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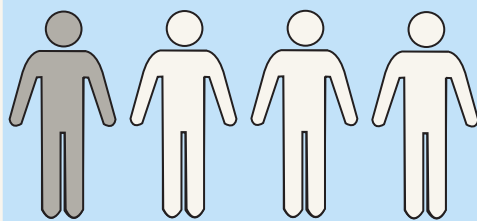
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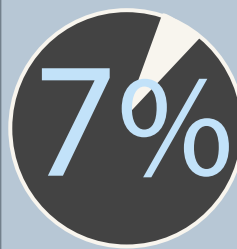
according to National Alliance on Mental Illness

Signs and Symptoms of Depression

- Sad
- Anxious
- Empty
- Hopeless
- Guilty
- Worthless
- Helpless
- Irritable
- Restless



1 in 4
young adults between ages 18 and 24 have been diagnosed with mental illness.



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Did you know suicide is the
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leading cause of death for teens and young adults ages 15 to 24?

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Univ. addresses stress

BY SAM PALLINI
Editor-in-Chief

College is already a high-stress environment, when trying to balance academics, a social life and work-related experiences all at once. Adding semester finals and the holiday season into the mix can irritate anxiety levels even more.

However, the weight of anxiety, stress and other personal issues can exist outside of finals and the holidays.

According to the most recent report published by the American College Health Association, nearly 30 percent of college students reported levels of depression in the last year that were so high it made it difficult for them to function.

In the same report, nearly seven percent of college students reported seriously considering suicide, and one percent of students

attempted suicide.

As the third leading cause of death for people between 15 and 24, suicide accounts for 13 percent of deaths each year.

Bradley administration, faculty and staff are encouraging students to utilize available resources and focus on personal well-being, noting that personal health is of the greatest importance.

"With the stress of projects, papers and finals, it is important we take care of ourselves physically, mentally and emotionally," Vice President for Student Affairs Nathan Thomas said. "As you study, some of the best things you can do to take care of yourself involve getting proper sleep, eating a balanced diet and getting physical exercise."

According to Interim Director of Wellness Lyndsey Hawkins, there is a variety of stress contributors.

"During college, students

undergo a lot of major life changes, which can trigger mental health issues," Hawkins said. "Often students are not getting enough sleep, not eating healthy, and some are abusing substances, all of which can complicate their situation."

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) found college students, especially between the ages of 18 and 24, reported having higher than average levels of stress, many of which have the potential to lead to more serious mental illnesses.

In the 2012 issue overview, NAMI also reported 75 percent of lifetime cases of mental health conditions beginning by age 24. The stigma of having a mental illness was one of the

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Ferguson forum inspires students

BY TORI MOSES
Copy Editor

Students shared their thoughts on the protests, grand jury decision and other topics related to Ferguson, Missouri at a forum Dec. 1.

Throughout the night, the discussion transformed into how Bradley students can be positively involved in the issue on campus.

According to Multicultural Student Services Assistant Director Norris Chase, more than 40 students attended the event, including members of the Black Student Alliance, the Association of Latin American Students and Delta Sigma Theta.

"Personally, I believe that this dialogue was a great first step to students voicing their concerns about this incident," Chase said.

Much of the discussion focused on the media surrounding Ferguson. According to sophomore St. Louis native Katelyn Schalk, while there is currently racial tension within the St. Louis community, the media makes the problem seem worse than it is.

"I did see one article about people going out and painting boarded up windows and picking up trash," Schalk said. "They need to show things like this because these are the things that unify us."

The students at the forum shared similar opinions. Chase asked for a show of hands from those surprised by the Grand Jury decision to not indict police officer Darren Wilson, and one hand rose. He then asked who was frustrated with that decision and nearly every hand rose.

One student in attendance mentioned the majority of the faces at the forum were familiar to her, and she would like new people to come to events in order to spark more conversation.

Alumnus Josiah Williams (2014) said a big problem is the tension between police officers and civilians, and he would like

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Ideal Rentals.netAthletic Department
'Garage Sale'
completes transitionBY AARON FREEMAN
Sports Editor

The Athletic Department hosted its first "garage sale" in Renaissance Coliseum Dec. 1 and 2. The sale featured discounted athletic clothing and equipment.

When Athletic Director Michael Cross announced the apparel signing of Adidas in February of 2013, Bradley student athletes came under one brand for the first time in school history.

According to Senior Associate Athletic Director for Finance & Administration Craig Dahlquist, there was an overflow of old equipment when the Braves officially switched over to Adidas, and the perfect solution was to give Bradley fans a shopping spree.

"Between changing our new logo and switching to Adidas, we've now rotated out our apparel with the wrong brand and logo,"

Dahlquist said. "The brand and logo issue, along with [the Athletic Department] having storage issues, we decided it's time to get rid of things."

Dahlquist said that the Athletic Department made close to \$15,000 throughout the two-day event that occurred Monday and Tuesday. The first day was open strictly to faculty and staff, and the second day was open to students and the general public.

Junior finance major Adam Miller said he was thrilled with the selection of Bradley apparel available for such low costs.

"The garage sale seemed to be a huge success," Miller said. "There were some very cool Bradley soccer shirts from a few years ago that I picked up, including an elite 8 one. I know a few of my friends bought some-one awesome Bradley basketball gear."

Graphic designer needed

The Wellness Program is looking for a graphic design intern for the spring 2015 semester.

The interns will work eight hours per week on poster and T-shirt designs, logos and other marketing materials.

For more information or to apply, email wellness@bradley.edu. All applications are due Monday, Dec. 8.

Mugs for munchies

Midnight Munchies, a program that provides free food and drinks to students in the Cullom-Davis Library during finals week, is asking for new or used mug donations. The organization will no longer be using Styrofoam cups.

Students and staff can bring them to the library in room 144, located next to the elevator, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays.

Mugs may also be dropped off at the information desk after hours. Mugs will be collected until the beginning of finals.

Intern position open

The Body Project, which aims to increase acceptance of the human body in all its shapes and sizes, has several openings for their spring 2015 internship.

The position is unpaid but provides experience in marketing, event planning and educational programming.

For more information on the Body Project, visit www.bradley.edu/thebodyproject.

Anyone interested in applying should email his or her résumé to wellness@bradley.edu. Applications are due Dec. 9 by midnight.

POLICE
REPORTS

- The Peoria Police Department and Bradley Police were dispatched to the 1100 block of W. Main St. at 8:45 p.m. Dec. 2 for an armed robbery.

The male non-student entered the McDonalds with a handgun and demanded money. No one was injured, and it is unknown if the male had taken any money or property.

The male has not been caught, and there are no suspects.

- Officers observed an intoxicated male student stumbling into traffic at the 1600 block of Main St. at 1:36 a.m. Nov. 27.

When officers tried to question the student, he was unable to stand still. Paramedics were called, and he was escorted to OSF Hospital.

- Officers were dispatched to the 800 block of N. Cooper St. at 1:27 a.m. Nov. 23 because of a loud party complaint.

Officers shut down the party but noticed a male student walking to the residence with a beer in his hand.

When questioned, the male admitted to drinking at another party on Cooper Street. He registered a .054 BAC and was given a citation for underage drinking.

The residents, two male students, were also issued citations for drinking with minors consuming alcohol.

- Officers were dispatched to the 1500 block of Fredonia Ave. at 1 p.m. Nov. 29 after a female non-student resident reported broken flowerpots.

The large flowerpots in front of the residence were turned over and smashed.

Police have no suspects.

- Officers were dispatched to Harper Hall at 10:39 p.m. Nov. 25 to pick up an airsoft gun and two knives found in a dorm room.

When residential hall staff members were walking room to room turning off lights, he discovered the items lying on the floor.

The items were confiscated, and the student was told he could pick them up from the Bradley police station and remove them from campus.

- Officers were dispatched to Campustown at 7:53 p.m. Nov. 30 after a male non-student on the Campustown ban list was seen.

The Peoria Police Department took the male to Peoria County Jail.

Author discusses
historical personalitiesMARKIST BOOKER
Off-Staff Reporter

Author Ken Zurski brought a storyteller's angle to local history in his latest book, "Peoria Stories: Tales from the Illinois Heartland," which he discussed at the Cullom-Davis Library Dec. 2.

After the release of his 2012 book, "The Wreck of the Columbia," Zurski said he was initially hesitant to write about Peoria's historical events given his limited ties to the community.

However, Zurski said his 11 years at Peoria's 100.3 WMBD radio station and his passion for history inspired him to take on the project.

"I thought I could take influential figures and put them in the context of Peoria," he said. "For instance, Abraham Lincoln often visited Peoria when passing through on his inaugural train, which took him from Springfield to Washington D.C."

The book features nine stories of famous figures such as Theodore Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln, Charles Lindbergh and others that were part of the rich history of Peoria and central Illinois.

Friends of the Cullom-Davis Library President Marilyn Leyland said Zurski tied various historical events in Peoria into a broader

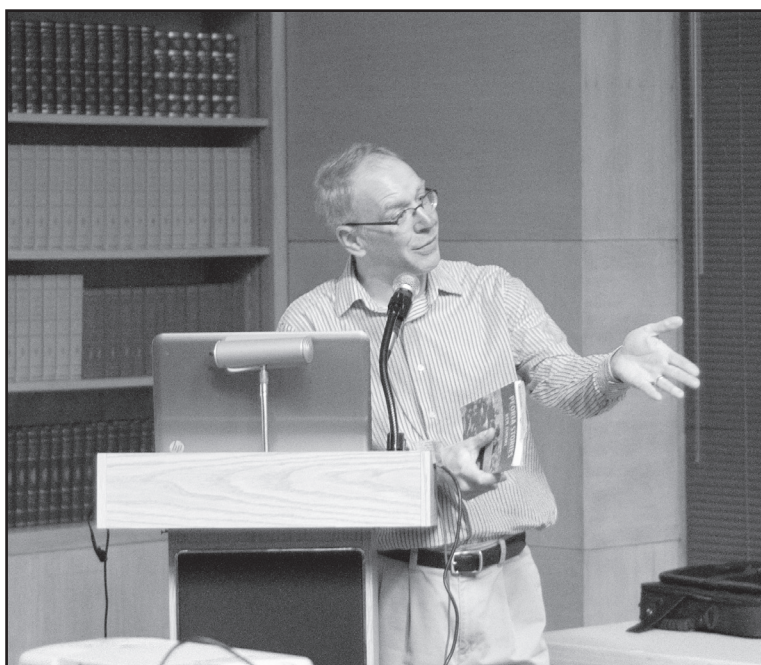


photo by Dan Smith

Peoria's rich history was highlighted Tuesday night as author Ken Zurski divulged stories from his latest book, "Peoria Stories: Tales from the Illinois Heartland."

context to give readers a different outlook on the community.

"William Hamilton's story happens to be one of my favorite in the book because it talks about his life beyond Peoria," Leyland said.

By intertwining popular personalities with historical milestones, such as the rise of the automobile, first flights and radio's

early days, Zurski provided a wide perspective on the past.

"Most people aren't aware Lincoln had a sense of humor when he visited Peoria, but he was definitely a cut-up," Zurski said.

The book can be found at Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com.

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THE SCOUT?

PHC, IFC restructure exec boards

BY TESSA ARMICH
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The recent executive board elections for Bradley's Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils brought a few changes to the greek community.

The PHC executive board, which oversees seven social sororities on campus, moved from 13 to nine members. It consolidated some roles and combined others to create more robust positions. The IFC executive board also switched from 13 to 12 positions.

"I think it is a very positive change that they did condensing the positions," Bradley PHC President Marian Kavanaugh said. "We had so many girls on the executive board, and when you have 14 girls, it is kind of hard to accommodate everyone's schedule."

Roles were shifted and combined to create better experiences for student leadership, according to Director of Sorority and Fraternity Life Nancy Schwartz.

"I think the other thing, too, is that the larger your executive board is, no matter whether it's IFC or [PHC], the less we're able to give leadership opportunities to more people in terms of conferences and workshops and clinics and things like that," Schwartz said. "Condensing that a little bit gives us an opportunity to give more of our exec board a similar experience, which is really powerful when trying to cultivate leadership within women or men."

This upcoming year, greek life intends to work on its external



photo via Bradley Interfraternity Council
Juniors Ryan Gutchewsky (Delta Tau Delta) and Evan Powell (Sigma Nu) were elected as president and vice president of IFC Oct. 27.

image, becoming more involved on campus and unifying the different chapters, according to Kavanaugh.

"We've done a lot of work in the past years with greek unity and helping our internal structure, and it's never perfect, but it's definitely grown a lot in the last two years," Schwartz said. "Now

it's time to play up our external image and really make some strong friendships on campus."

In the PHC executive board, the positions of public relations and corresponding secretary were combined, as well as risk and judicial, and the creation of a programming chair.

Schwartz said that both coun-

Panhellenic Executive Board

President- Marian Kavanaugh
Vice President- Jennifer Wolf
Director of Correspondence and PR- Hayley Feichter
Director of Finance- Jessica Lowe
Director of New Member Education- Kaylee Karumanchi
Director of Programming- Marisa Goldstein
Director of Risk and Judicial Affairs- Hannah Argadine
Director of Recruitment- Sara Buchanan
Assistant Director of Recruitment- Marissa Burns

Interfraternity Executive Board

President- Ryan Gutchewsky
Vice President- Evan Powell
Director of Athletics- Steve Schoenbeck
Director of Finances- Hunter Vaughn
Director of Judicial Affairs- Kody Krupps
Director of Public Relations- Zach Evans
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Director of Special Events- Brent Leinonen

cils are very representative of the various fraternities and sororities on campus. They aren't necessarily comprised of every fraternity or sorority, but they try their best to have a diverse representative board.

"I think both IFC and Panhellenic are really trying to make positive moves toward changes," Kavanaugh said. "That's

something that I do want to at least strive to do is create events where it's more so geared just towards Bradley students and just making everyone a better Bradley student instead of just a better greek member or a better non-greek member; just focusing that end goal of engaging the whole community as one."

SABRC funds campus projects

BY TESSA ARMICH
Copy Editor

After a marathon weekend of deliberation, student organization funding for the spring semester has been reached. The Student Activities Budget Review Committee allocated \$120,000 of the \$177,972 available for student organizations during its fall funding weekend.

There were 57 requests submitted from student organizations. Leaders of these organizations, however, said there are some struggles that come with searching for funding.

"Our organization is renewing itself, and we have plans to run events outside of the SABRC fund," president of Brave Sound Entertainment Hana Becker said. "We appreciate SABRC immensely, but it can be difficult to be so dependent on their funding, especially since we spend an entire semester planning shows, specifying budgets, talking to artists and agents, etc. We really want to do the best we can to entertain and benefit students and the local community through our organization."

The struggles, however, are felt on both sides of the process.

"It is really hard to please everyone," SABRC chairperson Kendra Warren said. "Our mission is to bring a variety of events to campus that educate and entertain students. We have a lot of factors to take into consideration—benefit to students, diversity, etc. Some

groups think we say no simply because we don't like them. That is not the case."

According to Assistant Director of Student Activities Lauren Smetana, bigger student organizations sometime have a natural advantage because of their larger workforces.

"Big organizations don't necessarily mean automatic funding," Smetana said. "What I've seen in organizations that tend to have more members is that your workload is distributed more."

According to Smetana, a larger number of members can provide a wider range of perspectives and less of a workload on just a few people, increasing that organization's presentation quality.

Like the members of these organizations, SABRC is also made up of students. The committee judges the presentations on several criteria such as preparation, quality and whether there are already similar events.

Student organizations presented their ideas to SABRC and had to present for three minutes and respond to any questions in two minutes.

To help prevent bias, students on an executive board of a student organization who were also on SABRC weren't allowed to discuss their organizations or vote on their funding.

This year there were a few changes in the voting process as well.

"This year was quite different than in past years, in so many great ways," SABRC chairperson Kendra Warren said. "Nick Clark was the vice-chairperson this year and is a computer genius. He redid the entire funding application process. Everything was through Google [Forms]. It saved Lauren and Tom so much time. Before they would manually go through each application and passing groups presentation times."

After all of the deliberation, the proposal was sent to Student Senate to be approved. The budget was approved during the Nov. 24 General Assembly meeting.

The remaining funds that weren't allocated to organizations will go to the SABRC general fund, which supplies events that are not planned at this time. Alternately, if a student organization wants to appeal their final SABRC funding allotment, they can go to the Student Arbitration Board.

"I think it went very well," Smetana said. "It went very smoothly; students were very constructive. There was a lot of constructive criticism about the events and a really careful evaluation of all the events. They were very thorough, so I think we had a lot of great discussion and are going to fund a lot of good events for the spring semester because of that."

Univ. offers new law minor

BY TESSA ARMICH
Copy Editor

Bradley has announced the addition of a business law minor to the Department of Entrepreneurship, Technology and Law to be offered beginning in the fall of 2015.

The 15-credit hour minor will offer students a range of classes and experiences in legal regulations, analysis and critical thinking.

According to Associate Business Law Professor Tanya Marcum, the minor could give applicants more knowledge than the average student.

"One thing I see is that [the business law minor] is complementary to all majors, regardless of what the major is," Business Law Professor Sandra Perry said. "There are legal components to it, and I think it will help students distinguish themselves from other applicants for jobs down

the line when they can show that they do understand the legal ramifications, ethical implications of their job and their major."

According to Marcum, the driving force behind the creation of this minor was student input. She said students wanted something like the business minor to be available; therefore, the department created a committee that made this minor possible.

"I am considering law school afterward, so I think having a minor in law or political science would help," freshman public relations major Dani Brewer said.

Senior accounting major Jenna Scott said she thinks the business law minor will benefit future students.

"I'm going to law school hopefully in the fall, and I didn't really have that opportunity [for the minor], so it's cool that they get that opportunity," Scott said.

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Entrepreneurship knowledge pays off



Blake Collins

BY TWYLA TOWNS
Off-Staff Reporter

This summer, junior entrepreneurship major Blake Collins acquired the internship of a lifetime.

As an employee for start-up company NEC Corporation of America-Indianapolis, a solar development company that sells solar panel arrays to privately held

companies, Collins played a role in helping them potentially acquire its first multi-million dollar deal.

"I was given the opportunity to work at the start-up company through my relationship with the owner, who I have known for many years and am best friends with the owner's son," Collins said.

Collins said he was one of two employees at the start-up company. Some of his tasks consisted of creating potential customer lists, as well as compiling and creating an employee handbook and playbook. He worked alongside his associate to create various spreadsheets and worked on matters such as return-on-investment, net investment and other financial areas.

Collins said helping the start-up work toward its first multi-million dollar deal was a huge accomplishment. He said he especially enjoyed being able to create a company from scratch and see the product of his efforts at the end of the internship.

"I was shown how to truly start a company," Collins said. "It was a humbling experience seeing how much time and effort, alongside money, it takes to do something

like this."

Collins said next to his father, his most influential business mentor was NEC LLC Indianapolis business owner Jeff Lackey. Lackey always stressed the importance of having "critical thinking skills," which Collins co-signed as being one of the most important tools to sharpen when creating a business.

Moreover, Collins said that working as an employee of Lackey's start-up was an invaluable experience.

"Not many 21-year-olds get to do this and truly dive into the field you are studying in school, let alone do it with someone you are close with," Collins said.

Collins is keeping his post-graduation options open, but he said his internship experience has solidified his interest in entrepreneurship.

"As of right now, I am thinking the finance field," Collins said. "After this summer, it did affirm my aspirations to become a successful entrepreneur and showed I really did have the spirit of one as well."

Orchesis offers fall preview

BY DANEALLE KHAIMSKIY
News Editor

Bradley's official dance team, Orchesis, held its fall sneak preview show Nov. 21 in the Markin Recreation Center.

The show's first dance, "Back in Black," had the dancers wearing leather pants, combat boots and tank tops.

The dance followed the pirouette and repeated arabesque style Orchesis groups are known for.

"I thought [the preview] went pretty well," sophomore Orchesis publicist Danielle Rivard said. "There is definitely stuff I want to work on though."

As the dancers took a break to change and catch their breaths, the salsa club went on stage with a group routine consisting of hip-swaying and coordinated footwork.

Senior English major Christian Lyon, who was also the emcee, performed a song called "Us" on acoustic guitar as he sang to the audience.

Sophomore psychology major Emily Walsh said she thought the dances were nice.

"The different moods of the dances are interesting," she said. "And I like that the dances are choreographed by different girls on the team."

The group's third dance told the story of a girl being forced to conform to what society wanted her to be. Rivard took the lead as



photo by Danealle Khaimskiy

Orchesis Dance Team showcased four of its performances Nov. 21 in Markin. Members of the dance team choreographed each routine.

she grand-jeté around the stage. The dancers wore sundresses and statement necklaces, as they tried to force Rivard to do the same.

The crowd, comprised of parents and a few students, applauded and cheered as the group went back stage to change.

Orchesis performed four dances consisting of hip-hop and lyrical pieces. The show acted as a preview for the April concert which, according to Rivard, will

feature the same dances — as well as new smaller group numbers and a larger variety of style.

However, Rivard said they have some more work to do before then.

"We need to improve working overall together, and we will have more time to work on the dances next year," Rivard said. "Hopefully, a bigger crowd will come next time."

Scout's declassified finals survival guide

BY JAYLYN COOK
Staff Reporter

Brace yourselves: finals are coming.

For freshmen, finals week can be incredibly nerve-racking and scary, as the entire outcome of the semester hangs in the balance. As a way to help first-years push to the brighter (albeit colder) days after exams. Here is some advice on how to make your finals as easy as possible.

Atmosphere can make all the difference.

Find a quiet place to study. Unless you're a psychic, dorm life can be tough at times since it's kind of hard to predict the actions of your roommates and others around you. Relocate to a place of your desired level of comfort, and lose yourself in your notes.

If silence isn't your thing, music is also a great way to keep yourself locked in on your studies. However, the choice of what to listen to is important, as Taylor Swift is more likely to pull you away from your calculus textbook than Mozart would.

There are studies that show instrumental music, whether it be classical pieces or film scores, are more beneficial when it comes to maintaining focus, so search your favorite composer on Spotify and give them a shot. My personal recommendation would be listening to John Williams' score for "E.T." It might make you cry, in my case, many times, but it's always a good choice.

Be willing to put your well-being first.

Sometimes, pulling an all-nighter may be necessary, but that doesn't mean you should make a habit out of it. Running on nothing but fumes, stress and Starbucks is probably one of the worst things you can do to your body and mind, so take the time to recharge.

Physical activity can release the tension being built up in your mind, so take some time to jog, lift weights or play Wii Fit, if that's your thing.

The Markin Recreation Center will be open around the clock during finals week, so take advantage of the extra gym time and sweat out your stress.

Live a little!

"Ferris Bueller's Day Off" is one of my favorite movies for

many reasons: it's fun, it's quotable and its message, which is pretty much the 80's way of saying "YOLO," is important for people of all ages to keep in mind.

Finals are tough, and they'll easily drive you crazy, but they shouldn't dominate every aspect of your being. Set aside time to do what you love most, and remind yourself that it's okay to have fun in between study sessions.

Never be afraid to ask for help.

One of the great things about living in a university setting is that there's a plethora (Word of the Day) of resources that students can use to their advantage.

If you're struggling with a certain subject and are in need of immediate help, the Center for Learning Assistance offers two hours of free tutoring per week for all students. Also, Bradley Health Services provides counseling if you just need to talk to someone.

Friends, roommates and classmates are also great support networks. If you'd like, try organizing a study group or invite people over for a review session. You don't have to go through finals alone, so reach out to someone, and take on the challenge together.

Lastly, always remain confident.

It's easy to be discouraged during finals week when the amount of work you have starts to sink in, the things that you went over in class earlier this year become a blur and that little voice inside your head starts to worry by saying things like "There's no way I can remember all this" or "I'm not going to make it to the end."

Simply put, that little voice is wrong.

There may be moments where you feel that the work you're putting in isn't enough, but I assure you that it is (unless it truly isn't, in which, therefore, you'll need to step it up). You've made it to this point in the year, so there's no doubt that you're capable of surviving anything college life will throw your way.

Don't let finals discourage you; only let them motivate you. Remember that, and you'll be just fine.

Tech wiz signs off: Ruch retires

BY DANEALLE KHAIMSKIY
News Editor

From upgrading the email system to helping install fiber cables, Associate Provost of Information Resources and Technology Chuck Ruch has pushed Bradley into the future during his time at the university. Now, after 10 years, he is saying goodbye to the Hilltop.

Ruch received his bachelor's degree from Purdue University in animal science and a master's degree in math from Indiana State University.

He originally wanted to own and operate a livestock farm, but as the market changed, so did Ruch's life choices.

"You graduate from college, you get that first job, and then you look very hard at the realities," Ruch said. "You look at the capital that is required to actually own and run a farm, you discover that's a real long shot, and you start looking for other ways to earn a living."

Prior to joining the Hilltop, Ruch worked for Creighton University for 24 years, where he started as a programmer and ended his career there as the associate vice president of technical services and communications.

When Ruch came to Bradley in 2004, he was placed in charge of improving connectivity and watching over every aspect of technology and online functions.

"When I started here 10 years ago, the resources we had, particularly from network support, were extremely limited," Ruch said. "We've done some things to really turn that around. From a networking standpoint, we now have gigabyte speeds connecting us to the outside world."

When Ruch first became a faculty member, student and faculty emails were stored on a Unix Machine in computer services.

Since then, Ruch helped Bradley's network move from a DS3 with 135 megabits, which cost more than \$100,000, to a system of fibers costing in the lower five-figure range. The change not only saved the school money but increased capacity as well.

But Ruch made sure the improvements won't stop after he retires.

"We have a plan for my [successor] to upgrade that network to 10 [gigabytes]," Ruch said. "That's just something that 10 years ago, we couldn't imagine."

Ruch said his fondest memories at Bradley come from interactions



Chuck Ruch
Associate Provost of Information
Resources and Technology

with individual people, but he is excited to move back to Omaha, Nebraska and spend time with his daughters and grandchildren.

"I definitely won't be sitting in a rocking chair," he said. "I have one daughter who needs help with home improvement, so that's something I will do."

Prof. Donna Hill takes a look back

BY TORI MOSES
Copy Editor

Marketing professor Donna Hill will retire at the end of this semester after 26 years of teaching at Bradley.

Hill graduated with a bachelor's in political science from Indiana University, moving on to Ball State University (BSU), where she received her master's in marketing. She was then asked back to BSU as a professor.

"That's where I fell in love with teaching," Hill said. "I thought it would be a great career, and I thought it fit me."

Hill attended Indiana University to receive her Ph.D. and was offered jobs to teach at five different universities, including Bradley.

"Bradley was my first choice," Hill said. "It was what I was looking for because it had a balance between teaching and research, and it has allowed me to be successful at both."

Hill has been involved with University Senate, the gender equity for athletics committee and the dean's selection committee for the economics Liberal Arts and Sciences program. She has also won the Outstanding Reviewer Award for the Journal of the Academy Marketing Science a few times.

"When you come here, it really is a culture that is supportive of both students and faculty," Hill said. "I think my initial assessment that Bradley was a good fit ended up being true for me."

Hill said one of her favorite classes was a marketing research course offered to graduate students.

"A lot of those students have gone on to get jobs using the skills directly that they learned in that class," Hill said. "In fact, I got an email just the other day from a student who said that that class allowed him to get a promotion into research."

Hill said she enjoyed teaching the undergraduate version of the course as well.

"The [Smith] Career Center called one time and talked to my chair and said, 'Why is it that we've got all of these students wanting to go into marketing research?'" Hill said. "I really enjoyed hearing that because it's kind of a confirmation that I was probably doing something right."

According to Hill, she will miss being around Bradley stu-



Donna Hill
Marketing Professor

dents the most.

"I really do believe we are blessed at Bradley with the kinds of students that we get," Hill said. "The kind of students that are attracted to go here are bright students, and we don't have huge disciplinary problems, which wouldn't be true at a lot of schools."

Hill said she thought twice about leaving Bradley the day she turned in her resignation letter.

"I ran into a student that I had taken to London and he was like, 'Hi, Dr. Hill,' and then I went over to the Student Center and one of the students working there had been in my class and she was like 'I liked your class,' and it was just one thing after another that I kept running into that made me say, 'Do I really want to leave?'" she said.

Hill's husband will also be retiring in the near future.

"I've got three grandchildren now, so we are wanting to spend more time with the family," Hill said. "A year of self-assessment would be good. We've also thought about getting involved in politics and reading clubs."

Hill said she once read an article about retirement that made her understand the opportunities to come.

"[The article] said that the happiest times in peoples lives is when they're in college at the undergraduate level and the years right after they retire because they are both full of self-exploration and have fewer time boundaries on them," Hill said. "I liked reading that. [That stage of life] was a great time, so I am looking forward to it again."

Retiring Registrar considers accomplishments on campus

BY SAVANNAH JONES AND
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After nearly 16 years with Bradley University, Kathie Beaty will retire as Registrar.

Beaty graduated from Western Illinois University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in education with a focus in business and a master's degree in education.

Before arriving at Bradley, she worked at Western Illinois reviewing student transcripts, working her way up to advising and registering students. There was a myriad of steps toward her position as Registrar, she said.

"I don't think you will find anyone who claims they grew up wanting to be a Registrar," Beaty said. "I didn't even know what a Registrar was until I started college. If you ask other Registrars, you will find that their paths are as varied as the individuals."

Beaty was working as the Associate Registrar at Western Illinois when she received a call from Bradley's previous Registrar encouraging her to apply for the open position.

Beaty helped usher in sweeping changes on campus, such as introducing the online reg-

istration program, Webster, and implementing one of the first secure systems of online transcript delivery.

She also worked on projects to create an online grade submission system for teachers so that faculty no longer had to bring in paper copies of final grades. Beaty contributed to many projects that improved behind-the-scenes performances of academics at Bradley.

"I am a member of a number of committees, which means there are a lot of meetings to attend," Beaty said. "Because the Registrar's Office has contact with nearly every student, faculty member and staff member on campus, no two days are the same."

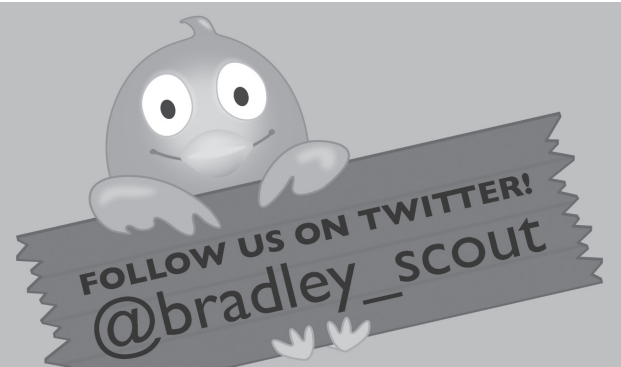
Her work has earned her the 2013 recipient of the Tom Bilger Citation for Service Award through the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

Beaty said she will miss the people she interacts with on campus daily but is looking forward to retirement. She said she still has writing to do but plans on visiting her children and grandchildren, honing her photography skills, volunteering and possibly running a 5K marathon.



Kathie Beaty
Registrar

"Without a doubt, I will miss the people," Beaty said. "I'll also miss my friends and colleagues at Bradley and in the state and national professional organizations in which I have been an active participant. I've been on a college campus for many years, first as a student and then as an employee. I'll miss being around young, energetic people who are eager to learn and take on leadership roles."



Editorial

SABRC finds balance for majority, minority

Last month, the Student Activities Budget Review Committee processed 57 requests from student organizations attempting to secure funding for capital equipment and spring events.

The purpose of this committee is to allocate the \$85 activity fees paid by full-time undergraduate students each semester. SABRC reviews funding requests from student organizations to ensure that “money is spent in the best interest of Bradley students,” according to the committee’s constitution.

But this is where the paradox appears, the issue that faces people at all levels of an organization: is it more important to tailor to the overall majority or to support those in the minority?

Obviously, we live in a country where democracy is held in high regard, and the good of the majority is often emphasized.

But, as is evident by the United States Senate (which features two Senators from each state), attempts are also made to give a fair shake to all entities—whether they rep-

resent a significant number of people like California or a small number like Rhode Island.

So with this as our most prominent example, let’s take a look at how this comes into play a little closer to home.

With more than 240 student organizations on campus, most students are likely to find a group that aligns with their interests, whether those concern cultural pride or hobbies as diverse as snow skiing or Pinterest crafting.

Although these organizations may tailor to very different populations, one common theme is the majority of them need funding to operate.

Clubs have a variety of sources of revenue, whether it’s through fundraising, grants, university stipends, membership dues or even advertising. Many, however, rely heavily on SABRC funding to execute their goals.

Well-established organizations with several members and highly-structured roles typically fair well with their funding requests.

The Activities Council of

Bradley University (ACBU), for example, received full funding for all nine of its requests this fall.

Certainly, ACBU has proven its ability to effectively plan and execute events. As the organization responsible for bringing performers like Wiz Khalifa and Bo Burnham to campus, as well as helping to plan school-wide events such as Homecoming Week and Family Weekend, ACBU events typically aim to appeal to a larger majority of the student body.

Smaller groups that accommodate special interests, however, may have a harder time securing funding for their events because of an inability to attract audiences exceeding 300 people.

These students hoping to foster support for more specific interests can be met with roadblocks, such as having a difficult time determining appropriate amounts of funding to request or SABRC deciding the request tailors to too small of a minority. If the organizations are denied funding, they are forced to find alternative ways of securing money.

After seeing SABRC make sometimes questionable decisions regarding these smaller organizations in the past, the efforts of this year’s committee are both commendable and appreciated.

The committee funded the majority of requests submitted by cultural, religious or social interest groups. Most of those that were not approved either did not meet the policies outlined by SABRC and the Student Activities Office or have previously demonstrated struggles in event execution.

By finding this balance of tailoring to the majority while also supporting smaller groups of specific interests, SABRC helped encourage students to pursue their individual passions rather than conform to the interests of everyone else.

So thank you, SABRC, for helping to increase diversity of interests on campus while continuing to help meet the common interests of the student body.

When spring funding weekend rolls around, we hope to see these balanced efforts repeated.

Opinion

Stress can’t get me down



Garth Shanklin

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The saying “time flies” never really hit home for me until I started working at The Scout.

Somehow, it’s been a year since I started coming to this office for those long Wednesday and Thursday afternoons of editing stories and cropping photos.

In that time, I’ve gotten to know some awesome people and do things I never thought I would, like interview a 14-year NFL veteran.

And now, as I reflect on the year that has passed, I can’t help but wonder what lies ahead.

Next semester will already pose an interesting challenge as sports co-editor Aaron Freeman is heading off to Hollywood (spoiler alert, if you haven’t read his column in sports—you should totally do that.)

He’s been here longer than I have, and even if I haven’t told him this before, he was a huge mentor to me. I didn’t know what

I was doing when I got in this office, and if he hadn’t been here to help me when I had questions, I have no idea how this last year would have turned out.

But this column is not just about next semester. As I look back at the full year that has passed, I can’t help but wonder what I will be doing a year from now.

I graduate in May, and while I have a general idea of what I want to do, I have no idea how I’m going to try to do it.

But I think that’s what will make this next year fun.

Sure, there will probably be times where I’m so incredibly stressed out I’ll be unable to move. But I’ll make it through them.

I think the same thing can be said for those of you who do not have the “pleasure” of entering the real world this year. College isn’t always about parties and

sports, the latter of which seems to apply at Bradley especially.

You do have classes, and those classes will stress you out. It happens to everyone. The question then becomes, how do you respond to stress?

Will you sit alone in your room, spoon in hand and an empty ice cream carton next to you at least once? Probably.

But you will make it, and you’ll be a better person because of the stressful times. It’s hard at times to see the point of every professor you have giving you exams, projects and papers due at the same time.

If you can handle the work, however, it will set you up for success in the long run. It just won’t be very fun right now.

I’m looking forward to the challenges of the next year, even if I don’t know what they are, because I know I can handle them.

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EYES ON THE PIES

Kristin's Picks

Pumpkin pie is an absolute classic. It's not too sweet, but just sweet enough to give your sweet tooth exactly what it wants. This pie is the ultimate customizable culinary treat—you can add as much whipped cream as your heart desires or really spice things up with a bit of caramel. Is there anything this pie can't do?

Some people like their pies the same way they like their coffee: dark, rich and

The apple pie is really a physical, edible version of nostalgia. Just the smell alone can warm your heart, and the taste will send you back to your childhood swing at your grandparents' house—even if you didn't have one. Some may argue that the

In my book, banana cream is not considered a classic pie. Rather, it's the hipster cousin of the classic pies; you think it might be good, but you're not too sure so you approach with caution. The banana cream pie is everything you want when you don't know what you want. You do, however,

The movie "Stand By Me" may have ruined blueberry pies for many, but this pie is still list-worthy. Blueberries may arguably be the best berries out there, and that mixed with a crispy piecrust and warm filling makes for a winning combination. If one wants to feel a little more fancy, a scoop of ice cream with this pie just might be everything you want and more. In reality, the blueberry pie is everything the blueberry Pop-Tart wishes it was.

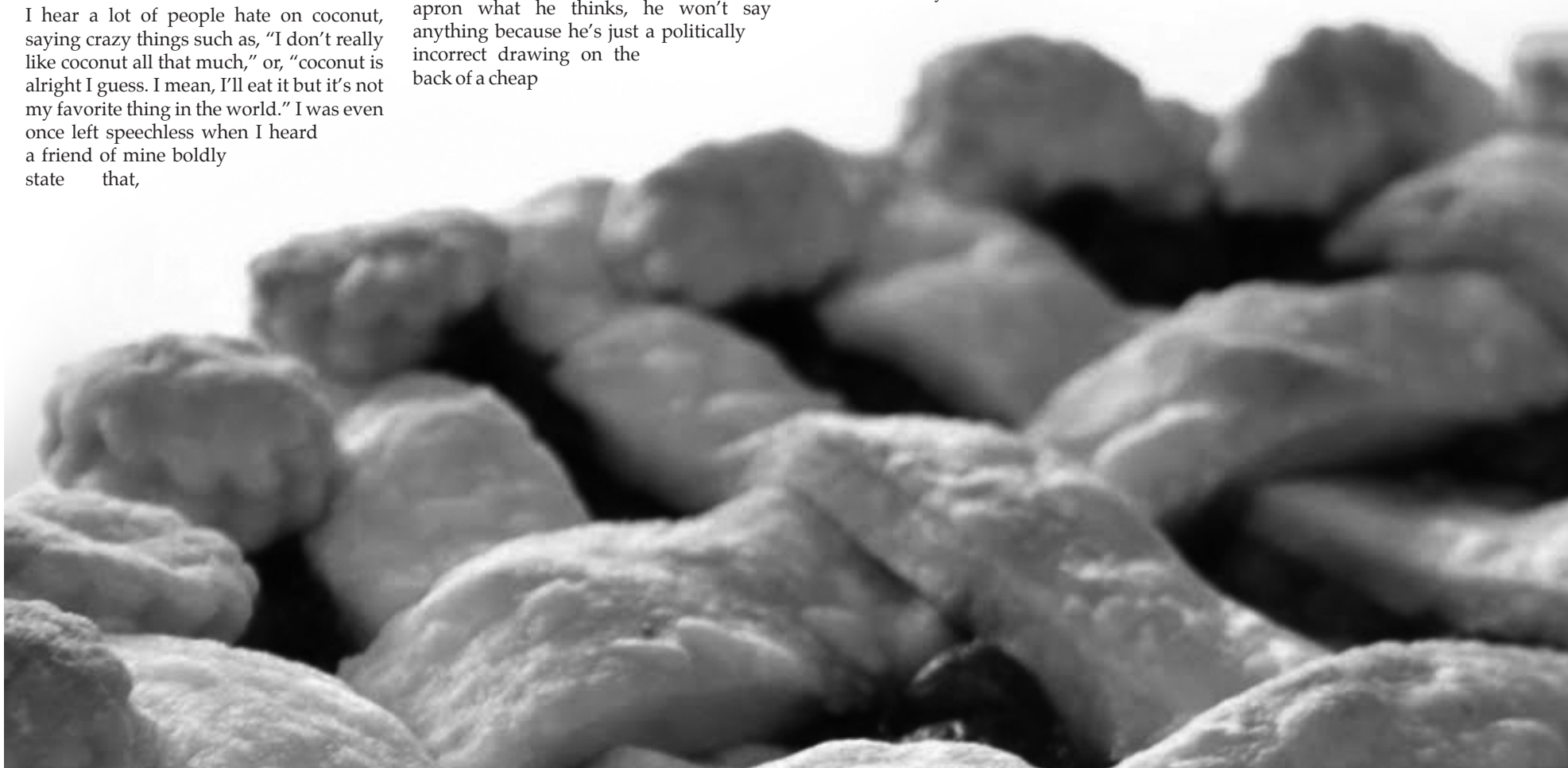
The OG pie. Rewind back to medieval Britain; cooks of that time would construct pot-like pastries, fill them with any assortment of meats and vegetables that they had available, bake the whole thing and called it a pie. The word pie comes a curious little bird called the magpie that has a habit of filling its nest with a collection of all sorts of miscellaneous objects. If magpies had access to ovens, they probably would have been baking up pies centuries before humans ever figured out how to make them.

I hear a lot of people hate on coconut, saying crazy things such as, “I don’t really like coconut all that much,” or, “coconut is alright I guess. I mean, I’ll eat it but it’s not my favorite thing in the world.” I was even once left speechless when I heard a friend of mine boldly state that,

It is debatable whether or not pizza can be considered a pie in the traditional sense. If you ask a cartoonized, mustachioed Italian chef wearing a red ascot and checkered apron what he thinks, he won't say anything because he's just a politically incorrect drawing on the back of a cheap

I'm going to let all you Scout readers in on a little secret. In the mid to late summer, wild blackberries can be found growing in abundance all over the Midwest. Go out to your local nature preserve, and if you find a good spot, you can fill up a five gallon bucket in less time than it takes to put your pants on in the morning (it will actually take at least a few hours). That's a free five gallons of delicious berries that are infinitely

In my modest opinion, blackberries make a real nice pie.



CHRISTMAS MOVIES

By Kristin DiMaggio

The holiday season is now in full swing, and that means nothing but Christmas music in every store you go to, commercials telling you everything you need to get your significant other and, of course, holiday movies left and right.

Sometimes, these movies are everything you need in an old, cheesy kind of way. But at what point does the 25 Days of Christmas finally wear itself out? I'm looking at you, ABC Family.

I love seeing Rudolph save the day, and nothing is sadder than when Frosty melts. Heck, I've even thought about sticking my tongue to a frosty metal object to see if it would really stick. But as much as these movies are classics, they are incredibly over-played.

There are certain films that are by no means holiday movies, but the best time to watch them is around the holidays. The first example that comes to mind is the "Harry Potter" film series.

Is it the snowy Christmas scenes that each movie might have? Possibly. Perhaps it's the warm nostalgia that comes with these movies. Either way, there is something about these films that scream "holiday movie."

Tim Burton's "Edward Scissorhands" is another example of what could be considered a non-traditional Christmas movie. Edward is nothing short of well-intentioned, and his gift for sculpting is unparalleled.

There is a sense of magic in this movie that pairs with the holiday season the same way wine pairs with cheese. The "snow" scene may have pushed it a little farther into the realm of holiday films, but again, this is just a small part of an overall great plot.

So what is it about these films and others like them that feel the best in December? A movie does not necessarily need Santa, reindeer or gift-giving to be considered a holiday movie. Perhaps all a film needs is a bit of magic—whether that's literally or figuratively—and a good enough plot to make you feel warm and fuzzy inside. You know, the same feeling you get when it's snowing like crazy out and you're curled up all cozy with a blanket and some hot chocolate.

It's not hard to watch your classic Christmas movies; I'm sure "A Christmas Story" will play for days at a time as it usually does. Try out something a little different along with your all-time faves. You might be surprised at what movies your brain files under "Holiday."

MUSIC

By Jacob Wulf

'Tis the season where it's safe to get drunk on holiday spirit and decorate every square inch of your house without the threat of angry neighbor kids lobbing their old Jack-O-Lanterns at your front door.

This also means that it is impossible to go to any store anywhere without hearing the same old, boring, redundant, mind numbing Christmas songs that play all December long.

It would be nice to be able to buy a loaf of bread and some waffles at the local five-and-dime without having to listen to Michael Bublé or Mariah Carey vomit out a sappy mess of generic festive hoo-hah. I would rather be trampled by a rabid stampede of crazed caribou than listen to "Grandma Got Ran Over by a Reindeer" again.

Fed up with the state of contemporary popular Christmas music, I decided to take a trip up to the North Pole and speak with the big man himself.

Luckily, I was able to meet up with Santa Claus for a short interview. He didn't reveal much about what goes on behind the scenes this time of year; however, he did hint at some exciting Christmas music news.

"This holiday season, [I'm] laying down tasty grooves under the tree and dropping phat beats down the chimney," Claus said.

On my way out of the workshop, I found a crumpled up piece of paper that had 'Santa's Jams' written on the top. As I straightened out the paper, I found a list of ten of the funkiest, grooviest, hall deckin'-est, jingle

bell jinglin'-est, get on the dance floor and deck the hallin'-est, dancetastic Christmas jams.

I must have been a good boy this year, because Christmas came early, and all I want to do is spread this sweet, sweet, booty shakin' joy.

Here it is, folks: 10 funky, Santa Claus-approved Christmas jams.

The Soul Saints Orchestra – "Santa's Got A Bag Of Soul"

Milly & Silly – "Getting Down for Xmas"

Gent & Jawns – "Turn Up Ye Merry Gentlemen"

Snoop Doggy Dogg – "Santa Claus Goes Straight To The Ghetto"

Stevie Wonder & Wyclef Jean – "Merry Christmas, Baby"

CeeLo Green – "This Christmas"

Ying Yang Twins – "deck da club"

The Jive Turkeys – "Get Down Santa"

Bootsy Collins feat. Snoop Dogg – "Happy Holidayze"

Kurtis Blow – "Christmas Rappin'"

Put on your best dancing stockings, everybody. This is going to be a funky holiday season.

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BY JAYLYN COOK

MOCKINGJAY

LAWRENCE SOARS, BUT PLOT STALLS

It's safe to say that Jennifer Lawrence is one of the most electrifying presences currently gracing the silver screen.

Every film she appears in, even the less-than-stellar ones like "House at the End of the Street," serves as a showcase for her undeniable talent and prominent ability to effortlessly command the audience's attention. "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part One" is no different.

The third entry in the story of Katniss Everdeen takes place after the events of "Catching Fire," in which District 12 is in ruins and the Capitol holds Peeta, (Josh Hutcherson) in captivity. It's up to Katniss and a team comprised of familiar and fresh faces to save him and spark a revolution within Panem.

As mentioned before, Lawrence shines throughout the film's two hour runtime, but some of the talented cast members appear a bit dull in comparison.

Julianne Moore, who debuts as President Coin, is solid as usual, but doesn't really do anything special to make the audience care about her character. Newcomer Natalie Dormer ("Game of Thrones") also fails to stand out, and the late Philip Seymour Hoffman looked bored as his role was greatly reduced from secondary antagonist to glorified background decoration.

The plot itself is also nothing special; most of the film is

comprised of sharp imagery, heady political dialogue and a couple of action sequences in between.

That's not entirely a bad thing, since it does manage to push the anticipation for "Mockingjay, Part Two" to its peak. But it makes me wonder why a two-part finale was even necessary.

Is Lionsgate seriously trying to say that it's absolutely imperative that we spend another \$12 to see two more hours of a story that could've been told in the time "Part One" blew on exposition? To them, sure it is, but to me it's just a waste of our time and money.

"Mockingjay, Part One" will definitely please die-hard fans, but may be frustrating at the same time since nothing really happens until the cliffhanger ending.

It may also leave viewers with a bit of uneasiness over the impending conclusion of the series, which could be nothing but climax to settle any unresolved storylines (i.e. the underwhelming "Matrix Revolutions").

Hopefully, that won't be the case. But if it is, be prepared for another tour-de-force performance from Jennifer Lawrence to carry you to the end.

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PROCRASTINATIONSTATION

BY LISA STEMMONS

The Best Ways to Spend Your Time

It's that time of year again. Everyone is cramming to the max in order to finish last minute projects and essays. Hell, I wrote this article three hours before it was due. No one can avoid the depths of procrastination and no one says it better than Ellen DeGeneres: "Procrastinate now, don't put it off."

Here are some of the finest ways to avoid studying:

1. Yik Yak: What better way to not study than by posting about how you are not studying? It makes perfect sense for students to anonymously join together and discuss the commonality of avoiding homework, upcoming finals, failing grades and horrible teachers.

2. Naps: Not a total waste of your time in my opinion. Trust me, you will dream about all the answers and then regurgitate them on the test the next day.

3. Get Swoll: Go work out at the Markin Recreation Center and release those vital hormones such as dopamine and serotonin in order to start prime studying time later.

4. Tumblr: Create your own blog. Simply find and follow things you love and share photos, gifs, videos, music, quotes and texts.

6. Hilltop Happenings: Peruse this week's events and I'm sure you'll find something that is more appealing than your Biology textbook. Pinterest Club meets every Monday.

7. Cleaning: Tidying up your room or getting laundry done is the best way to still feel productive without actually accomplishing anything. It's nearly impossible to study under such messy conditions anyways.

8. Late Night BU: Tuesday, Dec. 9, "Study Day Eve," is the last Late Night BU of the semester. Work hard, play hard. Go have some fun before you buckle down for finals week.

9. Netflix: Every college student's favorite way to stream movies

and TV shows. One must be cautious because it's so easy to get suckered in to watching a whole season when you only intended to watch an episode. Few students have the discipline and restraint to stop watching their favorite series once they get the ball rolling.

10. Study Group: If you ever tried studying with a group of friends for finals, it probably resulted in endless gossip, cracking out a bottle of wine and popping in a Christmas movie. Or if you're a dude, tossing back some brews accompanied with a few rounds of FIFA.

Procrastination can really help take the edge off a stressful day, but too much can hurt you. Students are often prime targets of such detrimental cases of postponing the inevitable, but no one is immune to these occurrences.

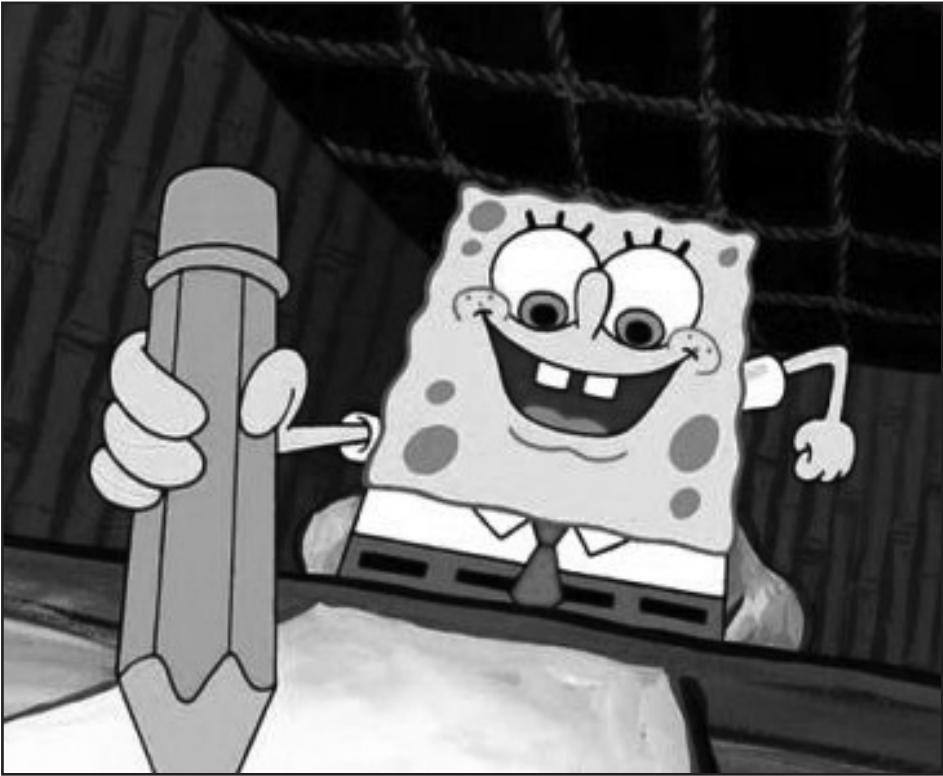
"I applied to Indiana University and then for scholarship money you have to submit another application, which includes three essay questions," freshman marketing major Dan Paulson said. "Naturally, I waited until the last day to do any of it. I worked on it nonstop all day and went to submit it at 11:50 [p.m.] with 10 minutes to spare. I nearly cried when the monitor said I had missed the deadline and I suddenly realized that Indiana is an hour ahead of us."

Delaying work can affect someone in a multitude of ways, ranging from their future college chances to a final grade.

"Our research paper is due in a week," junior sports communication major Warren Jones said. "We got this assignment during the first couple days of the semester and my group has yet to start."

As my mom says, "Don't put off till tomorrow what can be done today."

Mother dearest may religiously recite this phrase, but I, along with the majority of college students, are still prone to the temptation of procrastination.



What Kind Are You?

What's your personal form of procrastinating? Follow our nifty guide to see what category you fall into.

The Panicker: Instead of actually attempting any of the work that needs to be done, they would rather sit around and panic about how they will never finish.

The Social Media Guru: At one point in our lives, we were all probably guilty of this one. Hours can be spent switching between Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat, Vine and Yik Yak. This often results in disappointment because you are fully aware that an abundance of new posts in your feed is highly unlikely after five minutes.

The Gamer: It's time to go to the App store and download all of the latest free games! Beating the next level of Candy Crush is a high priority on your list of impending work to accomplish.

The Devourer: Effective studying will be impossible without some brain food! No one can complete any task successfully without the energy that bag of Doritos will surely provide.

The YouTube Watcher: It starts out innocent enough with a single funny video but then the endless list of suggested/related videos is too tempting. The most time consuming channels include VEVO, YouTube Nation, Smosh, Funny or Die, College Humor, BuzzFeed and MovieClips.

GRAY THURSDAY

BY LISA STEMMONS

America. The only place where you find people trampling over each other for cheap goods mere hours after being thankful for what they already have.

Each year, Black Friday sales begin earlier and earlier. In 2014, this became an even more controversial issue due to retailers such as Best Buy, Toys 'R' Us and JC Penney opening their doors at 5 p.m. and Target, Sears, Kohls, Macy's and Wal-Mart at 6 p.m.

This blatantly interferes with many families' Thanksgiving meals and although the public verbally expresses disgust, it did not stop many of them from physically beginning their shopping on Thanksgiving Day. According to ABC News, sales on Thanksgiving Day are resulting in a decline of purchases made on Black Friday.

The popular site Urban Dictionary describes Black Friday as "the day after Thanksgiving when stores decide to open at the asscrack of dawn to start Christmas sales. Most people fall for this ploy and wake up at 4 a.m. to fight other mothers for cheap presents."

When I was a kid, my mom would go stand in line at five in the morning to begin Black Friday shopping at 6 a.m. In 2011, holiday shoppers were shocked when leading retailers opened at midnight for the first time.

Things officially started moving downhill in the past two years, when major stores pushed their opening times from as early as 8 p.m. in 2013 to 5 p.m. in 2014.

Protestors have relied on social media to express their concerns of shopping taking away the meaning of Thanksgiving in its entirety.

However, the nature of Americans has not allowed for any companies to consider changing this trend. Shockingly, boycotts aren't successful when consumer shopping habits

and actions do not showcase their so-called "lack of support" for Thanksgiving Day shopping.

The principle of the idea will never overrule society's desire for good deals. The surpluses of criticisms are no match for the biggest players in retail that have crossed the line and will never look back.

The majority of shopping malls don't actually have significant sales. They mark down the prices to make it appear like it's a bargain so consumers can happily purchase items without feeling guilty.

The scam originates in advertising. When stores spin their fabricated discounts, it encourages people to go shopping. Naturally, the stores will profit by simply getting large quantities of people to get out during the holiday season.

Similar issues are occurring from the commercialization of Christmas. When asked to brainstorm words associated with Christmas, common responses would be Santa, presents and shopping. None of these answers actually relate to the meaning of the holiday—the birth of Jesus Christ.

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main reasons students reported not seeking help.

Director of Counseling Deborah Montgomery-Coon said students on Bradley's campus have nothing to be afraid of when it comes to meeting with the counselors or psychiatrist.

"All information students share here is confidential," she said. "We cannot share anything with parents or friends unless given permission to do so. Unless they are at risk of hurting themselves or someone else, everything is 100 percent confidential. In those cases, we'd only want to make sure everyone is safe."

Bradley's Counseling Services has seen an increase in scheduled appointments this year, which resulted in a three-week waiting period for available spots earlier in the semester. However, both University President Joanne Glasser and Thomas told students they were addressing the issue immediately.

Montgomery-Coon said the increase in students seeking assistance is encouraging.

"I think it's a positive thing that students feel comfortable coming for help," she said. "Anything we can do to reduce the stigma around receiving mental help is a good thing. It can only benefit the students and the university in the long run."

Thomas echoed Montgomery-Coon's positive outlook and said students should always seek out a support system.

"When students reach out to others, whether that be friends and/or counselors, it is always a positive and an opportunity to engage in real, meaningful conversations," Thomas said. "With all of the stressors and sources of anxiety, we need to find those positive outlets in our lives."

Hawkins praised Counseling Services for their work and for students having the courage to ask for help.

"Our Counseling Center is phenomenal and can definitely help students who are struggling or even just answer some questions," she said. "My advice to all students is to reach out. Find a support system. Take care of yourself."

Between the five licensed professionals and the board certified psychiatrist on staff, Montgomery-Coon said services are available to students at all times.

"We are on-call for you 24-7, all year round," she said. "There is always someone."

Montgomery-Coon also said to students seeking help that there are many resources available to students suffering from or having questions about mental illness.

"Our website is equipped to point students in the right direction, and our staff is always on-call," she said. "There are lots of resources out there for students to use to their advantage."

Montgomery-Coon cited the Jed Foundation, specifically the site HalfOfUs.com, as sources that not only share important information and resources but help students realize they are not alone in their struggle.

Hawkins said those struggling can reach out to the people around them.

"If a student is struggling, I would just encourage them to go to anyone they know will be supportive and helpful," she said. "For many students, their parents are a great resource. For others, they might choose to talk to their resident advisor, a faculty or staff member, a friend, a boss."

Montgomery-Coon echoed Thomas' and Hawkins' call to secure the support of others.

"I would strongly recommend students seek out who they trust," she said. "Having a positive support system is key to helping themselves."

For more information, students can visit Counseling Services' website on Bradley's website or call Counseling Services at (309) 677-2700.

Peoria Lunaire performs year's first concert

BY MELODY MERCADO
Off-Staff Reporter

With one hour a week of rehearsal available and a combined 13 weeks of preparation, Peoria Lunaire set out to astound its audience with its first performance of the year in Dingleline Hall Dec. 3.

Peoria Lunaire was started two years ago. The ensemble consists of five members, all professors in the music department at Bradley.

Members include Timothy Archbold on the cello, Kyle Dzapu on the flute, Stephen Heinemann on the clarinet, Marcia Henry Liebenow on the violin and John Orfe on the piano.

The group played arrangements that were composed in the 20th Century.

"This type of ensemble didn't exist before that," Heinemann said. "There was maybe only one piece written for this group of instruments. Since then, over the last 100 years or so, a lot of really good composers have been

writing really great pieces for a group like this one."

Heinemann said in order to make use of the one hour allotted per week, individual practice must occur for each member prior to rehearsals.

"One of the big differences between a professional group and an amateur group is that you don't use rehearsal time to practice your part," Heinemann said. "When you come into rehearsal, you know your part. What you don't know is how your part works with all the other parts."

Rehearsal time is used to put the pieces of the puzzle together. The compositions are then fine tuned while the ensemble rehearses as a group.

The concert consisted of six compositions. The first four were a combination of two duets and two solo performances.

Orfe is an acclaimed pianist according to the New York Times, Boston Globe, LA Weekly and San Francisco Chronicle. He has earned numerous awards, including the Twelve Standards Awards, Morton Gould Award

and Tanglewood Fellowship. Orfe earned his Doctor of Musical Arts from the Yale University School of Music.

"There is so much possibility for color...for narrative," Orfe said. "There is a lot of stories to be told with this instrument. I love it; it's my natural means of expression as a performer. And there is more great literature for this instrument than is possible to play in a lifetime."

After intermission, the ensemble played the remaining two compositions. The premiere of "Fractal" by 2010 Bradley graduate Joseph Scardetta was one of the two compositions played.

Peoria Lunaire's next performance will be April 22, 2015. Heinemann said he hopes to increase rehearsal time in order to expand the content of future concerts.

"We were able to put together this program with one hour a week," Heinemann said. "Imagine what we could do if we had maybe three hours."

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to see Bradley police officers at forums to gain their perspectives.

According to Chase, more forums will likely be planned with Bradley police involved.

"I would confidently assume that they would be more than willing to be a part of future forums that are designed to inform, support and engage our students," Chase said.

Sophomore pre-business major Martin Jackson said he believes the Ferguson protests could be the start of the next civil rights

movement.

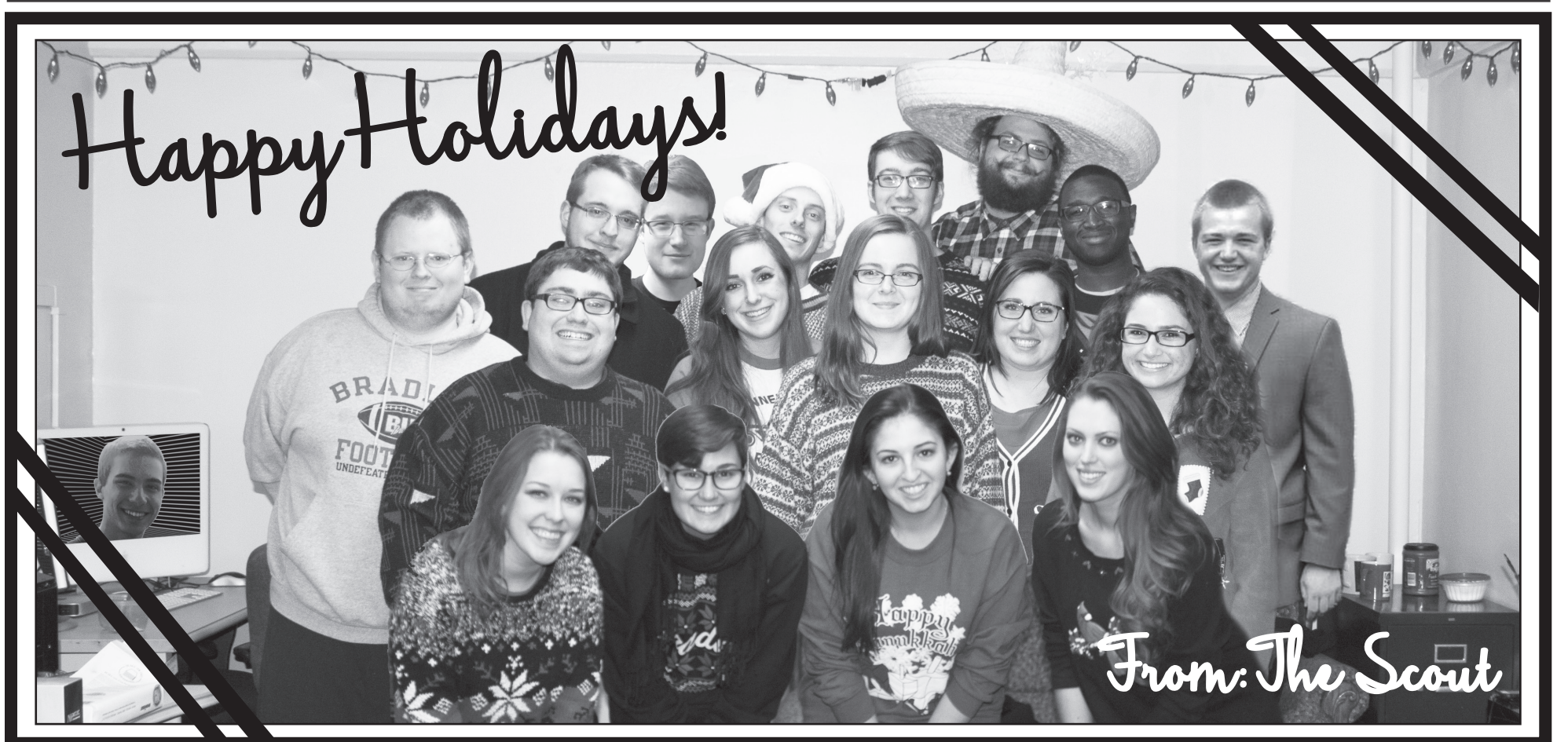
"We're sitting around, and we're talking, and we're protesting, but we need to go out there and make the change," Jackson said. "We have to think of this country as a business. If we don't feel like our justice system is where it should be, we have the right to change that because we are shareholders in this business."

Students suggested ways to start encouraging change, including holding a meeting between campus organization presidents to discuss issues on campus, putting up posters to advertise for Multicultural Student Services

events and arranging a "die-in" protest.

"[Students] were heard about this clearly tonight," Vice President for Student Affairs Nathan Thomas said. "Some of these are already in the works. We will discuss and come to decisions on these issues. Know these conversations are happening on the highest level, from the board of trustees down to the students."

A "die-in" protest will be held today at 11:45 a.m. in front of Bradley Hall and again at 12:45 p.m. in Michel Student Center, according to an email sent by Jackson.



Swingers host killer dance exchange

BY TORI MOSES
Copy Editor

Students were dying to dance at the annual Bradley University Lindy Exchange Nov. 21-23. The event consisted of live music, late night dances and lessons. New to the exchange was the incorporation of a theme: zombies.

"This was our first official year using a theme," junior and president of Bradley Swingers Jenna Krukowski said. "Incorporating zombies into everything was a task."

According to Krukowski, students were able to transform into zombies by using a professional makeup artist who charged for artificial cuts, bruises and skin shading.

"I'd say around 20 or so people utilized the makeup artist," Krukowski said. "Some people did their own makeup, and it looked pretty good."

The Bradley Swingers invited 17 Midwest schools to the exchange, including University of Notre Dame, Illinois State University and Augustana College.

"[The event] was open to really anyone, but mostly to the swing societies of different colleges," freshman mechanical engineering major Peter Borowski said. "It was a great time to meet other swing dancers from around the area."

About 35 Bradley students and 90 other dancers attended the exchange.

"Swing is primarily a social dance, so it was great to make connections with dancers from other schools," Krukowski said. "I know I am personally inspired by all the amazing dancing I've seen."

The exchange began with a



photo by Maggie Cipriano

The Bradley Swingers brought the dance floor to life for their annual Lindy Exchange, which invited swing dancers from 17 schools across the region to attend the weekend filled with lessons, dances and live music.

welcome dance at the First United Methodist Church followed by live music at Camp Wokanda. The next day included dance lessons in the Markin Recreation Center before that night's main event, the zombie dance, held in Student Center Ballroom. The event concluded with private dance lessons and an afternoon farewell dance held in Baker.

According to Krukowski, the zombie dance had the highest attendance due to the locations of each venue.

"As always, there's going to be bumps in the road, but overall, [the exchange] was a success," she said. "I've heard numerous good things spoken from person to person, over social media and said directly to me."

All students were welcome to come to the dances and lessons, regardless of dancing experience. The exchange also offered the Bradley Swingers many opportunities.

"The event provided the BU swing club with somewhere to utilize what they've learned, provided outside instruction to broaden their skill set and exposed them to

dancing and dancers outside of the Bradley bubble," Krukowski said.

The Bradley Swingers host lessons every Sunday at 8 p.m. followed by an open dance at 9 p.m. in the second floor dance studio of Markin. The lessons are open to everyone, regardless of dance experience.

Open mic night highlights student talents



photo by Maggie Cipriano

BY JAYLYN COOK
Staff Reporter

Bradley students were given a chance to shine during Broadside's Open Mic night Dec. 4. The semi-annual event was held in Lydia's Lounge, treating those in attendance to an evening of poetry, prose and musical numbers.

According to senior English major and Broadside Editor-in-Chief Maggie Cipriano, students who wanted to participate were told to sign up via email ahead of time; however, the loose and relaxed nature of the open mic allowed anyone who desired to perform to do so if they pleased.

"That's why an open mic night is so great," Cipriano said, referring to the atmosphere the event aimed to provide. "I think the environment is pretty fun and relaxed for people to show their work."

This proved true for all of the

17 performers who took the stage, like junior international business major James Ghareeb, who was greeted with enthusiastic applause before his set and effortlessly interacted with the crowd.

"This song is called 'Secret Love', but it's not really about love," Ghareeb said before breaking into a soulful musical piece of his own creation.

Other participants shared works containing subject matters ranging from like the Scottish independence vote and body image to cats and the Chicago Cubs.

Freshman journalism major Colin Allpow, who performed a song he wrote about sleep deprivation, said his experience with showcases has contributed to his love of performing in front of audiences, especially ones of his peers.

"When I write songs in my room, I can play them as many times as I want for myself," Allpow

said. "But the real full range of the expression really isn't done until I've shared it with other people."

Broadside holds an open mic night each semester to celebrate the release of its journals that come out in the fall and the spring. The Fall 2014 mini-journal can be found in various locations around campus, including the Michel Student Center and Markin Recreation Center.

Submissions for the spring collection of student works are currently open.

To submit, email broadsidelitmag@gmail.com.

Junior creative writing major Lydia Strubhar read her piece, "There are words floating in my maple syrup", at Broadside's Open Mic night Thursday evening.

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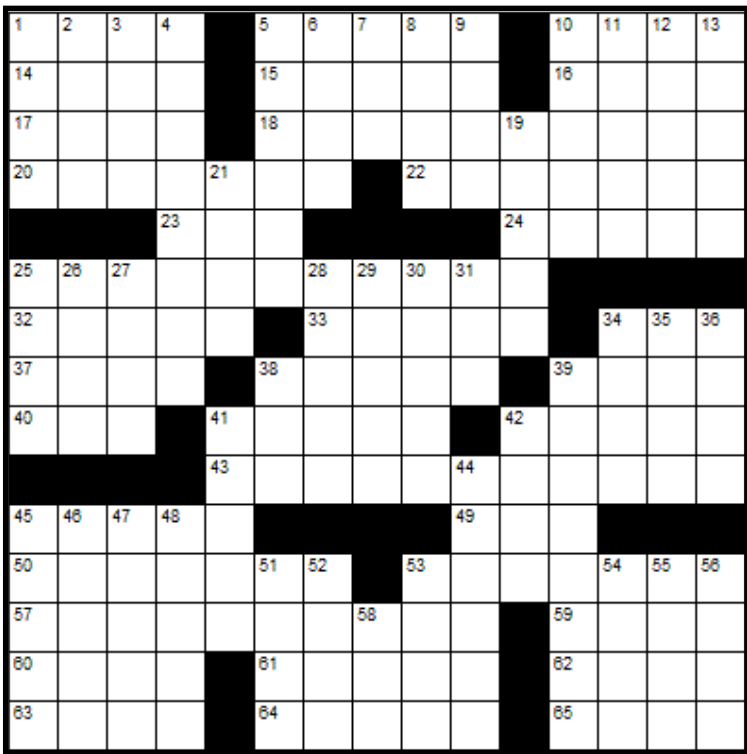
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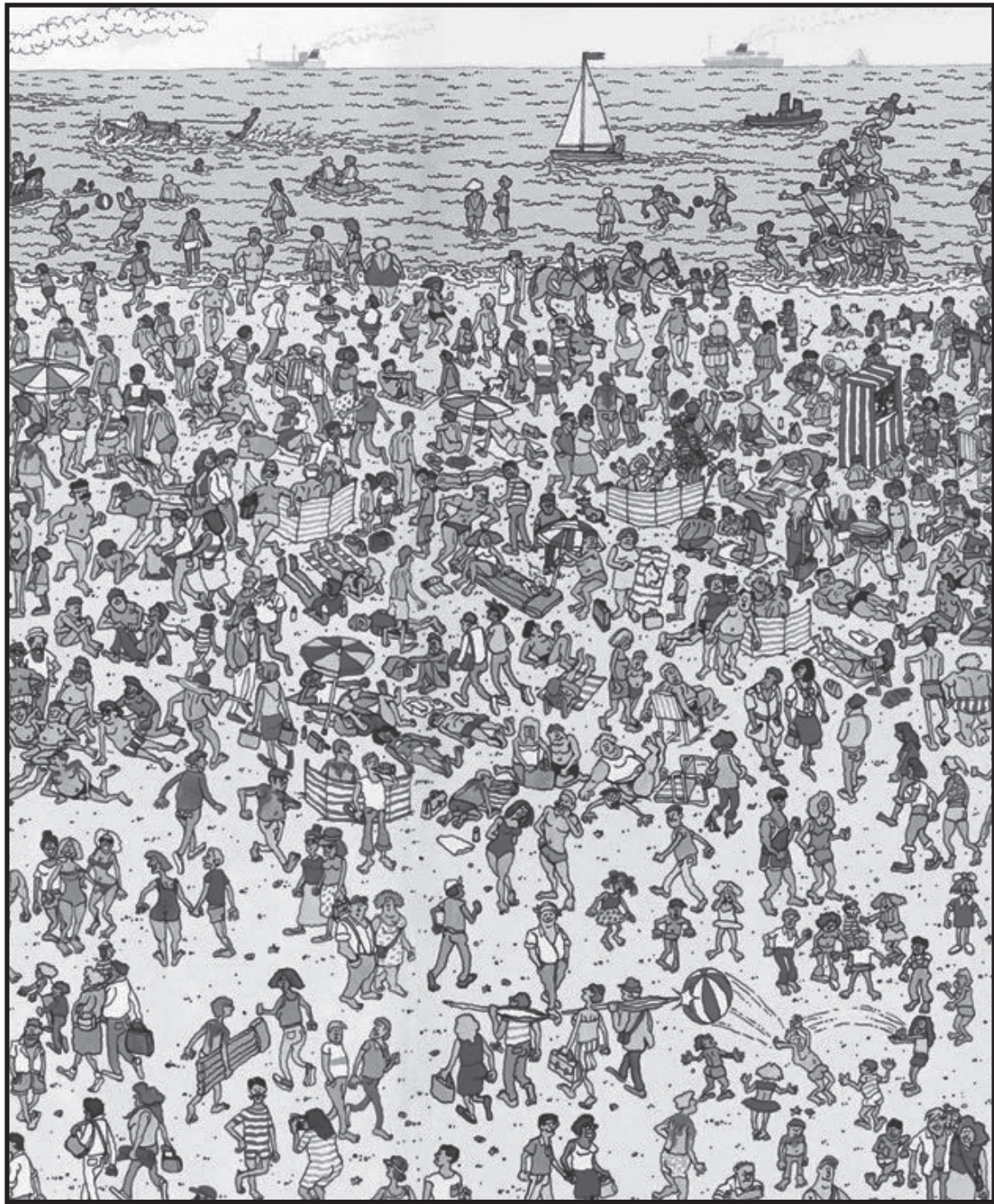
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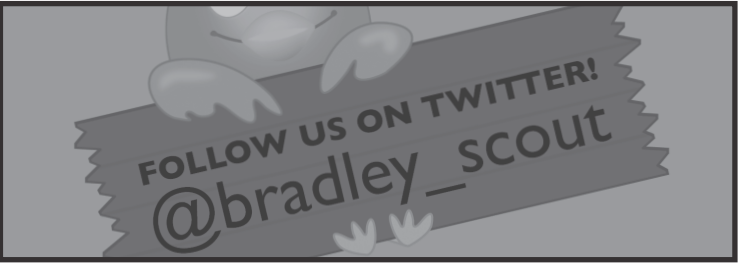
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One-on-One

Who is the best team in the NFL?

Green Bay Packers

Denver Broncos

There are currently five teams in the NFL with a 9-3 record: the Packers, Eagles, Cardinals, Patriots, and Broncos. All five have produced individual standouts. I know there are a lot of Bears fans at Bradley who probably don't want to hear this, but after 13 weeks of football, I have to say the best team in the league so far is the Green Bay Packers.

Green Bay started off 1-2, with that one win against the 2-10 Jets on a controversial call. Since then, the Packers took off and cruised their way to eight wins in the next nine games to post a 9-3 record, a big improvement from last year's record of 8-7-1. Of course, star quarterback Aaron Rodgers was out for most of that season. This year, he's leading the NFL in quarterback rating, with 118.6, and a touchdown-to-interception ratio of 32-3. Probably his most impressive statistic, he hasn't thrown an interception at Lambeau Field since December of 2012. The Packers are currently 2nd in the league in points scored with 380.

However, their defense has been average so far. They're ranked in the middle of the league in yardage and points allowed. But most of said yardage and points came toward the end of the game when it was put away. The Packers have the full package and there is no questioning how far this team will go come playoff time.

-Sam Dintruff

The NFL season is winding down, and the playoff picture is coming together... sort of. There is a log jam for all four wildcard spots, and it is hard to determine division winners. Some teams are proving to be possible Super Bowl contenders, but who is number one?

It is difficult to base it off just record, as there are five teams tied for the best record at 9-3. The Broncos, Patriots and Packers have shown to me to be top contenders for a Super Bowl title. All three are top seven in total offense, but only the Broncos place top five in overall defense.

As history has shown us, defense wins championships. The Broncos made some additions to their defense in the off-season with Demarcus Ware and Aqib Talib, and it is paying off. The Broncos are second in stopping the run and 10th in pass defense. The Broncos' improved defense puts them into the number one spot.

Also, let's not forget about Peyton Manning and the season he is having. Manning is second in total quarterback rating only to Aaron Rodgers and leads the league in passing touchdowns with 36, one of them breaking the career touchdown pass record.

The combination of a great offense and a good defense makes the Denver Broncos the team to beat in the NFL.

-Cullen Begley

Men's club basketball looks to return to nationals

BY ALEX KRYAH
Sports Reporter

While the men's varsity basketball team has not had the best of starts, the club basketball team has picked the streak.

The men captured a title at Loyola three weeks ago in an eight-team tournament, going 5-1 in pool and tournament play combined.

"The tournament was pretty competitive," club basketball president senior Sam Ryan said. "We played some teams that we haven't played before, so that was challenging. But we also played a couple teams that we had experience against, which kind of helped."

The team worked extremely well together over the weekend, especially on the defensive side of the ball.

"We were able to do so well because we play a lot harder than other teams on defense," Ryan said. "That's where I think our club team sets ourselves apart, as

well as with our communication. Everybody talks in the huddles and on the bench, and [they] points out things to make sure all the players know what to do."

These tangible qualities were obviously a major key to the team's success. Sophomore guard Jordan Jarrett believes the intangibles make the team click more than anything else.

"With the guys, there's always a high morale," Jarrett said. "We all seem to get along. There's always great chemistry with any kind of lineup we decide to put on the court."

The club basketball team is no stranger to success. Last season, it qualified for nationals in North Carolina, and according to the players, the goal for this season is to make it back.

"Last year, we were able to win one of the regional tournaments at Oakland University, which will kind of be like the Nebraska tournament," Ryan said. "The Nebraska tournament is historically not as competitive.

The tournament at Dayton will be tougher, but realistically I think we can win one of them."

Their goal to return to North Carolina is certainly not unattainable. This core of players have played together extensively for the past two years and plays very well with each other.

"We've become a close knit group, so that's a great part of playing club," Jarrett said. "I consider those guys some of my closest friends here at school, too, after all the trials and tribulations we've gone through over the past couple years."

The team will play its first tournament at the University of Missouri in the spring, followed by two regional tournaments at Nebraska and Dayton. If the team wins one of the tournaments in Nebraska or Dayton, it will travel to the east coast for a chance at a national title.

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Soccer moves on from disappointing 2014

BY GARTH SHANKLIN
Sports Editor

That didn't go as planned.

One year removed from winning the Missouri Valley Conference tournament and making it to the team's third NCAA tournament in four years, the Braves stumbled through just their fourth losing season since 1996.

The season started with a late-night victory in the Hotels at Grand Prairie Classic against San Jose State. Rain and lightning delayed what eventually became

a 3-2 Bradley win, but the game didn't end until after midnight.

Looking back, head coach Jim DeRose said it seemed to set up Bradley's entire season.

"It was an unfortunate preview of things to come, in some ways," DeRose said. "J.T. Kotowski, one of our top defenders, tore his ACL 10 minutes into that game. We have had seven players have surgery since that time and lost close to a quarter of our team throughout the year. That's not including guys that missed a week to 10 days with injuries."

The Braves would then lose four straight games, allowing an average of 3.5 goals in those contests.

Two of those four teams, Xavier and San Diego, ended up making the NCAA Tournament this season. DeRose said Bradley's tough scheduling prepares his team well but can lead to seasons like this on occasion.

"Everyone knows that Bradley plays a difficult schedule," DeRose said. "It helps us, but for the most part we didn't have the success we normally have against top teams in that regard."

After the loss to San Diego, in which the team gave up five goals, DeRose began to give more time to sophomore goalkeeper Logan Ketterer.

It turned out to be a good decision, as it gave Ketterer the experience he needed when he was forced into a starting role after senior Shea Niemeyer tore his ACL against Belmont.

DeRose said Ketterer adjusted

to his new role quickly.

"He came in here as the third goalkeeper, he redshirted but everything we asked him to do in the weight room during the off-season, he did," DeRose said. "If you look at the statistics down the stretch, the save percentage and shutouts, he got the goals allowed down to one or below."

The Braves can also expect to see more out of this year's freshman class, which included two four-star recruits: Daniel Gardner and Richard Olson.

"Our three top recruits, two of them never played one second due to injury," DeRose said. "Gardner had major hip surgery and Tommy

Clark had a major ankle injury. Falk Dennart, our top German, had hernia surgery. He tried to play throughout the year but was only able to play sparingly at 80 percent."

As the team turns toward the 2015 season, DeRose said their expectations will remain high, despite a

down year in 2014.

"This program has been to NCAA tournaments and won conference championships, so I think for us, that's where it starts," DeRose said. "I don't think kids that come here expect anything less; that's why they come here."

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Opinion

Underwhelming: A semester of Bradley sports

BY AARON FREEMAN
Sports Editor

This will be the last time you will see a byline with the name "Aaron Freeman" in The Scout for the foreseeable future.

For those who don't know, I will be leaving Bradley at the end of the semester to "study abroad" and participate in the Communication Department's Hollywood Semester.

I promised myself that this column wouldn't be all about me leaving and all that mushy crap. I'm also allowed only one goodbye column and this will not be it.

So, let's talk some Bradley sports.

In the past, I've written about how excited I was for the future of some of our athletic teams.

Well, now, I'm starting to re-think some of my past enthusiasm toward Bradley athletics, after what can only be described as a major disappointment so far this year.

Let's start before classes even

started and what I call a terrible omen to set off the year.

Toward the end of the summer, as it has been well-documented, a Bradley men's basketball player was arrested on a domestic battery charge. Safe to say, not the greatest of news to begin the year for Athletics after having to answer questions stemming from said player's arrest.

Then, we move on to the beginning of the semester, where there was a lot of anticipation for the two major fall sports after last season's successes.

Coach Jenny Maurer and the volleyball team were coming off of a Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) tournament appearance for the first time under Maurer, and the team welcomed in three well-accomplished freshmen.

The soccer team, headed by coach Jim DeRose had just won the MVC tournament and made it to the second round of the NCAA tournament. Although the team lost major parts of their championship season, they still had lofty

goals and returned multiple up-and-coming players from last season's roster.

I won't give you the season recaps for each team, but to put it simply, both teams fell flat of any major goals they had, and in the process, took a large step backwards in the progress felt one year ago at this time.

With the volleyball team finishing the year off with a remarkably poor record of 2-26, there are simply no words to touch on the disappointment of that program. The 2-26 mark is the worst in the 31-year history of the program in which statistics were kept.

On the pitch, for the fourth time in DeRose's 18-year career, a Bradley soccer team finished the season with a record under .500 (9-11 this season).

Yes, the other minor fall sports such as both men's and women's cross country succeeded including the women's squad capturing the MVC title as well as numerous golfers, both men and women, taking individual awards.

These smaller sports, however, don't garner as much attention as the main fall spectator sports of volleyball and soccer.

On to the start of the main sports for the winter season, and safe to say the most followed sports on campus, for a glimmer of hope into next semester for our sports teams: men's and women's basketball.

Women's basketball's record (0-6), which you can't find anywhere on Bradleybraves.com, is not reflective of how hard head coach Michael Brooks has his team playing. The women's squad has played some very tough competition, and their first five games to start the season were on the road.

Now for the men's basketball team, that now sit at 3-4 on the young season. The Braves now enter their toughest road stretch of the season starting Dec. 6 at Memphis and then Dec. 9 at Kansas St. Head coach Geno Ford's team has only five players returning who saw action last year.

So, it is understandable that it

may take some time to mesh. But, junior Warren Jones' 33 points on Tuesday night in the Braves' 84-73 victory over Central Michigan shows that the team's play is on the up.

Yet, I'm two and a half years into watching, analyzing and breathing Bradley Athletics, and to be honest, I'm exhausted. While I've been at Bradley, there has not been consistent winning from the Athletic Department as a whole. One team will do well each season, if any, and that does not show a sign of a successful athletic department.

So, as I take my five-month break from covering Bradley sports in their entirety, I am putting my small amount of hope left that our winter teams can get on track to surprise everyone by winning some games and making a run at a title.

You stay classy, Peoria. I'll be back soon.

Volleyball splits final two matches

BY MATT CRUSEN
Off-Staff Reporter

The Bradley women's volleyball team finished up the 2014 season with weekend matchups against the University Northern Iowa and Drake just before the Thanksgiving break. The Braves lost to UNI in three sets on Friday, but topped Drake in four on Saturday to conclude the season.

Junior Lea Sack tied the university's record for digs in a three-set match with a season-best 22 digs in a strong defensive effort for Bradley. The Braves put forth one of their best defensive efforts of the year, but it wasn't enough to shut down the Panthers' attack.

Freshman Taylor Thiele led the Braves offensively with 12 kills and added 11 digs for her seventh double-double of the season. Sophomore Melissa Hoerber added a career-best 20 digs, but the Panthers prevailed winning all three sets (25-22, 26-24 25-13).

"We had the opportunities, and I was pleased with how we looked and how we were executing," head coach Jenny Maurer said. "We were playing right there with the number two team in the conference, but we just couldn't finish."

The Braves didn't have to let the loss against UNI sit for long as they had another chance at victory the next night against Drake; and they did just that. Freshman Jamie Livaudais recorded 10 of her match-high 18 kills in the fourth set.

She was one of four Bradley players who reached double figures in kills, joined by teammates Madison Kamp (15), Taylor Thiele (12), and Kelsey Cave (11).

Bradley won the first set and held a late lead in the second set, but Drake made a late push to come up on top to tie the match at one each. The Braves rebounded



photo by Maggie Cipriano

Senior Madison Kamp (4) celebrates with freshman Afton Sobasky (11) during Bradley's victory over Drake in the team's final game of the season last weekend.

with a third set victory on their way to taking the fourth set to beat the Bulldogs in four sets (25-15, 25-27, 27-25, 25-23).

"There was definitely a sigh of relief to get the monkey off our back," Maurer said. "Learning how to win is something you don't forget, and the importance of winning collectively is something that can't be overlooked."

Looking at Bradley's record is not the best place to find an accurate summary of the Braves' season.

"It was a season of firsts," Coach Maurer said. "We started the year with a redshirt [Rachel Jones] not returning and another player [Courtney Keefe] having her career end, both due to injuries. We graduated our two top scorers the year before and our Libero. We only had five practices the entire season with all 12 of

our players healthy and able to participate."

The team didn't expect any of those things to happen, and they didn't let it define their season either.

"Resilience is the word that comes to mind first," Maurer said. "I was most proud of our team's resilience and ability to overcome adversity."

The Braves are looking forward to next season and are already anxious to get it underway.

"We're adding a solid recruiting class, only graduating one player from this team, and have a redshirt from last season intending to play, depending on her health," Maurer said. "Our job now is to start building depth in every position so we can compete at the highest level."



photo by Maggie Cipriano

Sophomore Charnelle Reed looks for a Brave to pass the ball to in the team's exhibition victory over Eureka last month.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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their home opener 70-65.

Lerma, who scored a game and season high 21 points against SEMO, limped off in the second half.

Coach Brooks said Lerma would be ready to play in the game against Missouri, but freshman guard Tamya Sims would not.

"She has a stress reaction in her quad, so she's been out for a month," Brooks said. "She's probably our best player as a freshman when she came in her first two games."

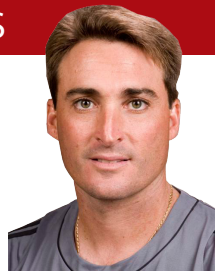
According to Brooks, Sims

will miss another month before she is ready to return to practice.

Although the Braves will lose their star freshman, redshirt sophomore Whitney Tinjum will return to the team and become eligible to play in the Dec. 18 game against Chicago State.

"We're just looking to getting back those two big pieces in our middle," Brooks said. "We're looking forward to getting one healthy and one finally out there for the first time."

The Braves resume their homestand against a Southeastern Conference opponent Dec. 6 in Missouri and take on Western Illinois Dec. 9.

DeRose looks back on 2014
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Braves knock off CMU at Renaissance Coliseum



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Warren Jones slams down a dunk in Bradley's win over North Carolina A&T last month. Jones led the Braves with 33 points, including five three-pointers in the win Tuesday.

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The scent of bacon could be smelled all throughout Renaissance Coliseum Tuesday night, due to a free bacon giveaway for the first 300 students.

On the court, the men's basketball team had to rebound from a disappointing Thanksgiving break as they welcomed Central Michigan to the only on-campus game of the year.

During break, the Braves headed to Corpus Christi, Texas to participate in the 2014 Corpus Christi Coastal Classic as they played Texas Christian University (TCU) and St. Louis University (SLU).

The Braves dropped both of those contests by a combined score of 11 points after falling to TCU 57-49 and to SLU 60-57. In the matchups in Texas, the games were tales of 10 point leads.

During the match against TCU, the Braves came back to tie the game after being down by 10 points. In the game against SLU, the Braves would find a 10-point lead evaporate to the Billikens.

Entering Tuesday with a record of two games under .500 (2-4), and with the Braves playing their only on-campus game of the season, the team knew they had to have a special performance to please the Bradley faithful.

Boy, the Braves did not disappoint.

From the opening tip, the Braves controlled the tempo for the majority of the game as the Braves would go to defeat the Chippewas from Central Michigan 84-73 to now stand at 3-4 on the season.

Led by 33 points from Warren Jones, his career-high, head coach Geno Ford was all praise for the junior transfer from Southeastern Community College (Iowa).

"Warren was great," Ford said. "He obvi-

ously shot the ball well, but I think the guys did a great job at moving and getting him the ball."

Jones said that he felt he had a rough start after turning the ball over in the opening minutes, but he had faith in himself as a shooter.

"I kind of had a slow start," Jones said. "I have confidence in myself that when I make one, I feel like I can make another. So once I start making them, I feel that I can get it going."

The Braves and Chippewas were tied at 14 at the 10:01 mark of the first half when junior Ka'Darryl Bell found Jones open for a three pointer to put Bradley up 17-14. Bradley would not look back, as the Braves held the lead for the remainder of the game.

After having rebounding problems so far in the young season, the Braves clobbered the Chippewas on the glass 41-20, led by freshman Donte Thomas with eight rebounds.

Ford credited the Braves' enthusiasm to the crowd of 4,204 people at Renaissance Coliseum, including this year's season high of 351 students.

"I thought the atmosphere was huge," Ford said. "To be honest and some people will be great with this and some people won't, but we should be playing all of our games in [Renaissance Coliseum]."

The Braves now face their season's toughest stretch of road games starting at 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 6 vs. Memphis and then at 7 p.m. on Dec. 9 vs. Kansas State. Both games will be televised nationally on the ESPN family of networks.

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Women's basketball fall to 0-6 after two close losses

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There's no place like home, Dorothy said in the Wizard of Oz.

Entering Thanksgiving week, the Bradley women's basketball team had only two road games left in its season-long five game road trip before coming home for an eight game home stand, which could not come soon enough for the Braves.

Following their loss to No. 18 DePaul, Bradley lost games to Oklahoma University, Stony Brook University and Columbia University but returned home to play Southeast Missouri State (SEMO) on Nov. 30.

In the first two games against Oklahoma

and Stony Brook, not even the wonderful wizard could help the Braves, who lost big 104-55 and 79-63, respectively.

But the two most recent games against Columbia and SEMO. had the Braves in winnable situations.

However, the team could not capitalize, which put the Braves at an 0-6 start to their season.

"[In] our last two games, we should've had two wins," head coach Michael Brooks said. "The first game [against Columbia] we were up by nine with five minutes left. We've got to finish that."

In New York, against Columbia, the Braves led for more than 33 minutes of the game but relinquished it to Columbia after the Lions went on a 12-4 run to take a 55-54

late in the second half.

The game went into overtime when sophomore Leti Lerma split a pair of free throws to tie the game at 66.

In the extra frame, Bradley regained the lead 74-72 on two of Michelle Young's career-high 38 points, which tied Judy Burn's 31-year-old Bradley record for most points in a game.

However, Columbia took advantage of Bradley's overtime miscues and pulled out an 81-74 victory over the Braves.

Sophomore guard Charnelle Reed said the loss was due to a lack of one of the most basic fundamentals.

"It came down to free throws," Reed said. "If we would've hit just a couple, we would've won the game. It's the little things

that we need to focus on."

Following the loss to Columbia, the Braves had similar results against SEMO.

This time, the Braves fell far behind as the Redhawks hammered Bradley with a 22-2 first half run, led 26-8 at one point and took a 36-24 lead into halftime.

The second half featured what Brooks said was some of the best basketball his team has played in a long time.

"We dug ourselves a big hole early, and we stormed back in the second half," Brooks said. "We probably played the best half of basketball Bradley's played in a long time."

Despite the comeback, the Redhawks were able to stave off the Braves and spoil

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