

# Central Illinois citizenship ceremony inspires community

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On projector screens displayed in front of a crowd of nearly 1,000 people were the words "E Pluribus Unum: Out of many, one," as individuals from 97 different countries awaited the moment in which they would be sworn in as citizens of the United States.

Chief District Judge James Shadid presided over the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois held in Renaissance Coliseum, the formal court that administered the Oath of Allegiance that would finalize the citizenship of the candidates.

"My life, personally, was decided by a Lebanese immigrant," Shadid said in his introductory remarks to the crowd. "That Lebanese immigrant was my grandfather...and the certificate you're going to receive today, my grandfather received in 1919."

Shadid told the crowd that citizenship is not just something an individual does for themselves but rather is an action that reaps benefits for generations to come, as it is paired with great responsibility and opportunity.

"No matter the books we read, the education we receive, the profession that we choose or the

titles that come along the way, we already hold the highest office in the land: the office of citizenship," Shadid said. "My wish for you is a future that keeps faith with our history and heritage: the hope to share in America's promise that says out of many, we are one."

Bradley alumna Katie Burnham ('14) sang the national anthem, Paul Phillips took to the podium to read each of the 97 countries aloud, and then a motion was made to confer the candidates for citizenship.

"Each of these candidates has been examined by an officer of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, and each has been found to have met all of the statutory requirements for naturalization," U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service District Director Thomas Cioppa said. "Each has resided in the United States as a permanent resident for the prescribed period of time. Each one has been determined to be a person of good moral character, supportive of our Constitution and form of government and well-disposed for the good order of happiness of the United States."

The crowd was also presented with a surprise video from U.S. President Barack Obama, extending his congratulations and wishes



A candidate for U.S. citizenship raises his right hand during the Oath of Allegiance April 23 at the Naturalization Ceremony of 526 individuals from 97 different countries.

photo by Maggie Cipriano

of good fortune to the candidates.

"I ask that you use your freedoms and talents to contribute to the good of our nation and the world," Obama said. "Always remember that in America, no dream is impossible."

The Oath of Allegiance was then recited by the crowd, as Magistrate

Judge Jonathan Hawley administered the oath. Upon completion, members of the crowd laughed, cried and embraced, while some even jumped for joy.

Following the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, with the guidance of Dunlap Middle School's seventh grade social stud-

ies class, three speakers shared words of hope and encouragement, two of which were immigrants turned citizens.

The first speaker, Al Mesa, told

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## Univ. frustrations extend beyond academics

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From Student Activities to Career Services, Residential Living to Fraternity and Sorority Life, the division that encompasses these departments plays a significant role in students' college experiences, according to its leader, Vice President for Student Affairs Nathan Thomas.

"We're part of what brings the campus to life and really provides a sense of community and a sense of home and those valuable resources that students need to

excel inside the classroom, outside the classroom and when they leave here," Thomas said. "The other big component of Student Affairs is the retention piece, the transition piece and the acclimation to campus. [We are] providing them the resources – the reasons – to stay...and then preparing them to leave and go into the job market through the Career Center."

Last month's presidential search forums revealed frustrations with university procedures and decisions. While many of these comments focused on resource availability and employ-

ee compensation within academic departments, a limited number of Student Affairs staff members expressed similar concerns.

However, both current and former Student Affairs staff members later shared with The Scout they have faced similar difficulties to those mentioned by faculty.

### RESOURCE CONCERNS

"There was a lot of pressure to provide top quality services and opportunities to students without the budget to execute it," former Director of Wellness Melissa Sage-Bollenbach said about how she

saw Student Affairs evolve during her 15-year tenure with Bradley. "This was a great source of frustration for me, and low morale was definitely a consequence."

Sage-Bollenbach, who left Bradley in December 2012, led the Wellness Program in securing external grants to help fund the implementation of new programs and student organizations including Late Night BU, Get Fit Stay Fit, HEAT (Help, Empower and Teach) and SONOR.

Last fall's budget cuts may have added extra obstacles for initiatives such as these. Thomas said

the cuts may have altered how some services are delivered, but he stressed that the experience of students has not been affected.

"As an administrator, there are really, really, really tough decisions that we have to make, and they're gut-wrenching decisions," he said. "They're not decisions that are easy...It's not like we want to cut budget, but we know we have to do it for the betterment of the institution. And so it becomes the right

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### LNBU offers service hours opportunity

Late Night BU is looking for students to volunteer at its May 5 event in Markin Recreational Center. Volunteers can sign up for a single two-hour shift or for an entire four-hour night. Students interested should contact Jolee Parks at [jparks@mail.bradley.edu](mailto:jparks@mail.bradley.edu) as soon as possible in order to reserve a spot or visit the Late Night BU page on the Bradley website.

### Internship Fund Award

Students who will have a summer internship that is either unpaid or offers only a stipend are encouraged to apply for the Internship Fund Award.

Available awards range from \$500 to \$1,000.

To be eligible, students must be currently enrolled as full-time, undergraduate students with sophomore, junior or senior standing. Additionally, students must register their internship with the Smith Career Center and demonstrate financial need.

The application process requires the inclusion of a personal statement, a budget and a letter of support. All materials are due to Springer Center for Excellence in Internships Director Dawn Koeltzow by May 1.

### Win \$100 by taking NCHS survey

Students are invited to take the National College Health Assessment Web survey, which provides information regarding health behaviors on Bradley's campus to faculty and staff.

The survey is taken online and takes about 20 to 30 minutes to complete. The responses are kept confidential, and participants may choose to answer only some questions.

Five students will be selected at random to receive \$100 Visa gift cards.

Students can contact Lyndsey Hawkins, interim director of wellness, at [lhawkins@fsmail.bradley.edu](mailto:lhawkins@fsmail.bradley.edu) with questions concerning participation.

The survey was sent to all Bradley students via email.

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### POLICE REPORTS

- Officers responded to a report at 2:45 a.m. April 17 about a broken window in the 1300 block of Fredonia Avenue.

A male student said he told two female students they could enter his room from the outside of the building by using an unlocked window.

The second female had been drinking alcohol at the male's residence earlier and was intoxicated. While trying to open the window, she became frustrated and kicked it, causing the glass to break.

The second female took a breathalyzer test, which registered a .218 BAC. She was evaluated by medics and signed a refusal of treatment.

- An officer stopped a vehicle at 1:42 a.m. April 16 after a male non-student failed to signal a right turn at the corner of Main Street and Sheridan Road.

The driver attempted to drive away from the officer, but his vehicle died after moving approximately three feet forward.

The male was charged with obstructing police and issued citations for operating an uninsured vehicle, improper display of registration, failure to signal a right turn and no rear registration light.

Illinois State Police was contacted and conducted a DUI arrest on the male.

- Officers received a report at 12:30 p.m. April 15 from a female student about a male non-student following her between 12:15 p.m. and 12:20 p.m. that day in the 900 block of Elmwood Avenue.

The male was identified as a delivery driver dropping off products in the campus area. He admitted to trying to stop and talk to the female.

The male was advised that he was behaving inappropriately and would be banned from campus if it happened again.

- A female student was filling out a written statement at the BUPD station at 3:45 a.m. April 18 about a previous incident when she asked to use the restroom and vomited.

The student said she was nervous and had also consumed alcohol earlier in the evening.

The officer administered a breathalyzer test, which registered a .081.

The female was over the legal drinking age and said she needed nothing further. She was escorted back to her residence.

- Officers received a report at 2:07 a.m. April 17 from a male student who found a second male student asleep and snoring in a restroom stall in Geisert Hall.

The second male was throwing up and not able to speak clearly when officers arrived.

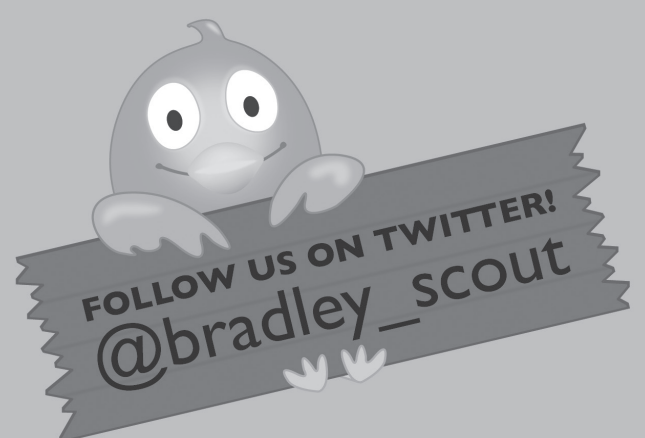
He was unable to submit to a breathalyzer test due to his condition and was transported to OSF.

The second male later said he had consumed alcohol in the St. James Complex and at a business located on Farmington Road, and he was escorted back to his residence.

- An officer was dispatched to the BUPD station at 4:49 p.m. April 14 to meet with a female student about a stolen bicycle.

The bicycle was last seen locked to a post on the side of the victim's residence at noon April 13. The lock was not cut and still attached to the post.

There are no suspects.





# NSLS to receive Order of Sigma

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Bradley's chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success was awarded the Order of Sigma, one of the most prestigious awards recognizing undergraduate leaders in NSLS who have contributed to their campus and chapter on a national level.

Sigma Alpha Pi, or NSLS, was awarded this honor for completing 10 of 10 pillars, which are nationally set goals for the academic school year. These goals included having members in attendance at the regional training conferences, receiving positive press in their community for initiatives and members' work and hosting retreats in which executive board members prepare for the coming year.

NSLS Director of Public Relations and incoming president Katie Dahlman said the Bradley chapter of NSLS was founded in 2008, and she said she feels fortunate to be a part of the first executive board at Bradley that will achieve this honor.

"It's either go big or go home, and we definitely went big," Dahlman said. "When we realized how close we were to completing all of the pillars, we just had to

take it all the way. As a result of our tenacity, we are being given this national recognition."

The organization's main goal was to achieve as many of their pillars as possible. However, NSLS encountered a few obstacles as a recently established chapter.

NSLS Vice President Lindsay Rudy said one of the difficulties in fulfilling their pillars was maintaining communication among all the members to work effectively.

"We took one pillar at a time, and those that involve more effort, such as the induction pillar, we turned to our members to help us complete that pillar," Rudy said. "Also, we used the pillars to help keep us on track and continue to strengthen our chapter."

Dahlman said she has plans as incoming president to continue the chapter's success by increasing campus and community presence.

"In the end, I want people to look at us and say, 'Hey, I like what they are doing and what they stand for,'" Dahlman said. "I want to be a part of that."

The final pillar to solidify the reception of this award will be completing a Chapter Action Plan while transitioning in the new executive board, according to Dahlman.

# Sigma Lambda Gamma colonizes

BY TESSA ARMICH  
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As of this spring, the campus interest group, Chicas, has been accepted as a colony of Sigma Lambda Gamma, one of the fastest growing Latina sororities in the United States.

As a colony, the women are one step closer to becoming an official chapter, but the year-long waiting period required before applying for chapter status stands in their way.

Previously, Chicas applied to become a colony but were rejected because the National Sigma Lambda Gamma sorority could not find them the proper Sigma Lambda Gamma alumnae to be advisors before the deadline. According to Chicas president Daniela Miranda, the group found two women from the Peoria area: Marneka Hayes and Bradley alumna Sandy Arreguin ('05).

"What's really cool is that Sigma Lambda Gamma was previously at Bradley 12 years ago," Miranda, a junior actuarial science major, said. "It just kind of died out because there was no one to continue the process. Marneka was actually one of the last couple of members."

Miranda said college life is easier when they have lots of things in common with other women.

"I just feel like it's nice to have a group of girls that share your same interests and speaks the same language and [enjoy] the same ethnic foods," Miranda said. "It's just really comfortable to be around them. I think if we can provide that for incoming freshmen in the future, that would really help them out."

Miranda thanked the administrators who helped, saying it was great to have support from various administrators such as Executive Director of Diversity and Inclusion Norris Chase, Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life Nancy Schwartz and Vice President for Student Affairs Nathan Thomas.

According to Miranda, Sigma Lambda Gamma's primary initiative is to uplift women, and the Bradley colony intends to host events with that in mind, such as their upcoming Women's Empowerment Week.

Miranda said although they focus on women from less represented backgrounds, they accept women of all backgrounds. Women interested in applying have to be full-time students with a 2.6 GPA or greater.

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# SONOR gets H.E.A.T.ed about smoking

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While this week's strong winds may have extinguished cigarettes, SOcial NORming was working to extinguish them in a more permanent manner.

Olin Quad was busy with SONOR's Smoke-Out and H.E.A.T.'s (Help, Empower, and Teach) Beer Drive April 21 and 22.

This is the seventh year SONOR has put on this event, an extension of the American Cancer Society's Great American Smoke-Out program, which was developed to encourage smokers to quit.

"We're out here asking students to pledge to be smoke-free for a day," SONOR's director of public relations Emily Barack said. "And once they pledge, they write their names on a ribbon, which is then tied to a long rope aligning the sidewalk of the quad."

This year's Smoke-Out extended beyond tobacco to include marijuana use, making it the first official event on campus to address marijuana usage and awareness.

"What we are trying to do is promote positive social norms, correct misperceptions and educate students about marijuana," sophomore advertising major and SONOR's director of recruitment Jennie Hackinson said. "For example, did you know 81.6 percent of Bradley students

haven't smoked marijuana in the past 30 days?"

This is the 18th year that H.E.A.T. has hosted the Beer Drive to encourage designated driving. For the Beer Drive, the club created a small obstacle course out of safety cones and police tape and brought two golf carts to the quad.

"We're mainly here today to promote having or being a designated driver," H.E.A.T. coordinator Claire Gannon said. "First, we ask participants about their driving, then we put beer goggles on them, spin them around, and have them drive around our obstacle course. And once that's done, we ask them some questions about their experience and about alcohol."

Both SONOR and H.E.A.T. are supervised by the Wellness Program, which is within the Center for Student Support Services. According to Interim Director of Wellness Lyndsey Hawkins, the program strongly advocates for a nonjudgmental and informative approach toward tobacco, alcohol and marijuana usage, something that both events embody.

"The Wellness Office and its programs will never tell you not to do something or that you're wrong for doing it," Hawkins said. "We understand that students are adults and can make their own decisions; we're just here to provide support and education."



SONOR and H.E.A.T. shared Olin Quad April 21 and 22 to promote healthy decision making. The organizations provided a platform for topics such as using a designated driver or pledging to be smoke-free.

photos by Dan Smith



# Student Senate creates Director of PR position

BY TESSA ARMICH  
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The first bylaw amendments under Student Senate's new executive board came to the floor during Monday's General Assembly, spurring discussion about organizational restructuring and the group's growing social media needs.

President of the Student Body Sarah Handler presented two bylaw amendments to the General Assembly, both of which proposed the creation of new positions.

"In the process of our cabinet interviews, we realized that we needed to restructure Senate so that it better fits our needs," Handler said. "So today, we are proposing [the creation] of two new positions. One is chief of staff and the other is director of [public relations]."

The first amendment, which was voted down by the general assembly, called for a chief of staff that would join the cabinet and be responsible for advising presidential policy, assisting the executive board with logistics and overseeing the implementation of the president's initiatives. There was discussion concerning the possible change, and some senators were concerned as to why this position

was needed.

"This has come up a couple times in Senate, but this is the first time it has been formally presented, [and] I honestly don't really see there really being a need for adding another position added to the cabinet with how many there are here already," Vice President of Campus Safety Cody Lonigro said during the meeting. "Help me understand why [we need it] because I really don't know now."

Handler said the position would be a first step in restructuring Student Senate. Helen Lagerblade, this year's vice president of Student Affairs and proposed chief of staff, said there needs to be one person solely dedicated to the logistics of running Student Senate events and meetings.

The vote resulted in 20 for and 10 opposed, failing to meet the three-fourths majority required to pass.

The second bylaw amendment, concerning the creation of a director of public relations, was passed: 26 for, three opposed and one abstention.

The director of PR would be a position under the purview of the vice president of Student Affairs and would work with materials regarding social media and other

publicity matters between Student Senate and the Bradley community.

This position is needed, according to Lagerblade, because of the increasing responsibilities of the vice president of Student Affairs.

"Coming from the person who [performed the duties of] the vice president of Student Affairs, which included all of the social media and public relations as well as Rise of the Red and Speak Up and doing resolutions and having relationships with the actual constituents, I wholeheartedly, 100 percent need this position to be made," Lagerblade said. "It is too much for one person to be doing it all."

Further, Lagerblade said this could not be delegated to a student senator because of confidentiality issues that come with social media control.

Other senators both questioned and supported the proposal.

"[Social media] should be a minor part of this position, but it's become such an overbearing duty on that position that we [decided to do this]," Secretary of the Finances Hunter Vaughn said.

According to Lagerblade, these new positions are needed to ensure processes run smoothly.

# Derby Days ends on good note



photo provided by Katlyn Gerdes

Sigma Chi Fraternity hosted its annual Derby Days Philanthropy Week, raising more than \$6,000 for The Huntsman Cancer Foundation.

BY TESSA ARMICH  
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Sigma Chi's annual philanthropy week, Derby Days, concluded with a "safe" Serenade on Friday.

Throughout the week of April 13, several events were held to raise money for Sigma Chi's philanthropy, The Huntsman Cancer Foundation. Although these events serve to promote cancer awareness and raise funds, there have been problems with intoxication and injuries in past years at the final event, Serenade, as revealed by police reports.

However, this year went well, according to Sigma Chi executive members. There were a few changes, including a location shift from the Heuser Art Center parking lot to Olin Quad and a resolution passed by Panhellenic Council (PHC) to prohibit sorority chapter members' participation in philanthropic activities involving alcohol.

The resolution was drafted in fall 2014, stating that the seven sororities would not participate in demeaning themes and activities or allow alcoholic beverages at PHC attended events, excepting venues licensed to sell them.

"I think the biggest thing is our community recognized that there was a lot of philanthropic activities that were involving alcohol and, according to the policies of our seven organizations on campus in the national Panhellenic council, that's not okay," Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life Nancy Schwartz said.

However, Schwartz emphasized that the Derby Days Serenade is not the only philanthropic activity where alcohol has been involved. She said it is because it is one of the larger, more popular events that it receives greater scrutiny.

Schwartz said the previous location and setup did not allow for effective risk management. After speaking with the Bradley

University Police Department and the Student Activities Office, a new location was chosen.

"I so appreciate the fraternity," Schwartz said. "Sigma Chi was incredible. They were so awesome in just working with it and going with the flow and just being really responsive, which it was really cool to see them make that awesome effort."

Both Schwartz and the fraternity members were in agreement that the week was a success.

Events like a mural painting contest, Derby Darlings pageant, penny wars and a cookout raised money for their philanthropy. Their goal this year is \$8,000 - \$9,000. According to Derby Days Chair and Recruitment Co-Chair Jake Lawniczak, all of their proceeds from the week go toward The Huntsman Cancer Foundation.

"I think one thing that makes us really successful is that we put our own money into it," Lawniczak, a junior civil engineering major, said. "So the hats, that's \$700 that we just throw into this [event] to make it worth it. All the murals we buy, all the paint we buy, unless the girls want to buy their own. We put a lot of effort into trying to make this a big thing. Serenade doesn't make any money, but it's just for fun, trying to get people involved, which is why this probably turned out as well as it has. From what I know, it's one of the biggest philanthropies on campus."

Sigma Chi Philanthropy Chair Will Kennedy said one of the best aspects to the week is to be able to spread awareness about The Huntsman Cancer Foundation and teach others about the organization.

Chi Omega won Derby Days, with Kappa Delta coming in second and Gamma Phi Beta in third. According to Jake Lawniczak, more than \$6,000 has already been collected, with donations still coming in.

# ACBU single concert streak may be permanent

BY TORI MOSES  
News Editor

The Activities Council of Bradley University will not host a spring concert this year after they used their funds to bring an artist with big name recognition, Wiz Khalifa, to campus this past November, according to the assistant director of Student Activities, Lauren Smetana.

Smetana said the Student Activities Budget Review Committee grants funding around \$150,000 each year for ACBU to host concerts, which coordinators spend on the artist's fee alone. With two concerts a year, that budget is split between events, rather than all of the money going toward one artist.

"We've been met with such great success starting with The Band Perry [in the spring of 2013] where we had record attendance that we figured that this is what the student body was more interested in—quality rather than frequency," Smetana said.

However, in a Sep. 26, 2014 Scout article titled "ACBU books Wiz Khalifa for fall concert," Special Events Reserve Fund coordinator Dashawn Cason

said ACBU hoped to bring back both fall and spring concerts this year.

"If the spring availability looks great and the budget is there, it is absolutely something that can be expected," Cason said.

According to Smetana, however, the entire budget was used to make an offer to Khalifa at the end of August.

ACBU has not brought two featured artists in one year to the Hilltop since the 2011-2012 school year, when the club hosted Taking Back Sunday in the fall and Girl Talk in the spring.

"There is a lot of effort that goes into planning a concert," Smetana said. "There's lots of logistics that we have to plan out, and the amount of ticket sales that we were getting—from our office's opinion—just didn't quite warrant doing a show each semester."

Feature Entertainment Coordinator Jackie Myers said she has heard mixed feedback about having one concert a year.

"Obviously people want a concert every semester, but I've also heard they understand that it is expensive and having a big name artist is way more bene-

ficial for them," the sophomore journalism major said. "It's way cooler to say this big name came than these two little names came."

Smetana said she worked with feature entertainment student coordinators to decide on hosting one artist, The Band Perry, instead of two lesser-known artists in the 2011-2012 school year.

"The Band Perry broke [the] attendance record and Wiz Khalifa sold out the Renaissance Coliseum," Smetana said. "That's kind of unheard of for our campus to have a concert go over so well. I would say it would be hard for anybody on campus to justify going back to the old way of spending less to do more concerts."

A total of 2,132 tickets were bought for Girl Talk and Taking Back Sunday, while 3,151 tickets were bought for The Band Perry in the spring of 2013, and 3,760 tickets were bought for Wiz Khalifa this past November.

Smetana said ACBU doesn't have any specific ideas for next year's concert because artists typically don't plan fall tours until the summer.



# Networking and inclusion topics of interest at student dinner

BY TESSA ARMICH  
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A networking dinner and reception, which focused on the topic of inclusion in the workplace, was held Wednesday in the Alumni Center.

Assistant Director of the Smith Career Center Joe Battelline said the event's purpose was to help educate students about the ways that inclusion is important to their personal and professional lives as well as to hear from employees.

"With the inclusion matters reception and dinner, it is very much a networking opportunity between students and local professional organizations, but it is different in the fact that it centers around diversity and inclusion," Battelline said. "Really, it helps create conversation during the networking experience, so if students are essentially struggling, maybe trying to learn about what to speak about during networking, the topic of inclusion and diversity allows them to create that dialogue."

According to Battelline, it helps to go into the conversation willing to ask for advice. Both employers and students should work on

listening and creating a genuine connection with each other.

Senior biology and psychology double major Lauren Thompson said she attended the event because she needed to practice her skills and get out of her comfort zone.

"I'm an education major, and I saw the word inclusion, and what I think of is inclusion in the classroom, which I think is really important, so that's why I decided to come," senior elementary education major Amanda Lavin said.

The keynote speaker, Lead Human Resource Manager of Caterpillar's Product Development and Global Technology Santosh Singh, attempted to connect with the audience by speaking about his own experiences of inclusion in the workplace.

Singh engaged the audience by asking what they considered inclusion, why it should matter and what they felt when they encountered new situations.

"In my mind, inclusion is a matter of choice and effort," Singh said. "It's a two way street, and I will [show this] with an example again. It's a choice for someone who is seeking out diverse thoughts and opinions."



photo by Tessa Armich

More than 100 guests gathered in the Hayden-Clark Alumni Center April 22 to participate in networking opportunities for students and to discuss inclusion in the workplace.

Singh related his first lesson to inclusion at Caterpillar, where he and his team were mentored by an older, more experienced engineer.

Singh said that having a mentor that included Singh and his team was important to his inclusion there.

"Inclusion matters at a personal level," Singh said. "Inclusion matters in profession. It's just a matter of seeing [it]."

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the crowd he has been living in the United States for 45 years and has been looking forward to this day.

"This country has given me the freedom of speech I've never had in my country...and the opportunity to have my daughters grow in an environment where we are taught to express ourselves and follow our dreams," Mesa said.

The keynote speaker, Bradley baseball's head coach Elvis Dominguez, shared his personal story of coming to the U.S. on a "freedom flight" from Cuba on May 6, 1971.

"I'm 52 years old, and the best meal I've ever had in my life was a ham and cheese sandwich I had on that freedom flight coming over to the United States," he said. "That, to this day, is still the best meal I have ever had."

Dominguez told the crowd that by taking the Oath of Allegiance and becoming a citizen, they had purchased for themselves a fresh start and a new beginning.

"You just took the first step," Dominguez said. "You became an American. The last four letters of that word says it all: I can. And you have just taken that first step not only for yourselves, but for your children and your family and generations after that."

Dominguez relayed one final piece of advice to the crowd of new citizens.

"On January 6, 1983, I sat in your seat to take that Oath

and make that jump," he said. "Twenty years to the day that I stepped foot on this country, my first daughter Brianne was born. That's an omen...I want you to remember this: you are now an American, an American in the land where anything is possible because you can now say, 'I can.' If you choose the right path, and your children do the same thing, they can as well."

Executive Director of the Institute for Principled Leadership in Public Service Brad McMillan helped coordinate the event with Shadid and said it is the "American Dream" on display.

"My hope is that it will remind Bradley students that our country has always been a melting pot of different individuals coming from different countries and cultures to be able to have the freedom and opportunity to succeed as Americans," McMillan said. "I think it's a good reminder that American citizenship is of great value, and you're going to see that on the faces of the individuals taking the oath and their families and how excited they are to be joining our country as American citizens."

Following the ceremony, families, friends and supporters gathered in the Renaissance Coliseum Atrium for food and refreshments. They were joined by the League of Women Voters, who offered support with voter registration.

This was the largest swearing in of American citizens in central Illinois history, according to McMillan.

## Editorial

# Citizenship is a privilege: Use responsibly

In the back row of Renaissance Coliseum's floor seats was a young girl in a pink coat, poking her father's arm in anticipation of monumental moment. It was one in which a crowd would recite the Oath of Allegiance, followed by 11 words from a federal judge.

"Congratulations. You are now citizens of the United States of America."

When the moment finally arrived Thursday, the little girl climbed on top of her chair and began waving a mini American flag back and forth, as her parents embraced and cried in each other's arms.

We talk about the "Bradley Bubble" a lot here on the Hilltop, and sometimes that means we fail to remember how good we have it. As a result of the ceremony, however, we were sent a reminder that citizenship is a gift.

It's something we rarely, if ever, take a moment to reflect on. So take a moment now and realize something: you are a citizen of a country that was founded on the principles of equality, opportunity and liberty.

You—yes, you—are guaran-

teed and entrusted with the rights of free speech, press, assembly, religion and petition. You are endowed with the right to vote for who and what you want. You are entitled to a prompt and fair trial by jury. You are empowered to speak up and speak out.

There are many times we take these freedoms for granted by either not using them or overtly abusing them. In moments such as those, we've forgotten what a treasured and valued gift we possess.

Citizenship is something people have risked their lives for. Citizenship is something some people, like Al Mesa, have worked for 45 years to achieve. Citizenship is a gift that will benefit families for generations to come, including every one of our own families.

We are citizens of a country that emboldens us to attempt whatever we can dream up. Opportunities are countless. However, as was reiterated over and over again at the naturalization ceremony, with great opportunity, equality and liberty comes greater responsibility.

Freedom is not about being able to do whatever you want, whenever you want, however you

want. Freedom is about making a conscious choice to pair good intentions with sincere purpose and deliberate action.

You have these freedoms every moment of every day, even here on the Hilltop. It could be something as simple as standing up for what you believe in during a class debate or something as public as participating in a "die-in" protest or shaving your head for St. Baldrick's. You have the power. You have the ability. You have the freedom.

As the Declaration of Independence states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Your gift of citizenship is not your own. It serves no purpose if it is not shared. Reflect on how incredibly fortunate you are, and pass that good fortune on to others.



Senior Column

Sweet memories, sweeter people



Samantha Pallini  
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I have a stack of newspapers in my room, and they tell the stories of our students.

From coming together to be Washington Strong, to the time that kid stole the toilet paper from Jobst yet again, to the day when President Glasser told us it was time for her to move on from the Hilltop...it's all documented for the world to see.

But with each newspaper comes another set of stories, stories that don't get printed and never will. Stories that have

defined the lives of people listed in a column on A6.

Those stories are the ones I will never be able to relive, but I never want to forget. Those are the ones that are more valuable, more newsworthy and more relevant than any headliner we could ever run.

I remember the feeling of our Scout family winning third best newspaper in the state this year.

I remember business office life chats with Kristin Kreher, who appreciated me and held me accountable for my successes as much as she did my shortcomings. I'm going to miss the Bonnie to my Clyde (or whatever we are).

And I remember the moment Vickie Berkow handed me a letter that said taking on Editor-in-Chief was a commitment to approach every task with integrity, passion and courage, pursuing truth no matter the subject.

I remember times like these and so many others that shaped my college experience, and I want to express my gratitude to those who have shared them with me.

So, thank you to the entire greek system for breaking stereotypes and fueling excellence. I am

where I am because you all taught me to put values at the forefront.

Thank you to the National Society of Leadership and Success team for motivating me to grow and lead more effectively and with greater purpose.

Thank you to the STARS for reminding me daily why I came here and why I'm going to hate leaving.

Thank you to everyone in the CFA, the best college at Bradley (hands down) for preparing me for the real world.

Thank you to those who have challenged me, encouraged me and empowered me to become my best self, namely Tom Richmond, Sam Brothers, Paola Trujillo, President Glasser, Brianna Blackshire, Alexis Kessler, Ciera Harvill, Chris Kaergard, Navid Kassam, Nathan Thomas, Renee Charles, Katie Dahlman, Carrie "Com Mom" Kroenke, Sara Gauwitz, Kelly Sheehan and anyone I'm forgetting (sorry).

Thank you to Robert, the cutest old man in Campustown CVS. If I could have even one tenth of the joy and compassion you show to others someday, I'd be set for life. (Also, thank you for being

The Scout's unofficial paperboy.)

And finally, thank you to my Scout family.

I may not be a hipster (I know, Walls, I looked like I was stuck in the 80s). I may embarrass you when gluten-contaminated foods makes me vomit all over the Senate office door (get the Purell, DiMaggio). I may even suck at Mario Kart (Garth), worry too much about your personal lives (Tori, close the windows next time), or may not be able to fully appreciate alternative music (Tessa), tootsie rolls (Jaylyn), flat brims (Chris) or grapefruiting (not going there). But I love you guys, and whether I want to admit it or not, I know a part of me will be missing next year at law school (and it won't just be my sanity).

So, thank you Scouters for allowing me to write history with you. And remember what Dita von Teese said: "You can be the ripest, juiciest peach in the world, and there's still going to be somebody who hates peaches." Even as an Orange next year, I'll always fight for you guys, my peaches. Nothing's sweeter than family.

Senior Column

So long, dear Salty Spitoon



Chris Walls  
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Graphics Editor

Being a graphic designer does not help in the slightest with trying to write this column, seeing that I cannot simply make you a picture of how I feel.

After four years of college, it has come to an end, and it is more bittersweet than I'd like to admit.

During my freshman year, I was a social butterfly. I remember talking to anyone and everyone;

I even had a small (and very awkward) conversation with a girl who sophomore year would become my now wonderful girlfriend of more than two years (love you, Andrea).

In those days, homework was easy, frats were fun, and Center Court pizza was something I looked forward to every day (R.I.P. Bosco sticks).

At that same time, I found a few good friends that I have kept to this day, played in a few bands and found the guy I would room with for the next three years as well as be responsible for getting me involved with Magic: The Gathering. Oh, and also, I learned some things from school.

During my time at Bradley, I DJ'd at The Edge, became the president of the Digital Arts Team, a member of the Bradley Ballroom Club as well as Brave Sounds Entertainment, had two different internships and learned that I really enjoy a double Rum and Coke. However, out of everything I did at Bradley, the one

thing that I will always remember is The Salty Spitoon.

When I was a freshman, I joined a band and played with them for three years. Throughout that time, we played several house shows. After the first one, I knew that I wanted to do that at my own house. So, when I became a junior and lived off campus, The Salty Spitoon was born.

A simple rental house with an unfinished basement and mold on the walls is where my fondest memories took place. We had 89 different bands play and 22 different shows in that basement. It was the bee's knees except with more sweat, alcohol and music.

It didn't matter what I had to do the next day. It didn't matter the mess I had to clean up. All that mattered was everyone would come together to have a good time. And to everything that has happened, all I have to say is thank you.

Thank you to everyone who supported what my housemates and I did with The Salty Spitoon.

Thank you for all the memories you gave me and gave to the hundreds of people who went through the doors. Thank you for supporting the local scene as well as all the touring bands that we helped support. And a big f\*\*k you to my neighbors who called the cops and got the police involved that ended The Salty Spitoon.

At the end of the day, I have a few words of advice for anyone reading this. Do what makes you happy, and don't stress. No matter what we do, in 200 years no one will remember who any of us are unless we start a war, find a cure for a disease or donate seven-figures to have a building named after us.

So, you might as well have some fun while you can and find people that make you happy.

Thanks Peoria for being such a big part of my life and shaping me into who I am today. Until we meet again, just remember: Stay Salty.

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# WAKA FLOCKA: BLAZING THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

## BY LISA STEMMONS

On April 20, many Americans were wishing it was April 1 when rapper Waka Flocka Flame announced his candidacy for President of the United States. I myself was skeptical upon hearing the news, believing if anything, it was a publicity stunt or an attempt to raise marijuana awareness on the “best day of the year.”

However, this is no joke. Waka Flocka Flame may be the next Commander-in-chief. Although some of his proposals may appear humorous, the campaign is very real. He took his bid to the streets of New York in order to receive signatures for the 2016 ballot.

In the campaign video, his main priorities several serious as well as amusing requests. First and foremost, legalization of marijuana is at the forefront of his campaign (surprise, surprise). Additionally, raising minimum wage and changing high school curriculums were among his reasonable matters.

Then, there is the banning of all dogs from restaurants and not allowing people with feet greater than size 13 to walk on sidewalks, which just makes you wonder what could have possibly occurred that resulted in such an extreme phobia of large feet and dogs.

His political ambitions should not have been that surprising, considering that he made his intentions clear on Nov. 6, 2012, when Barack Obama was reelected as President of the United States.

“I’m dead ass running for president in 2016,” Waka Flocka Flame tweeted.

Now the only question that remains is, while he may spit super hot fire, can he also run a country? Before you make any rushed judgments, it may be beneficial to learn some background information on the candidate. Despite his questionable morals, Mr. Flame should be treated with the same dignity and respect as his fellow candidates.

His net worth is \$7 million, which is more than can be said for most of us. Furthermore, his lyrics may not showcase his intelligence, but he is extremely bright; he received an ACT score of 34, which is higher than Barack Obama’s score (30).

Now, it is time to burst your proverbial bubble of delight at the idea of hardcore Republicans going ballistic at the thought of Waka Flocka being voted in by the young folk because Waka is too young himself. He is only 28 years old, and as the Constitution states, candidates must be at

least 35 years old to run for president.

It doesn’t matter how high he was; I’m sure he was aware of this stipulation, but his efforts still proved a point and served a purpose. If someone that goes by the name Waka Flocka Flame can seriously be considered to potentially become the next president, just how messed up is our government? This makes America look like a joke. The nature of our political system and the style in which campaigns are conducted needs to be reevaluated.

Even in the future, his chances of becoming president are slim to none, but that still hasn’t made the image of him hot boxing the Oval Office any less hysterical. Now, for some parting words from our beloved Waka Flocka:

“Girl, drop it to the floor. I love the way yo’ booty go. All I wanna do is sit back and watch you move, and I’ll proceed to throw this cash.”

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# Record Store Day

## All Day, Every Day//

By Kristin DiMaggio

by pressing special edition vinyls, whether those are picture disks or vinyl pressed with a color other than the classic black.

Vinyl records aren't the only item to be had on this day, though. Many shops have special in-store performances from artists who may in turn be selling an RSD exclusive something. For example, Fifth Element in Minneapolis always has an RSD party of sorts, with crazy sales, performances and limited edition merchandise like shirts, collectibles and screen prints.

The interesting part of RSD is why we need a holiday to support these shops and bands. It's no secret that music streaming sites give the artists a very small amount of money per song played, and other services like Tidal are just too expensive for those who are broke but still want to indulge in the vast array of music at their fingertips.

Keeping that in mind, we should want to support our favorite

musicians so that they don't up and stop recording new albums. That doesn't have to equate buying their entire anthology of music, but rather a record or a CD (or even a tape, those are coming back) here or there.

For those of you who like music, which I would argue is the overwhelming majority, going to a record store can be a Zen-like experience. You're surrounded by the sounds that influenced your favorite artists, and your new favorite band that you've never even heard of is likely somewhere in the rows of music just waiting to be discovered.

Streaming services are great for hearing about a group. But to really give back to your favorites and the community you're living in, think of every day as RSD and find an excuse to show your support.

So, girl put your records on and venture into your community to find your local record store.

For fans of any form of popular media, the 21st century is an ideal place to be. From streaming music services, to movies and shows on demand, to even ordering your pizza online and tracking where your driver is, the modern age is truly an amazing time to be alive.

This sentiment may not ring as true for local business owners or the entertainers who bring us our easily streamed content, specifically musicians; they don't have the luxury of making

millions at the box office when they release an album. However, there is a sort of holiday created to celebrate both the business owner and the musician, and that beautiful day is Record Store Day (RSD).

It was created back in 2007 to help celebrate independently owned record stores on the third Saturday in April. Record stores across the country participate, selling special edition records and generally having some sort of sale to encourage patrons to stop in.

Many bands have done their part to help support this day

# CURE YOUR SENIORITIS

## By Kristin DiMaggio

It's getting to be that time in the semester where temperatures start to rise as motivation falls at an alarming rate. Many of us are familiar with the term "senioritis" and know how hard it can be; one doesn't need to be at the end of their college career to know the de-motivational effects. In order to combat this pesky problem, here are a few ways to help raise that end of the semester motivation.

### 1. Give yourself incentives

As humans, we love getting rewarded for doing anything; that's why we got trophies in Little League for participating. Giving yourself incentives while you're working on a paper or a big project can help give you the momentum necessary to keep going. Sure, you want to watch that one show on Netflix or spend too much time looking at funny pictures of cats, but make that your reward for getting through a page or two of your paper. You may find that once you find your groove, you stay in it.

### 2. Go for a walk

Trying to find motivation may lead to some restlessness, and nothing alleviates this better than going for a walk. This can actually help to keep your brain engaged rather than being numbed by sitting and doing nothing. Nicer weather can lead to an even better walking experience, especially with the great spots to head over to around campus—Laura Bradley Park is always a favorite, and there's also the tricentennial tree (yes, this tree is older than America) up on High Street.

### 3. Make an instrumental playlist

Listening to music can make any awful task way better. When it comes to schoolwork and music, however, this could hinder productivity because it becomes so easy to get caught up in the lyrics. Instead, make yourself a playlist of instrumental tracks, whether it's movie scores, jazz music or simple "jungle rain" sounds. Video game scores may be your best bet, seeing as they're supposed to keep you stimulated while keeping your concentration up.

### 4. Do not procrastinate

This is one suggestion that even I have trouble sticking to. While working on a tight deadline may work for some, doing those big projects at the last possible minute can lead to more stress than it's all worth. If you have any sort of big projects due in the next few weeks, start chipping away at them little by little each day; you'll find that the pressure will be much less extreme, giving you more time for yourself at the end.



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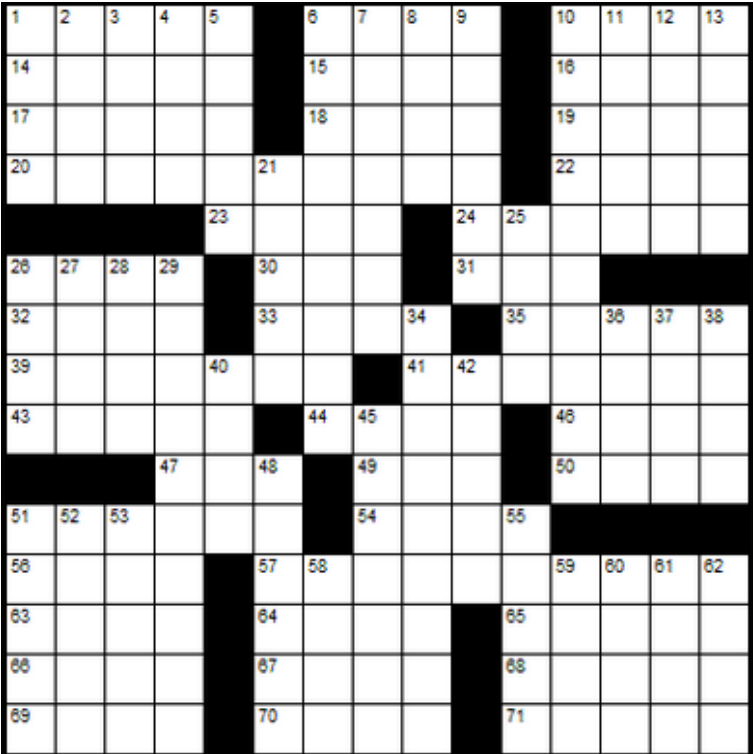
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# The Lorax kicks off Earth Day

BY ALLISON APPELBAUM  
Off-staff Reporter

The Sustain(ability) club began Earth Week on Monday by inviting students to attend a free campus screening of the Lorax.

President of the club Sarah Handler said showing the Lorax movie "was a fun way to start a dialogue about sustainability on campus."

The 36 students that came to the Marty Theatre were introduced to the concern presented by Dr. Seuss in the Lorax: "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

"The movie shows that anybody can get something done as long as they put their minds to it," freshman computer information systems major Kevin Hagemann said.

At this event, members of the organization gave tips on how to lead an environmentally-friendly lifestyle. According to Handler, they raised awareness about how people can become more environmentally-conscious by being aware of their actions.

Handler, a senior industrial engineering major, said small changes such as using reusable water bottles and utensils, walking to locations instead of driving,

and turning off the faucet while brushing teeth can make a tangible difference to the campus environment and impact the planet.

The organization promoted this event through social media advertising a BYOB (bring your own bowl) incentive. The organization provided free popcorn to students that brought a reusable bowl to the movie. Students that did not bring a recyclable bowl were charged \$5.

"In order to care for the planet, people need to be more open to changing their ways for the better," sophomore mechanical engineering major Brandon McCaffrey said.

Next semester, Handler said Sustain(ability) will focus on the three R's: reduce, reuse, recycle.

The organization also plans to hand out reusable water bottles to increase the use of the water bottle refilling stations. Also, there will be collaboration with Dining Services to reduce food waste in the Bradley University cafeterias, according to Handler.

Handler said Sustain(ability) will continue to hold an annual event in celebration of Earth Week.

"Earth Day is special because it can help galvanize support from people who might not otherwise know about sustainability," Handler said.

# PR group hosts PTSD event



photo provided by Josiah Williams

Attendees at the PTSD: A Night to Build Peace of Mind event met with a yoga instructor to learn Sun Salutation, an exercise that teaches proper health techniques that can be used by PTSD patients.

BY TORI MOSES  
News Editor

About 5.2 million adults will suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder this year in the U.S. Information like this was combined with exercise at PTSD: A Night to Build Peace of Mind, an event hosted by a student public relations group.

Their event's purpose was to promote awareness of PTSD on April 18 at the Yoga Projekt studio.

The group, Premier PR, partnered with the Tazwood Center for Wellness and the Yoga Projekt to bring yoga classes, reflexology sessions and massages to the Peoria community and students.

Ashley Arendt, the group's director of social events, said the members of Premier PR initially wanted to create an event that was

related to military veterans.

"We thought about PTSD, and we realized we jumped to a conclusion that only veterans have PTSD," Arendt said. "We thought, 'Why don't we make PTSD an awareness issue within the Peoria community to realize it's not just veterans?'"

Director of Clinical Services for the Tazwood Center Tricia O'Neal, who gave a speech during the event, said she thinks PTSD awareness is important because of the misperception about who can develop the disease.

"In the media, we hear mostly about military veterans and sometimes sexual assault victims, but it can really develop from any type of dangerous or life threatening situation," O'Neal said.

Senior nursing and psychology double major Alli Moeller attend-

ed the event and said the night not only provided her with information about PTSD, but it also gave her an outlet during her stressful week.

"The event was great for everybody's daily life, especially with school, because it was good exercise to relax and bring yourself back to reality," Moeller said.

According to Arendt, Premier PR will keep in contact with the Tazwood Center and the Yoga Projekt over the next few weeks to measure how many of the event's 50 attendees use those resources to schedule yoga or massage sessions or get more information about PTSD.

"I believe this was an informative event and that people will follow through," Arendt said. "I think people actually really enjoyed themselves here."

## Outstanding Co-op/Intern of the Year



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thing to do, and it's important to then lead our way through that as a division and set the example."

### STAFFING LIMITATIONS

Departments with limited staff members may also face issues with launching new programs, according to Jessica Chandler, the Director of the Lewis J. Burger Center for Student Leadership and Public Service.

"If I want to accomplish just the things that are currently happening, it's tough, but I get it done; late nights and weekends usually account for getting it all done," Chandler, the only full-time employee in her department, said. "I rely heavily on students who are a part of the center. However, if I want to grow any of the current programs, add new programs or do more with my department, I don't think I necessarily have enough manpower."

Lyndsey Hawkins, who was appointed Interim Director of Wellness when Sage-Bollenbach left, said the elimination of an Assistant Director position in her office has caused a few shifts in responsibilities.

"Programs have had to be cut," Hawkins said. "My graduate assistant has had to play a more hands-on role with certain programs. My administrative support has taken on more responsibility. But, there are times when I know I drop the ball on things. I just try to do the best with what I have. Do I think our office fulfills the needs of campus? No."

Thomas agreed that areas with a limited number of staff members may face additional difficulties, but he said he is confident in the abilities of staff members.

"There's no doubt that we're lean," he said. "I think that's something that at this point, I take a little bit of pride in; that operationally, we don't have a deep bench, but we have a very talented group that's doing what they're doing. Some of the decisions that have been made about [the] budget have been to not replace people so that we didn't have to cut deeper into programmatic budgets; and those are very strategic decisions."

As the responsibilities of eliminated positions shifted to other employees, however, Thomas confirmed that those receiving these extra duties have not received additional compensation.

### COMPENSATION STAGNATION

Compensation does present issues within Student Affairs, as some working in the division said they have a hard time making ends meet with their salaries, sometimes causing them to seek additional employment.

"I'm averaging about 20 to 25 hours per week at my part-time job," Assistant Director of Orientation and Advisement Gregory Haines said. "How it effects my work at Bradley is with

those extracurricular things that I would love to be involved with and that I need to help out my colleagues with...I can't attend those events right now, regrettably. I have been asked by at least two or three student organizations to serve as an advisor to them...It's something that I feel that I'm good at, that I can bring to the table [and] that is fulfilling for me, but my availability for that is affected by my part-time work."

According to Sage-Bollenbach, the university's multi-year struggle with enrollment numbers has impacted employee compensation for several years.

"With the university not making enrollment numbers and the excessive spending occurring in high administrative positions, programming and staff salaries began to feel the realities of the university budget constraints," she said. "It was difficult to feel valued when your budget was being cut and you were given little, if any, raise."

Hawkins, who has been in the Interim Director position for more than two years, said she has felt unstable at times about her future with the department, and although she was offered a permanent position, she could not accept it.

"I was doing my old job plus this somewhat promotion [from Assistant Director to Interim Director] with no additional pay, and this uncertainty hanging over my head," Hawkins said. "This school year has been somewhat different. I was told the Assistant Director position was being eliminated when they offered me the permanent Director of Wellness position. However, no additional compensation was offered, so I did not sign the new contract...I spoke with the former Director of Wellness and found out her salary at the time she left. It was within a few hundred dollars of what I was currently making, but her position was only 3/4 time – or about 30 hours a week."

### ISSUES SEEN NATIONWIDE

All of these issues may not be unique to Bradley, however, according to Thomas.

"There's not a ton of differences across the country," he said. "Budgets at universities, most particularly budgets within Student Affairs, are being cut. Oftentimes, they're the first to be cut. That was not the case here; it was a uniform [cut] across a number of areas. When I go to higher [education] conferences or things with colleagues, one of the things we're talking about is the financial viability of what we're trying to do and how we do that."

The root of the problems at Bradley, specifically, do not stem from leaders within the division, according to Chandler, who commented on Bradley's attempts to meet the needs of Student Affairs employees.

"If it is anything financial or work-life balance, I'd say we have a long way to go," she said.

"If it is having a flexible Vice President who listens and will do his best to advocate for you and your area, then we're doing the best we can."

Haines echoed this, extending it to mid-level leaders as well.

"Nothing beats the support we get from Nathan Thomas," Haines said. "My direct supervisor has been generous in setting aside funds from an already drastically reduced budget to help me accomplish some of the things I want to do with our veterans and our transfer students."

Overall, Sage-Bollenbach said it is important to remember the employees when considering university operations.

"I understand that buildings need to meet needs and athletic programs generate revenue, but students come to Bradley and stay at Bradley because of how they are treated by the people who make Bradley, Bradley," she said. "Somewhere along the line, we lost sight of that."

### MAKING AN IMPACT

In the April 17 issue, The Scout ran an article about the university's budget surplus that will be used to grant nearly all full time employees a one time, one percent additional wage payment, which Student Affairs staff members said may not make a substantial difference but is still appreciated.

"I'm certainly not going to complain about the university sending a little extra money my way," Haines said. "I certainly feel like I've earned my salary...I also think everybody on this campus who's getting that bump has worked for that."

Despite issues with resource availability and compensation, Student Affairs staff members across the division said they are fortunate for the intangible aspects of their jobs.

"Hands down, the students [are the best part]," Chandler said. "Even on the bad days, they make it all worth it. I also love the people I get to work with. I've met some wonderful folks who are more than just colleagues and will be lifelong friends."

Beyond the relationships developed while working in Student Affairs, Haines said he sees his job as an opportunity to make a positive impact.

"There's not a day that I leave this place where I don't feel like I've done good," Haines said. "I do it because when I was a college student, I was kind of a lost college student for the first year, and that's why I love orientation programs. I love serving students who come in with very different experiences like transfer students and veterans. I want everybody to feel like they have a place, and Bradley is a place for everyone; I want to help people find that."

## Editorial

# Students need Student Affairs

Job placement rates. Academic program rankings. Cost of tuition. Location.

Factors such as these are often some of the first to come to mind when researching colleges, but they only begin to encompass what awaits students when they come to campus for their first tour.

Often an afterthought when choosing a college, student activities and similar programs may not be the primary element that attracts students to a university, but for many, it's where they find their home for four years.

Whether it's making lasting friendships as a Resident Advisor or finding your life's calling while tutoring students at the Center for Learning Assistance, the departments that fall within the Division of Student Affairs play a significant role in many students' college careers.

From greek life to orientation services, campus recreation to career advisement, these programs fall under an umbrella that so often gets little to no recognition.

As students, we are told over and over again that it is what we do outside of our classes— involvement in student organizations and internships in the professional world—that truly prepare us for the next step. Yet, the departments that offer us these opportunities are sorely lacking in resources, and the staff members are not being fairly rewarded for their work.

Although these issues are seen within most divisions of the University, those within Student Affairs rarely give voice to their concerns.

So many of these staff members are working nearly 60 hours a week, coming in at 8 a.m. and staying until 9 p.m. for weekday meetings of clubs they advise.

They give up Friday nights to work Late Night BU until 2 a.m. before returning to campus early Saturday morning for that weekend's 5K fundraiser, Service on Saturday, leadership conferences or round table discussions.

They are taking on teaching roles, sometimes for no additional compensation, as they lend their skills to a variety of classes such as The University Experience, leadership studies and public speaking.

With significant time commitment, consistently bringing high energy and a having the ability to pinch pennies just a few of the unofficial basic requirements of a Student Affairs employee,

a tendency to get burnt out with work is understandable. It's a trend that is seen across the industry and is not unique to Bradley.

However, as many Bradley Student Affairs employees have said both officially and unofficially to members of The Scout, low morale among staff members is a larger issue at Bradley than other universities where they have worked, and it is an issue that continues to grow.

This stems not just from low compensation, but moreso from a lack of trust in university operations, fear of retribution for challenging authority and a reluctant acceptance of no foreseeable improvements.

Those that have been at Bradley for many years have questioned what happened to "the Bradley family," referring to the former culture where lower level employees truly felt valued by the highest levels of university decision-makers.

Budget cuts have affected operations all across campus, causing most employees to see no salary increases and new programs to be squelched because of lack of funds or limited staff availability. This certainly hurts morale, inhibits opportunity for growth and fuels low confidence in the abilities of our university leaders.

For those in Student Affairs, the non-monetary rewards are seemingly abundant. These employees are so often making the kind of positive impact that those of us soon entering the professional world can only hope to make in our future careers.

But these impalpable aspects cannot serve as tangible compensation for the employees that are still living paycheck-to-paycheck despite having years of professional experience. They cannot justify inability to grow and adapt as student desires change and new programs are needed.

There is no easy solution to this problem, but it is a problem that needs to be heard.

So, to those setting managerial policies and making the decisions about university fund allocations, we ask that you more seriously consider this division that plays such a strong role in our college careers.

And to those within the division that have served as both club advisors and life advisors to us students, to those that have inspired us to work harder and be better and to those that have given so much of themselves without asking for anything in return, thank you. It may not be that much-needed tangible improvement, but we want you to know: you are appreciated.



## Women's club soccer hosts spring tournament

BY MATT CRUSEN  
Off-staff Reporter

Once again, the Bradley women's club soccer team hosted its annual tournament in Morton to conclude the 2014-2015 season. With 12 teams in the pool, the team didn't bring home the title, but it was still a successful weekend for the Bradley squad.

Bradley opened the tournament with a match against Iowa, and the soon-to-be champion Hawkeyes beat the Braves by a score of 4-1. Bradley quickly rebounded with a 7-2 win over Illinois Central College in its next game but lost in the quarterfinals to Monmouth, 1-0.

Graduate student Maggie Molaskey scored four goals over the weekend, junior Katie Dorgan added two, and senior Sam Boehm and junior Kelly Ditmars each chipped in a goal a piece for Bradley. Molaskey, finishing her second year of physical therapy school, just completed her sixth season with the team.

"I was very happy with how our team played and how well we did against other teams," club president Parisa Ghasemi said. "Although I wish we would have made it into the semi-final, we left the last game very proud with how we played."

After joining the Women's Midwest Alliance Soccer Conference last fall, the club team was faced with many new opponents and challenges. This spring, the team traveled to Ohio to play in Ohio University's indoor tournament on top of

hosting its own tournament this past weekend.

"Joining the conference has made us more competitive than we have been in the past, and it turned out to be a great first season in the conference," Ghasemi said.

Among the players who stepped up this season was senior Jessica Rooney. After the starting goalie graduated last spring, the team was left without a player between the pipes. That's when Rooney decided it was her time to step up.

"Jessica has never played that position before, but she knew that our team needed someone, and she was eager to help us out," Ghasemi said.

Ghasemi, who joined the team as a freshman in 2012, was elected the president in her second semester in the spring of 2013. Fortunately for the team, she is only a junior, so she will be back next year to play.

"The title has come with its fair share of responsibilities and challenges," Ghasemi said. "But being involved with this team has been the best thing for me at Bradley."

With seniors graduating and other players leaving for various reasons, Ghasemi said the team is always looking for new players.

Anyone interested in joining can contact Parisa by email with questions, or by visiting their website at [www.bradleywomen-sclubsoccer.com](http://www.bradleywomen-sclubsoccer.com).

## Big bats lead softball to three consecutive home wins

photo by Dan Smith



Senior Brittany Burgess offers at a pitch against the Salukis in March. Burgess had the game-winning base hit against the Redbirds Wednesday.

BY GARTH SHANKLIN  
Sports Editor

The softball team's regular season is winding down, but thanks to a victory over Illinois State Wednesday afternoon, they will get the chance to repeat as Missouri Valley Conference champions.

Bradley rallied from two different deficits in the game. Down 3-1 entering the bottom of the fourth, the Braves ripped off five straight two-out singles to plate five runs and took a 6-3 lead.

They weren't able to hold it for long, though. The Redbirds launched their third and fourth home runs of the game as part of a four-run inning to retake the lead at 7-6. The game stayed that way until the bottom of the seventh inning, when senior Shannon King lifted a wind-aided double into center for Bradley's first extra-base hit of the game. Junior Kendall Duffy followed with a walk.

After a groundout moved the runners to second and third base, senior Brittany Burgess smacked a single into center field to plate both runners and give Bradley their 10th conference win.

King picked up seven hits against the Redbirds, and in the process set a new career-high with 32 RBIs in a season. The second baseman said she was comfortable at the plate against ISU's pitchers.

"I felt pretty confident at the plate," King said. "I was seeing their pitches pretty well and I was

just able to keep a level head."

Sophomore Jaelen Hull earned the victory in relief for the Braves, allowing just one hit in 2 1/3 innings. The only hit was a wind-aided triple that freshman center-fielder Erika Hansen was unable to make a play on. Hansen said the wind was a factor in the games this week, but the team prepared for that scenario.

"In the warmups, we go over routine fly balls," Hansen said. "If you go over them and you remember it well, you'll be fine. But the wind definitely affected on some of the hit balls in the outfield."

The wind also played a role in Bradley's non-conference game against Illinois-Chicago Tuesday. The teams combined for five home runs in a 6-5 Bradley victory.

Hull picked up her second save of the season for the Braves, entering the game in the top of the seventh inning with the bases loaded and one out. She retired both batters she faced on 10 pitches to end the game.

Head coach Amy Hayes said she liked what she saw from the sophomore in relief, especially given her injury issues earlier in the season.

"It's good to see," Hayes said. "We had to rely a lot on [Spinass-Valainis] to throw a lot of innings early on because [Hull] was coming back from an injury. It's nice to see that patience has kind of payed off. Jaelen really loves those situations, coming in and being able to shut people down. The last two

times she's been really good at it."

Those two victories came after a series against Wichita State that saw the Braves lose two of three to the Shockers. Bradley was swept in a doubleheader last Saturday 10-8 and 2-0, but the team rallied to take the final game of the series 4-2.

Bradley's offense touched up Shockers' pitcher Jenni Brooks in game three for four runs in five innings. The finale was on Sunday, one day after Brooks was able to hold Bradley scoreless in 7 1/3 innings. Hayes said the team watched film to prepare themselves for the final game.

"We just watched film and prepared," Hayes said. "We knew a little bit more about what was coming but until you get in there and really see it...For us, it's just a matter of staying aggressive. Being passive doesn't really get you far in this life at all and it's certainly not going to get you very far in a competitive game. If we're aggressive, good things usually happen for us."

The Braves take on the conference-leading Drake Bulldogs in their final home series of the season this weekend. The teams square off in a doubleheader starting at noon tomorrow, with the final game of the series Sunday at noon.

## Wardle signs two recruits

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI  
Assistant Sports Editor

Bradley men's basketball head coach Brian Wardle has received two national letters of intent (NLI) from two guards for his first two commitments of the spring, the university announced Monday.

Guards Ronnie Suggs and Dwayne Lautier-Ogunleye, from Washington, Missouri and London, England, respectively, have both submitted their NLIs and will enroll as freshmen next year.

"With this first recruiting class, the priority of our staff is not only bringing in talented players who can compete at a high level in the Missouri Valley Conference on a day-in and day-out basis, but more importantly, young men with great character, who are academically very strong and come from great family environments," Wardle said in a statement. "We have signed two kids that we feel meet all of those characteristics."

Suggs, a 6'6" guard who was a former University of Missouri commit under Frank Haith, chose Bradley over offers from TCU,

Saint Louis, Nebraska and SIU.

"Ronnie is a very skilled, 6'6" wing who can really shoot the ball," Wardle said in a statement. "His ability to score and his length are characteristics that we like in our perimeter players. So we're very excited about bringing his 3-point shooting into our program."

Lautier-Ogunleye, who is a 6'3" guard, comes to Peoria from London and plays for the Bristol Academy Flyers of the British Basketball League but maintained his amateur status as he did not get paid.

"In Dwayne, we got a strong, physical combo guard that can play with the ball in his hands and make plays," Wardle said. "He can play the point guard, he can move off the ball and score and he's definitely a play-maker on both ends of the floor."

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# Tennis falls to Salukis, Aces in final regular-season matches

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI  
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On Sunday, the Bradley women's tennis team finished the 2014-2015 season with an 11-12 record. On paper, that may appear to be slightly below average. However, the team actually finished with its best record since the 1993-1994 season, the last time Bradley women's tennis finished above .500. Head coach Matt Tyler said this year was a landmark season for the women. "We did some things that Bradley women's tennis hasn't done in a long time," Tyler said. "Winning two conference matches for this program was something that hasn't been done in 25 years, so it was outstanding." However, the skid-ending season was capped off with two losses to Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) foes in Southern Illinois (SIU) and Evansville to send the team into the MVC tournament. Against SIU, the Braves faced one of the best MVC home records, as the Salukis improved to 11-1 on their home courts this year. The Braves lone point in the singles matches was from sophomore Ashley Thai, who was also nursing a sprained ankle, as the team fell 6-1. Against Evansville, the team was scheduled to play at 10 a.m. last Sunday. However, the match had to be moved inside and later into the evening due to inclement weather. "It was raining the whole day," sophomore Ariel Dechter said.

"Then they had a junior tournament, so then [we] couldn't get indoor courts until seven at night." Tyler said the nine-hour match delay threw off the team's rhythm due to the needed adjustment. "You can kind of look at it both ways," Tyler said. "I think it was beneficial in the fact that we got to rest, hit a few balls and prepare." When the match eventually got underway, the Braves could only muster up one more point than their last match, as they fell 5-2 to the Purple Aces. Thai was not the only singles winner this time, as fellow freshman Alexa Brandt added the other point for Bradley. "We didn't play as well against SIU as I would've liked, but we rebounded really well against Evansville," Tyler said. "[They're] tough teams, especially when you go on the road. It's hard to pick up wins; we were hoping we could come away with just one of those."

However, the Braves will make a reprise visit to the Evansville courts today, as they take on Northern Iowa at 2 p.m. in the MVC tournament. "We're very optimistic about what we can do against that team," Tyler said. "We've prepared all season long for the conference tournament, [and] I don't think you change much up at this point." Win or lose in the MVC tournament, Tyler said that the perception of Bradley women's tennis has changed due to the past year. "The stigma the last few years was that teams were going to come in, and Bradley was going to be a win for them, and I think we have changed that for them," Tyler said. "We're no longer the team that we have been in the past, and we're going to compete, and we're going to be one of the teams in the hunt for a Valley title."

SIU 6, Bradley 1	Evansville 5, Bradley 2
<b>Singles</b> Thai (B) d. Golovkina (SIU) 6-2, 6-4 Tomishima (SIU) d. Dechter (B) 6-2, 6-0 Chrysanthou (SIU) d. Manfredo (B) 6-3, 6-2 Cairo Baza (SIU) d. Miles (B) 6-1, 6-0 Beirao (SIU) d. Wojtalik (B) 6-1, 6-0 Monaghan (SIU) d. Brandt (B) 6-3, 4-6, 10-3	<b>Singles</b> Thai (B) d. Brguljan (B) 6-2, 6-4 Brandt (B) d. James (B) 6-1, 7-5 Craig (UE) d. Manfredo (B) 6-4, 6-1 Trousilova (UE) d. Dechter (B) 6-4, 6-2 Milovic (UE) d. Wojtalik (B) 6-2, 6-2 Fifer (UE) d. Miles (B) 6-0, 6-0
<b>Doubles</b> Beirao/Tomishima (SIU) d. Brandt/Thai (B) 8-2 Dozortseva/Monaghan (UNI) d. Dechter/Manfredo (B) 8-3 Cairo Baza/Golovkina (UNI) d. Miles/Wojtalik (B) 8-1	<b>Doubles</b> Brandt/Thai (B) d. Milovic/Trousilova (UE) 8-4 James/Craig (UE) d. Dechter/Manfredo (B) 8-3 Brguljan/Fifer (UE) d. Miles/Wojtalik (B) 8-3

# Women's golf fifth at MVC Championship, men tee off Monday



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Junior Jenna Roadley finished fifth in the Missouri Valley Conference championships, earning her a spot on the All-MVC team.

BY BRANDON WALLACE  
Sports Reporter

Both of Bradley's golf teams started off the week in tournament action. The women made the trip to Burlington, Iowa for the Missouri Valley Conference Championships, and the men were in Macomb for the Beu/Mussatto Invitational from April 19 to 21. The weather wasn't ideal for golf. For much of the tournaments, there were gusty 30 mph winds. "I can't emphasize enough how challenging the conditions were," head coach Mary Swanson said. "Not only physically, but the windiness [also] starts to get into your head." The women's team finished fifth overall in the team standings for the second straight year, with a score of 960. Wichita State took the championship, followed by Missouri State, Southern Illinois (SIU) and Illinois State to round out the top five. Swanson said that she expected a better finish. "Honestly, we weren't satisfied with a fifth place finish," Swanson said. "We expected to go out there and win the whole thing." Junior Jenna Roadley was the top individual performer for the Braves. She tied for fifth with a 234, good enough for her to earn her first career All-MVC honors. Roadley and the winner of individual pool were the only two golfers to shoot in the 70's in all three rounds. "[Roadley] has turned the corner this spring," Swanson said. "Her swing has improved so much. On top of that, mentally, things have kind of clicked for her. She really has gained some confidence." Junior Danielle Lemek earned MVC Golfer of the Year for the second straight year. With a final score of 238, she climbed to 14th overall during the last round after being previously at 28th in the individual standings. Lemek is Bradley's first three-time All-MVC honoree since 2008. "It's unfortunate that some of

her highest rounds were at the conference championships, but that's just how the game goes sometimes," Swanson said. "To maintain the high level that she performed at all season was outstanding." Freshman Ally Scaccia tied for 21st at 242, junior Allison Walsh finished 44th at 254, and freshman Grace Henderson finished 50th. The Beu/Mussatto Invitational, meanwhile, I was the last tournament before the MVC championships for the men. Overall, Bradley shot an 895 and finished second in the team standings, three shots behind winner William Woods University. Senior Danny Masrin was the top individual performer for the Braves. He finished third at 220, one shot behind the two players who finished tied for first. It was his second straight top-five individual finish. "Masrin's game is really coming together nicely," Roche said. "He's working hard and practicing what he needs to get better at. He's really hitting his stride coming down the stretch." Senior Seth Trolia and junior Lyle Burns both tied for sixth place. It was Trolia's team-best fifth top-10 finish of the year, and he became the first Brave with 28 sub-80 rounds in a season since 2002-03. Burns' 76 in the final round was his 11th consecutive round under 80. Junior Garrett Cox shot a 230 to tie for 13th, his first top-20 finish of the season. Freshman Matthew Sprecht finished 51st overall at 246. Playing as an individual, freshman Daniel Lensing tied Cox for 13th at 230. The men start the Missouri Valley Conference championship this upcoming Monday. The Braves are projected to finish fourth, their highest prediction in years. "[Tuesday] was a nice tune-up for the championships," Roche said. "It's gonna take a team effort to win. We have the individual talent and composure, so we're definitely capable."

# Dunderdale wins steeplechase at Illinois Twilight

BY GARTH SHANKLIN  
Sports Editor

Bradley's track and field team posted fast times in the 3,000 meter steeplechase along with the 3,000 meter race at the Illinois Twilight last Saturday night. Freshman Haran Dunderdale won the 3,000 meter steeplechase in his first-ever attempt at the event in college. Sophomore Steffen Uhrich finished in second, five seconds behind Dunderdale. Junior Marshall Moyer finished three seconds shy of senior Chase Coffey's track and field record, which was set last year. Moyer's time was good for the third-fastest time in Bradley history. Freshman Nikolas Hess also turned in a solid performance, clocking an 8:44.84 to finish the race in seventh place. On the women's side, junior Rosie Hiles and freshman Lauren Cunningham were able to break a time of 10 minutes in the 3,000 meter race for just the seventh and eighth times in Bradley history. Hiles finished fourth in her



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Freshman Haran Dunderdale took first place in the 3,000 meter steeplechase at the Illinois Twilight, his first win in the event. race while Cunningham crossed the line seventh. Freshman Michael Ward set a personal high in the 1,500 meter, clocking a 3:48.77. Ward shaved eight seconds off his personal record en route to setting the second-fastest time in Bradley history. Sophomore Mike Bianchina also performed well, finishing less than a second behind Ward to come in seventh place. The men's and women's track teams ran in the Drake Relays and the Penn Relays last night. Those races were not finished before press time.



# Opinion

## Bradley baseball beginning to prove they belong

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI  
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Among the overhaul that Bradley's Athletic Department has endured the past two months, it's exceptional to see that those who remain are still proving that the previous tenure did not end in complete disaster.

Last weekend, Bradley Baseball has just finished off their series against Wichita State, which is monumental for a few reasons:

It was their first win against Wichita State since 2007.

It was their first series win against Wichita State since 2003.

This season will be the first time the team has finished over .500 since the 2011-2012 season, where the team had a record of 27-27-1.

Now, I know there's cause for concern with this team.

Last year brought a similar feeling for the Braves, as they started 15-5 before losing 22 of their last 31 games.

This year's fast start made it feel like a similar end result was unavoidable.

However, if this past series against the Shockers is any indication, the team has proven that it's not about to have history repeat itself.

Last year's team got pummeled by the top teams in the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC), as they only mustered one series win against MVC opponents, taking two out of three against Southern Illinois.

And it's not like this team is or

was short of any talent.

Juniors Chris Godinez and Tyler Leffler, and sophomore Spencer Gaa were all Louisville Slugger freshmen All-American selections, and the latter two were chosen as preseason All-MVC selections before the 2015 season.

The 2015 Braves are doing exactly what the 2014 Braves could not, and that's beating the teams they need to.

But I'm not going to keep speculating why the club faltered in the previous year, as what's in the past is done and there's no point in looking into what went wrong.

However, I only say that because this year is evidence that last season does not matter anyway, because the present team is sitting tall with a legitimate chance to make the College World Series (CWS).

For those keeping track, Bradley baseball has not made the CWS since 1956, which was also the last time the Braves recorded a win in the NCAA regionals, where they have not been since 1968.

How's that for a throwback?

Of course, to get to the regionals the Braves will have to be crowned the champions of the MVC, which will probably include a rematch with the defending MVC champions, the baseball powerhouse known as the Dallas Baptist Patriots.

A lot can happen between now and the MVC conference tournament, which is scheduled to play May 20-23 in Wichita, Kansas, but this team has the kind of talent to take them as far as they want.

The pitching rotation's top starter is Elliot Ashbeck, one of the MVC's top pitchers, and while the team's batting average is not exactly a point of pride, what they lack in hitting, they make up in defense.

While it will definitely take more than pitching and defense to sink Dallas Baptist and the upper rung of the MVC, it certainly puts the Braves above the majority of MVC teams.

And, if you'd like to get technical, then it's interesting to point out the Braves standing in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI), which measures a team's worth based on different factors, including strength of schedule and opponent's strength of schedule.

The Braves are currently sitting at 14th in the current RPI, which is above the fifth, ninth and 13th ranked teams in the country.

That said, Bradley's rank of 14th is still behind Missouri State and, of course, Dallas Baptist, who claims the top overall spot.

No one said it would be easy, but the Braves could very well be a team you see on ESPN in the early parts of June on the CWS.

Wouldn't that be a cherry on top of a tumultuous year for the Bradley Athletics Department?

# One-on-One

## Who will be the top pick in the NFL draft?

Arik Armstead

Jameis Winston

Many players fantasize about one day making it professionally in the NFL. Arik Armstead now stands at the door for his opportunity to make that dream into a reality.

In order to make it in the NFL, you have to be prepared for just about anything.

Therefore, I believe that Armstead has first round potential, and will be the first overall pick.

Armstead is a powerful athlete, coming in at 6'7" and 292 pounds. His arm length is 33 inches, with his hands at 10 and a half inches. His size is unavoidably a great advantage for him being put to good use.

With his good arm extension and strength, he is able to control offensive linemen. Armstead is also able to break off from blocks quickly and has an above-average tackle radius.

Armstead had his fair share of strengths with minimal weaknesses while playing for Oregon.

While in Eugene, he continued to improve his leaps and bounds each year. His frame will suit him well if he were to add more bulk, which he can do after getting drafted into the NFL. Armstead has a strong hip snap, which allows him to gain immediate leverage against the run, which allows him to explode up field and shed blockers.

It's not surprising that Armstead is being considered for the first overall selection in the NFL Draft.

Being so young, Armstead might need patience and coaching in order to prosper more as an athlete. However, there is nothing but greatness to come from him.

This one is a no-brainer. Which, ironically, is what critics have to say about Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston.

The media has done an excellent job of painting a controversial picture of Winston. It's a shame, because we just witnessed one of the best two-year careers of any player in NCAA football history, and we barely noticed it because we were too busy turning Winston into a Twitter meme.

Make no mistake, Winston is a coach's dream quarterback. The Heisman recipient has the size of Ben Roethlisberger (6'4", 230 pounds), the arm strength of a young Joe Flacco, the accuracy of a young Aaron Rodgers and in the words of quarterback guru Jon Gruden, "the football IQ of a young Peyton Manning."

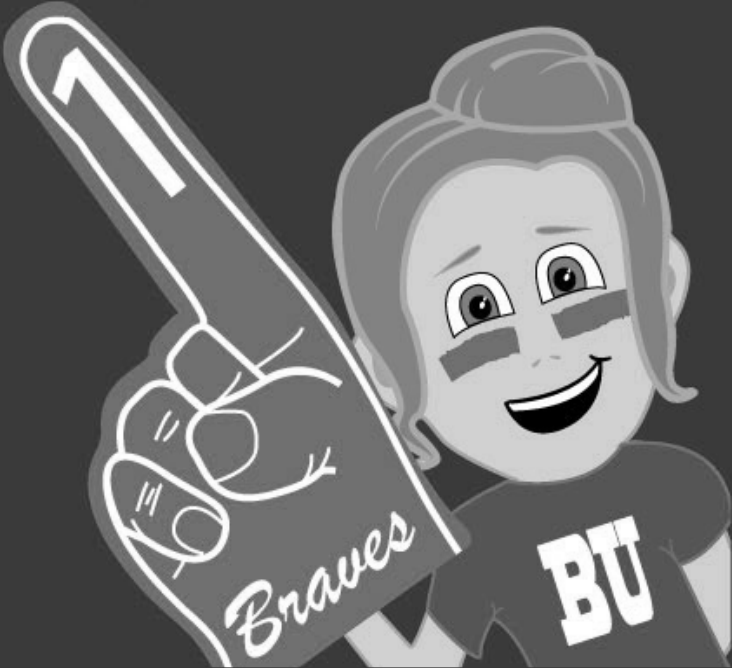
But none of those qualities were the first things I noticed when I first watched Winston. It's his fire that jumps off the screen. His passion for the game. His intensity. His charisma. He has the unique ability to rally his troops and get the best out of everyone. If you say you wouldn't give anything to be in Winston's huddle, you're lying to me and to yourself.

After years of irrelevancy, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers need someone to light a fire under the entire organization. Winston is the guy. And after head coach Lovie Smith's stint with the Chicago Bears, Winston will be the perfect change of pace from Jay "Stone-Faced-and-Arms-Crossed" Cutler.

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## Braves jolt Shockers for first series win since 2003

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Over the course of the past 10 years, Wichita State baseball has had considerable success against the Braves on the diamond.

The Braves had lost 19 consecutive games to Wichita State going in this past weekend's series between the two schools, and it had been 13 years since the last time the men took a series from the Shockers.

That streak would increase to 20 straight games last Friday night. Junior Elliot Ashbeck took the mound in the series opener, but the ace failed to perform at his usual level. Ashbeck went six innings while giving up 11 hits and five runs, including back-to-back home runs in the third inning.

However, Ashbeck was able to settle down and pitch well enough to keep the Braves in the game.

"He goes up against everyone else's ace, so his margin for error is a lot smaller than anyone else's on the staff," head coach Elvis Dominguez said. "He settled down after the third inning and pretty much shut them out the rest of the way."

However, the Braves weren't able to generate enough offense on the night, and the men fell 5-3.

The next day proved to be different. Junior Steve Adkins was on the bump for game two of the series, and as soon as he stepped onto the field, he was in control. Adkins struck out the first four batters of the game, and his dominance continued from there. He went seven innings while allowing only three hits, two walks and no earned runs.

Sophomore Spencer Gaa swatted a home run in the fourth inning to give the Braves a lead they would not relinquish. Fellow sophomore Matt Dennis shut down the Shockers in the ninth inning to win the game 4-2. The win on Saturday set up a series finale Sunday with intense implications.

If the Braves were to win on Sunday, they would take their first series win against Wichita State since 2003, be third in the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) and be 16 games over .500 for the first time in almost 20 years.

These implications would be enough to put pressure on anyone, but not the Braves.

"Our guys are just focused on now," Dominguez said. "They



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Junior Steve Adkins delivers a pitch against the Salukis in March. Adkins struck out the first four batters he faced and picked up the win against WSU Saturday. Adkins' victory was Bradley's first over the Shockers in the team's last 20 games against Wichita State.

don't care about yesterday, and they sure as heck don't plan on the future. They try to do whatever's at hand and are very unselfish in trying to get themselves in a position to win a ballgame."

The Braves certainly felt pressure in the bottom of the fifth inning in Sunday's game, as they were down 2-0 with runners on first and third and two outs. The Braves have struggled with runners in scoring position all year, but the Braves needed their hitters to come through then more than ever.

And come through, they did. Gaa hit a 3-0 fastball through the left side to score their first run of the ballgame, and then Ashbeck stepped up to the plate. With a 3-2 count, the lefty clubbed a double off the wall in right field to plate both Gaa and senior Isaac Smith to take a 3-2 lead.

The Braves sealed the win once more as sophomore Matt Dennis struck out the side in the ninth to notch his fourth save in as many appearances last week. For Dennis's efforts, he was honored as the MVC Pitcher of the Week.

"My job is to come in and get the last three outs and just throw strikes," Dennis said. "My approach is just one pitch at a time. If I throw a ball on the first pitch, that pitch is over after that. If the first guy gets a hit, it's over after that. You have to get the next guy."

Dennis and the Braves will try to continue their streak this weekend as they host Evansville. Game one of the series is tonight at 6 p.m. at Dozer Park.

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### BASEBALL STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONF	OVERALL
Missouri State	7-2	28-9
Dallas Baptist	10-5	29-9
Bradley	5-4	27-10
Wichita State	6-6	14-26
Evansville	5-7	21-16
Illinois State	5-7	20-18
Southern Illinois	5-7	10-32
Indiana State	5-10	17-21

### SOFTBALL STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONF	OVERALL
Drake	16-5	27-16
Missouri State	14-6	26-19
Northern Iowa	12-7	18-22
Southern Illinois	12-9	18-22-1
Illinois State	11-9	20-27
Wichita State	11-10	29-21
Indiana State	11-10	19-25
Bradley	10-11	17-30
Loyola	3-17	13-31
Evansville	2-18	10-39

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