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# Declining enrollment causes Wyckoff closure

**BY TORI MOSES Managing Editor** 

Due to consistently low enrollment, Wyckoff Hall is closed indefinitely, following the shut down of two of the dormitory's four floors last vear.

While the current freshman class is about the same size as last year's, the University decided to completely close the dormitory in order to conserve energy.

"There's some cost savings that we've gained from doing that," Vice President of Student Affairs Nathan Thomas said. "It's our smallest building which makes sense why you can close it and not see strains in other places around campus too."

Other residence halls do not have as many open rooms this year in order to leave the 180 beds in Wyckoff empty.

"[The other dorms] are pretty full," Thomas said. "It's not like we've tripled up anybody or we've got people living in places

where you wouldn't want people living, they are just at their normal occupancy. Most of the buildings in use are probably at 95 percent of being full."

Multiple areas of campus have been affected by the decreased enrollment, according to Thomas.

"There's a lot of moving parts when we talk about this," Thomas said. "Wyckoff is just an easy visual to say, 'Oh yeah, that's closed,' but most of it in all honesty students wouldn't recognize because we've been committed to not impacting the student experience, both academically and outside the classroom."

Junior mechanical engineering major Samantha Bichsel said she wasn't aware of Wyckoff's closing.

"I know this happens because enrollment goes down and tuition goes up," Bichsel said.

Thomas said enrollment

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photo by Tessa Armich

Wyckoff Hall will remain empty until enrollment increases. Students living in Harper Hall can still use the lounge in the connecting lobby.

# SERVE sets record volunteer attendance

BY MARKIST BOOKER Off-staff Reporter

The start of the academic year welcomed 229 Bradley student volunteers in the Peoria community, marking 2015 as the largest group of volunteers in SERVE's history.

The Welcome Week Service Project (WWSP) is a service event that connects students with various volunteer opportunities at the beginning of the academic year.

Junior business management major Kayla Diaz said her experience beautifying a children's home in Peoria was one of the most rewarding opportunities in her life.

"The organizations that we volunteer at have such a great influence on the Peoria area," Diaz said. "I love making contributions to the community to make it stronger as a whole."

SERVE, the organization that sponsors and facilitate the WWSP, planned for a maximum number of students, but this year saw a dramatic rise in numbers.

"The most rewarding part of being involved with the Welcome Week Service Project was seeing the amount of people that were able to go out and volunteer their time doing great things for the community and starting

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# Markin holds first 'RecFest' event during Welcome Week

**BY RYAN VALENTINE** Copy Editor

Bradley held its first ever "RecFest" event on Monday, Aug. 24 at Markin Recreational Center.

Activities Council of Bradley University, Bradley Campus Recreation and Get Fit, Stay Fit planned the event. "RecFest" was held as a part of Bradley's Welcome Week program to kickoff the new school year for freshmen and other students.

At "RecFest," students were given the opportunity to play games with club sport teams, as well as lacrosse, backpacking, bass fishing, fencing and more. Students who participated in their respective sport received tickets that could be used to enter

in a raffle to win various prizes.

Any student could play, allowing them to rack up as many tickets as possible for the raffle. Prizes included a GoPro, FitBit, access to private Markin lockers and fitness equipment such as medicine balls.

JT Ramsey, a senior industrial engineering major and president of the club basketball team, said the event was beneficial for everyone attending.

"I definitely think it's a good event to have for all of the freshmen," Ramsey said. "It gives the club teams a better way to advertise their team and meet new guys."

Whether it was playing a game of 'knockout' with the club bas-

ketball teams, or testing form in a hula hooping contest, there were many activities all around Markin for students to participate in.

John Markey, a freshman computer science major, said he enjoyed his time spent at RecFest.

"It's a pretty cool experience overall, and it helps us meet new people," Markey said. "I want to play on the club frisbee team, so this makes it easier to meet the members."

According to attendees, "RecFest" was a successful experiment in Bradley's Welcome Week program, giving new students a chance to meet club sports team members while winning prizes.

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### 'Bradley Showcase' to exhibit musical talents

Musicians from the Hilltop's various ensembles will participate in the eight-part Music Scholarship Concert Series throughout the 2015-2016 school year.

The first show, "Bradley Showcase," is set to take place Sept. 20 in Dingledine Music

Tickets are \$10 for adults or a \$50 package for all eight shows. All proceeds go to fund scholarships awarded to student musicians.

# ACBU hosts fall registration night

The Activities Council of Bradley University will host its annual fall registration night for the event staff at 7 p.m. Sept. 14 in the Student Center Ballroom.

Event staff is responsible for brainstorming ideas, marketing events and assisting with activities.

This year, ACBU will be hosting movie nights, Homecoming activities, live music and more.

### Body Project seeking new interns

The Body Project, a body-acceptance program aimed at high school and college girls, is looking for new interns for the fall 2015 semester.

The Body Project was developed by the Women's Studies Program, along with the Center for Wellness and Sociology Department. The program works to challenge the way people think about current standards of beauty and fitness by exposing people to educational programs.

Applications are due Sept. 7 to English professor Danielle Glassmeyer. For more information on how to apply, email Emma Walser at ewalser@mail.bradley.edu

## Letter to the Editor

## CAT layoffs affect local economy

Dear Editor,

As a lifelong resident of the Peoria area, I understand the importance of Caterpillar to the local economy. Caterpillar recently announced another round of layoffs. This loss of jobs will impact hundreds of Central Illinois families. Sure, this round of layoffs is a relatively small number and may not impact local unemployment numbers much, but Caterpillar has cut 4,800 jobs over the past year and 20,000 worldwide since 2012.

A vibrant, healthy economy needs people to have money to spend on goods and services. This spending creates demand for those goods and services and then creates jobs.

Two policies would help get people back to work with money to spend: 1) rebuild our physical infrastructure and 2) oppose trade deals that harm the United States economy and the local economy. 2016 presidential candidate Bernie Sanders has introduced legislation that would invest \$1 trillion over five years to rebuild America's physical infrastructure.

This investment in roads, bridges, and other transportation projects should create and keep 13 million good-paying jobs. Sanders also opposes unfair trade deals like TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership) and NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement). These trade deals drive down wages and send jobs outside our borders. Rebuilding our physical infrastructure and opposing bad trade deals would provide a boost to the local economy.

Sincerely,

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Note: The Scout is not accountable for the accuracy or opinions contained within letters to the editor.

# Submit your letters to the editor by 5:00 pm on Tuesday. Email us at bradleyscout@gmail.com or visit us at bradleyscout.com

#### **POLICE REPORTS**

 $\bullet$  Officers noted at 9:20 a.m. Aug. 24 the letter "B" was missing from the Bradley University sign at 1200 W. St. James Street.

There are no suspects.

• A male student rear-ended a male non-student's car at 5:25 p.m. Aug. 25.

The student was issued an Illinois Vehicle Code (IVC) citation for failure to reduce his speed and avoid an accident.

• Officers investigated a bike theft at 2:35 p.m. Aug. 26. A male student had his bike chained to a bike rack between Heitz Hall and Wyckoff Hall, but the bike was stolen and the lock was pried open.

There are no suspects.

• Officers received a report at 10:45 a.m. Aug. 27 of a stolen bike. The bike had been taken from a female student's residence at 1010 W. Bradley Avenue while she was out of town.

There are no suspects.

• Officers received a complaint of disorderly conduct at 3:15 p.m. Aug. 28. An unknown person was chatting with a female student on Facebook. She reported that the unknown person knew personal information, which she said made her uncomfortable.

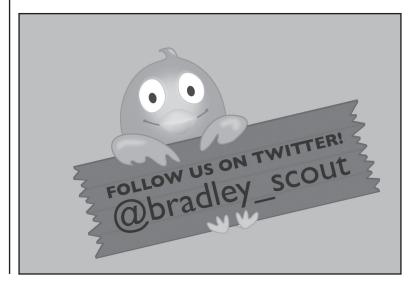
The suspect was spoken with and the Facebook account in question was taken down.

• Officers received report on Aug. 29 at 12:23 p.m. of a motor vehicle theft that occurred between 7:18 a.m. and 7:24 a.m. on Aug. 28. Security footage from the parking lot at 1100 N. University Avenue showed a male wearing a white T-shirt, jeans, black cap worn backwards and carrying a backpack.

The suspect approached the vehicle, broke a window and drove away. The female student's vehicle was recovered at 10 a.m. Aug. 29, parked and unattended on Laramie Street. The car was returned to the student.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Friday, Sept. 4 at 12 p.m.
Caterpillar Open House at Caterpillar
Visitors Center
Saturday, Sept. 5 at 9:30 a.m.
Alpha Phi Omega 2nd Annual Color the Way
to Clean Water 5k at Laura Bradley Park.
Saturday, Sept. 5 from 2-5 p.m.
That's So 90s!!!
Sunday, Sept. 6 from 8-10 p.m.
Swing Dance lesson at Markin
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Monday, Sept. 7 all day:
Labor day, classes in session, offices closed



# Rally prepares students to B United

BY MADDIE GEHLING

**News Editor** 

After a long day of moving boxes and meeting roommates, Bradley's freshman class hurried into the Renaissance Coliseum for the second "B United" pep rally.

The B United pep rally took place at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, and included various activities aimed towards the new students.

"It was really cool, especially as a freshman," freshman physical therapy major Aleece Duggan said. "I got introduced to things and I am more excited about what all goes on here. There are so many things that we can explore."

With the aid of Bradley's cheerleading squad and various athletic teams, the students in attendance were taught the school cheer and given advice for the upcoming school year. T-shirts were also awarded to the winners of student-led games.

"The program is fairly new," Vice President for Student Affairs Nathan Thomas said. "Last year was the first time we had the 'B United' rally, and it was mostly freshmen in attendance."

In addition to the freshman class, a large number of upperclassmen chose to attend the rally this year.

"The audience was bigger than last year, that's for sure," sophomore English major Rachael Kosinski said. "I definitely think this year's freshman class was more enthusiastic about the rally.

The upperclassmen there were pretty excited, too. Next year will probably be even better."

Kosinski was not alone in her

"The rally was actually a lot of fun," sophomore special education major Victoria Gleichman said. "My mom works here, so I've been around Bradley for years. I've been to things like this before, but "B United" still got me super pumped up."

Thomas said he hopes more upperclassmen will continue to

"It's good that the audience was more than just freshmen," Thomas said. "I want more students to know about this and feel excited about going."

Although B United has only taken place twice at Bradley, the pep rally has proved to be an overwhelming success.

"I definitely plan to go again next year," Duggan said.

The pep rally has grown since its first year as a Welcome Week activity, and it included more speakers, from coaches to student tour guides.

"Last year, the first year, went incredibly well," Thomas said. "It was awesome. I think this year was even better."

In regards to keeping the rally around, Thomas said he believes "B United" is here to stay.

"It's gone so well," Thomas said. "We're definitely planning on having it again."

# Student Senate promotes upcoming election

BY ALLISON APPELBAUM Off-staff Reporter

The smell of popcorn filled the Student Center Atrium as members of Student Senate passed out petitions and popcorn to interested candidates on Monday.

Student Senate hosted a meet-and-greet event as a final effort to educate students about the upcoming Student Senate elections Sept. 7 and 8.

"This year we have extensively tried to get the word out about elections compared to previous years," President of the Student Body Sarah Handler said. "This new event attracted a pretty constant flow of interested students."

Many students sought out the meet-and-greet due to Student Senate's presence at other events on campus, according to Handler.

"We had petitions at the activities fair, went to Hall Council on Sunday and also visited EHS classes," Handler, a senior industrial engineer major, said.

At each event Student Senate members visited, they informed their peers about the upcoming elections and the benefits of joining the organi-

"When Student Senate came Hall Council, they talked about how members of Student Senate act as a voice for Bradley Students, freshman journalism major Hannah

Wolkowitz said. "I want to be a part of this organization because in high school my voice wasn't always heard, and I want to make that change for myself and other students at Bradley.'

Currently, 40 senator positions are open. These positions have the same responsibilities and are broken up by location based on where students live.

"Students living off campus are eligible to run as well," Student Senate Chief-of-Staff Helen Lagerblade said.

Elections will be held online. The link to vote on campus-wide positions will be available in Hilltop Happenings and on the Bradley Student Senate Facebook page.

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> Hall advisers will email their residents enabling them to vote on Student Senator positions specific to their residence halls.

> "Student Senate is the over-arching leadership organization on Bradley's campus," Handler said. "The policies we decide on impact all students. By being more knowledgeable students can have a say in the process itself, understand the changes taking place on campus and how these changes will affect them as students.'

# St. James Complex moves to new management

BY MADDIE GEHLING

**News Editor** 

With the beginning of the school year comes the beginning of a multitude of changes at Bradley University: a new interim president, a new general education core and now, new management for the St. James apartment complex.

Originally under management from Cambridge Property Management Inc., St. James is now being maintained internally by Greg Colwell, General Manager of Off-Campus Properties.

"Our goal, as with all University-owned housing, is to provide students with a welcoming, affordable and safe environment," Colwell said.

However, the St. James apartments have not changed owner-

"Bradley University has always owned the St. James Complex," Colwell said. "We've had a long relationship with Cambridge Management and we thank them for their years of service. The timing was just right to bring the complex back into the University management structure."

As of the 2015-2016 school year, there are over 600 students living in the St. James Complex. The leases feature the new change in management.

"The switch hasn't been too noticeable, which isn't a bad thing," senior political science and economics major Jason Blumenthal said. "Other than a change in who we pay, there haven't been any hiccups. It's been business as usual."

Beginning this school year, a few changes have been implemented with the introduction of new management.

"All leasing and property services for the St. James Complex are being handled by our Off-Campus Properties Office located at 1103 West Main Street," Colwell said. "All leasing terms and pricing for next school year will be reviewed and no discussions in this regard have taken place."

The St. James Complex will continue to lease to Bradley juniors and seniors, with more details to

"At this time we've chosen to focus on the immediate needs of our residents and welcoming them back to campus," said Colwell. "I can tell you at this point our office has received positive feedback in regards to this change."



photo by Tessa Armich

With the change in management of the St. James Complex to George Colwell, General Manager of Off-Campus Properties, the Cambridge Property Management office lays empty.

# **BUPD** seeks burgled bikes

BY TESSA ARMICH **Editor-in-Chief** 

Recent bicycle thefts around campus and the St. James Complex have spurred several notices from the Bradley University Police Department for students to take better care of their bicycle security.

"First of all, we've not historically seen a lot of bike thefts, so anything is an increase over what we had," BUPD Chief Brian Joschko said.

The thefts began shortly after students returned to campus for the fall semester.

"We were starting to see more bike thefts, and they were coming mostly out of the St. James Complex area, which is why we targeted St. James and put out an email," Joschko said.

Joschko said the thefts were crimes of opportunity, most likely committed by juveniles or someone passing through the area.

According to Joschko, a good number of people whose bicycles were stolen left their bicycles unattended, but there were also instances when the locks were broken.

"We saw that and took a proactive step to alert people and remind them of good bicycle safety and make sure they lock them and put them in their appropriate places," Joschko said.

The BUPD is working through the cases, and there is a promising lead with video footage of one of the thefts.

Joschko suggested that students take advantage of the bicycle racks, where there is better lighting and security.

'One thing I would tell people is report suspicious activity," Joschko said. "If you see somebody that doesn't belong, call us."

Students may call the university police at (309) 677-2000 in the instance of theft.



photo by Kristin Kreher

Several reports of stolen bicycles on campus have led to the Bradley University Police Department releasing notices for students to take bicycle safety precautions.

# Office changes create campus cohesion

BY RYAN VALENTINE Copy Editor

Over the summer, numerous changes were made on campus. The re-arrangement of office spaces was just one of them.

The Fraternity and Sorority Life offices originally in the Harper/Wyckoff basement have been moved to room 40 in the lower level of the Student

The Lewis J. Berger Center left the basement of Harper/ Wyckoff and is now currently located in Sisson 141, where the Student Activities Office was formerly located. Organizations such as Fellows and Links can also be found there.

Lastly, parking services is now located on the first floor of

Tom Cov talked about these changes when he spoke at the Bradley Organizational Leadership Training (BOLT) seminar on Aug. 25.

"Something that people don't realize is that the Fraternity and Sorority offices is part of the Student Activities office," Coy said. "That way, someone can always help you if nobody is available in one of the offices."

Assistant Director of Student Activities Lauren Smetana said she hopes this move will

improve relationships with fraternities and sororities as well as "streamline the communication and services for all those involved."

Smetana said she is optimistic about these changes and what they will do for Bradley in the long run.

'Student Activities feels much more open and feels more like an office," she said. "With how our office is arranged and laid out, I think it will lead to better relationship-building both among staff and students. I think this decision was a great benefit to Bradley both for the short-term and will continue to make sense for the long-term,

The Lewis J. Berger Center's new location also looks to improve relationships with Director of Student Activities students. Director of the Lewis I. Berger Center for Student Leadership and Public Service Jessica Chandler explained why this move was made in the first

> "We were looking to get everyone under the same roof, give offices more space and closer align offices that fall under each other," Chandler said.

According to Chandler, this will help the center become more attainable and relatable to stu-

# Peer mentor program builds bonds and community

BY MICHAEL ECHEVERRI Copy Editor

Freshman year can be a trying and confusing time, especially if you come from a minority background. This is why the Office of Diversity and Inclusion created the Peer Mentor Program.

"We started the program in order to connect freshmen from historically underrepresented backgrounds to upperclassmen from similar backgrounds and to provide both mentors and mentees with academic and social support," Norris Chase, executive director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, said. "Ultimately, the program was created to ensure that students are retained here, enjoy it here and eventually graduate."

Members of this program believe it is a beneficial offering on campus.

"Bradley University is a predominantly white institution

and it can be hard coming into class and seeing no one who looks like you, including the professor," Lupe Flores, a senior nursing major and peer mentor, said. "It's nice to have at least one friend who looks like you and understands where you are coming from. It feels amazing and it puts you at ease."

The Peer Mentor Program was created during the fall of 2013. According to Chase, the program started with 25 mentors and 20 mentees, and it has grown since then. This year there are 40 mentors and 70 mentees.

"My first year with the program I had one mentee; this year I have two," Flores said. "I tour them around campus, expose them to helpful resources and services, introduce them to any organization I'm a part of and just hangout with them at the Garrett Center or anywhere."

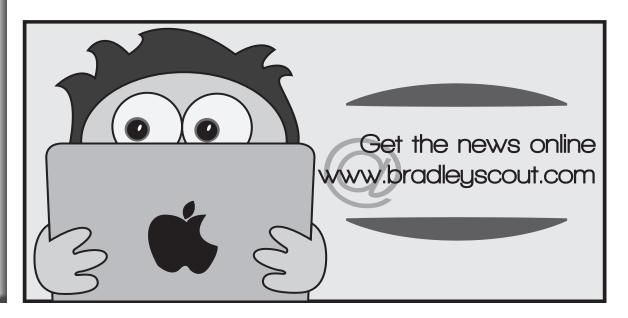
Since the program has grown, the process of choosing mentors has become more selective.

"For mentors, we look for individuals who exhibit academic achievement, exhibit some type of engagement on campus and exhibit some type of passion to help incoming students," Chase said. "For mentees, we're simply looking for any student interested in taking advantage of the program and the resources and community it provides."

Flores said her time with the peer mentor program has been a very rewarding experience.

"I've become good friends with my mentees and my fellow mentors," Flores said. "I really wish I would have had this program during my freshman year. It would have helped me get the ball rolling much earlier if I had someone showing me the

For more information about the Peer Mentor Program students may contact Chase at nchase@bradley.edu.



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BY MICHAEL ECHEVERRI **Copy Editor** 

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"We love to tell stories about students and we want the world at large to know about all the good happening here on campus," Lange said. "Really, our favorite thing to do is talk about the exciting and interesting things that students are doing and so we want them to have a way to reach out to us and give us their stories in their own words."

## Speaker convicted of sexual battery talks alcohol, mistakes

**BY TORI MOSES Managing Editor** 

Adam Ritz, a radio and TV personality, had students laughing throughout his social media and alcohol awareness presentation Wednesday when things took a dramatic turn: Ritz admitted to being convicted for sexual battery.

Sigma Nu and Epsilon Sigma Alpha presented Ritz, who has traveled the country speaking to college students and professional athletes with his performance "No One is Invincible".

After projecting headlines of current events dealing with social media and college student behavior, Ritz showed a headline with his own name.

"The Indianapolis Star is reporting that radio DJ Adam Ritz has been convicted of misdemeanor sexual battery," the screen read.

Ritz explained he was convicted of a sexual battery charge 12 years ago when he "victimized a friend."

"I never once thought I would ever be that guy that would be drunk enough to hurt a friend of mine, to think something was consensual when it wasn't, and to end up through broadcasted social media having humiliated conversations with my daughters," Ritz

Dan Larson, Sigma Nu mem-

ber and event organizer, first saw Ritz' presentation at a national fraternity conference last January and said he contacted Ritz immediately about bringing the show to Bradley.

"I knew what was going to happen in the presentation, but I think I was the only one in the room," Larson said. "I looked over to my friend and was like, 'Did you see that coming?' and he said, 'No way.''

Larson said he thinks the performance was important because many of his peers take life for granted.

"I think every college student should see this and know that anything can happen at any time if you make that one wrong choice," Larson said.

Junior nursing major Hannah Mayfield said she was shocked to learn about Ritz' conviction.

"It was an eye-opener to hear such a personal story," Mayfield

Ritz concluded by saying the message of the night was to make decisions that "don't change lives."

You don't know what the guy is going to look like that can hurt you," Ritz said. "You also have no idea how the night's going to go; no one plans on this ... Anybody at two in the morning with enough alcohol can make a decision that can change lives forever."



photo courtesy of Sigma Nu

Sigma Nu and Epsilon Sigma Alpha brought radio/TV personality Adam Ritz to campus Wednesday. Ritz discussed topics such as alcohol awareness and social media, as well as his past sexual battery conviction.

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"We love to tell stories about students and we want the world at large to know about all the good happening here on campus," Lange said. "Really, our favorite thing to do is talk about the exciting and interesting things that students are doing and so we want them to have a way to reach out to us and give us their stories in their own words."

## Speaker convicted of sexual battery talks alcohol, mistakes

**BY TORI MOSES Managing Editor** 

Adam Ritz, a radio and TV personality, had students laughing throughout his social media and alcohol awareness presentation Wednesday when things took a dramatic turn: Ritz admitted to being convicted for sexual battery.

Sigma Nu and Epsilon Sigma Alpha presented Ritz, who has traveled the country speaking to college students and professional athletes with his performance "No One is Invincible".

After projecting headlines of current events dealing with social media and college student behavior, Ritz showed a headline with his own name.

"The Indianapolis Star is reporting that radio DJ Adam Ritz has been convicted of misdemeanor sexual battery," the screen read.

Ritz explained he was convicted of a sexual battery charge 12 years ago when he "victimized a friend."

"I never once thought I would ever be that guy that would be drunk enough to hurt a friend of mine, to think something was consensual when it wasn't, and to end up through broadcasted social media having humiliated conversations with my daughters," Ritz

Dan Larson, Sigma Nu mem-

ber and event organizer, first saw Ritz' presentation at a national fraternity conference last January and said he contacted Ritz immediately about bringing the show to Bradley.

"I knew what was going to happen in the presentation, but I think I was the only one in the room," Larson said. "I looked over to my friend and was like, 'Did you see that coming?' and he said, 'No way.''

Larson said he thinks the performance was important because many of his peers take life for granted.

"I think every college student should see this and know that anything can happen at any time if you make that one wrong choice," Larson said.

Junior nursing major Hannah Mayfield said she was shocked to learn about Ritz' conviction.

"It was an eye-opener to hear such a personal story," Mayfield

Ritz concluded by saying the message of the night was to make decisions that "don't change lives."

You don't know what the guy is going to look like that can hurt you," Ritz said. "You also have no idea how the night's going to go; no one plans on this ... Anybody at two in the morning with enough alcohol can make a decision that can change lives forever."



photo courtesy of Sigma Nu

Sigma Nu and Epsilon Sigma Alpha brought radio/TV personality Adam Ritz to campus Wednesday. Ritz discussed topics such as alcohol awareness and social media, as well as his past sexual battery conviction.

## **Editorial**

# Students need to act after BOLT

During the ever-busy Welcome Week, over 200 student leaders attended the second annual Bradley Organization Leadership

The event consisted of several hours worth of presentations and informational sessions by students and administration, similar to last

However, this year's BOLT was mandatory. And as mandatory events go, students are inclined to criticize, which often becomes the focus.

Student responses from the BOLT survey said the breakout sessions didn't fill the allotted time, tech crew and Student Activities Budget Review Committee (SABRC) presentations were dry and repetitive and informational speeches were not useful for small clubs or seasoned leaders.

There were also several responses calling for a shorter event.

We aren't saying the criticisms are all unwarranted; an event lasting three hours including mostly basic information and procedures should be cut down.

However, the students didn't rate the event too poorly overall, with 45 percent of attendees judging it "average" and 40 percent calling it "above average," as if not to take responsibility for their

If students are so eager to com-

plain, they should also be eager to take action. Nothing will change unless students make a concerted effort to get involved. BOLT won't get better in its third year unless students voice their concerns.

The third time is the charm, as some say. Perhaps that's what BOLT is waiting for. But they are going to need students to take action.

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### Column

# This summer's gonna hurt

It's one in the morning on a summer night and I am presented with the urge to write. Why not write an opinion column that will inevitably be due in the future?

Your first summer back home after a year away at college is an experience I don't wish upon anvone.

You are stuck in this hazy limbo where you question your past adolescent years as well as eagerly await the unknown future. Even in all my down time, I'm as anxious as ever and incapable of complete relaxation. I don't really consider my school life to follow Nazi-like organization, but without a seemingly sound structure to my day, I go absolutely insane.

Anyways, here I am in my hometown wondering where everything went wrong and how to make it right.

My life at school isn't all too glamorous, but it sure as hell beats this. At least I feel like I'm actively achieving something, whether that is a productive approach toward schoolwork or alcoholism.

At home, I expected it to be a big old high school reunion, but I was presented with a fragmented sense of the life I left behind in August. I suppose I had a taste of this over winter break, but I was

things to be different when everyone had summer fever. It's not.

Everyone is now busy forging their new lives—having jobs, taking classes, partying to get an MRS degree—whatever it may be. So you can imagine my feeling of dismay when I found myself without the solidified plan commonplace with more reliable majors.

Thanks to the recommendations of former editor-in-chief of The Scout, I went to the lib to get some books, all of which were motivational. I will not be disclosing the titles because I am a selfish bastard who wants to better my chances at ultimate success.

Besides, I didn't exactly ask for this specific genre. Maybe Sam was trying to tell me something, or maybe the poor soul literally only reads motivational novels. Either scenario is highly possible.

Regardless, I found myself analyzing my every move up to this point in my 19 years of living. What sort of dreams did I have in my childhood? Should I start a journal with possible career path options?

It's hard to achieve things when you don't have a clear-cut idea of what it is that you want. People often tell me that realizing such things is half the battle, which I, for one, have NEVER hoping for the best and expected found to be true. I hope in this and don't know where to possibly

case, if I put forth the effort to solidify possible paths, it will be at least one-fourth of the battle.

So, here I am trying to find out who I am at my core. Soulsearching is rough, people.

Do I really like helping people, or do I like being perceived as a kind, generous person? Do I enjoy writing, or have I always just been obsessively and compulsively forced to do so?

Do any of these questions have suitable answers? Probably not.

I have this great knack for convincing myself I am always ahead of the curve when compared to my peers, but time and time again I have found that this is not the case. I don't have the skill set to confidently say that my future should be bright no matter what.

Yet I convince myself on a daily basis that I will be a force to reckon with one day. I have this inkling that I will be a life-changing figure in history, and I guess that's what you need to make a difference in this world.

Nevertheless, with all these overwhelming inner battles, you can start to understand why laying in my bed is a preferable option to starting on a journey that already left without me five years prior. Is this dramatic for a 19-year-old to be saying? Perhaps, but I consistently feel inadequate

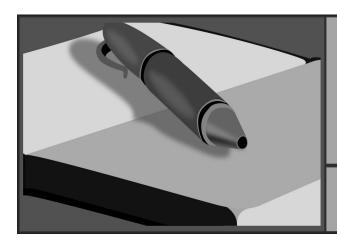


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begin to fix that notion.

A good starting point is this semester. I've upgraded from freshman status and I'm ready to tackle my hectic schedule headon. After an unproductive summer, the stress accompanied with the beginning of a new school year is a breath of fresh air.

In reference to my favorite band, this summer may have mentally hurt like a mother, but this school year is going to be my



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#### Inside:

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# Acceptance Is Beautiful

By Lisa Stemmons

If you are a frequent user of the Internet, particularly the website Total Sorority Move (TSM), then you may have heard about the first student with Down Syndrome to join a sorority.

In early August, Alexis Cain accepted her bid from Alpha Sigma Alpha at Murray State University in Kentucky. As refreshing as it is to read positive Greek life stories, this particular heart-warming tale was immediately followed by a wave of nausea when I realized that she was the first ... ever.

The first organization of college women was established as a national college fraternity in 1867. The term "sorority" wasn't coined until 1882, but records of informal sisterhoods began as early as 1851.

It has taken over 150 years to welcome a disabled member into the opportunities and privileges associated with sisterhood. People are quick to comment on how wonderful and accepting they were, but they are missing the overarching problem of how ridiculous it is that in 2015, this

is something that needs to be celebrated.

"F\*\*\* sororities for not accepting diversity and promoting assimilation," Lizzy Carroll, ISU special education major, said. "It is important to spread the message that just because someone is different, whether that be from a physical or racial [or] cultural perspective, that person still deserves equal access to the opportunities provided through school programming."

Others, who prefer to remain anonymous, believe that it isn't the unwillingness of sororities, but the lack of students with major disabilities in college. In addition, GPA is also a factor when recruiting members, and that might have played a role in the process. However, many sorority girls agree that they would happily extend a bid to someone with Down Syndrome.

"I've heard about that kind of stuff where girls that have disabilities becoming prom queen, and I just think that I would want to be a part of that sorority that



## Above and bottom left, Alexis Cain poses with her new sorority sisters. Bottom right, a screenshot from the controversial Alabama sorority video

accepts girls and looks beyond their disability and sees them for who they truly are," senior sorority girl and special education major Lauren Lemanski said.

At the University of Alabama, the ladies of Alpha Phi created a rush video, which was criticized for their lack of diversity and the objectification of women. Unfortunately, these unrealistic displays of sororities are all too common, exhibiting all the stereotypical

attributes already associated with greek life.

The controversy began with an article published on AL.com titled "Bama sorority video worse for women than Donald Trump," where writer A.L. Bailey referred to it as "all so racially and aesthetically homogeneous and forced, so hyper-feminine, so reductive and objectifying..."

He's not wrong. Typical sorority

girls often resemble each other in style and personality. This trend negatively impacts these women in the working world, where distinctiveness is praised and welcomed.

Campuses need sororities that are more open-minded, more diverse and more supportive of individuality. We are getting better, but the Alexis Cains of the world deserve to don letters just as much as the next girl.





# VMA's Reflect

Our Generation's Downward

# Spiral





#### By Lisa Stemmons

Pop culture has been known to push the boundaries of acceptable societal behavior, but the trend has become convoluted and distasteful as showcased by this year's MTV Video Music Awards.

Year after year, it is all about upping the ante, drawing in higher ratings and taking advantage of publicity in its truest form. Artists performed at the VMAs benefited from a significant increase in music sales following the broadcast.

It's no revelation that as soon as MTV stopped showing music videos, the channel went downhill. However, I don't believe the degree of that decline has been fully digested until now. MTV has officially managed to take a somewhat legitimate award show and transform it into a comedy act.

The media eats it up, the celebrities' publicists eat it up and the viewers eat it up, but at the end of the day, can we realize how ridiculous it all is? Despite the 21.4 million tweets, it appears we are beginning to.

The award show raked in 9.8 million viewers across all ten Viacom networks, a decrease from last year's 10.3 million and a far cry from the 12.4 million in 2011. The following snippets from the night are only a few examples of the publicity stunts from the evening.

The rebranding of bad boy Justin Bieber has been in motion

since his "sincere" apology after his Comedy Central roast. His performance of summer hit "Where R Ü Now" and latest release "What Do You Mean?" were accompanied by his rad dance moves, but the real show was his tearful moment at the end. I've seen better fake crying on soap operas.

To encapsulate the finality of the disastrous night, Miley Cyrus can officially be considered the worst host of all time with her forced rebel-like skits and punchlines, highlighting the media's portrayal of her profane language, outlandish behavior and illegal habits.

Her outfits were not amusing, her new song and album announcement were a complete flop and don't even get me started on the beef between her and Nicki Minaj.

Taylor Swift and Kanye West continue to be equally annoying components. I try to find some likable characteristics possessed by the dynamic duo (more like oddball pairing) as award shows come and go. However, every time I manage to alter my opinion they just as easily revert it back.

This cringe-worthy show was the icing on the cake. T-Swift has to stop the feigned expression of shock every time she wins. The impromptu duet with Minaj to symbolize the reconciliation

of their social media feud and the awkward holding of Kim Kardashian during Kanye's rambling all occurred too seamlessly to not be staged.

Kanye's obsession with himself left him soaking up the cheers for several minutes before he

and confused. Being the last remaining sane Disney star, Lovato's attempt at a sexy, new image is the equivalent of McDonald's trying to go healthy. Stick to what you're known for and stop trying so hard!

The VMAs had noble origins with

jaw-dropping moments as the VMAs slowly, but surely, transformed into a circus. It became less about the awards and the showcasing of authentic musical talent and more about media-driven hype of possible controversies and performances solely focused on creating a



From left to right: award winners Nicki Minaj, Taylor Swift, Kanye West

began his even longer acceptance speech. For the record, if either Trump or Kanye manages to make it to the Oval Office, I can assure you it will be the end of mankind, as we know it.

Last, but not least, Demi Lovato's scandalous performance left me feeling very uncomfortable

the show's intent on honoring musicians, and they were even referred to as an alternative to the Grammy's. For the first broadcast in 1984, Madonna performed "Like A Virgin" in a very simplistic manner and it was not provocative by today's standards. Since then, there have been progressively more and more

visual awe factor.

The VMAs have always been crazy, but 2015 brought it to a whole new level the public may never be able to recover from.











# "EGO DEATH" AND THE BIRTH OF THE NEW COOL

BY JAYLYN COOK



In an almost effortless manner, Miles Davis became the definition of "cool" back in the late 50's due to his tremendously transcendent talents on the trumpet. Now, in 2015, Syd tha Kid and her crew are bypassing the standard he set thanks to a smooth blend of sensuality, intimacy and enigmatic energy in their recent collaboration.

"Ego Death" is the third studio album released by The Internet, a neo-soul band comprised of a handful of Odd Future contributors. It is much different than the previously released works from many other members of the Los Angeles based hip-hop collective.

Fans of Odd Future have become accustomed to the brash and boundary-pushing style of Tyler the Creator or the furious lyricism of Earl Sweatshirt, but The Internet has found their niche by embracing a more low-key approach to music.

The 12 songs on the track listing are watermarked with simplistic, yet engrossing beats, all of which are paired with Syd's soulful vocals to create an auditory experience that can leave you both at peace and conflicted at the same time. "In what way?" you may ask. It has to do with the tone of the album.

"Ego Death" places the listener in a weird state of emotional purgatory, as there's no clear direc tion on what we, the audience, are supposed to feel or think. Maybe I'm thinking too deeply into this whole thing and overlooking the fact that it's possible that we're not supposed to have a clear grasp on the true nature of the album in the first place.

After all, an ego death is defined as a "complete loss of subjective self-identity," so it's possible The Internet wants us to feel a bit lost within ourselves afterward. It's also quite possible they didn't know what they were going for with this album and just went with the flow because it sounded nice. I highly doubt that's the

case, but it's a thought.

The album features appearances from other artists like Janelle Monae, who does her thing in "Gabby," and Grammy winner James Fauntleroy who contributes to "For the World."

Tyler the Creator's raspy voice can be heard during "Palace/ Curse," in which he assumes the role of a charismatic DJ at a party During the bridge, he mentions that he's about to play a "world exclusive" song from The Internet, and the beat transitions from an up-tempo head-nodder to a mellower, atmospheric slow jam.

It's weird, because that's not exactly the kind of song you would expect to hear at a party these days. None of the songs on the album really are, but that's far from a bad thing.

"Ego Death" may not feature any tunes that you can shout at the top of your lungs when driving with your friends or pump your fist to when you're at the club, but one thing it does have is an inherent amount of coolness that will leave listeners begging for more.



#### FALL RENZY

I honestly don't get the hype behind fall. I mean, I like wearing hoodies and drinking apple cider just as much as anyone else, but would I give up the warmth of the summer sun for the bleak and blustery autumn air? No way, no how. But alas, like a meteorologist, I don't control the weather. I'm just at the will of the Doppler radar.

However, the weather won't stop me from enjoying the movies popping up in the theaters before winter. After all, the highest quality movies come out between September and November, so what's not to love? Here's some of the flicks that are making me all warm and fuzzy inside by just thinking about them:

"Maze Runner: Scorch Trials" (Sept. 18) - Granted, I didn't know what to expect when I saw the first "Maze Runner" last year. I assumed it would be another wannabe "Hunger Games," but I can admit I was thoroughly surprised at how well-acted, engaging and engrossing it was.

Does that mean my expectations are higher for the sequel? Not necessarily, but I do think it should be equally as entertaining as the original if they stick to the winning formula. And as we all know, deviating from the formula usually doesn't go well (cough, cough, New Coke).

ER ALERT: The last time we saw Matt Damon in outer space was during his cameo in "Interstellar," when he got into a fight with Matthew McConaughey on some random planet in another dimension.

I like to imagine "The Martian" as a prequel to "Interstellar," as it also features Damon stranded on another planet (Jessica Chastain appears in both movies as well), but from the looks of it, the two space flicks are nothing alike.

This one appears to be more about characters than special effects, and since it boasts one of the most stacked casts we'll see in the coming months, I'd say that was the right decision.

"Steve Jobs" (Oct. 9) - Steve Jobs was a fascinating dude. His intelligence, his innovative spirit, his passion and his charisma were all things people revered and hated him for.

But none of that is the reason I'm excited for this one. It's all about the director (Danny Boyle, "Slumdog Millionaire"), the writer (Aaron Sorkin, "The Social Network") and the cast, which features Michael Fassbender, Seth Rogen and Kate Winslet.

Ever since Jordan, Bird and Magic teamed up to dominate

#### "The Martian" (Oct. 2) - SPOIL- BY JAYLYN COOK

the Olympics back in the day, I've become a huge proponent of "dream teams," and let me tell you, this is without a doubt a cinematic dream team.

"The Peanuts Movie" (Nov. 6) -Charlie. Freaking. Brown. In 3-D. Enough said.



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# FLASHBACK FRIDAY

We here at The Voice love to keep up with the latest trends. We also enjoy bringing up old trends and either laughing at how stupid they were or shedding a nostalgic tear or two for the days of old. That's why we've decided to dedicate a weekly section entirely to participating in the long-standing pasttime of reminiscing.

# SURGE BY JAYLYN COOK



Growing up, I never knew much about Surge other than the fact that it was in a green can and apparently was the drink of choice for adrenaline junkies and hyperactive youths.

Coca-Cola recently brought Surge back from the dead and, being the curious cat that I am, I decided to grab a can and give it a shot. As I sipped the green liquid from its matching can, a series of thoughts flashed within my subconscious in a furi-

- This tastes like fruity battery acid.
- 2. 3. I think my teeth are melting.
- Ugh. That sip burned more than the last.
- People actually drank this stuff? People still do?
- Maybe this isn't so bad. It's kind of like Mountain Dew on meth. And cocaine.
- Why is everything around me moving so fast?
- My heart hurts.
- I feel really good.
- I'm blinking a lot.
- I want to run a marathon.

In the end, my curiosity left me with a sugar rush and potentially damaged kidneys, but it was beyond worth it.

## **WONDERBALL** BY LISA STEMMONS

Every time I went to the Jewel-Osco with my Dad I got a Wonder Ball. For those of you that aren't familiar with the phenomenal Wonder Ball, it was a spherical, thin shell of milk chocolate with a surprise inside.

In April 2000, the Wonder Ball replaced the usual toy inside with candy due to choking hazards. Come on, Nestlé, how did children eating their way to a toy ever remotely sound like a good idea?

To be completely honest, I don't remember them tasting too great, but the novelty of not knowing what was inside was enough to make it my favorite treat up until they were discontinued in 2004.



# FLASHBACK TRIVIA

- 1. What other "Ghostbusters" star was bill murray mistaken for During his cameo in the 1996 film "space Jam"?
- 2. IN THE NICKELODEON SHOW "DOUG," WHAT WAS THE NAME OF DOUG'S FRIEND AND LONG-TIME CRUSH?
- 3. What teen pop star once sang about the time he beat NBA Star SHAQUILLE O'NEAL IN A GAME OF ONE-ON-ONE?
- 4. WHAT ONILINE "PLACE FOR FRIENDS" MADE ITS INTERNET DEBUT ON AUGUST, 1, 2003?

Answers: I. Dan Aykroyd, 2. Patti Mayonnaise, 3. Aaron Carter, 4. MySpace

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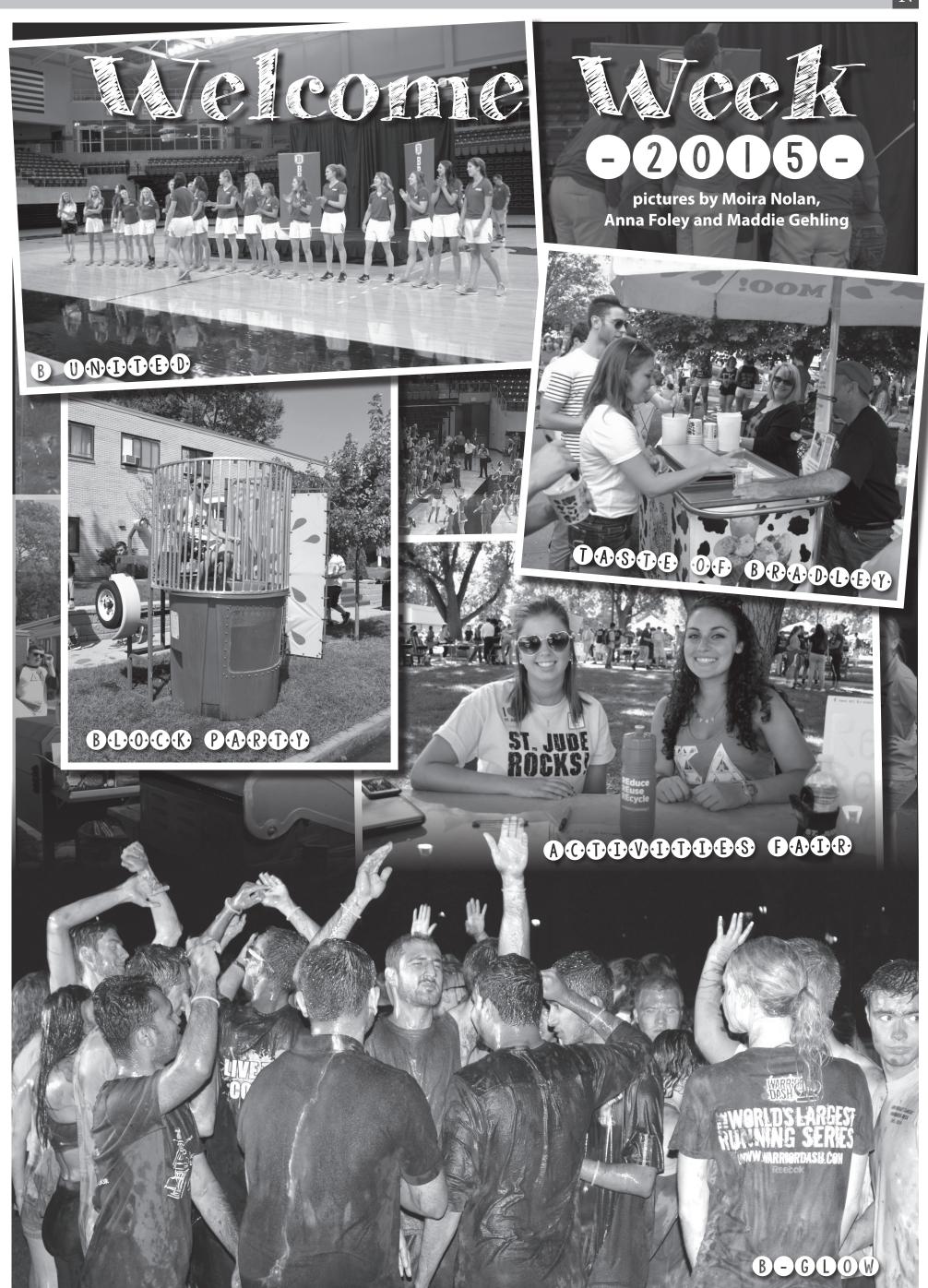
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# **BOLT becomes mandatory**

BY MICHAEL ECHEVERRI Copy Editor

The Bradley Organizational Leadership Training seminar returned for its second year but with a twist: it was mandatory.

Club leaders were required to attend the BOLT seminar Aug. 25 or they would be unable to formally register their club organization.

"Last year we piloted BOLT and only around 60 organizations attended," Director of Student Activities Tom Coy said. "From those 60 organizations we saw their levels of functioning and efficiency and understanding of the university's operations to be dramatically higher than the organizations that did not attend, so we decided to make it mandatory."

Over 200 organizations participated in this year's BOLT, according to Coy.

"Student organizations receiving funding from the university need to be good caretakers of that money, and that's another reason it was made a mandatory part

of the registration process," Coy said.

BOLT covered policy changes, catering services, room reservation and other information pertinent to student organizations. The Student Activities Budget Review Committee and Tech Crew also presented to the students.

After the presentations, the student leaders were divided into breakout sessions dealing with topics like resume building and leadership transitioning.

This year's BOLT seminar was not met without criticism.

"I was disappointed and felt a little misled by the title," Samantha Strom, president of the National Novel Writing Club, said. "When it said 'leadership training,' I thought it might give me an interesting perspective or give me a strategy to keep my club engaged but it wasn't training, it was just an information session."

Strom's complaints weren't limited to the program's name.

"Most of the information we learned was something that any competent president or someone who's ever been on an executive board would know or know how to find out," Strom, senior public relations major, said. "It really only would have been helpful for a new president or a new group."

Strom was not alone in her complaints.

"I thought the breakout sessions were sort of interesting but too short to be of any real value," Lydia Strubhar, president of Writehouse, Ink and editor-inchief of Broadside, said.

Strubhar wasn't entirely critical of the program.

"I think the whole thing was pointless for clubs that don't have student funding, like Writehouse, and that a lot of the information could have been sent via email," Strubhar said. "But as the new editor-in-chief for Broadside, which is funded by SABRC, I found it really helpful."

According to the survey distributed at the end of the event, a majority of the respondents thought BOLT was average or above average.

#### **WWSP**

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off this school year on the right foot," junior English education major and SERVE member Molly Brantingham said.

However, the volunteering doesn't stop there. The WWSP is only a portion of the organization's Service on Saturday program. During Service on Saturday, student volunteers visited multiple nonprofits for the day, with trans-

portation and meals provided.

"It was an awesome way to meet new people, but also give back to our community," Diaz said. "You will definitely see me at the next Service on Saturday."

WWSP wasn't the only event to garner high attendance. With more than 2,900 students, Late Night BU set its own record.

#### **WYCKOFF**

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management is a university-wide strategy.

"We are looking at a lot of ways in which we can capture the incoming student market," Thomas said. "We are preparing to launch some pretty sophisticated social media initiatives. There are a lot of pieces in place about how we address enrollment."

Thomas said he hopes the Wyckoff closure is not permanent.

"In every way we want Wyckoff to be a residence hall and we want it to be full of students, " Thomas said. "We will have to make those assessments going forward, but we hope in the near future it becomes a residence hall again. That's the plan."



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The university has closed Wyckoff Hall until enrollment numbers increase.

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**BOTTOM**: Bak (second from right), celebrates with teammates after scoring what proved to be the game winning goal. photos by Ann Schnabel

## New year, new faces: meet the new athletics staff

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI

**Sports Editor** 

This summer, a few new faces began walking through the halls of the Bradley athletic department. From coaches to staff members, these are just a few of the newest additions to Bradley athletics who begin their contributions to the fall or began their work sometime over the summer months. The new staff members are:



**Dustyn Yung** 

Dustyn will serve as the director

of operations for the women's bas-

ketball team on the Hilltop.Dustin

comes to Bradley from Central

Methodist University, where he

served as a graduate assistant on

the women's basketball team for

the 2013-2015 seasons after work-

ing as an assistant coach for the team during the 2012-2013 season.

the video operations, Yung also

helped with recruiting efforts and

put together scouting reports.

Yung helped the Eagles to their

first National Association of

Intercollegiate Athletics tourna-

ment appearance in the 2012-2013

season where the team went 25-8.

The next season the team went

22-9 for back to back 20-win sea-

In addition to assisting with

**Roger Wexelberg** 

Wexelberg will the new general manager of Bradley Sports Properties. Roger comes to the Hilltop with 25 years of professional sports experience behind him, including administration positions with numerous Minor League Baseball affiliate teams.

Wexelberg got his start in sports as an assistant ticket manager with the Oklahoma City 86ers, who are the Triple A affiliate of the Texas Rangers, and worked in minor league baseball administration for a decade.

The Eastern Illinois Graduate comes to Bradley after being the VP of development and public relations at Lakeshore Public media, which is located in Merrillville, IN.



Darren Gauson

After former track and cross country coach Willy Wood resigned from his position on the Hilltop, Scotland native Darren Gauson took his place in athletics. Coaching at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas last year, Gauson led the Cardinals to consecutive Southland Conference championships in 2013 and 2014. He also coached 36 runners to individual Southland Conference Championships.

Prior to his time at Lamar, Gauson both ran as a student athlete and coached at Butler University as an assistant coach. As a runner, Gauson won the Horizon League title in the 1500-meter as a graduate student, as well as claiming the Scottish national championships in 2004 and 2005.



**Hayley Zedeck** 

Zedeck is a recent graduate from Drexel University and will take over the position of coordinator of creative production. Zedeck's main duties include oversight of live-production of Bradley athletic events on The Valley On ESPN3, as well as in-game production during events at Carver Arena and Renaissance Coliseum.

As a student at Drexel, Zedeck graduated in 2015 with a degree in sports management and worked for Drexel Dragons TV, where she assisted in video production and live streaming of athletics games. Zedeck has also held internship positions at Comcast SportsNet Philadephia, as well as the NBA and WPHL, a local news station in the Philadephia area.



#### Bradley golf swinging for a winning year

BY BRANDON WALLACE Sports Reporter

With the hot summer months coming to a close, golf season is fast approaching for the Braves' men's and women's golf teams.

The men are coming off a much-improved end of the 2014 campaign, in which they ultimately tied for fourth in the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) championship.

The Braves men lost their #1 and #2 seed golfers from last season, seniors Danny Masrin and Seth Trolia, respectively. Head coach Jeff Roche said although Masrin and Trolia are big losses, there are golfers on the team ready to step up.

"It's tough anytime you lose your #1 and #2 golfers who have been with the program for four years," Roche said. "Those are roles that need to be filled. But we've got guys returning, and new, that have been gearing themselves up to fill those spots."

Lyle Burns and Garrett Cox are the two returning seniors for Bradley. Both had a busy summer consisting of a lot of golf, including competing in the Illinois State Amateur Championship in Springfield in mid-July.

"[Burns and Cox] are not only leaders on the golf course, but also off the course," Roche said. "Their leadership ability will be a huge factor going forward with developing their own games and helping develop everyone else on the team."

Junior Zach Jewell joined Burns and Cox at the Illinois State Amateur Championship, as well as competing in the Illinois Open in Crete, Illinois. Junior Bobby Jacobs and sophomores Matthew Specht and Daniel Lensing also return for the Braves. Sam Range and Drake Bushong are the incoming freshmen.

According to Roche, both Range and Bushong bring an abundance of tournament success and experience.

"If we can take it one shot at a time, one day at a time, then the rest of the game will take care of itself," Roche said.

On the women's side, the team that finished fifth in the MVC Conference Championship last year will be a familiar one in 2015, as it did not have any graduating seniors.

The returning seniors for the Braves are Danielle Lemek, Jenna Roadley and Allison Walsh.

Head coach Mary Swanson said the three seniors will be the top three seeds during the season.

Lemek all ready has a storied career in her time at Bradley. She was named MVC Newcomer of the Year during her freshman year and MVC Golfer of the Year during her sophomore and junior campaigns. Roadley and Walsh will also add experience for the Brayes.

"I exect to see the seniors reach their full potential this season," Swanson said. "Danielle should contend for Golfer of the Year again for the third straight year. Roadley really began to click towards the end of last season and should carry that success over to this season. Walsh has consistently been one of our core members throughout her whole career. They've all learned a lot over the past three years and will hopefully put it all together this season."

Through the first few practices, Swanson said that there has been great competition for the next seeds after the seniors.

Battling for those seeds are returning sopho-

mores Grace Henderson, Ally Scaccia and Abby Wellens, and incoming freshmen Chloe Horton, Frankie Saban, Shaw Sydney and Brooke Thompson.

"The freshmen all had great summers and are working hard," Swanson said. "Once they

Danielle Lemek

said. "Once they gain more experience and get more seniors comfortable with the program, they're going to be real contend-

ers."

The women begin tournament action Sunday at the Redbird Invitational at Illinois State University, while the men's first

tournament is the D.A. Weibring

Intercollegiate, scheduled for

Sunday, Sept. 13.

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Who is the best team in the MLB?

#### Los Angeles Dodgers

Contrary to popular belief, the National League representative will not be the St. Louis Cardinals. Instead, this will be the year that the Los Angeles Dodgers break through and prove they are the best team in baseball.

Talk of the Dodgers begins at the top of their starting rotation as they feature the best one-two punch in all of baseball with Clayton Kershaw and Zach Greinke. A telling statistic of a pitcher is their walks and hits per innings pitched (WHIP), and both of these aces boast a WHIP under 1.00. That is simply remarkable.

There isn't necessarily a star or lots of firepower throughout the Los Angeles lineup, but they have a handful of guys who are as steady as they come. Four-time all-star Adrian Gonzalez anchors the heart of the Dodger lineup, while Yasmani Grandal's 15 home runs rank him third among all National League catchers.

The post-trading deadline acquisition of Chase Utley cannot go unnoticed. He'll go alongside former (but once again curren)t teammate Jimmy Rollins, each of whom have unquestionably been two of the best middle-infielders of their era, and they'll make one last push for another World Series ring.

Take a deep breath, Dodger fans. Your league-leading \$273 million payroll will finally pay dividends. You have the best team in baseball.

- Matt Crusen

#### Kansas City Royals

The National League has the best teams this season, there's no doubt about that. Three NL Central teams have three of the five best records in baseball, and the two other division leaders are certainly worthy of a World Series run.

However, the best team in baseball is in the American League, and they came within two runs of winning the World Series last year.

The Kansas City Royals were already a stacked club before the trade deadline. Offensively, they have fired on all cylinders.

They just received a huge boost with the return of Alex Gordon from the disabled list, so their offensive numbers will continue to climb.

They already boast multiple starters with OBP's over .340, and they are second in all of baseball with a .270 team average. Now with Gordon coming back, they will have an extra boost of power.

The addition of Johnny Cueto to their pitching rotation is what turned them from a good team into a true contender. Now, they have a bona fide ace, which is something the other team in the state of Missouri can't say (sorry Wacha and Lynn; you're not aces).

The best thing they have going for them is continuity and chemistry. Those aren't measurable stats, but there's something to be said about a team that has totally bought in to something larger than themselves. They want a championship badly, and they came so close last year. The best team in baseball won't let glory escape them again.

- Alex Kryah

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sat for two years. He learned his craft and challenged himself and has come in every day and has been nothing short of sensational. Bradley has a litany of great goalkeepers in its history and he deserves to be in the conversation."

Bradley hosts Depaul tonight as they vie for their second win of the young season. DeRose wants the men to generate more scoring chances and string together a solid game overall.

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The Braves swept the Phoenixes 3-0 and were Toledo Rocket Invitational champions.

Lea Sack took home tournament MVP, while making the all-tournament list along with teammates Raegen Jackson and Kelsey

The Braves play their first games at Renaissance Coliseum this weekend as they partake in the CEFCU classic.

Even though the women just captured a tournament title,

Maurer said they still have some kinks to work out in a young

"One of the things that we consistently talk about is bettering the ball," Maurer said. "[We need to] make smart shots as attackers, trying to put pressure on their defense and still attack the ball rather than giving away free points."

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Jamie Livudais (5) gets a drink during a timeout in a game against Evansville. Livudais has 20 kills on the season so far.





## **Opinion**

## Avoid talking about the Cubs and the W\*\*\*\* S\*\*\*\*\*... for now

BY BRANDON WALLACE Sports Reporter

It seems like heartbreak and disappointment have been a constant for Cubs fans since the dinosaurs went extinct.

I know that in my lifetime, I've seen only a handful of exciting seasons pancaked in between endless disappointing ones. There was 2003, when Steve Bartman ripped the foul ball from Moises Alou's glove and my heart out of my chest. There was 2007 and 2008, when a scrappy team banded together just to get swept in the first round of the playoffs two years in a row by teams much worse than them.

This year, however, feels special. It feels different than the past.

But if Cubs fans have learned anything from the curse-heavy, choke-filled, jinx-plagued history, it's that we can never be too careful. We do not want to risk any of this year's good fortune by prematurely mentioning the Fall Classic.

So this column is not an argument as to why the Cubs could win the W\*\*\*\* S\*\*\*\*\* this year. If anything, it's the opposite. We don't need to be thinking that big just yet.

Do I think it's a possibility? Sure. Will I be disappointed if the season doesn't end in a W\*\*\*\* S\*\*\*\*\* victory? No way.

The main difference between

this Cubs team compared to the other playoff Cubs teams I've seen is that this team is built to last. This is only the beginning of their potential. The 2015 Cubs regularly start four rookies: 3B Kris Bryant, SS Addison Russell, LF/C Kyle Schwarber and RF Jorge Soler. The youth of their core, along with elite hitter 1B Anthony Rizzo, ensure that Cubs will most likely maintain this level of production for years to come.

Although the hitting is what has everyone excited, the pitching is the main reason for the Cubs' success. For the majority of the year, the Cubs were second in team ERA behind the Mets (they've recently slipped down to fifth). Jake Arrieta

has the most wins in the MLB, and the other four starters have had a quality start almost every game.

This season was considered an "experiment" year for the Cubs among fans and analysts, a year in which the Cubs would test out all the rookies and second year players. If this is the type of success the Cubs are getting from an experiment year, then I can't wait to see how they'll be once all the pieces are in place and all the young guys get more experience under their belts. There's no need to rush winning.

As I'm writing this, the Cubs are 21 games over .500 and ahead in the wild card by 6.5 games. The wild card spot seems to be a lock,

but just to be safe, let's take it game-by-game and be happy with every win. And remember, don't be the one who places the jinx by mentioning the W\*\*\*\* S\*\*\*\*\*. There will be plenty of time for that later.

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# Cross country looking to be in the running for another conference title

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI Sports Editor

This fall, the men's and women's cross country teams might find themselves feeling a slight sense of déjà vu.

Both teams went through a coaching change last year, only to go through another in 2015.

However this season, the change is coming after a year of historical proportions.

The men's team had its best finish since the 1983 season and is enoying the growth of Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) Newcomer of the Year in sophomore Michael Ward, while the women's team is the reigning MVC champion with the 2014 MVC cross country runner of the year Caitlin Busch.

Busch, who is on her third coach in three years, said this year's coaching change won't really affect her as a runner.

"Going from coach Burns to coach Woods was really different," Busch said. "Now that I built up my mileage, any coach wouldn't really matter because I feel like all of them are basically on the same page."

Gone is MVC coach of the year Willy Wood, whose one-year tenure ushered in a year of major success for both men's and women's cross country teams.

Enter Darren Gauson, the new track and cross country coach, who comes to Bradley from Lamar University, which is in Beaumont,

Gauson, who also held a coaching position at Butler University, is no stranger to the Midwest, and he's also familiar with the Bradley team he inherited.

"Our team at Lamar, we were fairly close with the Bradley team," Gauson said. "They were a couple spots behind us so we were duking it out a little bit there last year."

Gauson also knows some of this Bradley team from his time at



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Taylor Floyd Mews battles for position against a Loyola runner in the NCAA Midwest Regional at Newman Golf course.

Butler, where he says he sees some familiar faces he tried to recruit as a part of the Bulldog's cross country staff

"A lot of them I recruited when I was at Butler," Gauson said. "Some of the older people. The Busch twins, Emily Delvo and Eric. Michael Ward as well."

All these familiar faces are now part of Gauson's highly regarded team.

In the MVC preseason coaches poll, the Bradley women's cross country team was voted to repeat at Valley champs, while the men's team was voted to finishing second in the conference.

While the women's team is expected to finish at the top again, Busch said the team is not lettting the preseason hype get to their head.

"We're not really focusing too much on the rankings, just because anything can happen," Busch said. "I personally think we have a really good shot [at the MVC title]

Both teams feature experienced squads that return most of the runners from last year's teams, save for the graduated seniors and newly added freshmen.

"Coach Wood and coach Burns did a phenomenal job of finding the right people and developing them over the last five, six years," Gauson said. "I've got the responsibility to keep the train going in the right direction."

Currently, the direction Bradley cross country is heading puts them on the road to nationals, and Gauson says the success of the team directly relates to the success of the younger runners.

"It's going to be using that talent but then developing some of our sophomores and juniors to get up to that level," Gauson said. "For some of our older people, for some of the guys that have been running at a high level, [they have] to help their teammates sort of come through."

A big part of the cross country team's success last season was the pack running style that coach Wood implemented, where runners are grouped together in a pack, and stay together for the entire race.

It was successful for the Braves last year, as these running packs would finish together at a high place, netting more points for Bradley's team as a whole.



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Gauson said this year he will utilize pack running as a scheme but not as much as last year's squad.

"We'll use it [at] some of the bigger invites, like Notre Dame and [Pre-nationals] where it's a little bit harder to really pack all together," Gauson said. "We might use kind of like some smaller packs inside of our big teams because I don't want to hold people back and maybe miss out on a couple of points."

While pack running led to teamwide success, Busch's individual success took her to the top of the MVC. However, the senior has her eyes set on goals that takes her past the limits of the conference

"My goal is further than conference," Busch said. "Running regionals and making it to nationals, either as a team or individually, is my biggest goal because I've never been to cross country nationals and it would be really cool to do that."

Pressure to win this season does not only exist for Busch.

Gauson admits the pressure to win a title now exists but knows it just comes with the job.

"There's pressure there, but it's something to embrace and look forward to," Gauson said. "If you weren't excited, you wouldn't be in the business."

While Gauson is charged with steering the runners down the right path, he'll take some small victories first.

"Learning 56 names was a big challenge," Gauson said. "I think I'm almost there. We have three sets of twins, so sometimes it's hard to tell the difference. I think I've got the Hofferts and the Busch twins down."

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With a new coach, the Bradley cross country teams are looking to repeat as MVC champs

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#### Soccer splits first two games, wins season opener

#### Men's soccer

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BY ALEX KRYAH **Assistant Sports Editor** 

Bradley took a step backwards last season by going 9-11 with just one year removed from an NCAA tournament appearance. The Braves embarked on the 2015 campaign with completely different expectations than previous

"I've been fortunate to coach a lot of different teams here at Bradley," head men's soccer coach Jim DeRose said. "The expectation was to win a few years ago and make other teams adjust to us. Right now, we're just looking for continuity and consistency."

This team, filled with plenty of new faces, isn't necessarily built to win now. With various injuries, including a season-ending hip injury to senior Jason Lesch, graduated seniors and the departure of star Christian Okeke, DeRose is focused on finding consistency in a completely new season.

"We've been a little unsettled thus far into the year," DeRose said. "We have a brand new system this year, which is different from what I've ran in the 20 years that I've been here. We've had to change a lot. The most difficult thing has been putting new players into a new system and moving players around."

That unsettledness that DeRose mentioned showed in the Braves opening game against UIC last

Friday. The men gave up two goals on deflected shots, which left sophomore goalkeeper Logan Ketterer helpless in trying to stop them. Bradley was outshot 17-9, and went on to lose by a score of

The Braves home opener proved to be a better showing, however. The men played host to Houston Baptist and notched a 1-0 win on Sunday. The match wasn't a high-scoring affair as the Braves scored the only goal, which was netted by freshman Frank Bak for his first career goal. Bradley's defensive play was the key component to the win.

"For us, we're probably never going to beat a team because we out-talent them," DeRose said. "We just stuck to the things we did well. We defended well and we're blessed to have a great goalkeeper. We got the ball to our talented guys in the box, and though we didn't get it there a ton, we got it there enough."

Ketterer performed so well over the weekend that the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) awarded him multiple accolades. He was named the MVC Defender of the Week, as well as MVC Scholar of the Week.

"Patience is a big thing for Logan," DeRose said. "He redshirted his freshman year and then sat for two years. He learned his

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photo by Adam Rubinberg

Players on the Bradley soccer team place their hand over their heart while the national anthem plays before their season opener.



photo by Chris Kwiecinski

Lea Sack (2) celebrates a point scored in a game last year against Miami (Ohio). Sack, who plays libero for the Braves, was the Most Valuable player in the Toledo Rocket Tournament.

# **Holy Toledo!**

#### Bradley volleyball starts 3-0, wins Toledo Rocket tournament

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI

**Sports Editor** 

Last season, the Bradley volleyball team played 26 games before they won their first contest of the year against the University of Evansville.

Much to the relief of head coach Jenny Mauer and the entire volleyball team, this year's wait was reduced to a single day.

The team served up their first win of the season Aug. 28 against Toledo as part of the Toledo Rocket Invitational.

Four hours later, the team matched its win total from the 2014 season with their second win of the year against the Youngstown State Penguins.

A fast start like this can get any team excited. However, after the season Maurer and the volleyball team endured last year, this start almost makes the 2014 season seem like a faux pas that yearns to be forgotten.

Going into the first match of the season, Maurer said it was about more than just getting the first win.

Their opponent, Toledo, somehow had a worse season than the Braves did. They finished 1-28 and were out to forget their last season as well.

"I think there was a lot going into that match," Maurer said. "Both teams had come from pretty rough records last year. [There were] a lot of injuries for both programs, and we both brought in very large freshmen classes." The Braves started the match

with a first set win 25-15, but then dropped the next two sets to go down two sets to one, forcing Maurer's squad to play catch up. Seeking inspiration, the Braves

found it in senior Lea Sack, whose career-best 31 digs helped provide the spark needed to rally the team.

"She was really our stabalizing force in the back court," Maurer said. "She's been there for four years, so she's one of our co-captains again this year. Her being on the court essentially for every point...she's there and I think that she's somebody that you can look to in key moments."

The Braves took the final two sets 27-25 and 17-15 to grab their first win of the year in a five-set

Youngstown State was the next team on Bradley's schedule, and for the second time that day, the Braves found themselves in a fiveset showdown.

This time Bradley outlasted the Penguins with their defense, which Maurer said negated the Youngstown State offense.

"We did a very good job from the service line," Maurer said. "We put a lot of pressure on them, and because of that we did a really good job of getting them out of system and making their offense more predictable."

Following the win against Youngstown State, the Braves

had one more challenge to face against the University of Green Bay-Wisconsin, and once again the defense domintated.

"We made some pretty key plays that, again, built the momentum," Maurer said of the defense that allowed a .054 hitting percentage to the Phoenixes. "We were really frustrating them. You could see them starting to get a little more tentative, and you could see them losing confidence as the game went on."

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#### **Braves at the Toledo Rocket Invitational**

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