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The Filharmonic will harmonize on Valentine's Day

BY LISA STEMMONS **Voice Editor**

There's some new Acafellas in town, and they go by the name of The Filharmonic. The A Cappella group will arrive on campus Valentine's Day for Activities Council of Bradley University's free "Love Is An Open Door"

The Filharmonic first came together in December 2013. The Filipino-American A Cappella group has six members: VJ Rosales, Joe Caigoy, Trace Gaynor, Barry Fortgang, Jules Cruz and Niko Del Rey. Although most of them attended different universities, they met through competitions and music festivals and immediately bonded over their common

we're excited for Bradley."

an "urban-esque sound with a 90s vibe," which Caigoy and Rosales said is a great spin to put on covers and riff off of.

"Being Filipino-American, a lot of us grew up listening to 90s R&B, and especially nowadays, as teenagers and young adults, we have that 90s nostalgia, and it's really current right now," Rosales said.

When choosing which songs to cover, the boys look at Billboard's top charts, listen to the radio and then twist the songs in their own musical way. While the group's two albums only feature covers currently, its working on some original music. Some of the artists they have covered include Maroon 5, Ariana Grande, Justin Bieber, Bruno Mars and Taylor Swift, but they have sworn off one artist in

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- VJ Rosales Vocalist, The Filharmonic

heritage.

The boys officially began their journey on the fourth season of NBC's "The Sing-Off," and although they placed fourth, they left a lasting impression, which landed them a cameo spot on "Pitch Perfect 2."

For the film, they sang in their native language, Tagalog, as they were representing the Philippines in an A Cappella world championship competition.

"Some of us are familiar with [the language], whether we are fluent or not, so we were able to pick up on the language pretty fast," vocalist Caigoy said. "For the most part, we have heard our family talk, and we know what it sounds like."

But that's not the only thing that makes the group distinctive. Their music is considered to have particular.

"I'm very picky about Beyoncé songs because she's really hard to cover," Rosales said. "You've got to do Beyoncé right."

For its "Get Up and Go" tour, The Filharmonics traveling to major cities and locations such as Carnegie Hall, but the members said it's important to stop at small colleges, as well.

"We like to have an intimate audience because it's really fun to do those types of venues," Rosales said. "We appreciate it, we love it and we're excited for Bradley."

The "Love Is An Open Door" event includes a light dinner and is from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

Students can find the link to sign up for the event by looking at the Hilltop Happenings email.

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Sigma Lambda Gamma returns to campus

BY MICHAEL ECHEVERRI **Copy Editor**

The sorority Sigma Lambda Gamma initiated nine new members at its neophyte presentation in the Peplow Pavilion last Saturday, marking the first time the sorority has been at Bradley since 2007.

"This is the first time our sorority has done an event like this on campus, and I think it went very well," colony intake advisor Marneka Hayes said. "We arranged for 150 seats, but the attendance far outstripped our estimate. Dozens and dozens of people were standing, crowded in the back."

Sigma Lambda Gamma President Jhoanna Vega-Rocha said she barely noticed the crowd because she was focused on the presentation.

"I was really nervous at first because we had really good promos videos and fliers and I was scared that we over-hyped ourselves," Vega-Rocha, a junior sociology and criminal justice double major, said. "Once I got over the nervousness, it was really nice for all our hard work to be celebrated and recognized."

According to Vega-Rocha, the presentation was especially remarkable because of how public

"Usually, the presentation is a secretive process, but since we are colonizing, we had to establish ourselves," Vega-Rocha said. "We wanted to show our passion and show how much we worked to bring back Sigma Lambda Gamma.'

The unusual neophyte presentation fits Sigma Lambda Gamma's reputation for being an

outside of the box-type sorority, according to Haynes. She said the sorority doesn't necessarily fit within the parameters of the National Panhellenic Conference or National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Vega-Rocha echoed this sentiment and said it was one of the strengths of the organization.

"We're sort of outsiders, but we have a great relationship with the NPC and NPHC, so we would love to act as a bridge in the greek community," Vega-Rocha said. "Greek unity is something Bradley really needs."



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The nine new members of Sigma Lambda Gamma at Bradley performed a routine at their neophyte presentation Saturday.

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Princeton Review ranks Bradley

The Princeton Review released its "Colleges That Pay You Back, 2016 Edition: The 200 Schools That Give You the Best Bang for Your Tuition Buck" last week. Bradley was listed in the top 25 for four categories.

Bradley ranked 13th for "Top 25 Game Design: Undergraduate programs," 18th for "Best Athletic Facilities," 20th for "Lots of Greek Life" and 23rd for "Top Internship Opportunities."

According to its Feb. 2 press release, "Colleges That Pay You Back" is "an annual guide to colleges that the education services company considers the nation's best for academics, affordability/financial aid, and for getting their graduates out the door to satisfying and rewarding careers." It includes a variety of lists and rankings with colleges and universities from across the country.

However, the Princeton Review also ranked the Cullom-Davis Library as the third worst library in the U.S. in 2015, and it remains third on this list.

English Department begins poetry contests

The English Department's annual poetry competitions are now open for all Bradley students.

The Sipple Poetry Award requires students to submit five original poems, with the first place poet receiving \$400, second place receiving \$200 and third place receiving \$100. The Academy of American Poets Prize, administered by the Academy of American Poets in New York, requires students to submit a single poem. First prize is awarded \$100.

Students can deliver poems in hard copy to the English Department office in Bradley 380 by 3 p.m. March 9. For more information, email Kevin Stein at kstein@bradley.edu.

Students Today Leaders Forever trip registration opens

Students interested in service can register for Students Today Leaders Forever's (STLF) annual spring break service trip, which begins on March 11 and ends on March 19.

Each year over spring break, Bradley's STLF chapter takes a group of students across the country and does various service projects in a different city each day. This year, STLF is taking two buses on two separate trips

Students interested in registering for the STLF spring break trip can visit stlf.net/chapters/bradley or email Bradley@stlf.net for more information.

The Bradley University Greek Councils proudy congratulates Sigma Lambda Gamma Colony at Bradley University For initiating 9 new members! Follow their journey online! Sigma Lambda Gamma Colony at Bradley University © bradleygammas For more information please email: bradleygammas@gmail.com

POLICE REPORTS

• A female student reported an unknown substance left outside her dorm room at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4 in Heitz Hall.

The substance, a yellow liquid believed to be urine, was in a plastic water bottle that was put inside of a newspaper-wrapped box with the message "From your secret admirer" on it.

Her residence advisor reported the package to the BUPD. There are no suspects.

• Police received a missing persons report at 3:15 a.m. Feb. 6. One male student left to visit a friend's residence in Bloomington, but did not return to his personal residence at 1203 Underhill St. that night. He also did not answer phone calls from his brother or friend.

The male was located Feb. 7 at the 1200 block of N. Underhill Street. He stated that he spent the night with his friend, and that his cell phone's battery died. Once he was able to recharge it, he immediately called his brother and friend at 9:45 a.m.

• Police received a report of possession of cannabis at 2:17 a.m. Feb. 5 in Harper Hall.

A female and male residence advisor performed a search of a female student's room and found cannabis possessed by the suspect.

The evidence was removed and placed in the BUPD evidence room.

• Officers received a report of disorderly conduct and open liquor at 4:35 p.m. on Tuesday.

A female student and resident of 828 N. Underhill St. reported a boyfriend of another resident of the apartment building had been harassing her in an elevator. He refused to be cooperative and denied the issue to police.

The suspect, a non-student male, was issued a municipal order violation notice and was banned from campus.

• A male student reported his wallet missing from a locker at Markin Recreation Center at 6 p.m. Feb. 5.

The suspect is unknown.





Eat your heart out, Valentine: A Guide to Restaurants



It's common knowledge that the best way to a person's heart is through their stomach, which means selecting a great place to eat is vital for romantic success. Here's a quick list of local eateries for every level of love, from forever alone to together

Level One: Committed Relationship

You and your significant other are in it for the long haul (or at least you're not afraid to fart in front of each other anymore). If you're looking for something a little more intimate and lavish this Valentine's Day, try one of these local restaurants.

Sugar Wood-Fired Bistro — While you dine at Sugar, you have a view of the woodfired oven and open kitchen. The menu features gourmet pizza, sandwiches and more.

Two25! — Located inside the Mark Twain Hotel, this is a more upscale, pricey place to eat. If you want a classic romantic dinner with style, Two25 is the one for you.



Jonah's Seafood House — Jonah's prints its menu twice daily to show customers the variety of fresh fish offered.

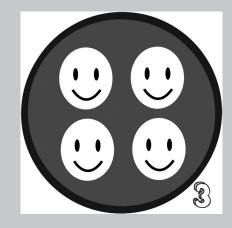
Level Two: Testing the Waters

So you like each other, but you haven't told Aunt Mildred back home about your significant other yet. That's OK. Take it slow. We understand. In the meantime, hit up one of these Peoria eateries for Valentine's Day with your sweetheart without breaking the bank.

Rhythm Kitchen — This casual favorite has music on the weekends, so there's a little distraction if the date gets awkward.

The Blue Duck Barbecue Tavern Blue Duck serves up barbecue favorites alongside tacos and a selection of beers. It has a casual atmosphere with friendly staff.

Sushigawa — If you have a couple of quiet sushi-lovers, try Sushigawa. They have a great selection of fresh fish.



Level Three: Group Date

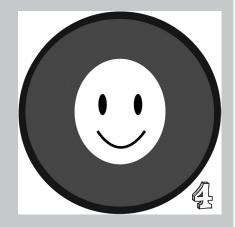
Are you hesitant to take the plunge with that special someone? Grab another similarly inclined couple and go for a more casual group date. Who knows what might happen after? If you need tips, pointers and/or diagrams, please refer to page B3.

One World — A great place for a casual group gathering. It's loud, but reasonably priced with a nice atmosphere.

Le Peep — Who doesn't like breakfast? Kenny's Westside Pub — This local pub is more than just a dive bar. Come lunchtime, it's packed. There is great food with a laid back atmosphere.

Level Four: Perpetually Single

Afraid of commitment? Obsessed with swiping right? Listening to Taylor Swift alone in your apartment right now? Then these are the restaurants for you! Check out these hot spots if you happen to be spending Valentine's Day alone - by choice or



Kelleher's Irish Pub and Eatery -Kelleher's is hosting its second annual Anti-Valentines Party on Feb. 13. Wear black. The pub has great food and a cozy atmosphere, with live music on specified

Thanh Linh Vietnamese Restaurant — Whether you're alone or not for V-day, swing by Thanh Linh for plenty of food at a great place. You can sit in or get takeout if sitting alone isn't for you.

Panaderia Ortiz Bakery — Whether you're craving something savory or sweet, this bakery has what you need. They have a large selection of baked goods as well as tacos and burritos.

McDonald's - You can find one anywhere, open at any time. If you're feeling that lonely, and in need of a Midnight Happy Meal, go for it.

- The Scout staff

Bradley concert features array of music

BY KATIE GOLDSMITH Off-staff Reporter

Some people will spend their Valentine's Day with a significant other while others may go see "Deadpool," but those without plans can attend The Broadway Lights and Opera Stars Concert 3 p.m. Sunday in Dingledine Music

The Broadway Lights and Opera Stars Concert is part of the annual Musical Scholarship Concert Series, which channels 100 percent of box office revenue alumni. Music students were encouraged to participate by an email sent from Kerry Walters, an associate professor of music.

"This is the first time I've put together such a large ensemble of current students, but it made sense since they are the ones who have benefitted from our fundraising," Walters said.

The two alumni who are invited back are both former students of Walters. Katie Burnham, a 2014 vocal performance graduate and Emily Volz, a 2013 music education graduate, are now pursu-

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toward scholarships for Bradley ing masters degrees in music at music majors.

"Keep in mind that scholarships for music students were initially intended to not simply make a college education more affordable, they were to allow music students time in the practice room that might otherwise be invested in a part-time job," chairperson of the Department of Music David Vroman said.

"A music major is generally expected to spend around 14 hours a week in individual practice, a number of hours similar to many part-time jobs," Vroman said.

The concert will feature 15 Bradley music students, along with faculty members and two

Chicago College of Performing Arts and North Park University, respectively.

"I am excited to come back and sing for my professors," Volz said. "I am also super interested to hear the current students because Bradley has such an awesome music program."

Many styles of music will be performed at the concert, including opera and musical theater. Walters chose the large ensemble pieces while performers, who had solos or duets, had the chance to choose their own material.

Tickets for the concert are \$10 at the door for the public and free to Bradley students.

Fit Fair provides fun, healthy opportunities

BY HANNAH SNIDMAN

Off-staff Reporter

Get Fit, Stay Fit held its annual Fit Fair Feb. 5 in Markin Recreational Center. The fair was free to Bradley students and faculty and offered a variety of resources for leading a healthy lifestyle.

The event featured over 30 vendors and gave out raffle prizes such as an Apple Watch and a FitBit. Students entered the raffle by either gaining 15 vendor signatures on their passports, participating in a class offered at the fair or completing an obstacle course.

"I think it is really cool that you have to actually talk to people in order to get your card signed and be entered for the prizes," sophomore public relations major Katie Goldsmith said. "It encourages people to learn more about how

they can be fit and healthy."

Dietetics students organized the fair, but undergraduates and graduates from many different majors helped run the stations. Get Fit, Stay Fit had its own team available to support, as well.

"I helped to plan and organize the Fit Fair with our Get Fit, Stay Fit Team," junior health science and psychology double major Tori Faulkner said. "Throughout the event, I assisted in making sure the event ran smoothly by checking on the vendors, volunteers and greeting students and faculty as they walked in."

Community food distributors and brokers were present at the fair to hand out free samples to passersby. The samples included healthy desserts and entree

Vendors said being a part of the

fair had many benefits.

"Part of it was exposure [and] wanting to show some new items that fit the parameters of the Fit Fair to gain some additional sales," Sysco Central Illinois employee Tom Tatham said.

Students were able to taste new foods and drinks that could potentially go on sale at campus dining locations. They were also able to ask members of the Wellness Program questions.

"I helped out at the Dietetics Student Association table," freshman dietetics major Katie Breen said. "We do a lot of community service, and the Fit Fair is right up our alley."

The fair provided students with knowledge on different aspects of

"I think the Fit Fair is important because it's a way for people to experience all the different areas of health, and it makes it all really accessible for people, too," Breen

The Fit Fair originally started a few years after the creation of the organization Get Fit, Stay Fit. The event began with fewer vendors and took place in the performance court, but evolved over time and is now held in Markin.

"This year was our fifth annual Fit Fair," Faulkner said. "It allows for students and faculty to learn about what the Bradley and Peoria community has to offer in regards to achieving a healthy lifestyle. We strive to make the Fit Fair an event that gets people excited to be healthy and take steps to create personal goals. It is important that the Bradley students and faculty know what resources are available."



photo by Anna Foley

Students mingle in Markin Recreational Center during the Fit Fair organized by dietetics majors.

Small business feature: Jerusalem Restaurant

BY TORI MOSES Managing Editor

Bars and booze may be the first words that come to mind when Bradley students think about Farmington Road, but that area of town has much more to offer than just a tipsy night out.

Jerusalem Restaurant, located at 2027 W. Farmington Rd., opened five months ago and serves authentic Mediterranean food, such as falafel, baba ghanoush and baklava.

Co-owner Abdalraziq Foqahaa moved to Peoria after working as a chef in Jerusalem for 15 years.

"This has been a dream for [Foqahaa]," Lena Aydah, co-owner and Foqahaa's wife, said. "He has been wanting to do this for so

Aydah said despite her and her husband living in Peoria for 10 years before searching for a venue, they didn't know about the Farmington Road area until looking to open the restaurant.

"I never knew this area existed, [and] I thought it wasn't a really good neighborhood in the beginning," Aydah said. "But then, after we opened, I looked at the park, and I looked at Bradley, and I was like, 'Oh, this is good.'"

near to the Bradley community has helped the restaurant because students and teachers visit often, but campus is not its main source of business.

"A lot of people come in from just passing by, or they say, 'Our friend told us about you," Aydah

Also, Aydah said Jerusalem Restaurant doesn't experience much competition.

"We hear there's a lot of Mediterranean places around, but our customers will tell us, 'Oh, your prices are lower than this place,' or, 'Your food is almost like this place but ... better," she said.

Aydah said Foqahaa uses the same recipes he cooked with in Jerusalem, but they tried to fill the menu with recognizable Middle Eastern items (as well as hot wings, chicken strips and nuggets).

"[When deciding on the menu], we looked at what stuff [Fogahaa] knows how to do and then what is famous Mediterranean food," Aydah said. "Apparently, everyone knows what hummus is and what falafel is."

Looking to the future, Aydah said her and Foqahaa are building an expansion to their restaurant, which currently only features a wraparound counter, to include According to Aydah, being tables to fit at least 30 people.



vhoto by Tori Moses

Jerusalem Restaurant, located on Farmington Road, offers authentic Mediterranean cuisine as well as hot wings, chicken strips and nuggets.

New aeronautic club blasts off

BY MICHAEL ECHEVERRI **Copy Editor**

The Aeronautics Club hit the ground running with sky-high ambitions this semester, setting out to build and launch a model rocket in the next few months.

"Rockets are flashy and cool, so we're hoping this first rocket project will help us get off the ground, get some attention and get new

something with my own hands and just experiment," Lingner, a junior mechanical engineering major, said. "The joy comes from putting hours of work into something and see it go up and stay in the air as opposed to just plummeting straight into the dirt."

Golden said he wants the club to be both recreational and educational.

"We want to go beyond the

"Flying is sort of a peaceful thing where I get a chance to build something with my own hands and just experiment."

- Frederick Lingner, junior mechanical engineering major

said. "The more members we get, view," Golden said. "To this end, the more complex the projects we can undertake."

Golden, a junior mechanical engineering major, said in addition to building model rockets, the club will build and fly model airplanes and quadcoptors.

"Building model aircrafts takes a lot of time and money, but despite this, I think there's a lot of people on campus looking for a fun flying community they can be a part of," Golden said.

Club secretary Frederick Lingner said he joined because he feels satisfaction overcoming the technical challenges of flying.

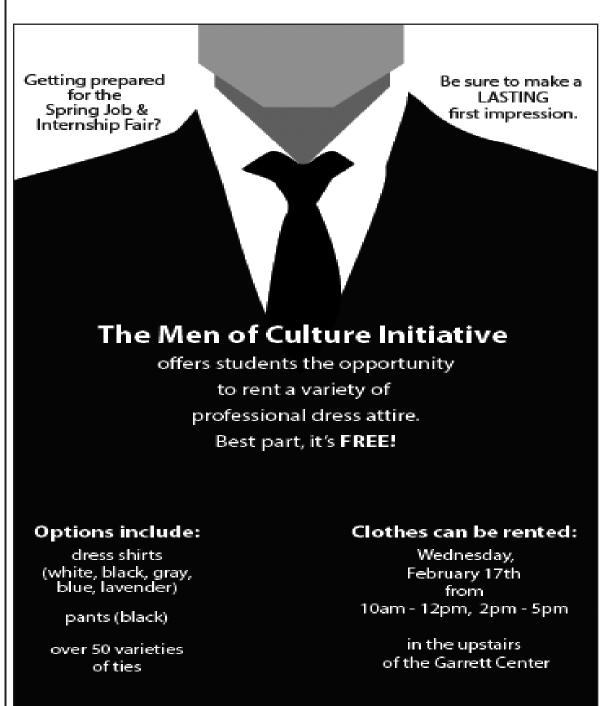
"Flying is sort of a peaceful thing where I get a chance to build

hobbyist level and look at flymembers," president Chris Golden ing from an engineering point of we intend to reach out to some mechanical and electrical engineering professors for guidance."

Despite this engineering focus, Linger said the club is not just for engineering majors.

'We're looking for anyone interested in planes, helicopters, anything," Lingner said. "We're always looking for new thought processes and new people to bring into the club. We're a friendly and welcoming bunch."

The organization meets at 1 p.m. Sundays on the second floor of Michel Student Center. For more information, students can email the organization at buaeroclub@ gmail.com.



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Editorial: Illinois needs to get its funding on the MAP

Illinois has been without a state budget since July 1, which has the potential to create massive problems for college students in both private and public universities.

Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant funding is awarded to students on the basis of financial need and is something students do not pay back. However, MAP funding is stalled this academic year because the Illinois General Assembly and Governor Bruce Rauner have not approved a state budget, and they have been at this impasse for more than seven

Last year, Illinois dedicated \$373 million to the MAP grant funding, giving aid to nearly 125,000 students, about 1,000 of from the inability of the republi-

whom are Bradley students.

Currently, Bradley is still giving students an aid package equal to the MAP grant funds, but it's unlikely the university will be able to continue crediting the money without any guarantee of repayment from the state government. They are already acting in goodfaith by crediting students the MAP grant funds this year.

The Illinois General Assembly passed a senate bill Jan. 24 that would restore funds to the MAP grant despite the ongoing budget impasse. However, the bill is still sitting on Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner's desk, and he is likely to

The budget impasse resulted

can governor and the democratic majority in both chambers of the state legislature to compromise.

Bradley as a school won't suffer heavily from this budget impasse because it is privately funded. However, many state and publicly-funded schools are suffering from the lack of resources. Not-forprofit agencies and social service organization are hit the hardest. Services that are deemed most vital are still being funded, such as public education spending, state workers salaries, DMV offices and state parks.

While the MAP grant is a small portion of the overall tuition package, it can make it or break it for financially-needy students. Students' educational futures

should not be held in jeopardy because of lawmakers' inability to come to an agreement.

This refusal to compromise on the part of lawmakers hurts students and our country as a whole because we will be losing future educated leaders.

Students have various avenues to contact their state legislators. For one, Bradley has planned a student trip to Springfield Tuesday, Feb. 16, to voice concerns to legislation. We as students are affected by this political struggle, and because the current politicians seem unable to listen, we must ensure they understand our need to access education.

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Column

Darwin's creative abyss



Here's the deal: I'm in a creative rut.

Anyone will tell you that's completely normal, and I know that. Artists go through these all the time. Writers sit at their computers and think for days. Coffee rings stain the tabletops; dark circles form under their eyes. But in the end, it's always worth it. In the end, they always end up with a masterpiece to show for it.

My problem is, I've been in this creative rut for two years and counting. It worries me, especially as an English and journalism double major. Am I losing my mind? Should I drop out of school?

I should probably move back into my parents' basement.

I don't remember the last time I had a big, inspirational "aha" moment. Sixth grade creative writing, most likely.

I'm not sure if I'm too tired or if college has just sucked the creative life out of me or if I don't know how to write anything but MLA-stye analytical papers anymore. Maybe I'm just not trying hard enough.

I write every single day, whether it's for an English class, or for a journalism class or for my job here at The Scout. I love it, but I'm worried that I'm going to run out of steam. Are my writing abilities like some gas tank, and am I running on empty?

Then I have moments of confidence. I'll think of a great thesis statement for a paper I'm working on. I'll get a lede for an article I'm writing on the first attempt.

These moments are different than they used to be, but that's OK. I used to expect the art and words to come to me like poet Ruth Stone once said they hit her: like thunder barreling down a mountain. She'd rush to find paper and a pencil to write it

down immediately. Otherwise, she'd forget them.

Maybe it's not that I'm not as inspired as I used to be. Maybe it's just that I'm inspired differently. I've been teetering, every day, on the edge of this rut. I just never noticed before because I wasn't producing novels or paintings or poem collections.

So, can I really call it a creative rut, then? Is it a slump? Or should I dub it a canyon? I'm going to go with "creative abyss" right now, because it's still there but vastly unexplored.

Maybe I will never break a great story. Maybe I will never give an awesome TED Talk or write the next great American novel. But if I can claw my way out of this abyss, or at least find some sort of glowing jellyfish along the way, I'll be content.

Letter to the Editor

Last week, The Scout featured an article on One Direction. Unfortunately, after reading the article, I was dismayed with the illogical argument used to make Directioners "fear" the demise of One Direction.

The story relied on the premise that Niall Horan allegedly becoming a golfing agent in which he would represent professional golfers was the beginning of the end for One Direction. The article claims Niall Horan only has two options in life – be a pop superstar or play golf.

Niall can do what he pleases. He isn't under contract because the band completed five albums and four tours. The band is on HIATUS. The point of the hiatus is for the boys to branch out and explore their passions - golf would be that passion for Niall.

On top of blaming Niall for One Direction's apparent demise, the article claimed that Niall was disrespectful for abandoning his music career. Despite the abusive claims, I applaud Niall for establishing business ventures outside the band, so he creates an individual identity aside from his One Direction persona.

Furthermore, comparing Niall to Zayn was ludicrous. Niall didn't break any legal promises, abandon a tour or deceive fans by asking for a normal life while recording solo music. Fans viewed footage of concerts leading up to the announcement of Zayn's departure that showed the four remaining boys emotional and grateful for their fans continual support. Niall isn't ignorant to his fans' sensitivity. He is merely on a hiatus meant for the explora-

tion of passions he had little time to develop while on tour with One Direction.

My favorite part of the article was the slippery slope presented regarding the other band members. The article claims two more applicable. of the four - Louis and Liam - will become the next Chris Kirkpatrick, Harry Styles will launch a solo career, and Niall, again, will "crush Directioners" with his golfing agency. However, Louis Tomlinson is in talks to create a record company with Simon Cowell, further delving into the business side of the music industry. Liam Payne has already written several songs, including a song for the boy band HomeTown, and collaborated with Juicy J.

Most puzzling, however, was the faulty analogy between Harry Styles and Nick Jonas, when it was Joe Jonas who released his solo music first. Nick Jonas recorded a separate album with his band, The Administration. Perhaps penning Harry as the next Justin Timberlake would be

As a Directioner, I'm not worried Niall Horan's golfing career will destroy my favorite band. I hope the boys (and Zayn) can relax, experiment with their sound and ultimately engage in the activities they wouldn't otherwise engage in. Even though The Scout article was listed under "Distractions," One Direction is comprised of four men liable to do whatever they please to finetune their careers.

- Anna Huffman Senior English major ahuffman@mail.bradley.edu

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Inside:

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College is one of the best times to have an orgy. The only other time you'll be surrounded by people your age with plenty of free time and not a lot of inhibitions is at age 60 in a retirement home. So, unless you want to wait 40 years to get your freak on, follow these quick tips for throwing a great orgy.

Like prom or homecoming, an orgy needs a good theme. Look to your kinks and sexual preferences for inspiration. Do you want to host a BDSM orgy, an all-guy orgy or a redheads-only orgy? All of the above? Go for it. Don't be afraid of being weirdly

specific. Chances are whatever floats your boat also floats an armada's worth of other people's boats, too.

Once you have your theme decided, work on the ground rules. For example, enforce a strict dress code of nudity, otherwise your sex party might turn into a bunch of awkward, clothed people standing around.

And this next rule might break some Millennial hearts, but phones should be banned to avoid unwanted videos and pictures. Safe words are always a plus, and you will want to declare safe sex mandatory and reiterate the importance of consent.

Now that your theme and ground rules have been decided, it is time to figure out your location. A dorm room would make for a pretty cramped orgy and would probably annoy your roommate (unless they're involved), so try to find a house or apartment. If you have some serious cash, you can rent several adjoining hotel rooms for a night. Whatever your location, make sure to set aside space for people who need to step out of the main action and take a breather.

You've got the basics down, but if you want to throw a really stellar orgy, you have to go the extra mile. Serve food so your guests can keep up their energy and maybe incorporate it into their sex play. If you provide drinks, make sure the alcohol content is low, because drunken sex isn't consensual. Playing some sexy music and some tasteful porn in the background will also improve your guests' experience and set the mood.

All that's left to do now is send out the invitations. Word of mouth is pretty effective, but if that's not

working, you can try creating a secret Facebook group or using apps like Tinder and 3nder (Tinder for threesomes). If you're really desperate, you can use Craigslist, but that will dramatically increase the chances of an axe murderer attending your orgy.

This concludes your crash course in orgy logistics. All this planning and preparation might be overwhelming, but try to relax and enjoy yourself because you'll have a hell of a mess to clean up the morning after.

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THE MALE G-SPO

By Zachary Dixon

Knock, knock. Who's there? It's me, just sliding in the backdoor.

For those who receive it, anal intercourse provides a whole new type of pleasure. Now, before you freak, hear me out. Anal, when performed correctly, is an erotic ride that blows away any and all expectations. But don't just shove it in there or you'll be in for a bad time.

It offers a special something for men. Lurking within us all is the mother-of-allpleasure zones, the G-spot. For most men, this is an unexplored region of their anatomy. It's usually all dick and balls. But what if I told you the secret to the male Gspot was through the butt?

taint during sex or right before orgasm. The taint a pleasantly surprising result.

is a special place right between the anus and sack. If performed correctly, you will experience

Those of you still with me must be wondering, "How can I possibly enjoy this?" First of all, bravo for braving this new frontier. It's not exactly a welltrodden one. The first option is much more user-friendly. Simply stimulate a man's

However, for those feeling truly daring, enter directly through the anal cavity.

This requires preparation, so precautions are advised. Do not just dive into this; you have to ease your way in slowly. Water-based lube is high on the list, along with several hygiene upgrades needed by both parties.

Communication is key, because not everyone enjoys the same type of stimulation. It's best that partners work with each other to make

the most out of it.

Valentine's Day is coming up. Maybe you and your partner want to try something new, something romantic and a little outside the box. What better way to say "I love you" than to say, "I want you to orgasm into paradise?"

Just remember — glove before you love.



Sleep with. Make love. Get it in. All of these words can be used to communicate the act of sex, but their origins are unclear. The average person thinks about sex 15 times a day, but they may have never thought about the origin of the sexual jargon. Some of the explanations are factual, where others are fiction or simply myths, but that's up to you to decide. Now let's get intimate, shall we?

By Lisa Stemmons

very much," so it's fitting. It is also used in the pop culture/fashion world to describe someone

that's on top of his or her game

Nike was actually trying to get free publicity by encouraging immature tweens whom were afraid to utter the word "sex" to instead say in hushed tones, "Did you do it?!"

tornicate

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines fornication as consensual sexual intercourse between two persons not married to each other. This term is interchangeable with any word meaning sex, but it used to be synonymous with adultery and suggested a sinful action in many religions. The Latin verb "fornicare" referred to the act of a man visiting a brothel, and the word has been translated to mean whoredom and sexual immorality.

Originating from the Latin word copula, meaning fastened together.

This word could mean anything from kissing to going all the way, so we're not even going to touch it. Arguing about correct usage is like trying to explain to your grandparents the difference between being together and dating.

Back in the olden days, if there was a nice stream of water, one man would look to another and say, "I'd tap that," meaning they would use it as a source of drinking water. Another common phrase used for a fine looking lady was a "tall glass of water." Put the two together, and voila! Or maybe they are referring to tapping a new keg, because beer and women are the easiest ways to a man's heart.

In 1900, Chicago was home to one of the most well-known whorehouses in America, the Everleigh Club, so the phrase "getting Everleighed" was abbreviated to "getting laid."

It likely originated from the loud noise associated with a gun shot, which was imitated when the front of the male's thighs and the woman's buttocks would clash when she is mounted from behind. This is a demeaning sexual position for some, which is why "banging" someone is now deemed a derogatory saying for sex. A similar explanation can be used for "smash" and "hit it."

Get lucky 🕏

Out of all the fish in the sea, if you can meet someone to embark on a relationship with, or at the very least a sexual interaction, that's pretty lucky.

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The easiest way to explain sexual activities without going into explicit details is paralleling it to America's favorite pastime. With every base gained, the game gets a little more interesting and impressive, and the same can be said for relationships. Sex is the big kahuna of all possible interactions, so naturally it is regarded as the most exciting thing that happens in baseball.

This originates from the common expression used during the Black Plague when men were trying to repopulate and asked women to throw them a bone. Just kidding. Men get boners, and they use them to have sex. Self-explanato-

The latest and greatest term used by teenagers everywhere. One simply cannot pass a picture of a guy with a lot of girls on Instagram that does not have "slaver" in the comments. One of the lesser-known definitions of slay is "to delight or amuse someone

(i.e. "Slay, Gaga!"), which makes sense because having sex is perceived as cool to the youngins.

This word can literally be placed anywhere and it would make sense. It can be used as any part of speech to express surprise, outrage, humor or delight. In medieval England, single people could not have sex unless they had the king's consent. The king gave them a placard to hang on their door while they were having sex. The placard had four little letters that stood as an acronym for Fornication Under Consent of the King. Other legends include the acronym "For Unlawful Carnal Knowledge," a legal offense for having sex out of wedlock.

Knock boots

An old western term derived from the act of removing all of one's clothes but their boots when having sex, thus creating a knocking noise during penetration.

Honorable mentions:

Get busy, Get it on, Shag, Get some, Ride, Rail, Making babies, Bump uglies, Screw/Nail, Horizontal hustle, Hankey pankey, Hokey pokey

HOW TO NOT GET PREGNANT AND DIE:

1. ABSTAIN FROM SEX

TRIPPING DOWN By Elizabeth Degnan

For most people, Valentine's Day is all about romantic frills. Flowers, a fancy dinner, wine (lots of wine) and chocolate are just some of the basics that women expect from their men. However, this Valentine's weekend, I challenge us women to spoil our men back. So, what is a perfect gift for your man? Something he can take off.

Lingerie is a form of wearable art, with so much thought and design going into the process of each piece. What women don't realize is that wearing lingerie will boost your sex appeal and confidence. The sexiness of the underwear is designed to make women feel more beautiful in their own skin, no matter the body type. With the correct fit, lingerie can bring out your best features.

Picking out the perfect piece is a process that shouldn't be rushed. The first step is to consider the features you wish to highlight and which ones you would like to hide. For petite women, consider finding a set that will add a little extra push. Many pieces will have an underwire cut that will transform a smaller chest, giving it extra volume. If you want to embrace your petite frame, find something that reveals it all. A lace bra with no padding will give a more natural look.

For curvier women, there are so many ways to place emphasis on the right parts of your body in order to produce the sexiest shape. For instance, if having a big

chest is something you are confident with and you lack confidence in the rest of your body, find a one-piece that comes with a built-in bra that will lift and hug your chest to create a heart shape while also covering your midriff.

Don't be afraid of two pieces. The high-waisted look will allow you to show a little skin while also hugging your waist, whereas the low-rise bottom will elongate the way your body looks.

Lastly, choose a style that fits your personality. Try mixing and matching your pieces to show your wild side or stick with a matching set to be more traditional and sophisticated. Maybe even add a pair of heels to complete the look. Regardless of your body shape and style, find what makes you feel sexy both inside and out.

So who cares if you don't look like a Victoria's Secret model? There's one thing a man can't resist, and it's a woman who knows she's sexy. Spoil your man this Valentine's Day and take it off, girl! Remember ladies, less is more.



Harry Potter Erotica By Jessa Armich

Is that your wand or are you just happy to see me?

Harry Potter pervades pretty much every corner of popular culture today, including our sex lives, apparently.

Fanfiction writing, or continuing and altering a movie/book/TV show, is incredibly prevalent. Harry Potter is one of the biggest categories, and romance features are a large fraction of that. There is even Harry Potter erotica, which is purely porn without a plot.

Nothing is off-limits: bestiality, incest or plain vanilla sex. Don't get me wrong; there are plenty of good stories that riff off of Rowling's characters that don't focus on sex. However, such a large portion does.

Why are people so drawn to reading and writing erotica based off this bestselling book series? Perhaps it's simply society wanting to keep the wizarding world alive. Most of us read the Harry Potter series as kids and as we mature, naturally, our tastes do as well. Is Harry Potter erotica the next logical step?

That'd be a leap, personally. I think it's more likely a combination of a lack of money and wish fulfill-

Unless you've been hiding under a large stack of Tolkien novels, you've discovered books are EXPEN-SIVE. College students have no money, especially not for smut. So, what's a person to do? Here enters HP erotica to save the day.

Fanfiction is a free way to read interesting stories. It involves dredging through the 90 percent subpar trash, but at least it's better than spending tons of money on something you'll never read again.

Beyond freeing up funds, people might enjoy HP erotica because of some minor wish-fulfillment in the "ships" department.

Did anyone honestly predict Harry and Ginny getting together? Or Ron and Hermione? If so, great for you, but many people (including myself) hate them as couples. Now, thanks to HP erotica, you can see your favorite, sadly not destined to be, couple get it

on. Joining them in making like felix felicis and getting lucky, handling the brooms, slythering in their chambers

Some people are going to turn up their noses at this. They think they're too good for it, or that it's only something to be read while hiding under your bed during the full lunar eclipse.

People need to get over their squeamishness. There's no shame in it. Everyone reads smut. Yes, chances are the person sitting right next to you at this very moment has at some point in time read Harry Potter erotica.

It could be worse. So much worse. They could be reading "50 Shades of Grey."

So, go forth and read whatever you want, even if it includes the Golden Trio in various compromising positions. I'm not going to stop you. Just remember: Be safe, y'all, and as Fred and George would say ... I solemnly swear I am up to no good.

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HOW TO GIVE A STELLAR BJ

Wow. I can't believe you were drawn to this article! This isn't Cosmo. We don't condone a Netflix & Chill, hook-up culture here. View the following cartoon strip to learn how to properly take your partner on a REAL date.

By Lisa Stemmons

Ollustrations by Megan Banmann



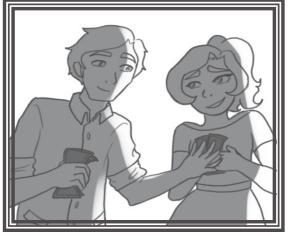
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Bring flowers/gifts



Compliment them



Cover the tab



Ask them to dance



And if you're ready, go in for a kiss

IO REASONS WHY YOU'RE STILL SINGLE

1. You're broke

Relationships aren't cheap, and you have a mouth to feed. That's right, "mouth." One mouth. Not plural. Singular. Yours.

2. You can't commit to food choices, let alone a relationship.

Chick-fil-A? Pasta? Salad? Moe's? So many options. Sometimes getting a chicken filled pasta-salad burrito bowl is just an executive decision you have to make. If you can't decide on cafeteria options, imagine the responsibility of picking the perfect restaurant.

3. Your family is less than ideal

Seriously, parent-teacher conferences were traumatizing enough. Let's save the dad jokes and childhood stories for someone else.

4. You don't enjoy mingling

Walking into a room full of people who are going to whisper about you while you use their bathroom? No thanks. Your self-esteem is low enough, and you don't need that pressure in your life.

5. You want a significant other for the wrong reasons

You do realize you can't order the "relationship package," including cuddles, good morning texts and hand holding without the tears, declined calls and awkward silences, right?

6. You don't want to be second string to an animal

Is your dog adorable? Yes. Is it always in the mood to see you? Yes. Does he or she ever have an attitude? No ... OK. You're right, this is a valid fear.



7. You accept the love you think you deserve

Maybe you're not ready for love. Maybe you don't think you are worthy.

By Maddy White

8. You don't go with the flow

Relationships mean meeting your partner halfway. If you can't switch from Pretty Little Liars to ESPN during the commercial breaks, you aren't ready to let someone else into your life. Compromise, my friend.

9. You never had an awkward phase

No one will trust you if you never had a period in your life (preferably with Facebook evidence) where things just weren't working out. You can't just come out of seventh grade and expect to have everything fall into place. You need to start from the bottom, just like we all did.

10. You're a "10"

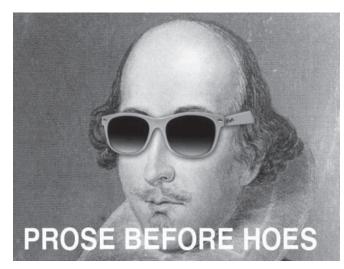
Let's be honest. "10s" are scary. No one walks into a room and confidently approaches the "10" sitting there, blinding everyone else with their shining aura. If this scenario doesn't sound at all familiar to you, then you are the dime in the room.

SHAKESPEAREAN SEXTING

By Tori Moses

Modern Day F*ckboy



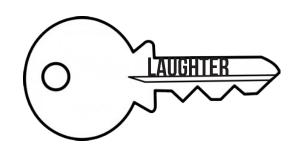




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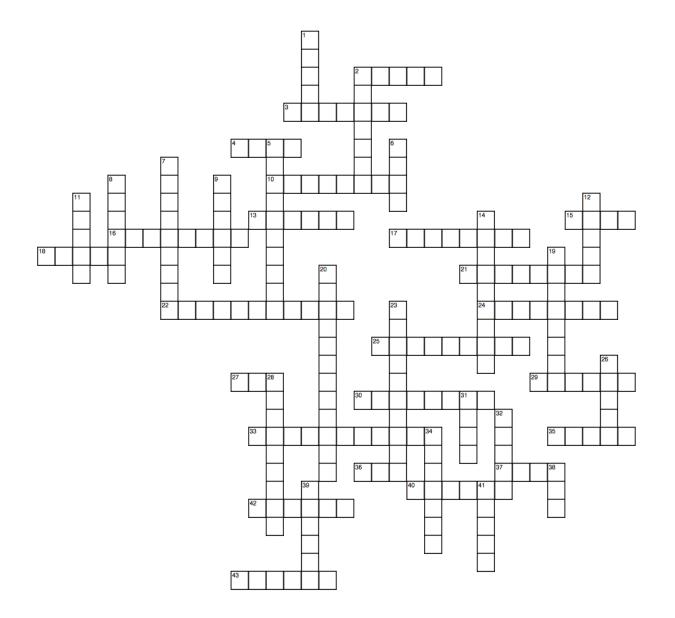


Don't be afraid to tell your significant other if they're trying to be cute or cuddly and you are most ardently NOT FEELING IT.



You don't have to change who you are to have a relationship. If someone doesn't like who you are, then there's no reason for you to be in a relationship.

Let's Talk About Sex



ACROSS

- 2 the farting noise of a vagina
- 3 sex position in which the woman rides atop the man who lies flat on his back
- 4 the shape of an enclosed sport's stadium or fellatio
- 10 to go down on your partner while driving a car
- 13 a name for a hot dog or penis
- 15 Lonely Island song "_ _ In My Pants"
- 16 Nikki Minaji's name for a penis
- 17 the most common cuddling position
- 18 male genitalia, formal
- 21 to abstain from marriage and sexual relations
- 22 a party of all males
- 24 long distance means of getting it on
- 25 a male's excuse to have their partner engage in sexual activity

- 27 the byproduct of a successful ejaculation, slang
- 29 an unusual turn-on, foot
- 30 YouTube song "Show Me Your ____
- 33 an erection upon waking up
- 35 the circumference of the penis
- 36 what one person is after jumping in water or beir sexually aroused
- 37 slang for breasts
- 40 a slight erection
- 42 female genitalia, formal
- 43 a strong, pleasurable sensation that occurs right before an orgasm

Solutions Posted Online!



DOWN

1 usually in the shape of an enlarged, artificial penis 2 name for hurried sex 5 "Let's Get It On" singer 6 lack of clothing

7 a sexual aide used during bond-

8 feeling of bliss, the "Big O" 9 what you use to wrap your

11 to be sexually frustrated, or of the elk variety

12 adjective used for those who enjoy unusual sexual behavior

14 Kevin Hart's safeword

19 the outline of a vulva as sometimes seen when a woman is wearing tight pants, slang 20 the act of pleasing oneself

23 the act of removing the penis from the vagina before ejacula-

26 the imaginary, mystical place within the female anatomy 28 pushing one's face between breasts and shaking back and forth while making noise

31 product used to make entrance easier, especially for anal

32 "Post to Be" lyric, "gotta eat the _ like groceries"

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Softball leads off season at Kajikawa Classic

BY ALEX KRYAH **Assistant Sports Editor**

The Bradley women's softball team has traveled to the West Coast for some warmer weather.. The women will open their season in the Kajikawa Classic, which starts today in Tempe, Arizona. They will face Nevada, Seattle, Boise State, Utah State and Northwestern in the tournament.

"It's a great tournament for us to open up in," head coach Amy Hayes said. "One, weather-wise, we're not going to have any issues because we're not going to get rain or snow. We have a really good mix of a schedule there, and I think it's a good springboard for us."

The biggest challenge of the tournament will be in-state opponent Northwestern who finished fourth in the Big Ten and fell to top-seeded Michigan in the semifinals of the conference tournament last spring.

"We're playing some pretty decent teams," sophomore centerfielder Erika Hansen said. "I think our expectation is to just go out there and compete and come out with some wins, obviously."

This tournament will be the first installment of what Hayes

calls a "pretty tough preseason," where the women will face teams like Florida State and Wisconsin. She said it's especially critical this year to play such fierce competition early on.

"It's important to set the tone early for what we're trying to do here at Bradley," Hayes said. "I think there will be games that will be extremely competitive for us. We want our kids to be prepared by the time we get to conference."

The young Braves will need strong performances from their freshmen and sophomores, according to Hayes. The team will feature a totally new middle infield this season with sophomores Maria Schroeder and Taylor Morales playing second base and shortstop, respectively.

Another sophomore who isn't new to the starting lineup is outfielder Erika Hansen, will need to be a key contributor to the squad this year. She was voted a preseason All-MVC player and will look to live up to the hype once play begins.

"I hope to just keep getting better and better each practice and each game," Hansen said. "The preseason selection doesn't mean a whole lot to me, I guess, because you always have improvements

to work on. So, I think the key is just to keep working hard and everything will fall into place."

Hayes said she expects Hansen to just "keep on trucking" this

"[Hansen is] a phenomenal athlete," Hayes said. "She's a great hitter. She's kind of a softspoken person. She just kind of does her job. That's what we need from Erika, we just need her to be a really consistent anchor in the middle of our lineup and centerfield."

Looking forward, the women once again have championship goals in mind for the season.

"[Our goal] is to win conference," Hayes said. "It's our mindset every year. We feel like even though we are young a little bit, we feel like we have a strong pitching staff and most of our hitters are back."

The women begin play in Arizona against Nevada at 10:30 a.m. and will play Seattle 8 p.m. tonight.

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Elizabeth Leonard swings at a pitch during a game against Loyola University last season. She is one of six sophomores on the Braves roster this season.

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Getting to know 'D-LO'

BY AUSTIN SHONE **Sports Reporter**

On Nov. 13, the Bradley men's basketball team began a new chapter in the history book that already contains so many thrilling moments. The first page of this chapter was more thrilling than all that had come before for Braves' freshman combo-guard Dwayne Lautier-Ogunleye.

On that night, Lautier-Ogunleye, or "D-LO," as he has come to be known to teammates, dropped in 18 points and grabbed eight boards against Ball State and has been playing a big role during critical moments for the Braves ever since - not a bad start to a new college career and a different set of surroundings in a foreign country.

Like three of his Bradley teammates, Lautier-Ogunleye grew up playing basketball outside the United States. He attended high school at Bristol Academy in London, England, which was linked to the Bristol Flyers of the British Basketball League (BBL). Along with playing in the BBL, he was able to play for Great Britain's U18 and U20 national teams.

"Only the best get to play for their country," Lautier-Ogunleye said. "It's great because I'm [playing] for more than just myself."

Lautier-Ogunleye was recruited to Bradley by assistant coach Drew Adams. When he came for a visit, he said he really loved campus and the history of the school.

"I could see myself actually being here and being part of a young team that gets to build a legacy," Lautier-Ogunleye said. "I thought I could have an impact on the team straight away as a freshman, which was really appealing to me."

But coming across the pond came with a lot of changes. Playing a different style of basketball in the U.S. is definitely something Lautier-Ogunleye had to get used to.

"It's a lot faster and a lot stronger here," he said. "Guys are used to playing a lot more aggressively, and they're a lot more consistently athletic."

After spending the first 22 games as a starter, Lautier-Ogunleye has taken on a new role coming off the bench for the Braves the past two games, averaging 13 points per game in that



photo by Ann Schnabel

Dwayne Lautier-Ogunleye, one of the Braves 10 freshmen, hails from London, England. He's averaging 13 points off the bench for the Braves.

"Coming off the bench gives me time to see at the start of games how the other team is playing us," he said. "I've been getting a slight advantage because I can see which gaps to attack and where teams can be exposed, because some things you can't see on the floor and sometimes you have to be off the court to notice

Though this Braves team is very young, Lautier-Ogunleye said he believes they've been showing gradual improvement, and playing at a higher level together rather than purely as individuals.

"We've been growing a lot over the year," he said. "A lot of it has been behind closed doors, but it's starting to translate more onto the floor now. We had to learn on the go, where as most freshmen get to learn from the bench for a couple years and learn from older players ahead."

Through a lot of playing time this season, Lautier-Ogunleye has

established himself as an impotant piece in Bradley's rotation, averaging 32 minutes per game. That's good for sixth in terms of freshman minutes per game nationally. But Lautier-Ogunleye said those minutes aren't wearing him down even toward the end of the conference season.

"I thought I'd be fatigued," he said, "But the adrenaline of knowing that this is the crunch time now ... and everything matters a little bit more has just taken over, and I don't feel anything."

The Braves are entering the most important time of the year as the conference tournament approaches, and Bradley students can be sure the thrill and energy that permeated through Lautier-Ogunleye on the first page of the chapter will undoubtedly be felt on the last and carry over to next

Austin Shone is a freshman sports communication major from Grapevine, Texas. He is the Scout's sports reporter.

"We haven't won consistently yet," Lautier-Ogunleye said. "We haven't learned to close games out like veterans do. We're learning. We've done it against Loyola the first time and Indiana State, so we know we can do it. We're just figuring out how to do it on a consistent basis."

One-on-One

Which team in the NHL West is the best?

Chicago Blackhawks

The second half of the NHL season is officially underway, and it's time to decide who is the best in the West. Three teams in the Western Conference make a case for that title: the Chicago Blackhawks, the Dallas Stars and the Los Angeles Kings.

As of right now, the Western Conference is still controlled by the reigning Stanley Cup Champions Chicago Blackhawks. With a 36-16-4 record, the Hawks are not only on top of the Central Division, but also the entire Western conference. They lead the Western Conference with 76 points and are trailing the Washington Capitals by just four points for the NH leadL.

The Hawks first-half success comes from a roster filled with unbelievable talent, including a player with an MVP-like season: Patrick Kane.

Coming off a summer filled with drama and distractions, Kane has put it all behind him and is playing better than he ever has before. Kane leads the NHL in points (76) and goals (32) and makes everyone around him better on the ice, especially his fellow linemates Artem Anisimov and Artemi Panarin.

If Kane and the rest of the team keep it up, they could have the Blackhawks heading to another Stanley Cup Final. Anything can happen during the second half of this season, such as injuries, losing streaks or tough road trips, but if the Hawks play as good as they did in the first half, they are well on their way to another Western Conference title.

- Mike Irace

Los Angeles Kings

The Western Conference in the NHL boasts four teams that are capable of being the Western Conference's best team.

With the way the Chicago Blackhawks have been playing as of late, they would be the obvious choice. However, the Los Angeles Kings seem to be flying under the radar as the best team.

Despite the their recent losing skid, the Kings have all the tools necessary to make a run for their third cup in five seasons.

All-Star goalie Jonathan Quick is allowing an average of 2.24 goals per game and has always been known to step up his play when pressure arises.

As for offense, the Kings have one of the deepest teams in the league with 10 players who have at least 19 points each. The offense is lead by Anze Kopitar, who has 46 points, and the "That 70's Line" which features Jeff Carter (35 points), Tyler Toffoli (38 points) and Tanner Pearson (21 points). T

he Kings don't have the star power of other elite offenses, but they have plenty of talent to put up goals when needed.

The Kings are out to prove last year was a fluke for them. Even with the recent struggles, this team is too skilled to not be considered the best.

- Josh Nelson

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some great matches," head coach Matt Tyler said. "They were a very tough team, so I have to give them credit. Believing that we could win those tight matches was certainly key to our victory."

Against Butler later in the day, the Braves breezed to their fourth consecutive win. The duo of Dechter and Toidze at No. 2 doubles and sophomore Aimee Manfredo and Wijesinghe at No. 3 both earned 6-3 victories.

While Manfredo (No. 4 singles) and Wijesinghe (No. 6) both swept to 6-0, 6-0 wins in their respective matches, de Lasa earned a 7-6, 6-3 win for No. 2 singles.

Then Dechter earned her 102nd all-time victory at No. 1 singles with a 6-3, 6-2 victory, moving her into third for most wins in Bradley history.

Only Teri Chan, with 115 combined wins from 2003-07, and

Ashley Morris, with 110 victories from 2002-06, rank ahead of Dechter, who was also named Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Week.

"I was so successful this past weekend because of my coaches," Dechter said. "In addition to giving me advice on the court, they care so much about me and so do my teammates, which really makes the matches I play in so fun to be a part of."

The Braves current four-game winning streak matches the fourgame streak Bradley enjoyed from Feb. 15 to 28 in the 2009 season. However, their next win would be their longest winning streak since they won seven games in a row in the 1999 season.

Bradley will try to continue its winning ways Saturday in a double-header against South Dakota at 9 a.m. and Northern Kentucky at 1 p.m.

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18 points, seven rebounds and three assists. Sophomore Donte Thomas added another six points and 13 rebounds.

Lautier-Ogunleye said the team knew what its identity was.

"We want to have an identity of being a good defensive team regardless of what's happening on offense," Lautier-Ogunleye

said. "We want to build on our defense and keep teams under 60. And we did that tonight."

One positive Bradley can take away from this game is their efforts on the boards; the Braves won the rebound battle 47-37.

Wardle said the Braves will continue to work on consistency on both sides of the ball, and Lautier-Ogunleye says he thinks the team is close to achieving that consistency.

Opinion

A review of Super Bowl 50

BY KEVIN LINDGREN Off-staff Reporter

With Super Bowl 50 in the books, the Denver Broncos look to rest on their victory and enjoy the spoils. Perhaps the most speculated question heading into the offseason will be whether Payton Manning retires or not.

Football may be a team sport, but announcers Phil Sims and Jim Nantz gravitated towards Manning. During the game, Sims and Nantz consistently brought up "Manning's final game" or "winning it for Peyton."

As a football fan, it was frustrating to hear the announcers drone on and on about Peyton. Despite his lackluster performance, people were still praising him. The career milestone, a second Super Bowl victory, further legitimizes Peyton's legacy.

The most interesting takeaway from the championship game is Peyton has now matched his younger brother Eli in Super Bowl wins. Statistic-wise, Peyton is a much better regular season quarterback than Eli. However, Eli has the edge in playoff games.

While Peyton has played in more playoff games, Eli has been far more efficient in the postseason. Leading two low-seeded New York Giant's teams to Super Bowl victories against the New England Patriots twice. However, with Peyton capturing his second title, Eli no longer has the edge on Peyton in championship vic-

Before Sunday's victory, Peyton had lost his previous two trips to the Super Bowl. In 2009 with the Colts, Manning lost to

the Saints, and then again in 2013 with Denver Broncos, Manning's team was defeated. Sunday's win could be considered the older Manning finally getting over that

While Manning was the most talked about player of the big game, Broncos linebacker Von Miller forced himself into the conversation with a brilliant per-

Miller earned Super Bowl MVP honors with his 2.5 sack performance and forced fumble that was recovered for a touchdown. Miller's dominating performance was overshadowed due to Peyton's publicity and Cam Newton's postgame antics.

Regardless of what happened on the field Sunday, the biggest talking points were quarterbacks Cam Newton and Peyton Manning. Despite the anticipation of two star quarterbacks facing off, Manning and Newton both had rather lackluster games: turning the football over and taking numerous sacks.

Super Bowl 50 was set up to be the best football game of the season. It featured an aging superstar Peyton Manning, versus the young, athletic MVP Cam Newton, but the hype was overbearing. The game itself fell flat.

Super Bowl 50 was defined by a strong defensive battle, numerous turnovers and overwhelming disappointment. Along with the gameplay, the halftime show consisting of Coldplay and featuring Beyoncé and Bruno Mars, seemed to lack enthusiasm and

Compared to past performances by Katy Perry, Beyoncé, Prince, The Who, etc., Coldplay failed to live up to the hype set forward by the previous artists. A sound malfunction also added to the struggles as viewers struggled to hear song lyrics.

I think we learned a lot from Super Bowl 50.

Sometimes, championship games are not as spectacular as they are cracked up to be. Perhaps our expectations were set too high from the previous Super Bowl between the Patriots and the Seahawks.

This year's championship will be remembered mainly as a disappointment. Unimpressive games by the two quarterbacks, sloppy ball security and a subpar halftime performance made for a forgettable spectacle.

For now, America will be waiting for Super Bowl LI.

Defensive minded Braves enter back end of conference schedule

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI **Sports Editor**

Entering the second half of Missouri Valley Conference play, the Bradley women's basketball team stands in eighth place with a 2-9 conference record and a 6-16 overall record.

The team came off a weekend split, winning against the University of Evansville but losing to Southern Illiniois University-Carbondale.

Bradley's 66-52 win against Evansville highlighted a standout Braves defense, which was able to shut down high-scoring Aces guard Sara Dickey, who is the powerhouse of Evansville's offense.

"We turned them over 27 times," Brooks said. "We were very disciplined in our approach, and we played with passion. I thought we did a lot of things extremely well."

However, the excitement about the Evansville win faded as the Braves struggled offensively in a 65-51 loss to the Salukis.

Senior Whitney Tinjum sank

a free throw to cut SIU's lead to eight at the beginning of the third quarter, but the Salukis followed that with a 10-3 run over the next three minutes.

That run virtually broke the Braves' back, as Bradley suffered from an ice cold 32 field goal percentage in the second half and could never get back into the game.

Falling victim to a late game run isn't new to the Braves, as the previous week's late game runs by Drake and Northern Iowa spoiled two upset bids by Bradley.

"I've called timeouts, I've changed defenses, we've run different sets," Brooks said. "When it comes down to it, we can't lose our composure in those times."

Sophomore forward Tamya Sims said the team can avoid long scoring droughts on the court by staying on the same page.

"When we go on droughts without scoring, it seems that everyone shuts down," Sims said. "Once we get past that and learn how to continue to keep pushing through knowing our run is coming, I feel like we'll be able to avoid the droughts."

While the Braves have played top teams in the MVC closely and competitively, Brooks said losing because of late-game runs and the inability to close out games is what separates them from the top of the MVC.

"We just haven't proven to ourselves that we can do this, and we can beat these teams," Brooks said. "We play with them, and we hit them, and we go on our runs, but there always seems to be one run they have that we have been unable to counter."

However, the Braves can take solace in the fact that their defense is one of the better in the MVC this season, which has come a long way from last sea-

"We went from last in defense last year to third," Brooks said. "They're like dogs on a leash. When you come by, they bark at you, and they want to come off that leash and come get you."

Bradley currently ranks first in the MVC in 3-point field goal defense, fourth with a +0.77 turn-



Guard Danielle Brewer plays defense in a game against Northern Iowa.

over margin and fourth in scoring defense.

Sims said the defensive success was something that's been in the making since she started at Bradley her freshman year.

"When we first got here, we focused on defense and making sure our positioning was right and focusing on little things like that where we perfected our defense," Sims said.

The Braves are on the road this weekend, facing Wichita State and Missouri State. Brooks

and his team have already beaten the Shockers in Peoria, a team who Brooks said is very similar to Bradley.

"They're playing better offensively, and they're doing the same thing defensively," Brooks said. "They like to play there quarters and get after you. What's great is we do those things, too. So we get to go against some very similar things everyday in practice."

The Braves play Wichita State at 7 p.m tonight and Missouri State at 2 p.m. Sunday.

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from a new focus, aligned directly toward the indoor track season.

"In the past years, we haven't been very focused on indoor that much compared to outdoor track," Busch said. "This year, [Gauson] really had us working hard in the winter and during winter break."

Busch also said the reason the teams didn't focus on the indoor track season was because of how the season is structured.

"We have indoor conference meets in a few weeks, and they don't have regionals," Busch said. "The only way to qualify for

nationals is to hit a [top] time, so it's really hard."

With the indoor season being as short as it is, Busch and the rest of the runners are already looking forward to their next meet, which is the Iowa State Classic in Ames,

The classic, which is regarded as one of the largest and most competetive meets on Bradley's schedule, will draw indoor track runners from the University of Notre Dame, the University of Florida and the University of Georgia, which are all nationally ranked teams.

While Bradley may be the smallest school that appears on the competition list, Busch said it's a sign the program is heading in the right direction.

"Bradley was, by far, the one that was way out of the picture," Busch said. "It's just saying we're all moving in the right direction for sure, but it's exciting knowing 13 of us can get into that race."

However, that hasn't stopped Gauson from making bold prediticions about his team's upcoming challenge.

Busch, along with her twin sister Kristen and senior Sarah McMahon, are going to run the 5000-meter heat, which Gauson said he has high expectations for.

"I'm expecting to break the

kilometer." Gauson said. "They'll the Iowa State Classic isn't the be ranked probably in the top 40 in the nation after they run over that."

On the men's side, Ward and Coffey will run the 3000-meter together. Gauson has very similar expectations for Ward's and Coffey's performances as well.

"They're going to run together in the 3000 and I would expect the 3000 school record to go down that weekend as well," Gauson said. "Hopefully they're ranked one or two or top three in the conference."

The Braves will compete in the Iowa State Classic this afternoon

school record in the women's five as well as tomorrow. However, only race Bradley runners will take part in this weekend, as they will also run in the Fred Wilt Invitational on Saturday.

> While the more accomplished runners will go to Ames, Iowa, the rest of the team will travel to West Lafayette, Indiana, for the Fred Wilt Invitational.

"We'll have about eight or nine guys at Purdue and 17 girls," Gauson said. "Were looking for some good performances from them and for them to move up in the conference rankings."

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The Bradley Softball team is in Arizona for the Kajikawa Classic to start its season.

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Women's tennis earns first four game winning streak in seven years

BY CHANNING WHITAKER Off-staff Reporter

The Bradley women's tennis team notched a 4-3 victory against Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis last Saturday in Indianapolis, before

later that same day.

Against IUPUI, Bradley built a quick 3-0 lead by taking two of three doubles matches and a singles match. Junior Ariel Dechter teamed with senior Irinka Toidze for a 6-4 win at No. 2 doubles.

getting a 6-1 win against Butler Dechter then cruised to a 6-0, 6-2 at No. 3, 4 and 5 singles. victory at No. 1 singles.

Freshman Malini Wijesinghe teamed up with sophomore Alexa Brandt to follow up Dechter's wins with a 6-4 win at No. 3 doubles. However, IUPUI fought back by winning in straight sets

This left the deciding match up to sophomore Alejandra de Lasa and IUPUI's Sara Sherif at No. 2 singles. Sherif rolled to a 6-1 win in the opening set, but de Lasa fought back for a 6-3 score in the second set.

The players battled to a 3-3 tie in the deciding third set, before de Lasa reeled off the final three games to pick up the win for the Braves.

"IUPUI came out and played

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photo by Ann Schnabel

Freshman guard Dwayne Lautier-Ogunleye tries a reverse layup during a game against Loyola-Chicago. Lautier-Ogunleye led all Braves with 18 points.

LOYOLA KO'S ICE COLD BRAVES

BY BRANDON WALLACE Sports Reporter

The men's basketball team could have swept its season series with Loyola-Chicago on Wednesday. The men also could have won consecutive games for the first time this season.

However, the Braves' cold shooting prevented them from doing either.

Bradley lost 54-43 to the Ramblers in a game where both teams shot poorly; the Braves shot an abysmal 29.3 percent from the field, 15 percent from three, and were only 6-16 from the free throw line. Head coach Brian Wardle said he thinks the struggles have to do with the lineup combinations he is currently using.

"I need to do a better job

of finding the right combination and trying to find some way to get us in a rhythm offensively," Wardle said.

The Braves stumbled early on, missing 12 of their first 13 shots, and found themselves down 12-4 halfway through the first half and trailed 25-18 at halftime. The 18-point output was their lowest vscoring total in a half since Dec. 30 at Northern Iowa.

"They threw the first punch," Wardle said. "They were the aggressors early on and were physical. They came to defend. We always felt like we were in the game [because] we were guarding. We just wanted to find a way to get some shots to fall."

The shooting woes followed the Braves into the second half, and the team struggled offensively until the last three minutes

of game when it found a late offensive surge. Bradley was able to cut its 13-point deficit down to five after a few quick buckets from freshmen Dwayne Lautier-Ogunleye and Antoine Pittman. However, the Braves were never able to fully recover from the

Despite the offensive struggles, Wardle said he liked the effort his team gave on the defensive side of the ball.

"A lot of teams, the way we were shooting the ball, could've taken breathers on defense and let this game slip away," Wardle said. "But we didn't do that. We always felt like we were in the game."

Lautier-Ogunleye was the leading scorer for Bradley with

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Track and Field smash records in South Bend

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI **Sports Editor**

The Bradley men's and women's track and field teams broke a total of four school records two weeks ago at the Gladstein Invite in Bloomington, Indiana.

Two weeks later, the Braves ran down four more school records at the Meyo Invitational, which took place at the Univsersity of Notre

"It's pretty rare breaking school records, but we broke four in Indiana and we broke another four in [the Meyo Invitational]," head coach Darren Gauson said. "Everyone really acheived big personal perfromances, too ... It's not just the top kids, your whole program is getting better."

En route to breaking those records at the Meyo Invitational, Bradley runners set a total of 25 personal records as well in the weekend Gauson refers to as "the best weekend I've ever has as a track coach."

"In terms of the whole program, we just had a lot of people run well in the same time," Gauson said. "That's something we're really proud of as a staff, to have that kind of improvement throughout."

Sophomore Michael Ward, who broke the school record in the mile heat with a time of 4:02, set school records alongside senior Caitlin Busch (school record in the 3000-meter) and freshman David

Shadid (school record in the 400meter) on Saturday.

Chase Coffey broke the school record for the 5000-meter run the Friday before, which was his first time running the event since 2014.

"[Ward is] knocking on the door of being the first guy to run a four minute mile in Bradley history, which would be huge," Gauson said. "Then, Chase Coffey ran 4:11, which ranks in the top-20 in the nation, and Caitlin broke her own school record by ... seven seconds, so she ranks top-40 in the nation."

According to Busch, the success the track and field teams have seen these past few weeks comes

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"Geno Ford said he'd love to come to a Bradley game--"they can have Boo Geno Ford Night" for the "3 fans that didn't get a chance to boo me"."

- @hoijim, Jim Mattson, Sports Director at WHOI-WEEK TV

