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# What's the next chapter of Cullom-Davis Library?

**BY MICHAEL ECHEVERRI**
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The Cullom-Davis Library was last renovated in 1990, and the changes were only meant to last until the year 2000. Library staff is working on removing empty book stacks to create space for more tables, chairs and study rooms.

Few would dispute the fact that the Cullom-Davis Library is in dire need of improvement. For the past five years it has been ranked poorly by the Princeton Review. In 2011, it was No. 1 in the "This is a Library?" category, while this year it sits at No. 3.

According to a survey distributed by The Scout, students reported they are unhappy with the library's facilities, criticizing its uncomfortable seating, lack of electrical outlets, unpleasant temperature and insect infested basement.

A majority of students reported they went to the library to study.

"The library is not a very aesthetically pleasing space to be in," senior English major Adam Hahn said. "It's dirty, the furniture is mismatched and the carpeting is ugly."

However, Hahn said he appreciates the amount of public computers available, and he said he often uses them to complete assignments and do research.

Faculty had a more positive perspective on the library than students.

"The library services are top notch," physical therapy and health science department chair Steve Tippet said. "[The library] gets the articles we need quickly and accurately. We couldn't get by without them."

According to Tippet, his department utilizes the library's resources more than any other, specifically the library's subscription to a variety of academic journals.

Executive director of the library Barbara Galik said she was unsurprised by the differing opinions.

"There is a dichotomy between the faculty and the students about the library," Galik said. "The [faculty] think of it as the collections while the [students] as a whole think of it as a physical place."

Galik said this difference between faculty and students speaks to a broad shift in usage that's affecting libraries across the country. She said this change is important to consider when making plans for the library.

"The library was last renovated in 1990, and it was a fairly humble renovation, only meant to last until 2000, because people thought the Internet was going to remove the need for a physical facility," Galik said. "But that hasn't been the case because to digitize all those centuries of printed material is just too expensive and labor intensive of a project to complete in the span of a couple decades."

According to Galik, the 1990 renovation also failed to predict the popularity of laptops, smartphones, tablets and other mobile devices. She said this is why there weren't more electrical outlets installed into the building.

"Students complain that this isn't a very 21st century-driven

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# Administration, faculty reflect on recruitment

**BY MADDIE GEHLING**
**News Editor**

Steadily decreasing enrollment rates have had a significant impact at Bradley. In fact, Wyckoff Hall was closed down indefinitely in order to conserve energy at the beginning of this academic year due to a small freshmen class.

While this year's application pool is larger than last year's, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Justin Ball said it is difficult to estimate what enrollment will look like when students officially commit to Bradley come May 1.

"We are considerably ahead of last year in applications and admits, but with yield season upon us and so much stout competition in both the public and private sectors, it is too soon to project," Ball said.

However, Ball said there is some reason to be optimistic.

"There is a challenging climate and demographic challenges in Illinois, the Midwest and across the country," Ball said. "It is too early in the recruitment cycle to provide an outlook, but we are optimistic about our incoming class."

Ball works in the Division of Enrollment Management, which aims at promoting Bradley's various academic and extracurricular experiences to prospective students and has a budget set aside specifically for outreach programs.

"We use our budget for travel to visit high schools, attend college fairs and host programs on and off campus to introduce faculty to students and high school counselors," Ball said. "We host three types of visit programs throughout the academic year and summer."

Ball also said they design and print their own recruitment materials and web sites, as well as manage their own digital advertising and social media accounts.

Faculty members also assist in recruiting potential students, whether to Bradley in general or to their department in specific.

Associate professor of English and assistant dean of Undergraduate Studies Robert Prescott attended an event last month to promote Bradley to the area.

"It was an event to make sure

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TFA provides students with full salaries, benefits, state teaching certificates and an optional master's degree.

For more information on the organization or to apply for TFA, visit www.teachforamerica.org/user/register.

## Students can donate to Veterans Supply Drive

The Lewis J. Burger Center for Student Leadership and Public Service, Theta Chi, ROTC and Veterans Support Services are partnering with the Salvation Army to hold a Veterans Supply Drive from now until March 31.

Students will collect items to donate for veterans making the transition to a new home in the central Illinois area this spring. Items will be placed in "Welcome Home Baskets" and given to the Salvation Army to distribute.

Students can donate home and personal care items, such as toilet paper, bedding, cleaning supplies and socks.

Items can be dropped off at the Lewis J. Burger Center in Sisson 141.

For more information or for an on-campus donation pickup, contact director of the Lewis J. Burger Center Jessica Chandler at jchandler@fsmail.bradley.edu.

## Student Scholarship Expo now accepting applications

The Student Scholarship Expo, a campus-wide annual event, will take place from April 12 to 14. The expo is a showcase intended for undergraduate and graduate students to display their semester-long projects in their specific disciplines in front of a panel of judges.

The final day to submit applications is March 11.

Students are also given the chance to win awards and monetary prizes at the expo.

For information about the different awards given and judging rubrics, visit www.bradley.edu/acadmics/cio/ctel/expo.

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# POLICE REPORTS

• Bradley and Peoria police officers responded to a report of a gunshot victim at 9:40 p.m. Feb. 28 in the 1200 block of N. Douglas Street.

When officers arrived, they found a non-Bradley affiliated house party with 11 non-students, including three juveniles.

The report was false, and no shots had been fired. Peoria police shut down the party.

• Two male Resident Advisors searched a dorm room in University Hall for marijuana and drug paraphernalia at 2:35 p.m. Feb. 27.

The RAs found a combination of 10.45 grams of marijuana in a glass container and already packed cigar blunt, along with two "one-hitters" and a grinder, all belonging to a male resident of the dorm.

The marijuana and drug paraphernalia were confiscated.

• Officers found an intoxicated male student vomiting at midnight Feb. 27 at 821 N. Duryea Place.

The student was unable to properly blow into a breathalyzer, so he was transported to OSF St. Francis Medical Center. He was later escorted back to campus by Bradley police officers.

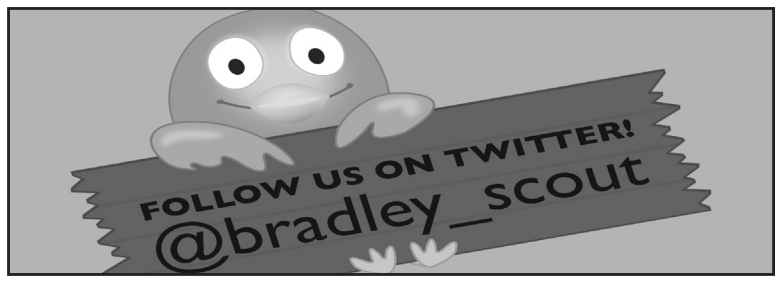
• Officers received a report of one male non-student and one female non-student stealing a letter off a house on the 1500 block of W. Bradley Avenue on Feb. 24.

The officers thought they located the missing letter on Feb. 27, but later realized the letter they located wasn't the one from the Feb. 24 report. They believe the letter they found was stolen years ago.

• A male non-student was banned from a business located in the 1100 block of Main Street at 10:51 p.m. Feb. 27.

The male went into the business and asked for its leftover food, but the business would not give him the leftovers, and he was banned. The male then returned to the business at 9:59 p.m. the next day, and when he was told to leave, he ran away.

Officers have not located the trespasser.



# Maintenance is the main problem

**BY MADDIE GEHLING**
**News Editor**

For tasks that can't just be solved by a hand-me-down toolbox, the various maintenance staffs throughout campus are on standby.

On campus, all residence halls have their own maintenance staffs.

"I've had to call for maintenance before," freshman accounting major Kadie Klauer said. "I never saw anybody working in person, though."

According to Klauer, she and her roommate were having trouble with their heating unit in Williams Hall. They contacted their Resident Advisor, who called maintenance for them.

"It was always extremely hot in our dorm room, and we would open the windows to keep it cool, but then I guess it was registering that cold air was getting in, so the temperature went up even more," Klauer said. "Maintenance didn't come to fix it for a very long time, but one day it was just better."

For students living in St. James Complex, there is a separate maintenance department. Students can fill out an online request if they need something fixed, or call an emergency maintenance number.

As for maintenance entering students' rooms, junior English major Meghan O'Hern said they believe there needs to be more communication.

"[Maintenance at St. James] just walked into my apartment without warning," O'Hern said. "It's not okay. I have to make sure that I'm aware they're going to be entering my apartment. They need to tell you specifically in advance when they're going to be in your apartment."

However, some students said they didn't mind the maintenance practices performed at St. James.

"I feel that the warning they give is enough, because they knock on the door and yell 'maintenance' and wait five to ten seconds before coming in if no one answers the door," Aris-Allen Roberson, senior theatre arts major, said. "I personally don't have a problem with the way they do that because they're just doing their job."

Another off-campus housing location with its own maintenance department is Main Street Commons. While Main Street is not owned by Bradley University, it leases exclusively to students during the school year.

"I've never had the need to call maintenance before, but they have come to my apartment," senior nursing major Megan Ewan said. "I was home once when it wasn't during the scheduled maintenance times, and they banged on my door really loud and just came in. I was confused why they were there, but they just measured stuff and were in and out. They got done what they needed to do, so I've never really had any issues with them."

However, other students have had mixed responses from the maintenance staff.

"They were really awkward, and they never actually fixed anything," senior English major Jenny Cundiff said. "In fact, they tried to fix the grout in our kitchen tile once, and it just made the issue worse."

According to Cundiff, the maintenance staff also left a mess while she was out of her apartment at Main Street Commons.

"When they came in over break to replace the shower heads when we're not here, they left my bathroom torn apart, so I had to put it back together when I got back to campus," Cundiff said.

Haley Castrejon, office support manager at both St. James and Main Street Commons, said neither residence locations hire outside maintenance staffs.

"For any work order request we receive, we write down the name, number, and time the student requested, and we get to that request within the next business day," Castrejon said. "Some issues, like the more major ones, get bumped further up sometimes."

Castrejon said it is normal for Main Street Commons and St. James to post signs in advance of routine inspections, as well as notifying residents on social media and via word of mouth.

"We like to check back in with residents to make sure we're getting done what we need to get done," Castrejon said.

# Professor speaks about humane economy

**BY MICHAEL ECHEVERRI**
**Copy Editor**

A Bradley economics professor said people should compare the U.S. economy to a structure most of us are familiar with: family.

Janett Highfill spoke Wednesday about achieving an equitable economy at a lecture sponsored by the Women's and Gender Studies program.

"Sometimes, we invite speakers to talk about issues relating to gender, while other times we invite women speakers to talk about their work," director of the Women's and Gender Studies program Amy Scott said. "Highfill has recently published a book about achieving a fair economy, and the program wanted to highlight her achievement."

Highfill began her lecture by addressing people's conceptions of market economies.

"For many people, the idea of markets just makes sense to them, and they don't even want to think about them because they're so obvious," Highfill said. "There are also many people who think markets are awful. They think markets have awful outcomes and are deeply unfair."

Highfill said she didn't agree with either position, seeing both the positives and negatives in markets.

"Markets are very good at helping us coordinate our prosperity and our activity," Highfill said. "But they don't really discriminate between good decisions and good luck. They're not really fair."

Highfill said fairness is a necessary part of a humane economy, but she urges a nuanced understanding of fairness.

"Any ethical system worth talking about treats equals equally, but the important question is what this equality looks like," Highfill said. "Is it an equality of income, wealth, opportunity or wellbeing? Once you choose the manner of equality, all other aspects of the individuals' lives become unequal."

According to Highfill the United States is currently deeply unfair in regards to income and wealth.

"The way to address this inequality and conceptualize fairness is to turn towards families," Highfill said. "Families are, unlike markets, very concerned with respecting abilities and needs. We can reform markets by adopting a familial perspective."

Junior communication major Madison King said she attended the event for extra credit in one of her classes, but she really enjoyed it.

"I've looked into fairness from a sociological lens, so it was really interesting to see what fairness looked like in the eyes of economists," King said. "I think bridging the disparity between the 1 percent and the 99 percent is the central challenge of our time, and I was glad to hear she was interested in that, too."

# Urban Artifacts features pop culture antiques

Local Business Feature

**BY TORI MOSES**
**Managing Editor**

Urban Artifacts is not your grandmother's antique shop.

The antique store, located close to campus at 925 N. Sheridan Rd., is filled with old street signs, record players, Peoria souvenirs and other novelties from the 1940s through the '90s.

"We aren't a traditional antique shop," owner Jon Walker said. "We don't have a lot of glassware or old furniture. We like stuff that people who are still alive today can relate to. We like a lot of pop culture and local items … It's a real eclectic selection. It's probably not what people think of as traditional antiques."

Since Walker and his wife, Angie, opened the store about four years ago, Walker has been going to estate sales, auctions or garage sales almost every week to stock his store with antiques, but this hunting is something he is familiar with.

*photos by Tori Moses*

Urban Artifacts, located at 925 N. Sheridan Rd., sells non-traditional antiques, such as old street signs and Peoria souvenirs.

"Probably since I was 10 years old, I've been buying and selling and collecting antiques and collectables," Walker said. "I was very involved [in antiquing] through my 20s and into my 30s, but I kind of got out of it to raise a family, and I always wanted to get back into it."

Walker said he saw an opportunity to start antiquing again when him and his business partner bought The Sunbeam Building, where Urban Artifacts is located.

"We had the storefronts that we were looking for, and it all came together," Walker said.

Senior political science and economics double major Jason Blumenthal has visited Urban Artifacts.

"Walking in right away I was like, 'Oh gosh, there's a lot of stuff,' but once I started going through, I found there was really, really cool stuff there," he said.

Blumenthal said he was interested in items from sports memorabilia to bottle caps.

"I ended up buying a figurine that was the original set of the front of Wrigley [Field], and it lights up," Blumenthal said. "It is all sorts of interesting … [Urban Artifacts] is a grossly understated store with some really cool knick-knacks for reasonable prices."

## LIBRARY

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building," health science and science librarian Megan Jaskowiak said. "Access to electric resources is one of [students'] primary concerns."

Jaskowiak said she knows academic libraries, usually at medicals schools, that are heavily dependent on reference resources, that have gone bookless, but she thinks those are exceptional and not indicative of the future of libraries.

"Studies are now saying that a large percentage of Millennials actually enjoy books," Jaskowiak said. "Some people talk about how they love the smell of books or the feel of the paper, but Millennials talk more about how if you have a book in your hand your attention isn't diverted and you can focus."

Special collection librarian Charles Frey said he believes books will be central to libraries for the foreseeable future but acknowledges that the function of the library is changing.

"Peoples' concept of what libraries are is in flux," Frey said. "The collections is becoming this hybrid of digital and physical texts, while the space itself is becoming more open and collaborative."

Frey said students come to the library to study and work together, but the current building lacks the capacity to meet their demands for space.

Galik said she's working on creating more study rooms and removing the empty book stacks on the second floor to add more tables and chairs. She said she also hopes to create "makerspaces" to encourage and enhance collaboration between students.

"Makerspace is library jargon for a communal area that is equipped with the technology and resources necessary to create artistic and academic projects," Galik said."For example, it might have 3-D printers, sewing machines, poster boards and things of that nature."

Galik said she predicts the library's role as an electric depository will continue to grow, and it will become more of a laid back collaborative environment for students.

"Libraries started off as places to gather and share thoughts, and strangely all of this technological change is ultimately bringing them back to their origins," Galik said.

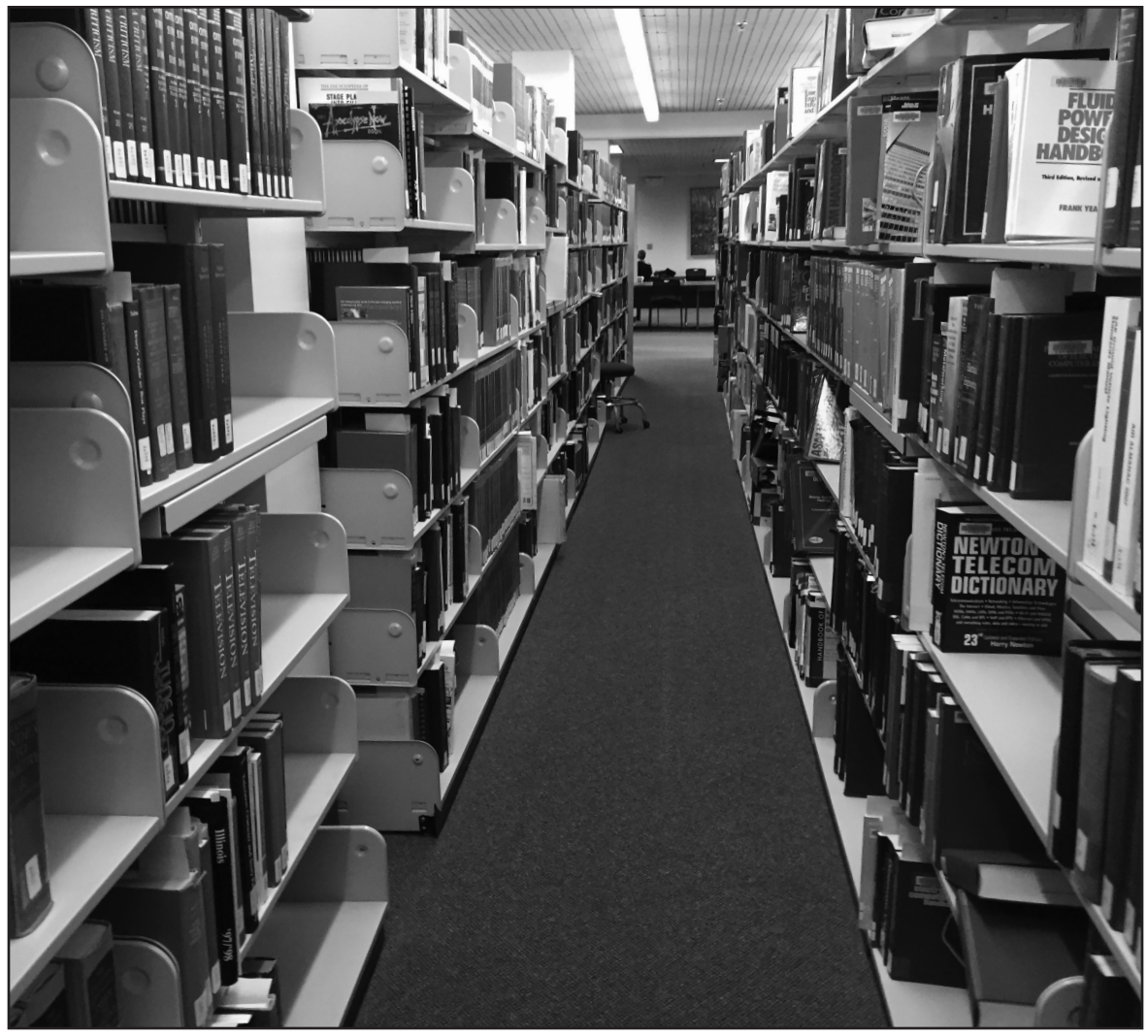


*photo by Anna Foley*

The Cullom-Davis Library has a large collection of reference books, but some bookshelves on the second floor remain empty.

# Students contribute to women's history hall of fame

**BY ALICE POW**
**Off-staff Reporter**

Two Bradley students will present awards to a group of women as part of women's history month today at LUNAFEST, a collection of six short films by and about women.

The award ceremony is the culmination of several months of work by students Jenna Krukowski and Samantha Robinson, both interns for the Women and Gender Studies program.

Krukowski, a senior communication and history double major, and Robinson, a senior criminal justice major, put together the exhibit for Women's History Month, which will run until April 1.

The exhibit will focus on the lives of six women, three of whom have previously been inducted into the National Women's History Hall of Fame.

Because this year's theme for National Women's History Month was women in public service and government, Krukowski and Robinson chose Judge Mary McDade, Judge Jerelyn Maher and Martha Herm, former director of the Center for Prevention of Abuse.

Biographies written by Krukowski and Robinson about the other three women will also be added to the National Women's History Hall of Fame, "Book of Lives and Legacies."

"Now everyone can see how incredible these women are and how they have and continue to change the lives of many in the Peoria area." Robinson said.

The other three women included in the exhibit are Betty Friedan, Nancy G. Brinker, and Bradley University's very own Lydia Moss Bradley.

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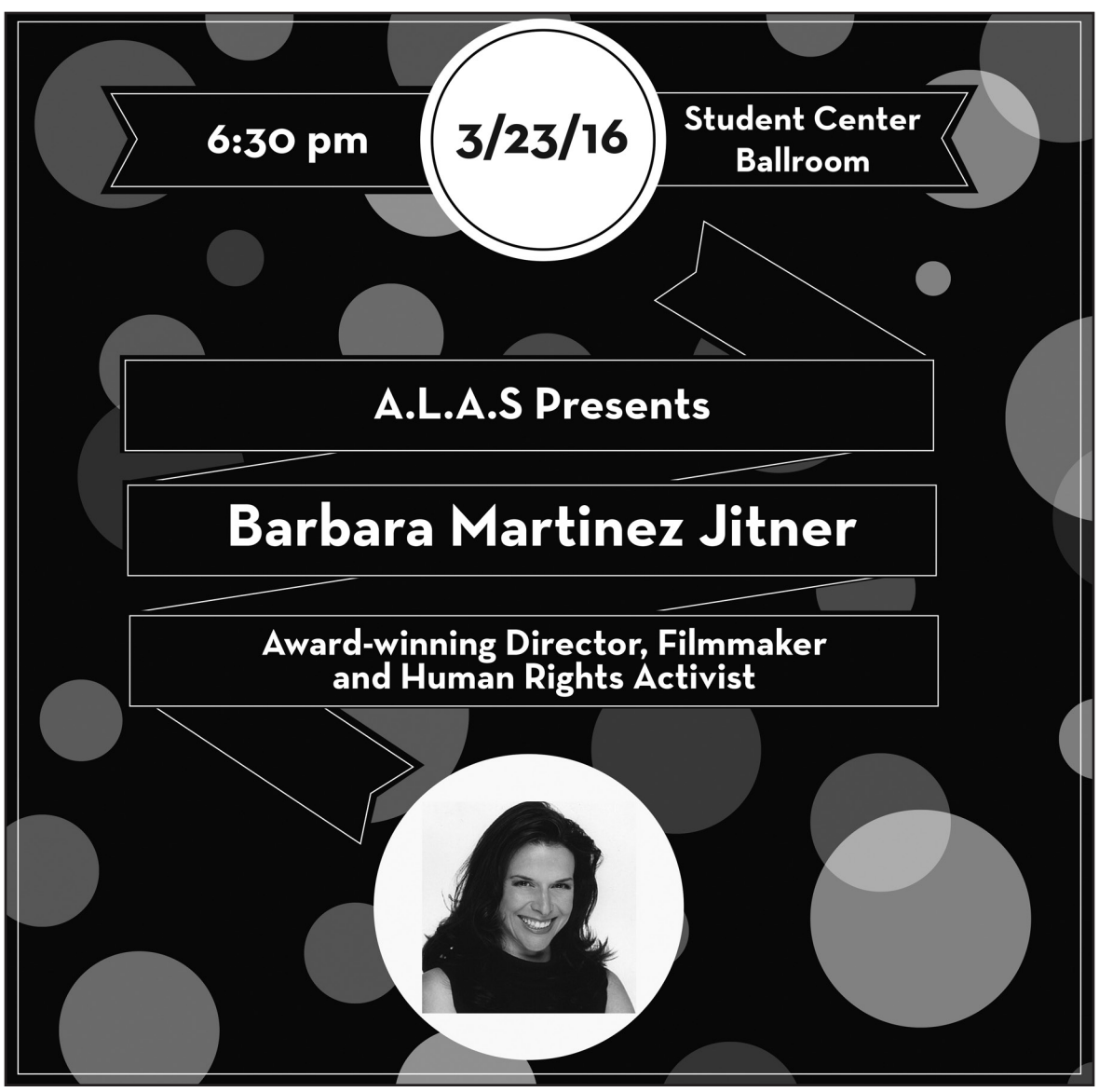
> - Samantha Robinson
> senior criminal justice major

The film festival itself is being hosted by Bradley University's Women and Gender Studies program as part of its Women, Gender and the Arts series for the 2015-2016 academic calendar.

"We give 15 percent of the proceeds to the Breast Cancer Fund and 85 percent goes to a local organization in our community, the Center for Prevention of Abuse in our case," Scott said.

LUNAFEST will run at 7 p.m. March 4 and 5 at the Peoria Riverfront Museum, and tickets are $10.



# Spring Break!

Written by Tessa Armich
Illustrated by Megan Bammann

Stuck in the Peoria area for Spring Break, or don't have the time or resources to take off the whole week? There are plenty of options for weekend trips only a few hours from campus, and here's a few gathered by yours truly, The Scout.

**Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame and Museum, Pontiac, 1.10 hrs:** This museum has tons of memorabilia from Route 66 and the cities along the way. You can pass by this site quickly, even on the way to Springfield.

**Wildlife Prairie Park:** This 2,000-acre zoological park is open daily to see the animals (lions, tigers and bears, oh my.) There are also options to rent a cabin for the weekend to go hiking.

**Spirit of Peoria:** You can still spend spring break on a boat, just not on the balmy seas of the Gulf of Mexico. The authentic riverboat takes trips down the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers, and people can pick from either day trips or multiple-day trips.

In case of "OH NO, I can't leave Peoria!"

**Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, Springfield, 1.5 hrs:** Springfield is a short distance away from Peoria, and there's plenty to see, including the Lincoln Museum, where lots of wax figurines are promised. Walk around downtown, find somewhere to eat or shop until you drop.

**Starved Rock State Park, Oglesby, 1.20 hrs:** Starved Rock has plenty of trails easy enough for the most inexperienced hikers. If you're feeling only minimal love for the outdoors, you can chill at the lodge while the rest of your group braves the great outdoors. The lodge serves tasty food and contains a lovely gift shop. Rumor has it that if it's a rainy day, there's a large bowling

**Alton, 2.31 hrs:** Alton has lots of museums, including the Historic Museum of Torture Devices. If museums aren't your thing, drive around on the Great Rivers scenic route. There's no shortage of spooky sights, with the paranormal research center and ghost and vampire tours.

**Galena, 2.47 hrs:** This historic town has multiple features such as shopping, ski lifts, hiking trails and historic sights. Galena has plenty of wineries and breweries, and is located just across the Mississippi from Dubuque, Iowa. It also has haunted city tours, canoeing, hiking trails, as well as several historical sites such as president Ulysses S. Grant's home.

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AKA, you're entirely uninterested in any of the above:** Pass go and collect $200. Arrive in Chicago.

OPINION

# Editorial

## Students are more than numbers

Enrollment is an increasing concern at colleges across the country. There are hardships coming from multiple places: uncertain state and federal funding, lagging registration and employee compensation. With these concerns, it can be easy to lose track of the individual value of each student.

While another 50, 100 or 200 students can severely impact a university's bottom line, this hunger for more can leave students feeling like they're just numbers.

Administration needs to remember one very important fact; Students are not only, as one staff member referred to us recently, "possible future alumni."

Sometimes, university employees and students alike can get caught up in routine and forget this. It's especially easy when enrollment numbers are increasingly essential to the performance of a university.

At the same time, administrators, faculty and staff who frequently work with students know just how important individual students are to campus. They rarely see us as just numbers, or what we will eventually become to the university as alum.

These university employees realize students create the culture of the campus. Students' diversity, whether that is in ethnicity, ability or viewpoints, is very important. A diverse student body is integral to a healthy campus community.

Students truly flourish when they are embraced as individuals. This persistent attention is something Bradley prides itself on, emphasizing small class sizes and attentive faculty. This is an integral part of what makes Bradley distinctive compared to other institutions.

We can't forget that. Every single student has dreams and aspirations as well as reasons they chose Bradley above other universities. This school wouldn't be what it is today without its students.

We're not saying numbers don't have their place or value, but we need to take a step back and remember the building blocks of this university: its students.

# Column

## Talking about my generation

**Michael Echeverri**
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Millennial has become a dirty word. If you Google it, you'll be overwhelmed by a sea of think pieces about how lazy, entitled, delusional, shallow, oversensitive, apathetic and coddled we all are.

Baby Boomers and Gen Xers seem to think the average Millennial is an over-sharing narcissist with a smartphone in one hand and a participation trophy in the other. They're not fans of us. In fact, I once heard a Baby Boomer call Millennials one of the worst generations in American history.

I don't agree with most of the generalizations that get thrown at us, and I find the idea that we're the worst generation just absurd. I don't even think we're in the bottom 10. I mean, there were several generations of Americans who owned slaves and systemically murdered Native Americans, but somehow Millennials are the true monsters because we take a lot of selfies.

I would put up more of a defense, maybe bring up some statistics that paint Millennials in a positive light, but I know all this criticism isn't coming from a rational place. I try to be empathetic because I imagine it's scary to see a group of upstarts step onto the stage while you are slowly shuffled off it.

And maybe some of these old curmudgeons have a point when they talk about how we don't deserve all the comfort and shiny devices we were born into, but we also don't deserve all the problems we got either: the crumbling economy, the devastated environment, etc. We didn't earn the good or the bad, but we're stuck with both and have to make do.

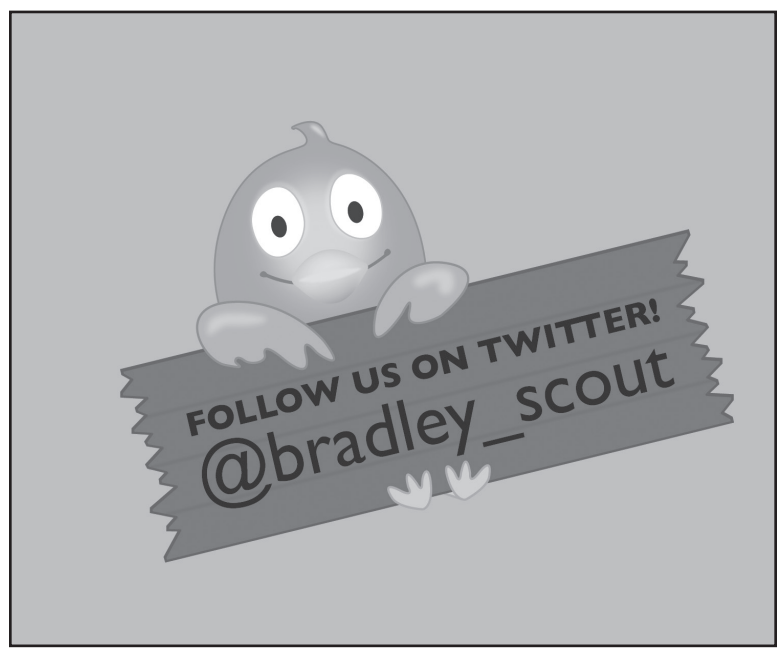
I know generational conflicts aren't a new thing, and there's nothing really unique about this current clash. It seems almost inevitable that old and young will duke it out, child rebelling against parent and parent judging child.

Perhaps it's overly optimistic to think Millennials might break this cycle when it comes our time to exit the stage. Even if it is a bit delusional, I hold out hope that we'll treat whatever weird generation that comes after us with some decency and understanding. I hope we'll fade away with some grace.

### Correction

In the Feb. 26 issue of The Scout, an article titled "Theatre department's 'The Seagull' takes flight" incorrectly said Katey Kraemer's character, Irína Nikoláyevna Arkádina, is character Trigórin's mother, when she is actually Trigórin's love interest.

The name Anton Chekhov was also misspelled.



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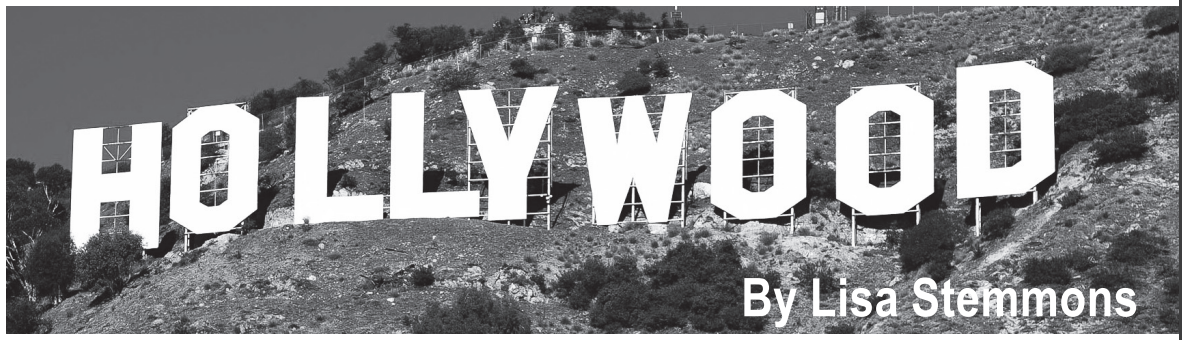
# HIP TO BE HYPOCRITICAL IN




By Lisa Stemmons

Do as I say, not as I do.

This must be an unspoken rule in Hollywood, because celebrities are absolutely notorious for preaching one thing and doing the complete opposite. Several prime examples occurred last Sunday at the Oscars, but fans quickly dismissed these contradictions, while haters pointed them out.

Leonardo DiCaprio won his first Oscar, and many critics were quick to praise him on his ability to use the special moment to promote social awareness about a cause close to his heart: environmental concerns.

But those of us who aren't under the spell of America's sweetheart were on standby with a montage of pictures showcasing DiCaprio partaking in the exact activities he just publically stated he opposes.

He spoke of the harmful effects of man-made global warming and greed with urgency, yet he comfortably vacations in the French Riviera or Caribbean on luxurious yachts, which are powered by twin diesel motors.

Even the Oscar host took part in the hypocrisy. Chris Rock said he was understanding of the #OscarsSoWhite controversy and boycott, yet his jokes throughout the night undermined his seemingly supportive stance. It's difficult to sprinkle serious matters amongst a joke-filled monologue, but the head-on method served a greater purpose in realizing the extent of the issue at hand.

Whether or not Rock was ridiculing racism or dismissing it, the stunned silences and gasps from the crowd were far more powerful than his confusing attitude toward diversity in Hollywood.

And Mark Ruffalo isn't going to get off easily, either. The actor said he was in support of the Oscar boycott, but ultimately attended the Oscars and eagerly took the stage when his movie "Spotlight" won Best Film. If he felt that passionately about the injustices of white privilege, he wouldn't have attended.

The same can be said about the whole slew of celebrities who vote Democratic and urge income equality, but their net worths are obscene. Why do you hate the system that made you rich in the first place? The majority of the Democratic party include the likes of the über rich or über poor because the rich can afford to only concern themselves with idealistic social plans, and the poor will benefit off them.

Michael Moore is one of those people who publicly condemns capitalism but is in fact a capitalist himself. With nine homes, a private plane and net worth of $50 million, it's hard to assert yourself as a common man and get away with it. The same can be said about Bruce Springsteen, who advocates a division of wealth but also claims his acreage near his New Jersey estate is a farm, so he doesn't have to pay enormous taxes.

Some of my personal favorites are from the likes of those celebrities who aren't even trying to be hypocritical; they're just plain stupid.

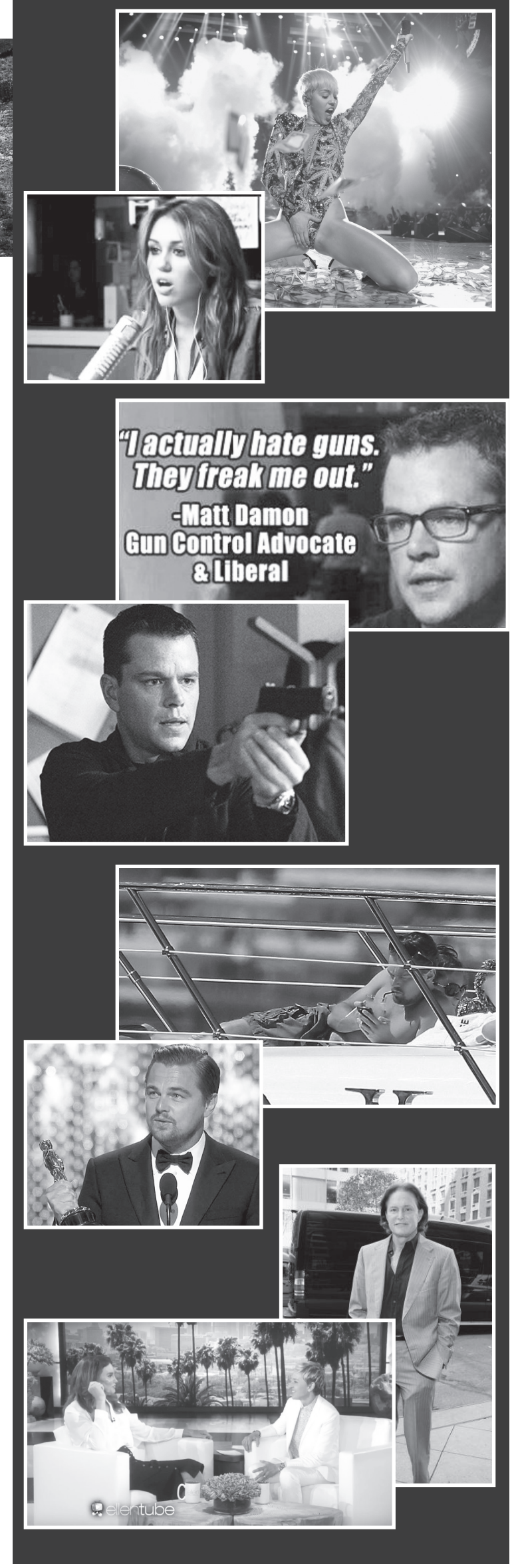
Miley Cyrus famously announced, "drugs are for idiots, and I'm never going to be that person," but she is now the poster child for marijuana. Megan Fox complains about being viewed as a sex symbol because it makes her feel "powerless" and "devalued," but continually poses in lingerie during photo shoots and willingly chooses films where her only role is to be sexy. And then we have Paris Hilton, who was a part of a campaign called 'Vote or Die' to encourage young people to vote, but she was never a registered voter, and ultimately failed to do so.

We have hypocrites about marriage (Dr. Phil, Jennifer Aniston), gun control (Matt Damon, Rosie O'Donnell, Toby Keith, Jamie Foxx) and PETA supporters who wear animal furs (Pink, Justin Bieber).

I know this isn't saying much, but celebrities should be as socially responsible as politicians. They have powerful platforms, and it is their duty as prominent figures in society to speak genuinely and truthfully.

Lance Armstrong shouldn't be preaching a "Livestrong" lifestyle while 'roiding up. Caitlyn Jenner should not be the face of the transgender community when she isn't in support of gay marriage.

If politicians aren't going to be honest and neither are the celebrities, who can we confidently look to for guidance in creating and sustaining a better society?



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# Stay-cation

By Elizabeth Degnan

The days just seem to be dragging, and the sun doesn't seem to want to hang around too long. However, the end of the tunnel is near. We've turned the corner into March this week, and with March comes a special occurrence: Spring Break!

Everyone has their different opinions about what makes a good Spring Break. Some people think Spring Break has to be about the hottest vacation or the best resorts with endless hours of sun and parties. For others, Spring Break is an opportune time to be able to take a step back and reenergize your batteries after the long days of second semester blues.

Regardless of what people believe about Spring Break, it can be the perfect opportunity to focus on you, while also finding exciting ways to have fun. Don't be discouraged if you can't afford a week-long vacation; there are plenty of ways to keep busy while having fun at home.

1. It's the perfect time to get your creative juices flowing! Find a project and stick with it. Reference your ideas on your Pinterest board; you'll have extra time to work on that craft or design project you've been meaning to, not to mention it's a great stress reliever.

2. If you're someone who would rather sit and enjoy their days lounging in pajamas, then try and find a new series on Netflix. (Let's be honest, who doesn't love a good Netflix binge?) If you're up for it, find a good book and relax. A lot of times, students never have the time to read a book of their choice, so break is the perfect time to do so.

3. If weather permits (and who knows with Illinois), plan a walk or bike outside. Exercising is a great way to stay entertained while also getting yourself up and moving. A long bike ride can take up an afternoon and is a great way to explore new things in your hometown.

Regardless of your Spring Break style, it's all about doing whatever is most pleasurable to you and is suited for your needs. The time is now. Spring has sprung.

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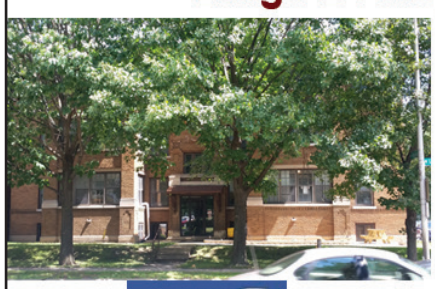

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## DECADE OLD JAM *of the week*

## U + UR HAND
### BY P!NK

On March 4, 2006, our favorite punk rock chick, P!nk, came out with one of her greatest albums "I'm Not Dead Yet." Popular songs featured on the album include "Who Knew," "Stupid Girls" and "Dear Mr. President," but most memorable was "U+ Ur Hand." Depending on the day, it can either make you want to curl up in bed and cry or hit the club and do girl power things.

# DO YOU EVEN VAPE, BRUH?

By Mónica Velázquez

Does the thought of controlled nicotine dosages excite you? How about the promise of fewer chemicals and toxic ingredients? If the answer is yes, you may be in love with vaping, but perhaps not for long.

Researchers at Hong Kong Baptist University found in a recent study that e-cigarettes (e-cigs) contain one million times more cancer-causing substances than Hong Kong's own heavily polluted air.

If e-cigs are being compared to the constant cloud of smog that requires residents to wear surgical masks over their mouths just to block out the harmful air, then that's saying something.

The concept and big draw of e-cigs is that the flavored water vapor inhaled through a personal vaporizer will leave out the unattractive features of the traditional cigarette like the unpleasant smells and toxic breath.

Though some have claimed this new alternative is healthier than traditional cigarettes, recent studies and reports have said they're basically just as harmful, if not potentially moreso, than their predecessors.

And then there are the other various technological impediments. A trending story from Buzzfeed reported that Marcus Forzani, a high school senior from Colorado, was in class when the battery on his vapor device exploded, causing second- and third-degree burns on his left leg.

The U.S. Fire Administration saw this coming back in 2014, warning "several burn injuries" had been reported from users of the device, most likely caused by the failure of the lithium-ion battery within it. If you can't even keep an e-cigarette on your person without fear of having your pants light on fire, what more will come from this developing trend?

As this new technology continues to grow and expand, the long-term effects, whether harmful or not, are still universally uncertain.

In the meantime, with the variety of flavors, smoke tricks and products to choose from, the latest craze will continue to draw in smokers and beginners alike, but there is also great potential for improvements.

Whether it's deemed a harmless "hookah pen" or not, it is important to remain cautious when inhaling a substance that does not have sufficient data to confirm possible long-term damage.

# LADY GAGA REVEALS HER POKER FACE

BY MADDY WHITE

It's almost too easy to say the words, "I understand."

Do you? Do you actually understand, or are you just someone to talk to?

Don't get me wrong, being someone who listens is huge, but being someone who listens and gives advice from their own experiences is a different kind of huge.

At the 2016 Oscars, Lady Gaga touched millions of people with her new song "Til It Happens To You." Gaga co-wrote the song for the CNN documentary, "The Hunting Ground," which explores different forms of sexual abuse, including rape on college campuses in America.

She was introduced by none other than Vice President Joe Biden, after he spoke about the "It's On Us" White House campaign that addresses sexual assault. With Kesha's current situation under the Hollywood spotlight (see last week's Scout), Gaga is one of many celebrities voicing an opinion and expressing support for Kesha in this tough time.

A group of sexual assault survivors accompanied Gaga on stage while she sang about her own personal struggle with sexual assault. In a 2014 interview with radio personality Howard Stern, Lady Gaga revealed she had been raped at the age of 19.

The survivors on stage Sunday night exposed bare arms with words and phrases like "Survivor," "Not Alone," "Unbreakable" and "Not Your Fault" written on them. These words were raised into the air at the end of the song when the survivors joined hands, Gaga included; and raised an even bigger standing ovation throughout an audience of tears, speechlessness and emotion.

#ItsOnUs has been trending in the Twittersphere since the performance, and it was so moving that it has not only crashed the "It's On Us" campaign website, but also raised awareness on issues that are more real than a lot of people believe.

Further addressing this issue has been long overdue. According to the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, "one in four college women will be the victims of sexual assault during her academic career."

Survivors have a hard time coming forward about their assaults because it involves unlocking the door they have tried so hard to keep shut. This is anything but a light topic, and shouldn't be treated as one. It happens every day and needs to be acknowledged for those unable to speak up.

The Oscars this year gave out more than awards. They gave support to the people that might not have gotten it otherwise. All of those people on stage experienced a devasting reality, and the overwhelming confirmation from the audience that the words on their arms are accurate, is the first stage of a necessary healing process.

Lady Gaga stands as someone who can say the words "I understand" and actually mean it. Her honest and courageous performance had nothing but a positive impact on the 2016 Oscars, and Gaga's emotional performance will be hard to forget.

DISTRACTIONS

# Wonders & Blunders

## CELEBS HIGHS AND LOWS BY ZACHARY DIXON

Once again Trump is on the radar, but this time he's on the receiving end of the sh*t-talking. John Oliver decided it was time someone opened up about just the kind of man Trump is … or rather, isn't.

Oliver initiated the hashtag "Make Donald Drumpf again," referencing Donald's original last name before he changed it, ultimately creating a brand and developing a façade.

Trump's name has this fantasy of success about it, a fantasy that even Trump believes. Yet he has failed in magazines, hotels, a university, airlines and even steaks. How does one possibly suck at selling a steak?

On top of being a failure, the man lies A LOT. Just scroll through his Twitter profile and watch the contradictions fly left and right.

Why does any of this matter? Because Trump is on the right track to become the Republican nominee for president, and like a back mole grown too large, we can't ignore him anymore.

Oliver's rant is a wake-up call. Before we even think of making Trump the Republican nominee let's truly acknowledge what the man stands for and #MakeDonaldDrumpfAgain.

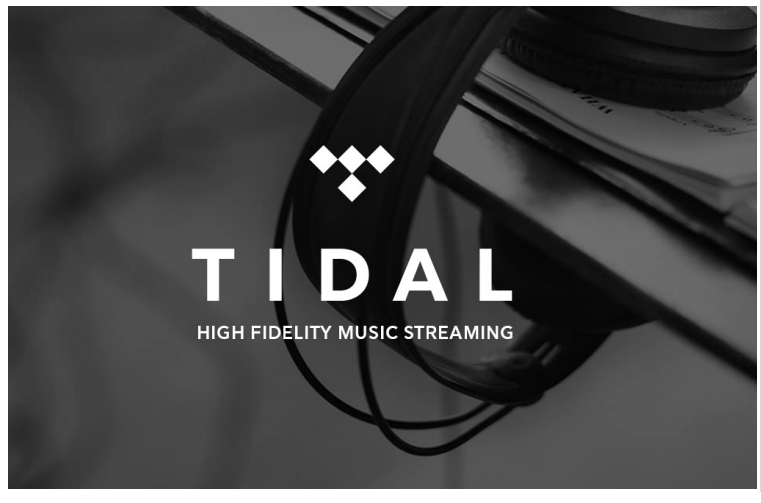
Let's talk about Tidal, the Illuminati-backed savior of the music industry.

Tidal is a music subscription service that offers high fidelity (hi-fi) streamed music, a term used to refer to a high-quality reproduction of sound, and guarantees artist royalties. Sadly, their method of putting artists first does not benefit the consumer.

The service has no free option, forcing consumers to pay $10 or $20 a month for the hi-fi music they advertise. This same hi-fi music has huge file sizes, so say "hello" to huge data overages if you want to stream on your phone. Not to mention the average consumer can't even hear the difference. I'm already "tuned" off, thank you.

The real kicker is the fact that the artist only gets the big royalties if you go for the $20 a month service. If you opt for the $10 service, then the artists are getting the same royalties as any other service. Might as well stick with Spotify.

So, let's recap: I have to spend $20 a month out of my pocket for music that has seemingly no better quality so that the big name artist can get their royalties. I understand that someone has to make a stand against pirating music, but this service alienates the consumer so much that it does more harm than good. I think I'll wait for the tides to change this one.

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**Solutions Posted Online**

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that high school guidance counselors, who are directing students in their college choices, understand who we are in the liberal arts and sciences college," Prescott said. "We wanted them to understand our identity as a college, and we wanted them to think of the distinctive strengths of our programs."

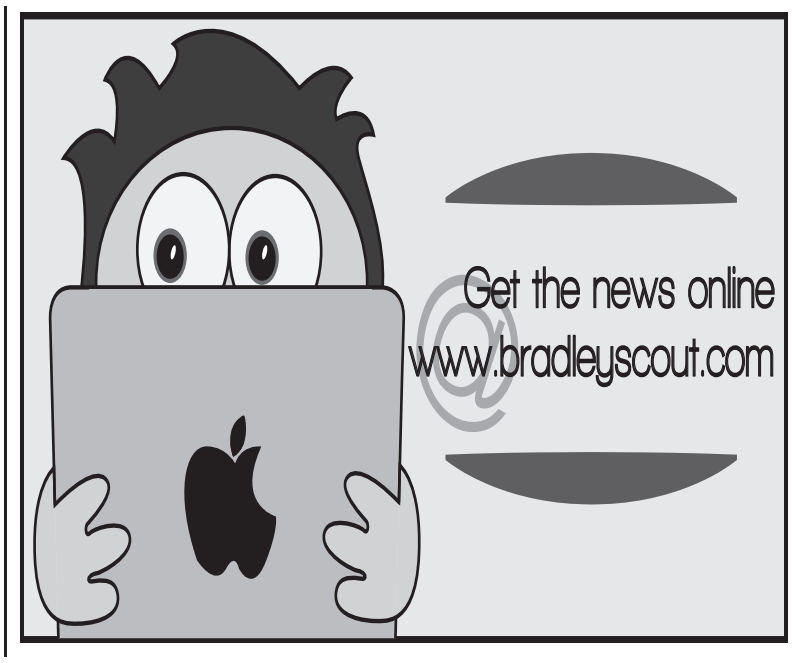
Prescott traveled to Naperville with members of the Admissions Liaisons Committee, which works with faculty and staff throughout the university to communicate enrollment-related information as well as meet with prospective students and their families at on- and off-campus events.

**"It is too early in the recruitment cycle to provide an outlook, but we are optimistic about our incoming class."**
- Justin Ball
Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management

"We spoke about all sorts of things," Prescott said. "I spoke [about] the humanities and workplace internships and the importance of applying skills you learn here."

Prescott also said there were Bradley students at the event to speak.

"The best part of it was this lineup of student majors we had there who really hit the homerun to the guidance counselors," Prescott said. "We made these claims, but we were followed by students that shared their experiences that what we said was true."




# Harlan Cohen gets personal

**BY HANNAH SNIDMAN**
**Off-staff Reporter**

Author Harlan Cohen got students comfortable with the uncomfortable in Student Center Ballroom Monday night during an event hosted by the Greek Programming Board.

Cohen is a New York Times Bestselling Author and has written six books, including "The Naked Roommate: And 107 Other Issues You Might Run Into In College."

While Cohen is an Alpha Epsilon Pi alumnus, both greek and non-greek students attended the presentation.

During the speech, Cohen asked audience members personal questions, and the answers provoked follow up conversation and questions.

"The highlight of the event, in my opinion, was the audience's participation," Panhellenic Director of Programming Marie Calcopietro said. "The audience was very interactive and participated in his discussions, and that is what we and Harlan were hoping for."

In his talk, Cohen touched on the importance of mastering rejection. He also shared his own stories of struggles and wished happiness on the attendees.

"After years of research and talking to thousands of college students, I realized that being uncomfortable when navigating change is normal," Cohen said. "No one tells us about this in high schools. So, my passion has become helping students to get comfortable with the uncomfortable in college."

The "uncomfortable" topics focused on love advice for both singles and for those in relationships. Cohen even answered questions via text during the talk.

"Hearing students' stories and listening is the most important and interesting part of my job," Cohen said. "I love going to dinner with groups and organizations before the event. I also really enjoy doing leadership workshops."

The Panhellenic and Interfraternity councils worked together to host the speech. Calcopietro, a senior industrial engineering major, said she received mostly positive feedback from students who attended the talk.

Freshman marketing major Annie Birnberg said she attended this event to receive points for Grand Chapter Accreditation for her sorority, but she found the talk interesting while she was there.

"I ended up enjoying it," Birnberg said. "I thought Harlan Cohen's speech was funny and relatable."

Calcopietro said she thought the Greek Programming Board did a wonderful job.

"This event was important to us as a community because it was about a topic that we felt people do not like to usually face, so by talking about it, we hoped that people would realize that it is OK to be uncomfortable, and it is OK to be let down, because that is how one grows as a leader and as a person," Calcopietro said.

*photo by Ethan Herman*
The Greek Programming Board hosted Author Harlan Cohen, who discussed "uncomfortable" topics, in Student Center Ballroom Monday.

# What Illinois students need to know about voting

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

The Illinois primary elections are just around the corner, and the general elections will follow soon after. Election rules can be confusing. Luckily, The Scout has created this handy guide to explain the deadlines and processes involved.

**WARNING: If you want to vote in the primaries, be quick. The main polling date is during Bradley's spring break.**

In Illinois, you can register to vote by mail when state licenses are renewed, in-person at the elections office or online at vote.illinois.gov. You'll need to write in the current address of where you will be when you vote and if that is here at Bradley, write in your school address. A letter will arrive in the mail with the location of your polling place, where you will go to vote.

The primary elections choose one delegate from both the republican and democratic parties to run against each other. The general elections come much later in November and involve electing the single candidate who will become the president.

WARNING: If you want to vote in the primaries, be quick. The main polling date is during Bradley's spring break. If you'll be traveling during break, you can vote in-person at your local elections office (Peoria County Election Commission) with early voting until March 14.

Unfortunately, this all depends on where you are registered to vote. If you are registered to vote with your school address, you can vote in Peoria. But if you're still registered to vote at home, you'll need to turn in an application for an absentee ballot.

In Illinois, citizens don't need an excuse for an absentee ballot, but they must mail their absentee ballot application to their local elections office five days before the polling date. For these primaries, that would be by March 9. The elections office will then mail your ballot to you, which you will write a vote on and send back in. As long as the letter is postmarked and arrives the day before the election date, it qualifies.

In Illinois, the primaries are "open," so people can vote without declaring either party, however, you can only vote on either a democrat, a republican or a bipartisan ballot. People must also vote for the delegates in that party. For example, if they voted for a republican candidate, they would want to vote for the delegates who are declared for that republican candidate.

If you still want to vote in the primary, but haven't registered, you can go in-person to your elections office and register and vote at the same time. However, to be eligible for the grace period system, you have to vote at the time of registration.

March 14, deadline for early voting at election commission office
March 15, deadline to vote in Illinois primaries
October 11, deadline to register to vote for general elections
November 8, deadline to vote for general election in Illinois

**Deadline for absentee ballot application:** received by election office 5 days before the polling date.

**TYPES OF VOTING: (Illinois specific)**

**Early voting:** This is new program in which citizens can vote before the final polling date. They must be already registered to vote, and need only look up where/when the early voting is being held.

**Grace period voting:** Another new voting program where un-registered voters can visit their elections office, register and vote the same day. However, they must register and vote at the same time.

**Absentee ballot:** When people will be away from their home district, but still want to vote in that district. This includes mailing an absentee ballot application, getting a ballot mailed to them, and mailing it back to their hometown elections office.

**Day-of-voting:** When people walk into the location assigned to them by their district on the exact polling date.

For more information on voting, students can call or visit the Peoria Elections office at 542 SW Adams St, Peoria, IL 61602.

# Student senators aim to pass multiple resolutions

**BY SAMMANTHA DELLARIA AND TORI MOSES**
**Copy Editor and Managing Editor**

Student Senate discussed many potential campus changes at its General Assembly Feb. 29. ranging from making Bradley a smoke-free campus to creating a sustainability minor.

**SMOKE-FREE CAMPUS**

Back in November of 2014, Student Student Body President Sarah Handler addressed the possibility of Bradley becoming a smoke-free campus in her General Assembly report. She proposed a map of Bradley's campus that will host six allotted locations where smoking will be allowed.

Senate held an open forum in November of 2014 to gather student opinion on whether or not to have a smoke-free campus. Fewer than 10 non-Senate students attended the forum, and though they seemed as a whole against the ban, Handler said she has heard a number of students advocate for the policy.

"We've heard from a number of students that this is a priority," Handler said. "It's something we hear from prospective students, [and] it's a health issue."

Junior computer science major Zack Jozwiak said he is allergic to tobacco, but he thinks Bradley should not be a smoke-free campus.

"I think the rules we have about smoking are fine, and I don't think we have enough smokers for it to really matter," Jozwiak said.

Jozwiak said he had a professor last semester who would smoke outside Bradley Hall before class, but it didn't bother him.

"I don't know if there's people who want to hang out outside Bradley Hall who are bothered by this smoke, but from my experience, it's never been enough of an issue for me to think I should force those people to have to struggle with their addiction," Jozwiak said.

**"We need 509 signatures, but our goal is to get much more than that. We are hoping for 1,000 signatures. The whole point of this petition is because there has been so much debate over [this resolution]."**

- Jenna Dellaria
Vice President of Internal Affairs

Senior interactive media and computer science double major Sanaa Fidahussain said she doesn't think implementing the policy matters to many students.

"I think it would be really great just because the smell bothers me, but if it was or wasn't [a policy], I wouldn't really mind," Fidahussain said. "I can't even tell right now, so it doesn't really matter to me."

Members of Student Senate are currently collecting signatures for a petition to put the smoke-free campus referendum on the Student Body Officer ballot, so that when students vote for student body officers, they can also vote for or against the policy.

"We need 509 signatures, but our goal is to get much more than that," Vice President of Internal Affairs Jenna Dellaria said. "We are hoping for 1,000 signatures. The whole point of this petition is because there has been so much debate over [this resolution]."

Student Senate officers will turn in their petitions Monday and decide if the referendum will be on the ballots for the election on April 12 and 13.

**SUSTAINABILITY MINOR**

Vice President of Academic Affairs Department Olga Krapivner proposed taking steps to create a sustainability minor. Krapivner said Handler brought the idea to the Senate cabinet, and members thought it was a good idea.

"We are in the very initial stages of exploring this minor," Krapivner said.

Krapivner said she has set up a meeting with the Provost's Office to gather more information on developing this.

"After we create a proposal, it will go to the Committee on Curriculum and Regulations," she said.

Some students, however, said they don't think the minor would be useful.

"I don't think a lot of people would sign up for it as a minor," junior actuarial science major Alanna Kopp said. "Having a sustainability minor, in my opinion, doesn't sound impressive."

While Kopp said the minor could be useful to engineering majors, she said she thinks students in those majors would not have time for the minor.

"I can't think of another major that would have time that would actually take these [classes] and have it look good on their resume," Kopp said.

Students with questions regarding the minor can contact Krapivner by email at okrapivner@mail.bradley.edu, or drop by her department meetings in the Senate office, located in room 339 of Sisson Hall at 1 p.m. Fridays.

Another resolution discussed at the General Assembly concerned adding a sexual misconduct section to all course syllabi in order to create a protocol for professors when a student reports sexual misconduct to them.

Student Senators also talked about the denied resolution that proposed taking away Bill Cosby's honorary degree from the university. Handler said President Gary Roberts said he doesn't feel comfortable taking away a degree when Bradley has no policy for removing them.

"However, Senate is working on a press release saying we condemn what [Cosby] did, and we don't condone sexual assault," Handler said.

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Freshman guard Antoine Pittman goes for a layup in a game against Evansville this season. He had 12 points in the loss to Loyola Thursday.

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and reaching our potential shooting the ball, but we just had those five to eight-minute spurts offensively that just really hurt us."

The Braves were stagnant when they were starved for points late in the game while Loyola made their late shots, many of which came from beyond the arc.

Loyola's James gashed the Braves for 20 points and 17 rebounds, but it was the Rambler's Donte Ingram and Ben Richardson who provided the final nails in Bradley's coffin with late 3-pointers.

"To be quite honest, we wanted certain guys to beat us from three, and they did," Wardle said. "I told the team that's on the coaches."

This came after a first half in which Bradley opened the game 5-5 from the field and had a slow-starting Loyola team on its heels.

Suggs and Thomas attributed the fast start to the excitement of postseason play but also to some advice they got before the game from MVC Hall of Famer and former Bradley star guard Anthony Parker.

"One of the quotes [Parker] said was, 'The quiet team is a scary team,' and I felt like we did talk before the game," Thomas said. "We were communicating all through the game with my great teammates."

Suggs agreed there was a higher energy level going into this game compared to others this season.

"It's Arch Madness; Who doesn't get excited for that, first of all?" Suggs said. "I think from the beginning of the game, everybody was in attack mode, and everybody was bought in."

As the Braves suffer from the familiar pain of losing a winnable game going into the offseason, Suggs said putting the season in perspective only emphasizes a hunger for next season.

"We've seen the ups and downs, and we know now what it takes to win at a college level," Suggs said. "It's like, in the beginning of the year, what we had in mind wasn't exactly what the reality was. But going through this long season, we're definitely hungry for some more wins, and we will get them this next season."

As the Braves conclude what will stand as one of the worst seasons in program history, there is undoubtedly nowhere to go but up in the 2016-2017 season.

"We will be back," Suggs said. "We will be ready."

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# Softball gets smacked at Unconquered Invitational

**BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI**
**Sports Editor**

Just as the Bradley softball team gained some footing in the Phyllis Memorial Invitational two weeks ago, it was all for naught as the Unconquered Invitational conquered the Braves last weekend.

Marking up only one win during the entire weekend against the University of Alabama-Birmingham (UAB), Bradley struggled in its next four games against Hofstra and No.13 Florida State.

The win against UAB was the Braves' opening game of the invitational.

"They have been struggling, but we played well against UAB," head coach Amy Hayes said. "Our hitters didn't stop and put some runs on the board late."

Hayes also pointed to junior pitcher Jaelen Hull, who pitched exceptionally well for the Braves. Hull gave up three runs early in the first inning, but only one more in the next six.

"She gave up three hits in the first inning … but didn't give up but two the rest of the game," Hayes said. "She really settled down and really made good pitches, and that kept us in the game."

Hull held UAB at bay long enough for the Braves to explode in the sixth inning for nine runs, which began with senior Rachel Huggins' three-run homer.

"Her first few years, [Huggins] was just a pinch hitter, so her mindset was always, 'I've got one opportunity,'" Hayes said. "She learned that she couldn't go up there and be anxious. She couldn't go up there and be over swinging, she had to go up and do her job."

Senior Alyson Clemente ended the barrage with a double, and Hull got the Blazers to go down in order to seal the win.

However, the win against UAB was the only victory the Braves would see in the Unconquered Invitational, as they lost twice to Hofstra 7-4 and 2-3 and to No. 13 Florida State 14-0 and 9-0.

The Braves would lose both games to Hofstra in similar fashion; they jumped ahead in both games, only to allow Hofstra to come back and steal both.

"We just didn't quite hang on like I hoped we would," Hayes said. "Hofstra is very similar to us right now. They're hitting the ball fairly well, but they've been trying to find some consistency in the circle."

In the first game against the Pride, Clemente hit a grand slam in the first inning to put the Braves up 4-2 early.

"We were down 2-0, Aly comes up there and hits a grand slam," Hayes said. "People are getting on in front of her, which is the whole point."

According to Clemente, when she had the bases loaded, Hayes gave her the green light to swing for the fences, because they knew of the opposing pitcher's unpredictable tendencies.

"Going in, we knew that the pitcher was a little wild," Clemente said. "[Hayes] told us, basically, if we see a good pitch to hit, take it, because we might not get another."

Although the grand slam put the Braves ahead for the next two innings, the Pride tied the game in the third and took the lead in the sixth, which led to the 7-4 final score.

Clemente also hit her 16th career home run in the second game against Hofstra, a 3-2 loss, which tied the Bradley career home run record.

"I didn't know I was that close to the record until a few weekends ago when someone told me," Clemente said. "It's a huge honor, and it's a really cool thing to me knowing that there's still a lot of season left to go."

Although the Braves' two games against Hofstra were close, the two games against Florida State were anything but.

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Senior Alyson Clemente (pictured) tied the Bradley career home run record last weeked. She has 16 career homeruns.

The Seminoles blanked the women 14-0 in their first meeting and no-hit them in the second game 9-0.

"The way they hit, if we're not on point in the circle, it's not going to work." Hayes said. "Honestly, they just silenced us. They're a very, very solid program."

Following the Unconquered Invitational, the Braves travel to Seattle, Washington, to play in the Husky Classic, where Hayes and her team will see some familiar faces.

The Classic includes games against Seattle and Boise State, whom Bradley played in the first weekend of its season.

Hayes said even though they'll have a few rematches this weekend, the Braves aren't the same team that took the field in the first weekend of the season.

"I don't think we came out very strong in the circle our first weekend. We're a completely different pitching staff right now," Hayes said. "We've really grown a lot in a matter of three weeks. I think that, in turn, that gives your hitters a little bit of, not so much relaxation, but more, 'All right, we're all in it now.'"

Clemente said she believes the team is ready to take another shot at teams they've seen before.

"We're coming into this weekend with a positive attitude," Clemente said. "[We know] we're going to get another look at teams we should've [beaten] and get to another team we beat before."

# Tennis splits weekend against Western Illinois and Iowa

**BY KEVIN LINDGREN**
**Off-staff Reporter**

With another series in the books, the women's tennis team reached the halfway mark of their season. A weekend split between Western Illinois and Iowa served as an example of the Braves' entire season thus far.

The Braves' weekend consisted of a 7-0 victory against Western Illinois (WIU) and a 7-0 defeat against the Iowa Hawkeyes. Against WIU, Bradley's team relied on sophomore Alejandra de Lasa and junior Ariel Dechter to cement the afternoon sweep.

"We felt great about the win Friday," head coach Matt Tyler said. "Western fought hard, but we were able to come out on top."

The Braves could not afford to rest, however, as they quickly packed their team bus and headed toward Iowa City. Bradley was in for a tough test, as Iowa boasted a perfect 7-0 home record heading into Saturday.

Bradley did not fare very well against Iowa. The Braves surrendered a couple of early doubles points and were never able to recover. Iowa held the Braves scoreless, recording the victory 7-0.

Tyler said he remained optimistic about the defeat.

"The team score is a bit misleading because we had some really close matches," Tyler said. "If we capitalize on a few opportunities, I think things could have changed very quickly in our favor."

Playing away from home has been a consistent problem for the Braves this year. With a 2-5 road record, the Braves must improve on that mark if they are to have success when conference play rolls around.

Another factor working against the team is Bradley's schedule.

The Braves will play seven straight road matches. With a poor track record on the road, Bradley will look to reverse this trend and gain some consistency.

Tyler attributed the lack of consistency to the injuries his team has dealt with.

"Our biggest problem with consistency is getting and staying healthy," Tyler said. "Almost every weekend, we have had someone out with an injury which puts pressure on people to step up and perform. I have to give all of our ladies a lot of credit for doing exactly that."

After winning six straight games, the Braves have dropped three of their last four. With 12 matches remaining in the schedule before the Valley Championship, the Braves need to show their fans they've got something left to prove.

This weekend, Bradley will face Dayton and Wright State Friday and Saturday, respectively.

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"Matt Dennis pretty much carried us on his shoulders," Dominguez said. "He went out and gave a dominating game. We were able to scratch a couple runs against a very good Notre Dame club. I was really pleased."

The Braves' second win of the weekend came the next day against Gonzaga, where Roegner gave up three runs on seven hits in six innings of work, striking out five on the way. The game would go into extras, as senior short stop Tyler Leffler knocked in the go-ahead run to seal the win for the Braves, 5-4.

Although the Braves' offense sputtered throughout most the weekend, Leffler was their saving grace. The senior went 8-17 on the weekend, knocking in five runs with a pair of doubles.

"Coming off the first weekend, we weren't where we wanted to be offensively," Leffler said. "I just worked all week in practice on the little things, like staying inside the ball. I didn't try to do too much and found ways to get on base."

Leffler, a second-team All-MVC selection in 2014, regressed at the plate last year as his average dropped from .354 to .196. However, he seems to be showing signs of reverting back to his old self, posting a .333 average through seven games.

"After the season, I took a week and a half off to just relax," Leffler said. "I started to just have fun again when summer ball started, and I had fun when fall ball started. I've been able to just enjoy the game and not worry as much."

*photo Via Scout Archives*

Evan Gruener (at bat) prepares for a pitch in a game against Evansville last season. Gruener recorded four hits and two RBI over the weekend.

Dominguez said relaxing has taken a lot off Leffler's shoulders.

"He's just back to relaxing," Dominguez said. "I think he's basically being the same guy he was his freshman and sophomore year where he was just out there playing and not worrying about expectations or the draft or pro ball or anything like that. He's just going out and playing well."

Both Leffler and Dominguez added that the Braves must start to capitalize with runners in scoring position if they are going to continue winning games.

Arguably, the team's biggest area of concern is the bullpen, particularly with how many free passes they are distributing. The bullpen allowed 12 walks on the weekend and surrendered just as many runs. Of those 12 runs, eight were given up in the eighth inning or later.

Dominguez credited some of the bullpen woes to the youth of the pitchers he has pitching in late game situations, who haven't been exposed to that environment before.

"Anytime you throw a freshman into that kind of environment, I think you're either going to get a great performance or [a poor performance,]" Dominguez said. "The moment gets too big. At the same time, we just have to cut down on our walks. That's really the reason we ended up losing both of those games."

Despite the 3-4 start, Leffler said the team is very confident in its ability to keep improving and winning games.

"You realize you're going to play competitive games," Leffler said. "We're growing right now, and when conference play comes around, we're going to be right where we want to be."

# Iowa road trip proves overwhelming for women's basketball

**BY AUSTIN SHONE**
**Sports Reporter**

The Bradley women's basketball team suffered two tough losses when facing the top two teams in the Missouri Valley Conference this weekend on their trip to Iowa.

The Braves played against Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls last Friday, and managed to hold their own in the first quarter. However, eight turnovers spelled trouble for them in the second quarter, as they were outscored 13-0 during a seven-and-a-half minute stretch.

After shooting poorly from beyond the arc in the first half, the Panthers got off to a great start in the third and shot 6-7 in the quarter, allowing them to extend and hold their lead to beat Bradley 65-41.

Bradley was led by sophomore Danielle Brewer's 11 points in the second half, but the rest of the team struggled to get in a rhythm offensively after exerting themselves on the defensive end.

"I thought we lacked a little bit of our discipline and intensity in the second half, especially on the defensive end," head coach Michael Brooks said. "If you let them have too many open looks, at some, point they're going to burn you, and they took advantage of us in that second half with our discipline."

A similar story was on display the following Sunday afternoon when Bradley traveled to Des Moines to take on Drake.

The Braves stuck with the Bulldogs in the first quarter and were down only two points, but a ferocious 21-3 run by Drake in the second quarter padded their lead to 41-24 by halftime.

"Once we let a team go on a run, we've gotta be mentally tough to withstand that run," Brooks said. "I like the shots that we took. Our shooters had great open threes. We were getting layups; we just couldn't convert them."

Sophomore Tamya Sims dropped in 12 points for the Braves, but as a team they only shot 27 percent from the field for the game. Drake, on the other hand, had five players in double figures and shot 47 percent in the game, including 19-23 from the charity stripe.

"They took it to us, and we did not step up to the challenge," Brooks said. "I thought we played with them at times, but we didn't play well enough to beat them. We're not capitalizing on the opportunities that we get right now."

The Braves were taken advantage of in almost every statistical category and lacked the mental toughness needed to come out with the win, falling to Drake 78-45. Although this weekend brought the hefty challenge of going on the road against two experienced, well-oiled teams, the Braves' focus lies more on themselves than the teams they faced.

"The biggest competition in life is not someone else; it's not another entity that is put up against you," Brooks said. "Your biggest competition is yourself. It's getting over your fears. It is getting over your mistakes. It's getting over the things that block you from doing what you want to do. The confidence is within us, we've got to bring it out."

The Braves hope to bring out that confidence in the regular season finale tonight when they visit Loyola-Chicago.

# One-on-One

## Who will win the MVC Tournament?

### Illinois State

I'll bet you're going to put your money on Wichita State just like Alex is.

Well, if you want to be right for once, you could pick against Wichita State and go with the Redbirds of Illinois State.

Yeah, all right, Wichita State is good.

They're a perennial NCAA Tournament team who went to the Sweet Sixteen last year, and they're the best in the Missouri Valley Conference by far with the one-two-punch guard combo of Fred VanVleet and Ron Baker.

But, the truth is, Wichita State is going to make the NCAA Tournament.

You know it. I know it. They know it. Even Alex knows it!

So, the Shockers cruise on, win a couple games and then putter out to a more complete team like they did last year. Who beat them last year? Oh, yeah, Illinois State.

It's not like the Redbirds are very far off from the Shockers; they beat them at Redbird Arena earlier in February.

Sure, Wichita State beat down ISU at Koch Arena last weekend, but that was Senior Day for VanVleet and Baker. Banking on the Shockers to lose on that game is like betting on Bradley to go .500 in conference play; you just don't do it.

This year, the MVC tournament has Illinois State written all over it. They're the most complete team in the MVC, which is more than Evansville can say, and Wichita State isn't playing for anything except a higher seed at the big dance.

Go ahead, bet on the Shockers with frat star Alex over there.

But just remember: When you lose your money, there's a reason why I'm the Sports Editor and he's the assistant.

*- Chris Kwiecinski*

### Wichita State

Chris, I don't think there is much of an argument here as to who will win the Missouri Valley Conference tournament this upcoming weekend. Much to the chagrin of the fans of upsets, we're going to see the best team claim the conference crown this year.

There are three reasons why Wichita State will not be shocked on their path to reclaiming the MVC crown: Fred VanVleet, Ron Baker and Gregg Marshall.

When you have a two-time MVC player of the year on your roster (VanVleet), it's tough to lose. Baker is certainly no slouch, either. Combined, the Shocker stars have combined an average 26 points, with nine assists and eight rebounds per game this year, making them one of the most lethal duos in the conference.

Although the stats aren't gaudy, their veteran guile and leadership, which are unquantifiable, are what make them so special. Under the ultimate leadership of Marshall, they have been to two Sweet Sixteen's and one Final Four together. They've also won this tournament before.

Look, Chris doesn't know what he's talking about. I think he lost his thick-rimmed glasses when ISU and the Shockers played last, because he didn't see the same drubbing I saw. If ISU is lucky enough to get to Wichita State again, Chris is going to look really bad (which isn't anything new) when he witnesses the Shockers pummel the Redbirds.

Expect to see the Shockers on top by the end of the weekend.

*- Alex Kryah*

*Be sure to read the golf recap online:*

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# Opinion

## Key to Bulls' finals run lies in D-Rose

**BY JOSH NELSON**
**Off-staff Reporter**

I know, I know.

There aren't many people confident the Bulls can contend for a championship this year. I don't blame them. Can anyone tell me, with conviction, they believe a team with a 30-30 record with losses to Minnesota, Phoenix, Orlando, Brooklyn and Denver has an actual shot at a title?

Didn't think so.

The Bulls are at a -0.8 in point differential (the only team in the Eastern Conference playoff picture with a negative point differential) and are 24th in offensive efficiency. I can't even begin to describe how disappointing and passionless the Bulls have looked so far this season.

Call me crazy if you want, but I think this team still has a chance to contend for a title. But their hopes rely on one player to produce at a high level. And his name is Cameron Bairstow.

Just kidding.

You may also think I'm going to talk about Jimmy Butler, and yes, Butler is important to have for the stretch run as the Bulls' leading scorer and best wing defender. But I believe the X-factor for a championship run is point guard, Derrick Rose.

Everyone knows what Butler is going to do most nights. He'll average around 20-25 points per game (occasionally he'll have a big game where he's capable of scoring big numbers), grab a handful of rebounds and dish out a few assists.

However, the Bulls' championship chances rely on Derrick Rose.

Not only is his play on the court important, but his ability to stay on the court is equally as vital as well. Every Bulls fan knows the injury drama surrounding Rose. He has missed 218 games since the 2011-12 season, which includes 10 games this year. He even sat out a game a few weeks back for "general soreness."

If I called my boss to tell him I'm missing work for "general soreness," he'd laugh and hang up the phone.

Sure, Rose can be extremely frustrating off the court, but the guy can still ball, even after three major knee surgeries. We've seen glimpses of that throughout the season. Since the beginning of the year, Rose's points per game have risen, little by little, every month. He's is averaging 19.5 ppg since Christmas and scoring 21.9 ppg in February.

What makes Rose so vital to the Bulls' chances is his ability to create his own shot and create space for not only himself, but also his teammates. Rose has always been great at getting to the basket and drawing two or three defenders to help out at the rim. This allows Rose to either finish with a layup if he has space, or he can make a pass to a wide open player on the perimeter.

Rose keeps the flow of the Bulls' offense going. The offense is better when the ball is in his hands. His isolation can create more for himself and his teammates than when Butler isolates.

Butler can create for himself when he isolates, but he often stops ball movement and stagnates the offense. This is why Rose needs the ball in his hands more often.

In order for the Bulls to have even the slightest chance of playing in June, Rose will have to continue to play at a high level. If he can stay healthy and continue to produce, there's no reason the Bulls can't find themselves playing in the NBA Finals.

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struck out 10 batters and surrendered only three singles and one walk.

However, Dennis was quick to pass the praise off himself.

"It's definitely nice to get that kind of recognition," Dennis said. "It usually goes towards me as a pitcher, but you don't really get to look at the guys who are around that help build that. Zach Fairchild did a great job behind the plate, [and] the coaches had a great scouting report. I don't think they get enough praise for what they do."

Looking back at his pre-Bradley career, Dennis said baseball has always been a part of his life.

"Pitching has always been my thing," Dennis said. "When I was younger, I grew a lot faster than the other kids. I was always looked at as the big power-armed kid. I think I was six feet tall in eighth grade, so I was always advanced in that sense."

Dennis attended Rolling Meadows High School in Rolling Meadows, Illinois. He was a three-year letter-winner and was dominant on the mound during his senior year. He finished with an 8-1 record and a 1.83 ERA, averaging 12.8 strikeouts per nine innings. Dennis was named the 2013 MSL East Conference Player of the Year and captain of the Daily Herald's all-area team, and he earned all-state honors from the Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Association.

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Matt Dennis delivers a pitch during a game last season. Dennis holds the all-time Bradley saves record with 18 career saves.

Bradley was one of two Division I schools to recruit Dennis. He enrolled at Bradley in the fall of 2013.

"I wasn't a fan of big schools," Dennis said. "I wanted to go somewhere where I could grow athletically and academically. I really like the facilities here; I like where we played. The coaching staff was really hands-on and were straight up with you, and I liked that. Coming here really allowed me to improve and get to the next level that I'm playing at right now."

Dennis said he wasn't named the official closer at the beginning of his freshman year because the coaching staff wanted to ease him into college ball. But, in his first college appearance, he earned the win in the first game of the season after pitching a scoreless ninth and 10th inning.

In his second appearance a few games later, he pitched from the ninth inning to the 12th inning without giving up a run, earning the second win of his career. Dennis adjusted quickly to the new level of play, and he went on to go 4-3 with a 4.12 ERA and six saves for the year.

"I was a starter in high school, so this was a new experience," Dennis said. "It helped me grow because I was in pressure situations right away."

Dennis remained in the same role for his sophomore season and improved immensely. He went 3-0 with a 1.51 ERA and had 12 saves, setting the Braves' single season saves record and earning him the career record at 18 in only two seasons. The success during his sophomore season earned him second-team All-MVC and third-team National College Baseball Writers Association All-American honors.

This year, Dennis is taking his success from the bullpen to rotation and is the Braves No. 1 starter, and baseball head coach Elvis Dominguez knows why he's been successful.

"He's a guy that has three pitches, and that's what made him successful in the closer role," Dominguez said. "He's earned it."

However, the pitcher said he was estatic to make the switch.

"I think guys like being starters the most," Dennis said. "You always want to be the guy that has the ball for those big innings. That's always been my mentality. I want the ball for the longest time I can have it."

He also said there were a few adjustments he had to make in his new role.

"In the closer, you want to give it all you got just to get those last few outs," Dennis said. "As a starter, you want to go seven or eight innings, so you have to pace yourself. It's not like you're holding yourself back, but you have to be careful not to drain yourself as a starter right away."

Dennis said his goal for this year is to become the best pitcher that he can be.

"I want to be able to go there and have [my teammates] feel comfortable with me on the mound," he said. "I want to be able to go out there and compete against the other team's best guy."

If Dennis' improvement this year will be anything like his improvement last year, then Bradley has definitely found its ace.

## Track and field disappoints at MVC Indoor Championships

**BY MIKE IRACE**
**Off-staff Reporter**

Bradley's men's and women's indoor track season came to a close last weekend at the Missouri Valley Conference Championships in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

The weekend did not end the way Bradley would have hoped, with an 8th place finish by the men's team and a 7th place finish by the women's. Despite both teams' overall finishes, there were some great individual performances.

Seniors Kristen Busch and Caitlin Busch stole the show over the weekend with their performances.

Kristen won the 5,000-meter Saturday, edging out her sister Caitlin, who came in second place in the same race. The very next day, Caitlin was the one on top, beating her sister in the 3,000-meter race. To add to the Busch twins' weekend, Caitlin was named MVC Scholar-Athlete of the week on Tuesday.

On the men's side, sophomore Michael Ward highlighted the championship events coming in third with a 4:14.78 mile and junior Daniel Gagne finished eighth in the mile, posting a time of 4:22.57. Gagne and Ward combined for seven points to help add to the men's 27 overall score. The men's team also had four runners place in the top seven in the 3,000-meter, adding 14 points.

Head coach Darren Gauson said he was very impressed with the women's team, especially in the mile.

"[Freshman] Gabby Juarez came in ranked 23rd in the conference in the mile," Gauson said. "She was able to place seventh as a freshman, so [it was] a really top performance from her."

Adding to that, sophomore Rachel Sudbury came in fourth in the mile with a time of 4:56.88.

Gauson said was also impressed with the women's overall finish.

"Our women were projected to finish eighth, and we ended up finishing seventh," Gausons said. "As a team finish, that was good for them."

Now that the indoor season is over for both teams, it's time to start running outdoors. Gauson said he's extremely excited that senior Emily Delvo will be back for the outdoor season after missing almost eight weeks with a foot injury.

As for the men, Gauson wants to see the young talent put it all together at the same time during the upcoming outdoor season, which begins Saturday, March 26th, at the Bill Cornell Spring Classic in Carbondale.

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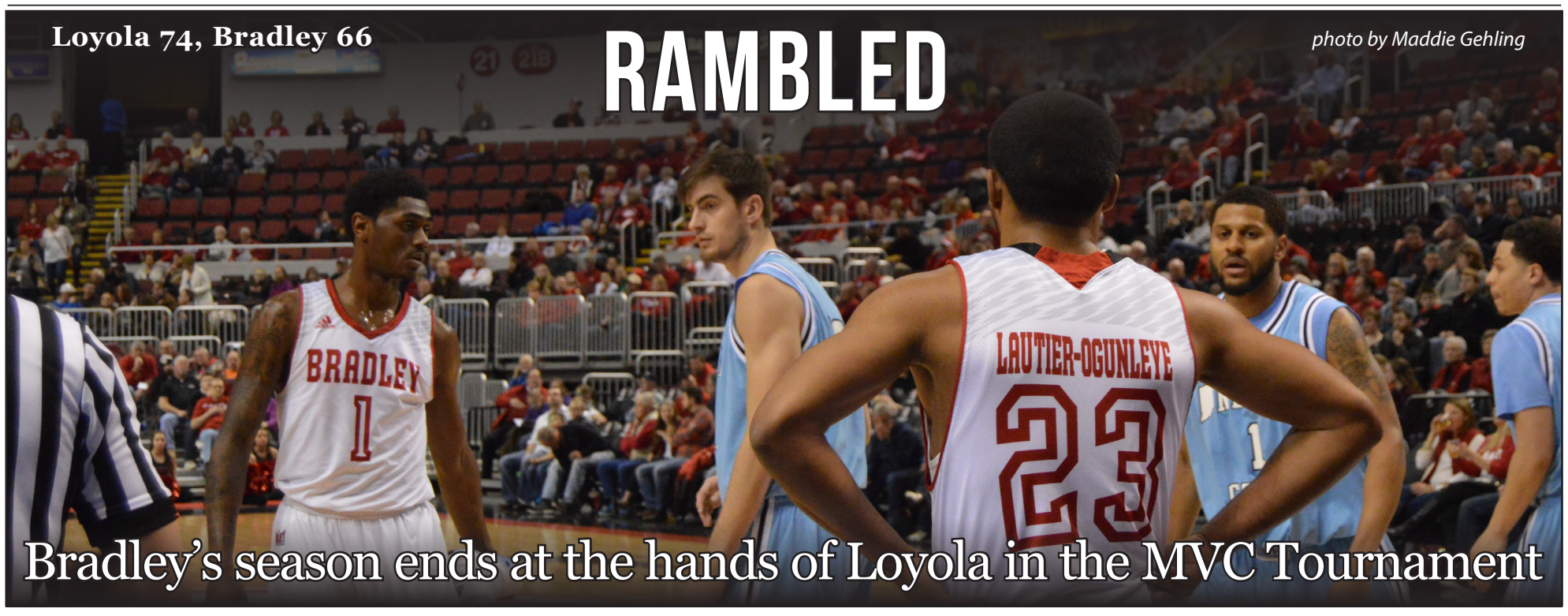


Freshman Dwayne Lautier-Ogunleye (23) waits to inbound the ball during a game against Indiana State. Lautier-Ogunleye finished Thursday's game with 14 points.

**BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI**
**Sports Editor**

In typical fashion, the Bradley men's basketball team ended the season in a way only a 5-27 season could.

Bradley was conquered in a nip-and-tuck contest with Loyola-Chicago last night at the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, where the young Braves were never able to brush off old habits or catch a break, in their 74-66 loss to the Ramblers.

Trailing by six with 1:40 left in the game, Bradley sophomore forward Donte Thomas' would-be steal at midcourt turned into a scrum. The ball ended in Loyola forward Montel James' hands in open court, who tallied in the easy layup for a four-point swing that all but sealed the game for the Ramblers.

"It didn't break our back, though," Bradley head coach Brian Wardle said of the play. "But there were 50-50 balls that just were unlucky bounces that went to them, and I think they got points off most of them."

The Braves were able to cut the Rambler's lead to six with under a minute to play, but Loyola made enough free throws in the foul game to preserve the win.

Four Bradley players ended up in double figures, with Thomas and freshman guard Ronnie Suggs leading the way, recording their own double-doubles.

Thomas notched 14 points and 14 rebounds, while Suggs added 15 points and 10 boards.

"I really wanted to go out there and play my hardest," Thomas said. "After the game, I wanted to look at myself in the mirror and ask myself, 'Do I feel like I gave it all my effort?' And I felt like I did."

Despite great individual performances, the Braves fell victim to the weaknesses that have plagued them all season: turnovers, fouls and cold shooting.

"It obviously came down to all season for us, but definitely in this game the turnovers hurt us," Wardle said. "That stretch from the 12-minute mark in the second half to the eight-minute mark where Loyola went on a run, we just stalled out."

As a team, the Braves committed 19 turnovers and ended the game with 17 fouls, but Bradley did out-shoot the Ramblers 43 percent to 40.

"Our Achilles' heel this year is our offense and turnovers," Wardle said. "We had moments of shooting the ball really well

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## Baseball splits at the Irish-Alamo Classic

**BY ALEX KRYAH**
**Assistant Sports Editor**

Bradley could've left the Irish-Alamo Classic in San Antonio with three wins and a loss. Heck, they were even capable of a 4-0 record .

However, thanks to several blown leads in the waning innings of a couple games, the Braves left the Lone Star State with two wins and two losses.

While the bullpen stumbled through the weekend, the starting pitchers had no such problems, especially junior Matt Dennis and senior Cameron Roegner. After they both struggled in the first weekend, the Bradley starters rebounded in stellar fashion.

"In Matt's case, I think it's just a matter of going from the closer's role to a starter's role," head coach Elvis Dominguez said. "I think it's just become a habit of how to prepare himself and so forth. Cameron had a bad outing against Austin Peay, and he was back to his dominant self."

According to Dominguez, Dennis "set the tone" for the weekend Friday night against Notre Dame. The junior right-hander twirled a gem, throwing seven scoreless innings while giving up only one walk and three singles and striking out 10. Dennis earned his first win of the year as the Braves won 4-3.

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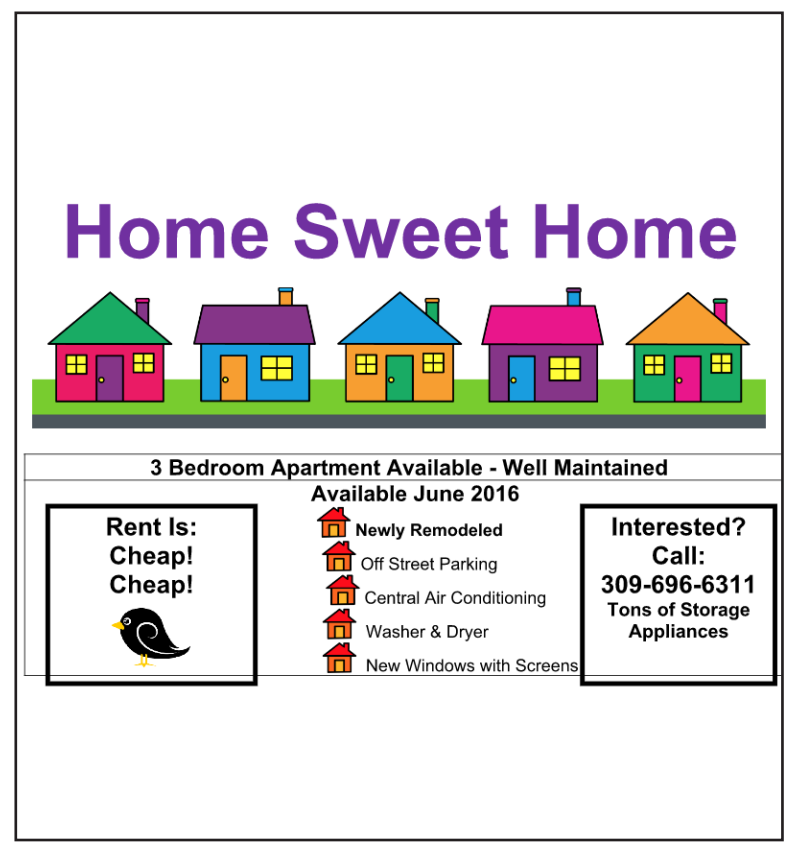



## All-American Dennis embraces new role

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Over the past couple of years, Braves pitcher Matt Dennis played a significant role in the success Bradley's baseball team has enjoyed. The junior settled into his role as a closer during his first two years with the team. However, this season, Dennis is making the change from All-American closer to starter this year.

So far, it has been a very smooth transition. Dennis was awarded the Missouri Valley Conference Pitcher of the Week for his almost-flawless performance in the win against Notre Dame. He pitched 7.0 innings,

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