.

Before then, however, the team will be back in action this weekend against the DePaul Blue Demons and a pair of community colleges, Kankakee and Lincolnland. The team was also originally scheduled to face Northwestern, but the Wildcats do not have enough healthy pitchers.

*Garth Shanklin is a senior sports communication major from Williamsburg, Ohio. He is The Scout's sports editor.*

*Direct Questions, Comments, or concerns to [gshanklin@mail.bradley.edu](mailto:gshanklin@mail.bradley.edu). Follow him on twitter @GarthShanklin.*

## SRH PROPERTIES



**1-2-3 bedroom apartments available for 2015-2016**

- Water, sewer, and HEAT included
- Appliances included, ceiling fans
- 24 hour maintenance
- Professionally managed and maintained
- Balconies, large rooms, very nice!
- Laundry facilities
- Apartments from \$295 per person

**Call us today at (309) 696 - 2015**  
**[www.SRHProperties.com](http://www.SRHProperties.com)**

## GET THE BALL ROLLING FOR YOUR BUSINESS.

*Buy ad space with us today.*

**The Bradley Scout**  
**309.677.3057**







Lemek garners MVC Honor  
*Golf* | A10

# SPORTS



Former Brave talks NFL career  
*Feature* | A9

## Volleyball three-and-out in CEFCU Classic

BY AARON FREEMAN  
of the Scout

For the first time in the 40-year history of the Bradley volleyball program, a Braves squad is facing the challenge of securing its first win after 10 games to start a season.

"It's hard," coach Jenny Maurer said. "It's hard not to be aware and recognize the record, but we aren't talking about it because we are talking about the little things we need to do to get better."

The Braves dropped all three matches as they hosted the 2014 CEFCU Classic Sept. 12-13. In their first match and home opener, Miami (OH) came into Renaissance Coliseum and spoiled the party.

After returning from injury the previous match against Western Illinois, sophomore Kelsey Cave, who ended the match with 11 kills and three blocks, came out with great energy in the first set to take a 1-0 lead. Sadly, that's all the energy you would see from the Braves, as the Redhawks, led by sophomore Paige Hill's 16 kills, stifled the Braves 3-1 (28-26, 16-25, 19-25, 18-25).

The second and third matches were similar for the Braves, as they dropped the final two matches both in four sets, to the University of Missouri-Kansas City (13-25, 17-25, 26-24, 19-25) and North Dakota State (23-25, 25-23, 20-25, 19-25).

But if there could be any positives of the three-game homestand, it is that all three freshmen, including Jamie Livaudais, Afton Sobatsky and Taylor Thiele played every set and played well.

"I'm gaining confidence with every game," Livaudais said. "The whole team is supporting [all three of us] and making sure to help us wherever we need it."

Maurer echoed similar words about how well her three freshmen are playing and said that with every match they play, the more trust the coaching staff has in them.

"They are doing a fantastic job so far," Maurer said. "We are holding them to high standards. We wouldn't put them in the game if we didn't feel confident in them, and so far, they are putting up the numbers."

In each of the three home

matches, one of the three freshmen led the team in kills and assists. Furthermore, over the weekend, Livaudais, Sobatsky and Thiele combined for 79 of the team's 142 (56 percent) kills and 112 of the 136 (82 percent) assists.

"I couldn't be more proud of [all three freshmen]," Maurer said. "We are giving them a lot to handle right now, but they are learning so quickly and performing well for how little experience they have."

A main cause of the three freshmen's significant playing time is that key players are out with injuries. Juniors Kristi Chynoweth, who was in a walking boot this summer, and Jessie Tulacka, who suffered a shoulder injury, are both missing time for the Braves.

Maurer sent Chynoweth in during the first set against UMKC, but wasn't satisfied with how she responded. Tulacka, on the other hand, is still waiting for an MRI on her shoulder.

The Braves open Missouri Valley Conference play on Sept. 19-20 on the road where they will try for their first win as they take on the Drake Bulldogs. Then they



photo by Chris Kwiecinski

Freshman Afton Sobatsky and junior Cordelia Murphy attempt to block Jenny Ingle of Miami (Ohio). The Braves lost to the Redhawks in four sets.

make the short trip to Cedar Falls, Iowa to face the Northern Iowa

Panthers. Both matches are set to begin at 7 p.m.

## California Dreaming: Soccer drops two games



photo by Dan Smith

Junior goalie Shey Niemeyer watches from the ground as UNLV scores a goal. Niemeyer was benched in favor of Logan Ketterer.

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI  
of the Scout

Following a 5-2 drubbing at the hands of the University of San Diego, soccer head coach Jim DeRose had to make changes.

The five goals were the most the Braves had allowed in a game since September 1996, DeRose's first year as head coach. During that stretch of games in 1996, the Braves allowed nine goals in three games.

The loss to the Toreros made it painfully obvious that the team's defense was in need of something. Anything.

DeRose's response was to make moves. Literally. Before the game against California State-Northridge, Sunday he told juniors Grant Bell and Andrew Brown to switch the focus of their game from an offensive outlook, to a more defensive one.

"We took some of our veteran guys and pushed them more into the back line and in more defending roles," DeRose said. "We made the decision on Sunday to solidify

more defense."

DeRose's strategy to use the veteran players in more defensive roles almost worked. However, there was one thing that the Braves missed Sunday against the Matadors, and that was offense.

By the end of the night, the Braves saw their losing streak drop to four straight, but did not see one goal in their favor as they lost to CSUN 1-0 in double overtime.

Sophomore forward Christian Okeke recorded two of the three Braves shots on goal, and nearly won the game in the first overtime with his shot went through Torero keeper Adam Hobbs. But, Hobbs recovered just in time to keep the game from ending.

The Toreros then won the game in the second overtime when forward Sagi Lev-Ari scored his fifth goal of the year past Logan Ketterer, who replaced Shea Niemeyer in goal.

Junior Grant Bell, who played the whole match in his new role of shut down defender, embraced the switch.

"We're a very defensively ori-

ented team, that's the way we won games in the past," Bell said. "We have to defend before we can attack."

Even though the Braves fell to CSUN, the defensive minded strategy implemented by DeRose looked promising.

"I always [say] this: if things are going wrong you can't correct three things at once," DeRose said. "We made the decision on Sunday to solidify more defense. We had a chance to steal the game a few times."

Through the first five games, DeRose's squad has looked little like the team that won the Missouri Valley Conference tournament last season. However, he attributes the early season struggles to having a new set of players.

"We don't have a young team, we have a new team," DeRose said. "I think for them, they need to find their identity."

Chris Kwiecinski is the Scout's assistant sports editor. You can also follow him on Twitter @OchoK41.



**WEEK  
OF THE  
WEEK**

"Congratulations Freshman OH @himay03 on being named to the @CEFCU Classic All-Tournament Team! What an effort! Getting better everyday!"  
- @BradleyVOLLEY

**follow us @**  
ScoutSportsDesk