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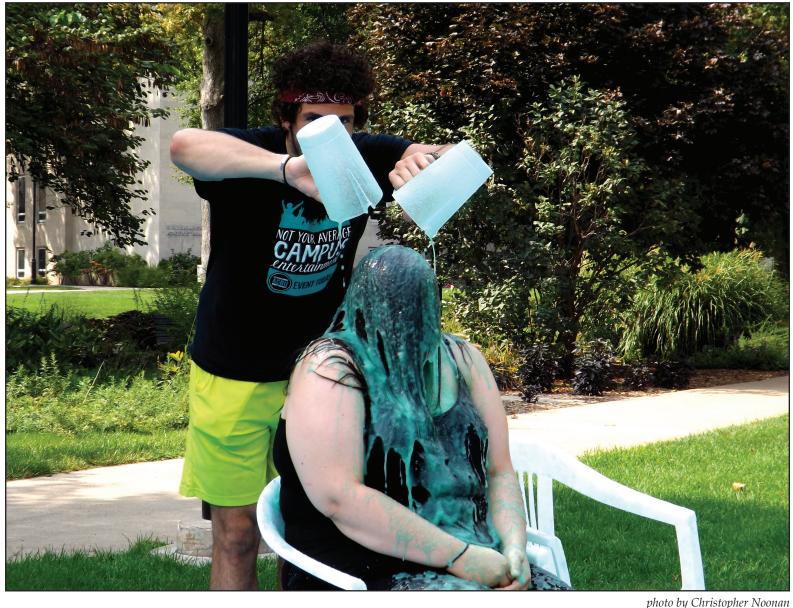


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Bradley, you got slimed



Students gathered on Olin Quad Saturday for ACBU's new event, That's So 90s, which included an inflatable obstacle course, trivia games and Nickelodeon-esque slime. Read more about the event on page A7.

Feedback Friday draws record numbers

BY TESSA ARMICH Editor-in-Chief

Feedback Friday has come a long way since its first event in fall 2002. What was once a small gathering of employers and students now garners more than 68

attendees, its largest event yet. Feedback Friday is hosted by the Smith Career Center twice a year the Friday before the spring

employers and over 230 student

and fall job fairs. "Initially, we only did this

during the fall semester, and it was a way for us to connect employers with students because we hear that all the time...and this was a great way for [employers] to help and for students to get help," Director of Career Development Rick Smith said.

There is a new aspect being unveiled during this semester's event, however.

"This year, we are adding a new component to it," Smith said. "The Springer Center for Internships is going to have tables set up with

students who did internships this past summer."

Students can talk to others who have interned at certain places, get feedback about how their experience was, what they did to get that internship and more details pertaining to the internship process.

Feedback Friday was initially created as a way to help students prepare their resumes for the fall job fair, according to Smith.

"The purpose of this event has evolved over the years," Smith said. "Its real purpose is to connect employers with students. Of course, it's there for employers to help you with your resume, and I tell the employers I want them to give very frank advice about content that will help them as an employer."

Students thought this honesty would be useful to their job search.

"I'm considering [going to Feedback Friday]," senior psychology and English double major

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Labor Day: The great debate

BY TESSA ARMICH Editor-in-Chief

Labor Day at Bradley and its lack of cancelled classes has long been a contested issue. In November 2009, a resolution to cancel classes made it to University Senate, but it was voted down by the student population.

Currently, the staff and administrators on campus observe Labor Day, while students and professors must attend classes.

According to Interim Provost Joan Sattler, the members of the University Senate are the ones who make decisions regarding the schedule three years out.

The committee's study it, where they then might make decisions that would go forward so the changes could be made.

"I chaired a committee about academic regulations and degree requirements for many years and at that time faculty wanted a way to have Labor Day where they're not teaching," Sattler said. "We got that all the way up through the [University] Senate to have Labor Day off for faculty and students. And guess what? The students during that time period were the ones who came forward to the senate and said, 'No, we started classes before Labor Day, we're here, we moved here, we probably wouldn't go home, so we want to stay here for classes."

Sattler said many different aspects of the issue were looked at, but nothing was changed in

Student Senate at the time did not support the resolution because the senators wanted to keep students' schedules consistent. The student body president at the time, Nick Swiatkowski, said greek affiliated students were concerned it would affect recruitment because more students would leave campus for the three day weekend.

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SABRC accepts applications through September

The Student Activities Budget Review Committee is now accepting applications for a spot on their panel. SABRC is an organization that focuses on providing funds to student organizations for campus-wide events. The SABRC panel consists of students whose goal is to offer a diverse set of programs to students on campus.

Board member applications can be found at www.bradley.edu/campuslife/sao. Each application requires a resume to be submitted and is due by Sept. 25.

Students can visit the same webpage for a calendar of this year's scheduled events.

For more information, students can email SABRC Chairperson Nick Clark at njclark@mail.bradley.edu.

Vitality calls for new recruits

The competitive dance team Vitality Dance is holding open auditions Sept. 12 between 11:00 a.m. and noon at Markin Family Recreation Center.

All dance styles are encouraged, although hip-hop is preferred.

Those auditioning don't need to come prepared with their own routine. They will be provided with a brief dance workshop at the beginning of the audition. The workshop will teach a short routine, and applicants will be broken up into groups afterwards for the audition.

The workshop is open to anyone interested, not just those auditioning.

For more information contact teambudance@gmail.com.

Broadside seeks student evaluators

Broadside, a literary and arts magazine published through the English department bi-annually, is now accepting applications for editors and evaluators.

Broadside is run entirely by Bradley students. The staff is looking for students willing to evaluate and edit a variety of genres including poetry, prose and art.

Student work is published in Broadside in the spring and fall. Each issue is free to students.

In addition to the published journal, Broadside also holds at least one Open Mic night each year. Open Mic night gives students the chance to share their work with others.

For more information, students can email Editor-in-Chief Lydia Strubhar at lstrubhar@mail.bradley.edu or visit Broadside's website at sites.google.com/site/bradleybroadside.

POLICE REPORTS

• Officers received a report of theft from a vehicle at 12:40 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8. A female staff member reported that a gym bag was stolen from her car while it was parked at 1500 Bradley Avenue.

There was no sign of forced entry, and there are no suspects at this time.

• At 4:34 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, officers received a report of a male student falling out of bed. The student was unresponsive until police arrived.

The student reported he had been drinking earlier in the evening, but signed a refusal for treatment form and chose to stay in his room for the remainder of the night.

• Officers received a report of damage to property Monday, Sept. 7 at 8:25 p.m. The male non-student reported that his rear driver's side window had been cracked. He had not noticed the crack before, nor had he seen anyone around his car when he returned.

There are no suspects.

• Officers received a report of stolen property at 5:21 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 6. A food service worker at the Student Center reported a stolen cell phone, stating that her former roommate had come to her work and stolen the phone.

The roommate, a female non-student, was contacted. She returned the phone and was banned from campus. There were no charges.

- A Bradley custodian reported finding a small bag of what tested positive for cannabis on Saturday, Sept. 5 at 8:26 a.m. The bag, containing under 5 grams, was found between St. James Street and Duryea Place.
- Officers received a report of criminal damage to property on Saturday, Sept. 5 at 10:20 p.m. A male student stated that his passenger mirror had been broken while parked at a residence in the 1500 block of W. Baker Street.
- Officers received a report of identity theft Friday, Sept. 4, at 1:15 p.m. A female student stated she may be at risk for identity theft. She noticed that her information had been given to another name matched with her Social Security number.

No fraudulent activity was reported and the report was forwarded to the Peoria Police Department for review.

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Student Senate elections wrap up

BY MICHAEL ECHEVERRI **Copy Editor**

Democracy was in full swing earlier this week as Student Senate held elections on Sept. 7 and 8. The results were announced Wednesday night on the Senate's website and Facebook page.

"The elections were for general assembly members," Student Body President Sarah Handler "The general assembly includes all the positions for the residence halls as well as the off-campus and at-large posi-

The elections were conducted digitally through a Google forum.

"I liked the convenience of the electronic election, but I did run into some issues," senior philosophy major Alonnis Brown said. "Several of the halls were misspelled and the actual process of voting was kind of confusing and opaque, but I muddled through it because I think voting is a very important part of student life."

Handler said she was happy with how the elections turned out.

"There was a fantastic voter turnout this year," Handler, a senior industrial engineering major, said. "I think we did a much better job of promoting voting this year. We much more heavily engaged with social media to encourage people to vote, and we reached out to organizations to encourage their members to

Total voter turnout was 404 students, which is less than 10 percent of the student body.

In order to run on the ballot, candidates had to get 40 signatures from their constituency and then turn in those signatures to Student Activities.

"All the student senators who have just been elected will represent their respective constituencies as well as the community as a whole," Handler said "For example, a senator for University Hall will represent the interests, concerns and ideas of the residents and bring any issues concerning that dorm before the Senate."

Although the elections are officially over, there is still an opportunity to get a position within Student Senate, according to

"There are positions still available, and it's possible for someone to still run and get elected," Handler said. "All they have to do is fill out the petition with 40 signatures and then come to a general assembly meeting to be voted in by the members.

All the student senators have office hours and can also be contacted via email, which will be available on the Senate's website and social media pages, according

"We highly encourage students to contact and start a dialogue with their senator," Handler said. "Student Senate is supposed to be the voice of the students and so it's vital that students speak up."

College Republicans memorialize 9/11

BY RYAN VALENTINE Copy Editor

Bradley's College Republicans will be holding a memorial service today to commemorate the 2,977 victims of the attack on the World Trade Center in 2001.

Jason Blumenthal, president of College Republicans, provided details about the service.

"This year we are planning on doing the same concept as last year," Blumenthal, a political science and economics major, said. "The only major change will probably be the pattern of which the flags are placed."

The flags will be placed in the ground around campus in order for students to remember what happened to the United States on that day.

"We would like the flags to represent the memorial and remember the lives lost in this tragic event in American history," Blumenthal said.

Blumenthal said he hopes students walking around campus don't ignore the flags and the symbolism they bring.

"The hope is for students to just pass by on Friday and at least think about the day in our history," Blumenthal said. "It is to serve as a reminder."

Although students weren't very old when this tragedy occurred, senior psychology major Matt Sypien said he remembers what it was like.

"I remember walking through the school as a third grader and seeing all the teachers crowded around the TV," Sypien said. "Not knowing the severity of what was going on, I continued on with my day. It wasn't until my mom pulled me out of school and explained to me the situation. My mom was there [in New York] five months before the attack training for her job, which is crazy to think about now."

Theater department named one of Midwest's Top Ten

BY MADDIE GEHLING

News Editor

Bradley was recognized as the seventh most underrated theater college in August, according to the national theater blog Onstage.

Most notably, Bradley was listed as having a program that not only teaches stage performance, but also back-stage production and design.

"What we lack in size we offer in very close contact with students," Scott Kanoff, interim chairperson of the department of theater arts, said. "It's the personal instruction. Our students can do independent studies in virtually any area that interests them."

On top of an extensive array of acting and production classes, the department also offers seminars about finding apartments, jobs and other real-life applications.

"One of the things we're particularly good at is preparing students for the world after graduation," Kanoff said. "Our students have two courses: there's a junior seminar, and there's a senior seminar. [The seminars are] about where you're going to live, how you decide where you're going to live, how do you make a budget, how do you do your finances, how do you find an apartment, how do you find a day job, where do you look and how do you begin to establish yourself in a theater community."

While the theater major itself is relatively small compared to others on campus, the student voices of the department make up for that.

"The theater department offers wonderful opportunities for entertainment and skill-learning for the entire campus," junior theater arts and English major Ryan



photo from The Scout Archives

Performers sing in fall musical "Spring Awakening." The theater department schedules four productions per year, and they were ranked the seventh most underrated theater college by the national theater blog Onstage.

Mitacek said. "From Barbeque Kitten [improv] to our student-run Ministry of Experimental Theater, to open auditions [for] main stage shows, the theater department is always extending a warm hand to the entire rest of the campus."

As for students looking to be involved in plays and production, Kanoff said it is very easy to find opportunities.

'We also make it very easy for students who aren't [theater] majors to get involved," Kanoff said. "We have our majors and minors take practicum classes, but often other students come and take a practicum class for a semester, and they'll work on lighting with us. It's another way to have something to do and get involved with theater without being a major or having a huge time commitment."

Mitacek said the theater department represents many individuals on campus.

"The work that we do attempts to reflect the culture of the campus in a way that I don't think you see in many other departments,"

Mitacek said.

The theater department will be performing the comedy "High Fidelity" for its fall musical, and the show will run from Oct. 22 to Nov. 1.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," Kanoff said. "Rock 'n' roll musicals do very well. I'm very excited

Mortar Board lights it up

BY MADDIE GEHLING
News Editor

In August, Bradley was received a Silver Torch award from the national Mortar Board honors society for the second year in a row. Only 45 universities nationwide are given this annual award.

"Mortar Board, Inc. is a national honors society recognizing college seniors for their exemplary scholarship, leadership and service," senior music performance major and president of the Bradley Mortar Board Chapter Julie Haring said.

To meet the Silver Torch award requirements, the chapter needed to execute all national criteria and deadlines, while also promoting scholarship, leadership and service.

"Essentially, our chapter successfully met deadlines and executed events on campus to promote the pillars of Mortar Board success," Haring said.

The Bradley chapter meets twice a month to plan and discuss events.

"Our chapter organizes and participates in events such as

our annual Book Drive for the Children's Hospital and weekly reading to a class at Whittier Elementary School," Haring said.

Any student of junior standing who achieves a minimum 3.0 GPA and participates in service throughout the campus as well as the Peoria community is welcome to apply during the spring semester.

"Mortar Board members should be go-getters and leaders, and we want to promote that in our members," Haring said.

The chapter also has two faculty advisors.

Kyle Dzapo, professor of flute and music history, and Daniel Getz, associate professor of religious studies and philosophy, assist students with paperwork for the National Office of Mortar Board, nominations for new members and event organization.

"We look forward to working with [the officers] to assist with setting and achieving goals for the Bradley chapter this year," Dzapo said.

Haring said they are lucky to have Dzapo and Getz as their

New apps let students punch in, map out

BY MICHAEL ECHEVERRI Copy Editor

This fall, two new apps have burst onto the Bradley scene: Flok and Campus Maps.

Flok was brought to campus by the Activity Council of Bradley University (ACBU) to augment its activities planned for this semester

"Flok is essentially a virtual punch card," ACBU president Helen Lagerblade said. "It allows students to check in at our events and get a punch. After you download the app and select ACBU the first time, the only thing you have to do when you come to an event is make sure your Bluetooth is turned on, and it will check you in on its own."

The Flok app is connected to a reward system, according to Lagerblade.

"If someone comes to 15 of our 25 events, they are entered into a raffle for a \$100 gift card to the place of their choice," Lagerblade, a senior communication major, said. "We are also planning on giving out smaller prizes at select events to those that have already

checked in that night."

This is not the first time ACBU has utilized some type of punch card-reward system.

"Previously, we used physical punch cards at our movie events," ACBU marketing coordinator Audrey Ruppel said. "Those movie punch cards seemed to get us a lot of returning students so we decided to expand the idea and make it virtual."

Over 250 students have downloaded the app as of Sept. 8, and Ruppel said ACBU sees this as a good sign.

"With Flok we want to reward those who are loyal to ACBU and encourage others to be more loyal," Ruppel, a senior graphic design and Spanish major, said. "We're hoping this app increases engagement and involvement in our activities."

The other app that's come to the Hilltop is Campus Maps.

"My app helps students navigate and move about their campus," Vikram Bhandari, founder and CEO of Campus Maps, said. "It has a searchable database of academic and administrative buildings and can create routes

and directions to those buildings."

Bhandari said the app is used by more than a million students and contains maps of college campuses across the country.

"There are actually several hundred Bradley students using the app already, which is pretty impressive considering we haven't done any official outreach to the college," Bhandari said. "I think those students are using it because it's much more responsive and interactive than a PDF and because it's compatible with their smartphones."

Bhandari said he originally created the app his sophomore year at the University of Maryland College Park for personal use, but he quickly found himself bombarded by requests for it by his peers.

"Attending college involves a lot of information hunting and tricky navigating," Bhandari said. "I think there's a demand for all that disparate information to be in one place and my app responds to that demand."

Both apps are available for free on iPhone and Android devices.

Bradley lets loose with the juice, brings late snacks

BY RYAN LUTKER Off-staff Reporter

This semester, Bradley Dining Services brought a Jamba Juice smoothie bar to Center Court. In the process of making this addition, the Late Night Menu was revised and moved to the Michel Student Center.

The idea to bring Jamba Juice to Bradley came about in late July.

"Aramark, the company that manages the dining program directed by Bradley University, has a variety of contacts and programs that [they] offer at the various universities and colleges across the United States," Director of Dining Service Gayle Hanson said. "In July, we were introduced to a pilot program with Jamba Juice to be offered in the P.O.D. Market locations. However, due to space and utility constraints, we requested permission to be a part of the program but to offer the concept at Center Court."

The concept of a Jamba Juice smoothie bar was quickly welcomed by the Bradley Services dining staff, who were seeking an alternative to the inefficient smoothie option offered last year.

"Last year, we offered a frozen fruit blended smoothie option. However, there were challenges with obtaining the bases we needed to operate this option," Hanson said. "So, when the Jamba Juice program became available we raised our hand and said 'let's bring it to Bradley.""

While the smoothie bar seems to be a new and improved version of the smoothies offered in previous years, there is a drawback. Since it is customer operated, it is only capable of serving two flavors at once. Despite limited options, the smoothie bar has been well received by students, averaging 500 smoothie sales a week. As for limited options, Hanson's staff has a solution.

"We will be rotating in different flavors throughout the year. Some are seasonal, and of course, [there] are favorites such as strawberry," Hanson said.

This exciting new addition required dining services to make some changes in regard to what was offered on campus and at what locations. After reviewing the menu, the decision was made to move the Late Night Menu to the Michel Student Center.

"[These are] some of the most widely sought after items by the 18 to 22 year old customer base," Hanson said. "With the Michel Student Center as the hub of campus and the changes at Center Court, it was a logical move for these menu items to be offered at the Student Center."

The Late Night Menu, offering



photo by Adam Rubinberg

Bradley Dining Services added a Jamba Juice smoothie Bar in Center Court and moved the Late Night Menu to the Michel Student Center, which now includes boneless wings, deep-fried cheesecake, mozzarella sticks and more.

unique menu items between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m., provides students with food options after most of the dining locations on campus close. Deep-fried cheesecake and

mozzarella sticks are just two of the options offered by the Late Night Menu.

"The fried ravioli was great," sophomore biology major Ashli

Evans said. "I loved it."

Evans said she is also looking forward to trying a few of the other menu items, such as the boneless wings with buffalo sauce.

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APO raises funds with flying colors

BY TORI MOSES **Managing Editor**

At Alpha Phi Omega's second annual Color the Way to Clean Water 5K attendees ran, walked or jogged their way to the finish line.

The Color Run raised \$1900 for APO's philanthropy, Charity Water, which was a \$1200 increase from the previous year.

"Last year, our members used part of the funds to pay for T-shirts and other supplies," Stephanie Robbons, APO alumna and event organizer, said. "This year, everyone in APO put some money toward the run so we could give 100 percent of the money we raise to Charity Water."

In order to register for the run, students paid \$20 to \$25.

"I did the run last year, and this year's race was definitely better," Alison Griffith, a senior actuarial science major, said. "There were more people, the colors were different and they were blasting great music."

Charity Water is an organization with a mission to provide clean and safe drinking water to people in developing countries, according to Robbons.

"There's over one billion people without clean water," Robbons said. "It's something a lot of people here take for granted."

Robbons said APO chose Charity Water as its philanthropy because the organization uses all funds raised and donated to build freshwater wells, rainwater catchments and other solutions.

The people who work for Charity Water have our same motto," Robbons said. "A hundred percent of the money they raise through the charities goes to actually building wells and not to paying CEO's or anything else."

After submitting the funds to Charity Water, APO will receive GPS coordinates from Charity Water. Members can then put the coordinates in Google Maps and watch as volunteers build the freshwater well their donations

You can check up on it every week and see the progress they're making," Robbons said. "Last year, we were able to see that happen in Rwanda. All of the money we are giving to them you can see being used and put to work in all of these different countries."

Robbons said there were 89 runners on race day, and her goal for next year is to have at least 100 participants.



photo by Cliodhna Joyce-Daly

Runners at the Alpha Phi Omega Color the Way to Clean Water 5K throw colorful powdered paint at each other before the race began Saturday.

If there's a Will, there's a way

BY RYAN VALENTINE **Copy Editor**

For the past couple of years, the theater department has displayed professor Gary Will's playbills for various plays and musicals.

Will is a graphic design professor at Bradley who has been given the opportunity to design these posters, which are just the latest in a long career of graphic design going back 25 years.

Twelve posters Will designed from previous years of production are currently part of an exhibit being held at the Hartmann Center Gallery through Sept. 24. The decision to display his posters as a collective exhibit happened for several reasons.

"They are only ever viewed one at a time, and it presented an interesting retrospective to see the different approaches and styles all in one gallery," Will said. "After the exhibit, we wanted to hang them all around the lobby of the Theatre building to make it a more dynamic space when visitors entered."

Will said he is proud to be able to design posters that help benefit the Theatre Department and Bradley. In fact, he said he hopes this is something he can continue to do in the coming years.

"I thoroughly enjoy designing them," Will said. "I'll keep creating new playbills for the theatre department as long as they want me too."

As a practicing graphic designer, Will has designed many different projects throughout his career. He said some of his favorite pieces included creating assorted brand identities for banks and stores, CD booklets and websites.

"Each one has been a creative challenge in its own right," Will

According to Will, it's important to take every project you are given seriously as a designer. He said he implements the same principles in all of his work to produce the best outcome possible. As for the posters he designs for the theatre department, he works with Scott Kanoff, interim chairperson of the Bradley Theatre Department.

When I design anything, it is as a practicing professional graphic designer independent from the art department," Will said. "I work directly with whoever the 'client' is. In the case of the theatre playbills, I work with chair Scott Kanoff. It is a collaborative venture throughout, as are most of the projects I have been involved with."



GARY WILL Associate Professor

Kanoff echoed Will's statement about working together.

"Gary's a brilliant designer," Kanoff said. "You've got to make a strong statement, give people a flavor of the production. It's a really wonderful collaboration."

To see more of Will's work, students can visit his website at art. bradley.edu/will.

Will said his website "gives my students and anyone else wanting to read the posts an opportunity to follow my 'journey' through these projects."

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New leadership lays down the law

Pre-Law Center sees new director

BY MADDIE GEHLING News Editor

At the beginning of the fall semester, Bradley's Pre-Law Center saw a shift in leadership.

"Nicole Meyer, the previous director, resigned to take a position at a law firm in town," Craig Curtis, associate professor of political science and current director of the Pre-Law Center, said. "We wish her the best. She did a fabulous job."

Curtis will continue to teach political science courses, as well as serve as the Pre-Law Center's director for the 2015-2016 school

"What we exist to do is provide services to students who are interested in law," Curtis said. "First and foremost, that means one-on-one advising for students considering a career in law."

The center helps students with the application process, research different law schools and helps students with future career decisions.

"Like the Smith Career Center, our services are available to students and alumni with perpetuity and without cost," Curtis said. "We offer advising sessions and things like workshops yearround."

The Pre-Law Center has a full

calendar of events for the upcoming school year.

"We [had] a workshop this week, and on the sixth of October, Ohio Northern's School of Law is sending an admissions representative," said Curtis. "We want students to know what majors look better, what law school is actually like, what kind of jobs there are, are law professors really mean... Those common questions."

The Pre-Law Center has also expanded their numerous resources to include social media.

"We have been dipping our toes very gingerly into social media," Curtis said.

Curtis said he has recently entered the "Twittersphere," establishing a Twitter account for the Pre-Law Center (@ BUPreLawCenter).

"I will publicize the Graduate and Professional School Fair on the 22, which will have a lot of law schools," Curtis said. "We also have a Facebook page at Bradley University Pre Law Center."

Resources have also been made available to students online. Students can book advising sessions from the Pre-Law Center's webpage on the Bradley website, as well as in person.

"It's important that we have students' needs met," Curtis said. "We want you to be successful."

Editorial

BU website redesign falls flat

Again and again, students hear changes are coming to campus. It starts to feel reminiscent of Chicken Little scrambling around yelling, "The sky is falling, the sky is falling!"

In the July 17 campus update, Interim President Stan Liberty said the university was working to improve digital marketing and messaging. In order to meet these goals, Bradley created a social media contract with Evolution Labs, a firm that specializes in helping schools enhance their interactions with students.

Two consultants were hired, Andy Beadle will work with enrollment management, marketing and communications teams to improve the university's digital marketing. Ruth Vedvik is an enrollment management consultant.

Well, some of the changes are already here.

With these new collaborations, the university is revamping the

website in an effort to create a more sophisticated and unified image for its online presence. Additional goals include easier to navigate pages and increased accessibility for individuals such as prospective students that are unfamiliar with the website.

One of the major changes regarding the university's online presence is the new landing page of the website. The first element that jumps our at you should be the high-resolution, promotional pictures of campus, right?

That's not the case. It's actually the bright white "MAKE YOUR GIFT" tab smack dab at the top of the page.

To put it bluntly, it's tacky. If we're going to solicit money, let's at least make it a little less obvious.

The donation tab cannot even stay in one place; it migrates around based on the device someone is using to access the website. Among other flaws is the tendency of the social media icons to repeat twice in the toolbar.

The majority of people using the website are likely to stumble over the glitches at least once and grumble obscenities at the screen.

Unless there is a total redesign of the website, it will be left feeling piecemeal and fragmented. Are we asking for too much too soon? Perhaps.

But didn't Bradley hire these consultants and firm for a reason? Websites can be totally redesigned without the changes being published, so the flaws can be eliminated before website visitors see them. These hiccups reflect poorly on the skills of the consultants and firm

The most concerning issue, however, lies not with these technical difficulties and poor taste features but rather with the shift of focus.

A website that previously highlighted student and university achievements prominently on the home page and appealed to a variety of audiences has transitioned into a desperate marketing piece tailored only to prospective students.

This diverse audience of students, employees, parents and alumni have been disregarded in an alarmingly easy fashion.

Those making the decisions for these changes should keep in mind the people who make Bradley, Bradley. If these simple changes in our website are indicative of the overall attitude shift of university administrators and procedures, we will not only have an admissions issue but also a significant retention issue.

Enrollment is down, and yes, it is a serious problem. To our Chicken Littles that are squawking about enrollment, however, we must remind you the sky is not actually falling and the hilltop town still needs tending.

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Column

Please stop using emojis:)



People use texting in a variety of ways. Some use them to send a quick message in emergency situations, others keep a daylong conversation running with a friend and many are somewhere

With these different types of texters come varied styles of messages, making it difficult to gauge how your receiver will interpret your text. Will they understand your sarcasm? Do you need to use proper grammar? or can u txt w out real words nd its ok?

To even further complicate things, we add emojis.

According to emojipedia.org (yes, the icons have their own website), there are 845 emoji characters supported on most

platforms.

Just think about the time lost scrolling through all of these icons to find that one smiling poop guy.

But the real problem isn't the few wasted minutes spent searching through the images, rather it's some texters actually take emojis seriously. I have sat with friends for minutes on end as they decide which half smiling face will make the receiver think they are just interested enough in the conversation but not overly so.

Emojis are making it difficult for us to express our thoughts without the help of a picture. Placing so much importance on frivolous text images is ridiculous.

Now, I understand not everyone uses emojis so seriously. The cute things can add some flavor and humanity to our texting, but we could accomplish this by reverting back to just a few simple emoticons.

Emoticons show a full range of emotions: happy :), sad :(, broken hearted </3 and surprised :O, to name a few.

I'd even be OK with getting a little fancy and texting the non-rotated emoticons to show emotions such as excited $\(^\circ o^\wedge)/$ or nervous $(-_-;)$.

But that's all you need. Otherwise, why not explain what you mean in words and save time searching through seven pages of faces and hand gestures to find the girl who's shrugging?

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

If you've visited our campus website lately, you might have noticed something different about it. "In the Spotlight," a series of articles on campus events, administrative decisions, and the accomplishments of students, faculty, and alumni, has been banished to a small box of text at the bottom of the page.

What was once the main feature of bradley.edu has been replaced by carefully edited photos and

advertising information about Bradley University.

I understand that the enrollment drop is a great deal of concern for everyone on campus. However, I challenge you to look up schools like Drake, Butler, Wesleyan or even Illinois State University or Harvard. Bradley stands out as a university that has not chosen to feature the success and activities of the Bradley community as a way to attract prospective students, instead favoring its graphics of statistics

like the student-to-teacher ratio.

The new homepage may invite prospective students to join the Bradley family, but it leaves them without any knowledge of who that family is.

Sincerely,

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Colbert reports to host 'LATE SHOW'

By Jaylyn Cook



These days, in order for a late night talk show to successfully win over viewers, the host has to be willing to bring it on a nightly basis. What is "it," exactly? It all depends on who's hosting. For example, Jimmy Fallon brings the nice on the "Tonight Show," while Jimmy Kimmel frequently brings the sass, and Conan O'Brien brings the irreverence.

After leaving his self-absorbed pundit persona behind, what does Stephen Colbert bring to his new gig on the "Late Show"? Simply put, he brings the funny. From the first moments of his tenure as David Letterman's replacement, which began Sept. 8, Colbert immediately made it known that his show will be nothing like the one his legendary predecessor hosted.

It had become quite clear that Letterman overstayed his welcome by at least an extra five years by the time he retired. Instead of actually trying to be funny, most of his "humor" had become based around the fact that he was a crotchety, philandering and bitter old man. Needless to say, most people weren't very amused by the once game-changing host anymore.

Enter Colbert, who burst on screen with the excitable energy of a teen who just got their driver's license, and we've got an engaging new player within the late night lineup. His quick wit, wide range of expressions and penchant for topical humor is exactly what the "Late Show" needed after the Letterman regime.

Honestly, the whole program felt like an hour-long edition of "The Colbert Report," as the humor is still pretty much the same as it was on that show. This was evident when Colbert spent some time sitting at his desk, which he claimed was carved out of a larger desk, and riffed on Donald

Trump's various escapades on the campaign trail.

His ability to point out the absurdity that surrounds politics is so razor-sharp, it's as if he never took a nine month break off the air. The timing of his return was also perfect, as election season is starting to come into full swing. Just thinking about watching it go by without a dose of Colbert "truthiness" feels unnatural.

But the main draw of the new "Late Show" would have to be the fact that Colbert genuinely appears to be having fun, and the fun he's having is beyond infectious. With the help of Jon Batiste, his talented bandleader, Colbert looks as if he's hosting a party rather than a late night talk show.

The party may have just gotten started, but it will be exciting to see how much more fun it can get from here.

Take a 'Byte' out of Apple's latest

By Lisa Stemmons



It's September, which means Apple fanatics everywhere are on the edges of their seats waiting for the latest and greatest products to be released. Apple has a tendency to create a new iPhone every 12 months and, as predicted, the ninth generation of the iPhone is upon us.

Although it seems like the first iPhone wasn't created too long ago, it has been eight years since its introduction. This past Wednesday, there were big announcements concerning several of their products and a new 'invention' altogether, the Apple Pencil.

Many Apple customers were debating the legitimacy of the announcement, believing it a parody of sorts. After all, you can buy several top-of-the-line Ticonderoga pencilsfor a mere 99 cents, whereas the Apple Pencil is going for \$99.

The Apple Pencil is actually a stylus specifically created for the new iPad, as well as old and new applications alike. It serves as a pen, pencil, marker or whatever writing utensil it may be, with realistic pressure and shading abilities. In case you were wondering, the late Steve Jobs did turn over in his grave during the announcement.

The iPhone 6s and 6s Plus were also unveiled, and while their appearance is exactly the same as their predecessor, the internal changes are significant. Despite an identical look, the latest's outer shell is made with the more durable Series 7000 aluminum and a new rose gold color option. Unfortunately, I don't think these enhancements decrease the likelihood of shattering the glass screen.

Apple's motto for the new iPhones is "The only thing that's changed is everything." The mantra is certainly a stretch, but there are several new features,

including 3D touch, a 12 MP camera, 4k video, iOS 9 and more. The iPhones are available to pre-order at midnight.

Up next, the iPad Pro is a whopping 12.9-inches. Sales for iPads have declined, coinciding with the manufacturing of larger iPhones, so the big selling point is the detachable hard keyboard.

This model is a blatant copy of Microsoft's Surface, which was bashed on by CEO Tim Cook back in 2012. It seems Cook had a change of heart, incorporating Microsoft technology into several applications as well.

The biggest revamp is the Apple TV, equipped with the new operating system tvOS, mirroring the software on the iPhone and iPad. That means Siri is also included on the remote, and she is more accurate and specific than ever before.

My favorite addition to Siri's abilities is the option of asking "What did she say?" into the remote to jump back 15 seconds. The common expression is often exclaimed amongst movie-talkers and show-distracters, and now we have the ability to rewind to a critical point without missing the next line. That's enough of a reason to splurge for the much needed update of the Apple TV.

I refuse to cover the updates of the Apple Watch because I still believe it to be one of the most asinine products on the market. Yes, even more so than the Apple Pencil, because at least that product is capable of charging in a mere 15 seconds to give you 30 minutes worth of battery life.

Apple continues to be a powerhouse, and it never disappoints. If you are still sporting older generations of any of these products, now seems like a prime time to invest in some of the most advanced technology of its kind.



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Miley Cyrus' new album, "Miley Cyrus and Her Dead Petz," was released for free on Aug. 30 after she hosted the Video Music Awards on MTV. Once I listened to the whole album, it became clear very quickly why she could not possibly charge money for

Before I even touch the music, let's discuss the images associated with the album. There were three rotating pictures of the pop star's face covered in honey and candy sprinkles, caked in blueish glitter and drenched with milk pouring over her closed eyes and into her mouth. All of these pictures, naturally, included her infamous open-mouthed expres-

I tried to look for a hidden meaning behind these visuals, but it became pretty obvious there was no symbolism. However, when I played the song "Milky, Milky, Milk," it consisted of Miley repeating the title over and over and (not so subtly) hinting at body parts that can produce this milky, milky milk.

She does throw in metaphors throughout the album, as seen in "Tangerine," where she relates "The sun is a giant spaceship

tangerine/ It shoots out rays of hopeful golden morphine." Or in "Evil is But A Shadow," where the analogy is stated in the title, but there is zero elaboration throughout the song.

Her songs vary in length, the shortest being "F***in F***ed Up," which is 50 seconds consisting of "f*** it" said in different voices. Another interesting one is "Miley Tibetan Bowlzzz," which is two minutes and nine seconds of her whining in the background. The actual lyrics for the song are [Instrumental+Miley crooning].

According to People Magazine, the inspiration for her album was the death of her pets, specifically from a vision she had of her dead dog coming back to her and transferring his spirit to one of her friends.

Other contributing artists to this album are Sarah Barthel of Phantogram, Big Sean and Ariel Pink.

Overall, this album is an offense to music and art as a whole. Saying random words, many of which include obscenities, with mismatched background noise is not synonymous to a song.



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Gaming for the fall semester By Zachary Dixon

With the plethora of new games arriving in the coming months, choosing just one to play, let alone buy, is a daunting task, especially when you're living on a college student's budget.

With that in mind, here's a short list of upcoming games coming in the next few months that are going to be well worth the money:

Star Wars Battlefront III



Not so long ago, "Star Wars Battlefront" was announced for consoles within our galaxy. A reboot of the original "Battlefront" series, this reimagining is brought to you from the studio that developed "Battlefield."

From stunning battlegrounds like Hoth to intense aerial battles, both Rebels and the Empire can enjoy the fight. It's due out Nov. 17 on the PS4, Xbox One and PC, but I'd wait a week for any early patch issues to be resolved before buying.

Super Mario Maker



Next on the list, "Super Mario Maker" is a playful blast from the past. Equipped with all the tools of a game designer, you are gifted the ability to make levels for the original "Super Mario Bros." game.

Want to make a flat level? An intricate castle? A map of nothing but pipes? Anything is possible. I've never been a big Mario fan, but this looks interesting. The game will be out Sept. 11 for the Wii U.

Fallout 4



This one is for all you vault-dwellers. The long-awaited "Fall-out 4" sees us returning to a post-apocalyptic realm. With more customization, a ruined Boston and mod support, this looks like it'll be the best "Fallout" yet.

I was also a big fan of Bethesda Softworks' previous release "Skyrim," giving the studio a good track record in my book. Clear your schedule if you're going to grab a copy on Nov. 10 for PS4, Xbox One and PC.

Finally, for the first-person shooter fans, we have "Black Ops 3." With a deeper and more mysterious co-op campaign, a multiplayer mode that rewards player individuality and a zombie mode with one dedicated narrative, no one should be disappointed.

I've played "Black Ops" 1 and 2 casually, and frankly, they were the only entries in the "Call of Duty" series I enjoyed. So, odds are "Black Ops 3" will be just as good, if not better. Due out Nov. 6, it will be available for PS4, Xbox One, PS3 and 360.

Call of Duty: Black Ops 3



Assassins Creed: Syndicate



Another year has gone by, and that means Ubisoft is gearing up to drop another "Assassins Creed" into our lives. After the horrible launch of "Unity," I'm wary of "Syndicate." However, the in-game footage has me eager to see the final release.

From running my own street gang, horse carriage chases, to switching between the twin protagonists, all while exploring London during the Industrial Revolution. Plus, you have a grappling hook. Who doesn't want that?

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When someone decided jump-roping was too old school for the children of the '90s, the wondrous Skip-It was created, and the toy world hasn't been the same since. It's so simple that it's frustrating I didn't come up with it first (even though I wasn't even a fetus at its inception).

Simply place the small plastic hoop around your ankle and find the most comfortable direction to spin it around in a 360-degree rotation. It's a child's first opportunity to impress peers. The speed of your Skip-It, moving while using it or doing a little jig, are all next-level skills that were sure to wow the admiring audience.

If you don't mind the inevitable chopping at the ankles, the Skip-It is a great tool to get your sweat on, even as an adult. There were several models of the Skip-It. However, the version we have come to know and love was put on the map when the counter was added. Later editions include glitter as well as streamers, but you can never go wrong investing in the original.

To my surprise, Skip-It and Twister procreated to produce the "Twister Rave Skip-It" in 2013. For a mere \$11.98 at Toys 'R' Us, you can relive two of your favorite childhood games in the weirdest spin-off of the 21st century.

IIG BODY SPRIY

Gentlemen, here are a couple of pro tips: If you want others to be frequently offended by your odor, keep wearing Axe body spray. If you want to make people physically ill by the way you smell, try to find a can of TAG body spray online.

People can go on for hours about how noxious the smell of Axe is, but many forget the abominable aromas that came packed inside each can of TAG. Each scent, no matter what it was, smelled like someone farted in a glass, lit it on fire, put out the flames with gasoline and then farted in the glass again.

Can you imagine being in a high school locker room with a bunch of sweaty dudes who have to drown themselves in TAG to mask the gym smell? I can, and I assure you that walking around the hallways smelling like a Dow Chemical plant is not the ideal way to endear yourself to others.

TAG was taken off the shelves in 2010, thankfully saving future generations from making the bad decision of purchasing it. Now, if we could only send every can of Axe back to Hell from whence it came, the world will be a much better (and less smelly) place.









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Blast from the past: 90s return with music, games

BY JOSE HERRERA AND NIKKI DURAN Off-staff Reporters

Olin Quad exchanged its lab coat and safety glasses for a comfortable tie-dye shirt during the Activities Council Bradley University's That's So 90s event Saturday, Sept. 6.

"This was our first year using the 90s theme," ACBU president Helen Lagerblade said. "We had our three special event coordinators go A through Z on ideas of what we could include in the

The 90s theme was chosen for sentimental reasons, according to ACBU coordinator Faye Ignaffo.

"It's been 15 years since the 90s, and there are people on campus who lived during them," Ignoffo, a sophomore retail merchandising major, said. "It's basically an anniversary of the 90s."

That's So 90s had a variety of nostalgic games such as Twister on an inflatable mattress, competing in 90s trivia, racing against a friend in the Twin Peaks obstacle course and, of course, getting slimed like in the 90s Nickelodeon game shows.

"Trying to make the slime was difficult, but it went pretty smoothly," sophomore communication major and ACBU coordi-

nator Teresa Hernandez said. She went on to say that Ignoffo and herself had to resort to whipping it up in a blender in order to get the consistency right.

"Trivia was kind of hard, and Twister was a lot more fun than I thought it would be, but the climbing was surprisingly hard," sophomore electrical engineering major Zach Oakes said.

ACBU included a raffle for those students who participated in four out of five games. The winner of the raffle won an iPad mini. The event coordinators also had a booth for students to win smaller prizes including hand sanitizer, Chap Stick, wallets and other things.

However, the games were not the highlight of the day's activity as the spotlight was on the live music performance by The Mixtapes: 90's Tribute Band. The Mixtapes covered an array of 90s songs from the familiar rock lyrics of Weezer and Nirvana to the dance-inducing pop songs of Britney Spears and The Spice Girls.

"We really like The Mixtapes", junior psychology major Allison Neff said. "They are young and a youthful band that students could connect with." "They played a good variety of music for students to enjoy and they were a fun-looking band to come to campus."



photo by Christopher Noonan

Students answer 90s related trivia while playing a game at the ACBU event That's So 90s Saturday on Olin

Students were found either sitting on the tables enjoying the free nachos and refreshing Capris Suns or dancing and singing along to their favorite 90s songs.

"The band played really good

songs and played them really well," freshman civil engineering major Dan Gulino said.

CAT offers employer insight

BY MADDIE GEHLING

News Editor

Caterpillar hosted an open house Sept. 4 to showcase some of the various opportunities available to students.

The open house is an event for Bradley students to get a chance to learn about Caterpillar, and what kind of careers there are for them here," Caterpillar University Relations liaison Ali Allen said.

The presentation, hosted in the Caterpillar Visitor's Center in downtown Peoria, was the second open house of its kind to take place off-campus.

"We used to get a ballroom on campus through the Smith Career Center," Anne McMullen, senior engineer and Campus Strategist for Production Development, said. "The event takes place every two years, and this was only the second time we've had it at the new building."

Attendees were given the chance to meet with Caterpillar employees and representatives from a range of departments.

"Caterpillar has been a regional partner with Bradley University for over 50 years," McMullen said. "We hire practicum students, interns and full-time employees from a range of majors."

According to Allen, Caterpillar has been known to hire students from varying educational backgrounds.

"We've got students who studied engineering, manufacturing technology, supply chain management, business, marketing, accounting and finance," Allen

Among the students in attendance was Blake McCormick, a sophomore accounting major.

"I got an email from a Caterpillar [representative] last year, and the Smith Career Center got me a lot of information on the event," McCormick said.

Although attendance was higher two years ago due to the grand opening of the Caterpillar Visitors Center, McMullen said the event was still a success.

"It's a huge volunteer event," McMullen said. "There are so many students that come out, and most of the people here at Caterpillar are passionate volunteers that want to share their sto-

The open house featured different informational stations and a refreshment area, where students could have conversations with others at the event.

"It was a very relaxed atmosphere," McCormick said. "I got to talk to an accounting representative for ten minutes and I didn't feel like I was interrupting at all."

Tyler Kauffman, a freshman mechanical engineering major, said it was a good opportunity to learn about what Caterpillar offers to students before starting a job.

'There isn't a risk of getting a job and realizing you don't like it," Kauffman said. "I would come again, and I'm definitely going to recommend it to other students."

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Katie Conterio said. "I think getting critiques and feedback from real employers who are actually seeking students, that could be beneficial to know what they're looking for in the job market and [students] can tailor it. I think that could be useful."

Smith said they pull from a wide pool of applicants.

"We invite members of our employer advisory board, past participants, employers that we've met with that have said we want to help and of course, employers from the job fair." he said.

Smith said they know there are some fields that won't be as highly represented as others, but they send out invitations to everyone they can.

This is a very critical time of year for recruiters, and the event can give students an edge at the job fair, according to Smith.

"There are other things that go on [at Feedback Friday]," Smith said. "Employers see the students, and they remember them 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm.

for a variety of reasons, good reasons."

He said students can follow up with those employers at the event at the fall job fair, which in turn can be "the beginning of networking."

Smith said talking to employers and becoming more comfortable is one of the most important aspects of Feedback Friday.

Reviews of the event have been mostly positive.

"I always hear that [Feedback Friday] is very good," Smith said. "They really like it."

However, Smith said some students find conflicting advice from employers confusing.

The wait times last year were also a focus of complaint, but he said they had several methods to offset this.

He suggested students bring a simple draft of their resume and wear business casual clothes.

The event will be in the Student Center Ballroom from

LABOR DAY

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If Labor Day is made into a day off, it could change the semester in several ways. Fall break could be cancelled and finals may be pushed back. Students currently are still concerned about this.

'We need to have classes on Labor Day because we need to have fall break," freshman pre-education and health major Amber Mayo said. "I'd rather be in school for one day than to be in school for a whole fall break. That's just not going to work for me. Period."

Students appreciate the longer time off school in fall and thanksgiving breaks, which they think Bradley does differently.

"To be honest, I was kind of pissed off about one of my teachers cancelling one of the classes," senior accounting major Matt McLaughlin said. "I didn't feel like it was that big of a deal, especially since we get a fall break and a thanksgiving break, which a lot of schools I know they don't do that."



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Men's basketball completes **2015/16 schedule**

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI **Sports Editor**

When the Missouri Valley Conference finalized the conference schedule for the 2015-2016 season, they also completed the Bradley men's basketball sched-

The full schedule, which was finished Sept. 8, includes all dates for non-conference and conference games, but times for those games are yet to be determined.

Bradley is slated to play two exhibition games this year against St. Joseph's College and Edgewood College, who are Division II and Division III schools, respectively, and look to avoid another exhibition loss to a Division III opponent.

The team officially opens up the 2015-2016 season against Ball State University Nov. 13, which will feature the return of former Brave center Nate Wells, who is now a member of the Cardinals basketball team.

Following Ball State, the Braves immediatley go on the road to face the Arizona Bears, who are the No. 4 team in the nation in postseason polls and the highest ranked team Bradley has played since Wichita State came into Carver Arena as the No. 2 team in 2013.

Bradley also agreed to compete in the 2015 Gildan Charleston Classic, where the Braves will play a total of three teams, beginning with the University of Virginia, who claims the No. 8 ranking in postseason polls.



photo via Scout Archives

Guard Ka'Darryl Bell looks to pass in a game last season. Bell is one of three returning players from last season.

Charleston Classic, the Braves play eight more non-conference games, including Boise State for the Mountain West-Missouri Valley Challenge Series.

Bradley begins conference play on Dec. 30, when the Braves will play two 30-win teams in a row as they go on the road to play the University of Northern Iowa Panthers, and then return home to take on 2015 Sweet 16 team Wichita State.

The Braves will celebrate their Following the 2015 Gildan 1,000th game in the MVC on Feb.

20 at Carver Arena vs. Drake University, then close the 2015-2016 season on the road against Indiana State.

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Bradley Basketball 2015/16

	Exhibition			
11/4	Edgewood Colleg	e TBA		
11/9	St. Joseph's Colleg	•		
Regular Season				
11/13	Ball State	TBA		
11/16	Arizona	TBA		
2015 Gildan Charleston Classic				
11/19	Virgina	8:30 PM		
11/20	TBD	TBA		
11/22	TBD	TBA		
11/25	New Orleans	TBA		
11/28	Ole Miss	TBA		
12/1	Delaware	6:00 PM		
12/5	North Dakota	TBA		
12/8	UT-Arlington	TBA		
12/17	Maryville	TBA		
Mountain West-Missouri Valley Challenge Series				
12/20	Boise State	1:00 PM		
12/23	TCU	TBA		
12/24	UNI	TBA		
12/25	Wichita State	TBA		
12/26	Southern Illinois	s TBA		
12/27	Evansville	TBA		
12/28	Loyola Chicago	TBA		
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Bradley Volleyball Saturday September 19th **Family Weekend Pre-Game Tailgate** on Alumni Quad @ 4 - 6pm TREE Rally Town Sat Game

Spotlight player of the week: J.T. Kotowski



photo by Ann Schnabel

Defender, Junior Keller, Texas

Kotowski was named MVC player of the week and made the College Soccer News National team of the week for his defensive performance against DePaul University, as well as his game winning bycicle kick goal against University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Tennis planning to serve up a winning year

Off-staff Reporter

The Bradley women's tennis team will travel to Chicago this weekend as they begin their season at the Chicago State Invitational. The team made significant strides in turning the program in the right direction and finished last season at an overall mark of 11-13.

"Last year was a great, program-building year," head coach Matt Tyler said. "As far as this year goes, we are being cautiously optimistic but excited to see what we'll be able to accomplish."

The Braves snapped a number of unfavorable streaks last year, including beating Illinois State for the first time in 28 years. Tyler said the win against ISU, as well as a highly dramatic road win against conference opponent Missouri State, were both important steps for the program.

"My biggest concern is the team culture and cohesion; the most important things are helping each other and working hard," Tyler said. "The wins are a byproduct of what we do, and they'll come if we're successful in the rest of what we do."

Bradley returns five girls that were major contributors to the team's success last year, notably junior Ariel Dechter and sophomore Aimee Manfredo.

Last season, Dechter became Bradley's first-ever all-conference women's tennis player when she was named to the 2015 MVC All-Select Team. She set the school single-season records for individual singles wins (29), as well as wins by a sophomore, #2 Singles wins, individual combined singles and doubles wins (47) and combined wins by a sophomore during the 2014-15 school year.



photo via BradleyBraves.com

The women's tennis team is set to improve their 2014 record of 11-13

is critical.

She enters her junior season fifth in school history with 47 career singles wins and tied for 10th with 79 career combined singles and doubles wins.

"Ariel had a great year and broke all kinds of records last season," Tyler said. "We expect even more from her this year.

Manfredo set Bradley's singleseason record for singles wins by a freshman (23) in 2014-15, which also stands as the second-best season singles victories total by any player in program history. She also set the single-season program record for wins at #3 singles (12).

"The five returners are a good core group of kids from a personality and a team culture standpoint," Tyler said. "They all have great attitudes and work-ethics, they know how to treat other teammates. To have that core in the process of building a program

To add to the solid group of returnees, Tyler was plenty busy recruiting and filling out the rest of the roster. Freshmen Malini Wijesinghe, Julie Martin, Emma Sodergren and Lindsay Haight are all newcomers to the Hilltop. VCU transfer Alejandra de Lasa is also a new addition to the squad who will be able to contribute right away.

"I've never seen a group of people integrate as seamlessly as they all have," Tyler said. "Everyone has come together amazingly well since day one."

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One-on-One

Who will win the Super Bowl?

Green Bay Packers

As a lifelong Bears fan, it pains me to say that the Green Bay Packers have the best chance at winning the Super Bowl this year.

They have the experience, the talent and the hunger to make it to the big game after choking away their opportunity last year. But even all those factors aren't the main reason they'll win it this year. Everything for the Packers revolves around No. 12, quarterback Aaron Rodgers.

In an era where a team will only go as far as its quarterback take it, the Packers have the best in the game. Rodgers has elite accuracy and throwing power, but it's his mind that sets him apart. Nobody can read a defense, extend a play or provide leadership like Rodgers can. Quarterback play is what makes or breaks a team, and the Packers have nothing to worry about there.

The Packers finally have a running game to complement Rodgers' aerial attack with the emergence of Eddie Lacy. In the past, defenses could just sit back and wait for the pass. Now, defenses have to be wary of the run.

The Packers' defense, specifically the secondary, has always been a question mark, but this year's squad has more experience and talent than the defenses of the past. At the very least, the Packers' defense will perform well enough to keep them in the game.

If everything goes as expected, the Packers seem like the team to beat in the NFL.

- Brandon Wallace

Indianapolis Colts

The NFL season is upon us (finally) after a deflating offseason.

And with two days until opening Sunday, let's talk about the

Speak of contenders, and you'll only get a handful in response.

Green Bay and Seattle are the obvious ones, while Denver and Dallas are up there too.

New England's in there too, I

But the Super Bowl 50 champ? That'll be the Indianapolis Colts.

How? Well, here's how, so buckle up.

The Colts have one of the greatest QBs of the decade in Andrew Luck, and he's only getting better.

After an embarrassing AFC title game loss, the Colts reloaded with veterans, addressed their problem spots and are back with a vengeance.

But wait! What about the other contenders?

Seattle lost way too many pieces of their "Legion of Boom," Denver has a QB that can't feel his fingers and Dallas has receivers that don't know how to catch a

As far as Green Bay is concerned, Aaron Rodgers may be the best QB, but that's not going to make your defense actually defend, now will it?

And New England? I guess they'll find a creative way to cheat sometime soon. Who knows?

I digress, but it's obvious: with the most complete team and MVPcaliber QB play, the Colts will win the Lombardi trophy.

- Chris Kwiecinski

Women's golf grabs second at Redbird Invitational

BY SAMMANTHA DELLARIA Off-staff Reporter

After finishing its rounds on Sept. 6 and 7, the women's golf team tied for second place in the Redbird Invitational, with three of Bradley's players placing in the top ten. The 16-team tournament was the team's first outing, as its fall season began over the week-

Leading the team at the tournament was sophomore Ally Scaccia, who finished second overall at the invitational.

Joining Scaccia in the top ten were seniors Danielle Lemek and Allison Walsh. Lemek took seventh place in the tournament, while Walsh took ninth.

Head coach Mary Swanson said the team will only get better as the season goes on and as the team plays in different tournaments.

"They have played a lot of rounds, worked on a number of long and short game drills and continued workouts," Swanson said. "We talk a lot about accessing the talent they already own when we compete but, of course, we want to continue to elevate their ability levels, too."

In addition, each individual prepared for the new season by playing in events over the summer and making time to practice. The transition from offseason to the practices and tournaments that come with the beginning of a new season was made easier.

Swanson said the team will continue to seek more success in its upcoming tournaments.

"I think each one of them understands what they need to do to play their best for the team," Swanson said. "I'm excited to see them reach their goals as I believe they are very attainable."

With its goals in mind, the women's golf team will continue their season this weekend at the Diane Thomason Invitational in Iowa City, Iowa.

Cross Country

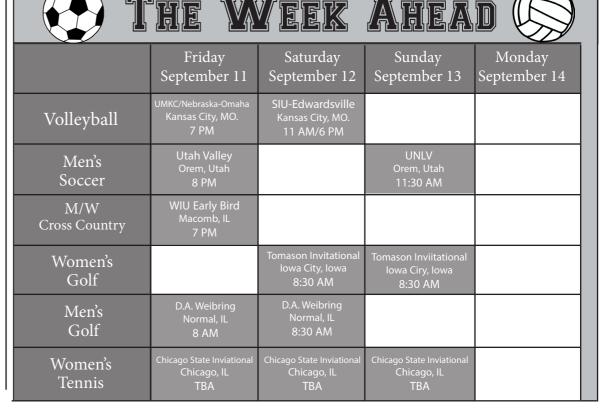
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Also in the top 10 was junior Mike Bianchina with a time of 20:00.3, where he placed 10th. Marshall Moyer, coming in at 20:00.6, was barely pushed out of the top 10 by Bianchina.

Moyer wasn't the only individual who missed the top 10 by a second's difference. Junior Steffen Uhrich came in a full second after Bianchina at 20:00.7, placing him in 12th.

Both the men and women's teams will be back at full speed this evening when they host the 12th Bradley Intercollegiate at 5 p.m. at Detweiller Park.

"Our focus is on the bigger meets coming up with nationally ranked teams," Gauson said. "We are looking forward to compete against these teams and keep a focus on trying to win a championship."



Opinion

OBITUARY: rest in peace, NFL

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI Sports Editor

Today, we've come to pay respects to our dear, departed friend; the National Football

To those who knew our friend, she was a beauty.

She was the shining light at the end of the proverbial tunnel, which signaled the change from summer to fall and the exact moment we can stop caring about the sport of baseball.

For years, the NFL featured endless excitement, absolute joy, lingering sorrow and sickening anxiety which fans absorbed like a drug to which there is no cure.

However, the likes of the NFL were ultimately done in by the most unlikely of sources: a single man.

That's right, one man lead to the death of the National Football League as we know it, and it's the most despicable thing the sports world has ever seen.

That man, as you may know, is the infamous commissioner Roger

Since his tenure began on Aug. 8, 2006, Goodell has charged himself with bettering the "integrity of the game" when it comes to the sport of football and the NFL.

Okay, that's all fine and dandy, since no one wants coaches and teams running around with steroids and stickum like it's the 1970s.

But there has to be a line, and Goodell went from teetering that line a year ago with his Ray Rice debacle to flat out falling through the ceiling within the year.

Just look at his repertoire when

it comes to league suspension:

In the year 2007, Goodell suspended nine players for off the field actions, with two of those suspensions lasting for at least a year (Michael Vick, indefinite, and Adam Jones).

In comparison, Goodell's predecessor, Paul Tagliabue, suspended a total of nine players over the course of three years, spanning from 2002 to 2005.

Of course, all this becomes hogwash when you realize Goodell then suspended 11 players the very next year.

Now, suspensions are warranted for illegal activity, I get that.

But being the judge, jury and executioner for every NFL proceeding in the past nine years is a bit excessive.

This all receives even more escalation when you read ESPN's

report that one of the calling cards of Goodell's reign, "Spygate" (as it's known in the football community), was essentially covered up.

Spygate was when the three time Super Bowl champion New England Patriots were caught filming defensive signals of opposing teams from 2000-2007, which was during the heart of their three Super Bowl wins.

Goodell allegedly covered Spygate up to defend the image of the NFL and its poster franchise and then did a 180 to try and bury it by physically destroying the evidence.

Yeah, now we can all agree now that Deflategate was overblown, but only because it was a make up punishment for the rest of the Spygate issues.

Did any of that remotely make sense? No? Good.

This last season epitomized the stranglehold Goodell has on the NFL, and the rest of his occupation proves how wrong he is.

His intentions may have been pure to begin with but now he's soiling the image of the NFL, and it's unclear whether or not she'll recover.

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"During the UMASS match, we were more in-system and were able to execute our offense better because of that," Maurer said. "Our setters did a better job of getting our hitters involved, and we were able to keep them off-balance."

The Braves rallied late to take the last set of the tournament against Manhattan 25-20, 26-28, 23-25, 25-15, 15-12.

Bradley took the first set decisively. The second and third sets both came down to the wire, with Manhattan coming out on top. However, the Braves were able to control the fourth set to break even and won the fifth set to take the match.

Senior Jessica Teel posted a career-high and Renaissance Coliseum record six aces, which was the most by a Bradley player since 2003. Teel also had 25 assists, eight digs and three kills. Haslag and Turner, who were both all-tournament selections, finished

with 14, her season-high, and 13 kills, respectively. Sobasky picked up her team-best fourth double-double of the season with 24 assists and 11 digs. Sack had 25 digs, eight assists and four aces.

"The two key areas that we had success in against Manhattan was serving and blocking," Maurer said, as Bradley had 14 blocks to Manhattan's seven blocks and 12 aces to Manhattan's seven aces.

Weber State took first in the tournament, going 3-0. Bradley took second at 2-1, Manhattan took third at 1-2 and UMASS-Lowell took last at 0-3. At 5-1 overall, Bradley has matched their best start since 2013.

"The team is buying in," Maurer said. "The mindset is that we're all in this together and that we're ready to improve. Not only are the players taking direction well, but they're taking risks and finding success with those risks. We're just trying to prepare for Missouri Valley Conference play."

The Braves return to action Friday at the Kangaroo Klassic in Kansas City, Missouri.



Jamie Livudais (5) attempts a spike in a game against Missouri State last season. She has 46 kills this year.

NFL Preview: the North

By The Scout Sports Desk

NFC NORTH

Packers (13-3)

Lions (10-6)

Vikings (9-7)

Bears (6-10)

The Pack will run away with the division like they have for the past five years. The Lions fight their way to 10 wins behind eventual all-pro quarterback Matthew Stafford and stave off a young, but hungry Vikings squad that's a year away from unseating the Packers. The only way you'll find the Bears is if you go down in the deep cellar of the NFC North division. There, you'll find John Fox tirelessly struggling to bring Chicago out. However, it'll be a better year than last with veteran head coach Fox at the helm.

AFC NORTH
Ravens (11-5)
Steelers (11-5)

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Bengals (10-5-1)

Browns (7-9)

The AFC North is an interesting division because it features three playoff teams. At season's end, there will be three AFC North teams in the playoffs. The Ravens take the division after beating Pittsburgh on Sunday night in week 16, but a relentless Steeler offense lifts the team to a wild card berth. The Bengals snatch a wild card berth, too, as Andy Dalton manages his team out of the divisional hunt around week 11, when they tie against the Cardinals. The Browns will spend most of the season praying Johnny Manziel leads them to a competitive season, and that's as far as they get.

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Bradley Tennis
Head coach **Matt Tyler** and
the rest of the Bradley women's tennis team look to pickup
where they left off in 2015
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Volleyball nets two wins in

CEFCU Classic

BY BRANDON WALLACE Sports Reporter

Bradley's volleyball team is continuing to draw on the success of the young 2015 season and is hungry to prove the early success isn't a fluke.

Last weekend, they hosted the CEFCU Classic in Renaissance Coliseum and took second place with a 2-1 record in the tournament that included Weber State, Massachusetts (UMASS-Lowell) and Manhattan.

Bradley kicked off the tournament against Weber State and ultimately fell after four sets 25-20, 29-27, 26-28, 28-26. The last three sets went back-and-forth, featuring 34 ties and 13 lead changes.

Freshman Allison Turner led the Braves with 14 kills and freshman Erica Haslag added another 13. Senior Lea Sack had a matchhigh 23 digs and two aces.

The match was the first at home for the Braves, and it showed, according to head coach Jenny Maurer.

"We showed our first-homematch jitters and made some uncharacteristic mistakes, but we battled," Maurer said. "We were relentless on defense. As a coaching staff, we were far from disappointed. Weber State was a good, well-coached team who capitalized on our mistakes, but we didn't just hand the game over to them. We



Erica Haslag

The Braves were firing on all cylinders in the second

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m a t c h against UMASS-Lowell. Bradley had their best offensive match of the season, hitting .356, which helped them complete the 25-21, 25-13, 25-22 sweep.

Five Bradley players had six or more kills in the attack. Haslag had 13 kills and senior Cordelia Murphy recorded another 11 kills. Sack posted a match-high 17 digs to go along with her eight assists and two aces. Sophomore Afton Sobasky finished with 20 assists, eight digs, two kills and an ace.

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Braves sweep three game home stand

BY ALEX KRYAH

Assistant Sports Editor

The Braves seem to know how to do two things very well thus far into the season: play defense and win close games.

The men's soccer team took down in state foe DePaul on Friday by a score of 1-0 and proceeded to beat Milwaukee by the same score on Sunday for the team's third straight 1-0 win.

The biggest takeaway for the men was they were able to string together two 90-minute games of solid defensive play.

"In the preseason, we played against two teams that could be Final Four teams in the NCAA tournament," head coach Jim DeRose said. "We had a chance to play against elite attacking teams. That helped establish an identity for our defense, and we found out what we need to do to compete."

DeRose said the team has bought in to that identity, and junior defender JT Kotowski agreed.

"It's really good to see that everyone is bought in right now," Kotowski said. "Everybody's riding the roller coaster pretty high."

Kotowski was named the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) Defensive Player of the Week last week, but his big highlight came in last Sunday's win. In the 87th minutes, sophomore defender Jacob Taylor threw the ball into the box, which is the team's typical strategy when the ball is close to the net.

The plan was to flick it on to a teammate and see what they "could get out of it," according to Kotowski. What they got was a spectacular bicycle kick finish from Kotowski, clinching the win for Bradley.

"Luckily I was inside my guy and it fell right to me," Kotowski said, "I was facing away from the goal, so I wasn't really sure what to do. I tried to get whatever I could on it, and it ended up going in and it was awesome. It was a really good feeling."

Friday's win featured just as much defense as the game that would succeed it. In the 11th minute, freshman Frank Bak netted his second goal of the season, and the scoring would end there. DeRose said he was pleased with the way the team performed over the last week.



photo by Ann Schnabel

Bradley defender J.T. Kotowski (12) fights for the ball during a 1-0 win against Houston Baptist earlier this season.

"I think we have a lot more consistency now," DeRose said. "We have more stability in our lineup and we have the same healthy guys able to play. We know when subs are coming in now, too, so that has really led to consistency."

The Braves have thrived under trying circumstances this season as multiple veterans, such as seniors Andrew Brown and Grant Bell, have moved positions, and many new faces are playing key roles in the rotation.

The Braves three-game win streak will be put to the test as they begin a three-game road trip tonight, which starts at Utah-Valley.

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Bradley Soccer

Vs. DePaul

Bradley: 1 DePaul: 0

Goals: BU - Bak (12') Saves: BU - Ketterer, 2 DP - Low, 3

Vs. Milwaukee

Bradley: 1 Milwaukee: 0

Goals: BU - Kotowski (87') Saves: BU - Ketterer, 3

Cross country women first, men second at WIU Early Bird

BY NATHALY TRUJILLO Off-staff Reporter

The Bradley cross country team repeated history at Spring Lark Park this past Friday defending its previous championship title.

At its first debut of the season, the women's team placed first and the men's team placed second at the Western Illinois Early Bird.

"This didn't come as a surprise," men and women's head coach Darren Gauson said. "I expected us to win on both sides. We have our elite runners out there."

The women held nine positions of the top 11 finishers, starting with sophomore Elena Danielson taking third place with a time of 15:06.4 in her first career 4K. Coming in shortly after was freshman Sara Piller with a time of 15:11.2 and junior Nicole Lopez-Villegas following behind at 15:36.9, skim-

ming 33 seconds off her career-best 4K.

Sophomore Molly Leveille also reduced her time by more than 40 seconds placing her sixth overall at 15:37.8. This time difference was a key factor in the team's win.

"We had a one minute gap between our first scorer and our last scorer, so that was a big stance for us," Gauson said.

The women's cross country team received a total of 20 points, leaving it well ahead of Western Illinois who came in second with a total of 57 points.

For the men's team, its second place overall finish was aided by several individuals, including sophomore Taylor Floyd Mews who landed in fourth place. Mews had a career-best 6K with a time of 19:35.6, leaving him only 20 seconds behind the individual cham-

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"Public service announcement: There are only 64 days until college basket-ball begins again. We're almost there, guys"

- @byDavidGardner, Sports Illustrated college basketball reporter

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