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Officers bear beards for charity

BY SAMMANTHA DELLARIA
News Editor

Scruffy Bradley University Police Department officers gathered in the Michel Student Center with students Wednesday in order to raise money for the Special Olympics of Illinois.

The officers spent the past month grooming and growing out their beards as they came together with members of the Interfraternity Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council to participate in No Shave November.

"This is the first time that the Bradley [University] Police Department and the frats ever did anything jointly together, a fundraiser like this," Officer Shane Young said. "It was about rapport building, reaching out to the community and bringing us both together. We all wanted to do it for a great cause, so our donations are going to the Special Olympics of Illinois."

BUPD officers rounded out their beard-growing endeavors during their monthly Coffee with a Cop event, where students were invited to come and spend time getting to know the officers over



Bradley University Police Department Chief Brian Joschko (left) and Officer Sean Savage (right) show off their beards in Michel Student Center Wednesday after participating in No Shave November to raise money for the Special Olympics of Illinois.

photo by Shelby Caruso

coffee and donuts. This month, the participating students and Bradley community members were asked to vote on the officer with the best beard.

"We were able to get NPHC

and IFC, and we all collaborated, all of the fraternities across campus, with the police department to grow our donations," Young said.

For the month of November, Chief Brian Joschko suspended

BUPD's no-beard policy so officers could participate in the event.

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Giving Tuesday raises more than \$1 million

BY MADDIE GEHLING
Managing Editor

Bradley University raised \$1,668,574 this week during its Giving Tuesday event, receiving donations from over 2,171 individuals – up significantly from last year's \$576,460 and 1,692 donors.

Giving Tuesday is an international event aimed at celebrating gratitude and raising awareness for nonprofit organizations and philanthropies. At Bradley, students, faculty, staff and alumni are encouraged to "give back" to their institution.

"I think it kind of creates a synergy between alumni and fundraising, and it can have a lot of positives to it," Shelly Smith, senior director of the Bradley Fund, said. "People look at you like, 'Oh, what do you do? You raise money and ask for money?' But this is fun, it lets us tell donor

stories, and it really lets us reach all generations."

This year's Giving Tuesday was paired with the addition of Student Giving Week, a new week-long event geared toward educating students on where their donations go and why they're important.

"[We wanted to] give students the opportunity to start the tradition of their own philanthropy," said Jocelyn McDowell, director of constituent relations, said. "Unless a [donor] specified otherwise, [the money] goes to the general student scholarship fund because it was in the general spirit of students helping students."

To prepare for Student Giving Week, McDowell and a number of students notified the Bradley community with social media posts, emails and lawn signs. However, she said they tried to avoid "overwhelming" students because of the reactions they received during

Giving Tuesday last year.

"There was so much strong feedback last year, like, oh my god, so many emails," McDowell said.

Bradley development directors and students on the Bradley Fund worked in a "hub" on Giving Tuesday, making calls and collecting donations, according to Smith.

"We thought it [was] important ... to make it a fun and energetic kind of place," she said.

Katelyn Schalk, senior psychology major and member of the Bradley Fund, worked to organize this year's Student Giving Week and Giving Tuesday events.

"[These events] remind us how much a school like Bradley relies on donations in order to provide students with the best opportunities," she said. "Philanthropy education ... reminds us [what] Bradley provides as students and allows us to start thinking about how we can pay the opportunity

forward to future students when we graduate."

Schalk raised awareness and participated in philanthropy education during Student Giving Week, and on Giving Tuesday, she made calls and collected donations in the hub.

"I participated in Giving Tuesday by encouraging alumni to donate or share the event with their friends so that they can pay it forward for something that Bradley has given them, whether they give in honor of a professor, a program, or an opportunity that Bradley has given them," Schalk said.

And when Student Giving Week and Giving Tuesday ended, McDowell said the money raised made all of the hard work worth it.

"[It feels] amazing," McDowell said. "We're all pretty excited."

Students register to 'Be the Match'

BY TORI MOSES
Editor-in-Chief

After a Bradley student discovered her mother was diagnosed with bone marrow cancer, Panhellenic Council decided to team up with the student to organize a bone marrow registry drive for Dec. 5.

Junior public relations major Alli Krone said she learned last May that her mother, Marsha, is sick.

"She was still working, still exercising, still being the best mother I could ask for," Krone said. "She wasn't deteriorating as some people do when they have cancer."

Krone said though there are 27 million potential donors in the bone marrow database, there are no matches for her mother.

"This drive is important to me, not only because of my mom, but [because] bone marrow transplants are so special," Krone said. "There are people all over the world that need them, and to not have a match is really, very scary ... You never know; you could be someone's only match."

Jaelyn Clark, president of Panhellenic Council, said she expects to see many students show up to the drive.

"A decent amount of people [said] they are going to go, so hopefully that rings true and they sign up, because it is something that is so scarce right now that if it could help [Krone's] mom, if it could help anybody, it would be huge," Clark, a junior sports communication major, said.

At the drive, registrants will fill out a questionnaire with personal information and have their cheeks swabbed.

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Organization asks for donations of pillowcases and T-shirts

Hope 4 Women International, a service fellowship aimed at promoting charitable giving and education for women, is asking Bradley community members to donate pillowcases and T-shirts for its project "Dress a Girl Around the World."

The project is an effort to create dresses for little girls in need. The organization has partnered with the Peoria Juvenile Detention Center, where children in the facility will assist in making the dresses so they can give them to those in need.

Donations will be collected until Dec. 10 and can be brought to the FCS Department's main office in Bradley Hall. There is also a drop-off box located in Michel Student Center.

For questions, contact Family and Consumer Sciences professor Maggie Sas at (309) 677-3203.

Students to perform in piano recital

The department of music is presenting a student Bradley Piano Studio recital at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6 in Dingleline Music Center.

The recital will feature solo and duet performances by students studying piano within the Music Department. Pieces include music by artists such as Ludwig van Beethoven, Johann Sebastian Bach, Scarlatti Sonata and more.

Chee Hyeon Choi, an instructor of piano at Bradley, will direct the recital.

All Bradley community members are invited to attend the recital, which is free and open to the public.

Red Sea looking to fill open positions

The Bradley Red Sea, a student organization that works to promote athletic events, is looking for sports coordinators.

The positions work closely with other coordinators and the executive board to implement marketing plans. Responsibilities include designing giveaways for students and communicating with the Athletics Department.

Candidates may be any major or grade level but must be a member of the Red Sea. Anyone interested in the position should contact Red Sea President Mary McInerney at mmcinerney@mail.bradley.edu

POLICE REPORTS

- Officers were dispatched after a university employee reported seeing two males steal a golf cart at 6:47 p.m. Nov. 26 in the Main Street Parking Deck.

The officers were able to locate the abandoned golf cart on the 1100 block of Parkside Avenue.

No suspects have been found.

- A male non-student tried to make a purchase with a fake \$50 bill at 12:09 a.m. Nov. 26 in a Campustown business.

Officers were dispatched to the business where employees identified the suspect who was still at the location. The officers determined the bill was fraudulent. The suspect refused to cooperate with the police.

The male was charged with obstructing police and forgery.

- A female non-student was panhandling at 1:15 p.m. Nov. 28 on the 800 block of Main Street.

The female was standing outside of a building asking for money as patrons entered the location. An officer confronted her and recognized she had previously been banned from campus for panhandling.

The female received a citation.

- Two juveniles were caught trespassing at 6:43 p.m. Nov. 28 in Olin Hall.

The two entered the locked doors by following a student through a swipe access door. The police were notified after a custodian observed them pulling the emergency showers.

The two juveniles were picked up by the police and released into their parents' custody.

- Two students reported their keys and backpacks stolen at 10 a.m. Nov. 12 on the 900 block of Cooper Street.

The students were at the residence the night before during a party and left their belongings there for the night. When they returned the following morning, their items were gone, and the residents within the house did not know who had taken the items.

No items have been recovered.

- A female student reported being robbed at 12:59 a.m. on the 600 block of Cooper Street.

The student was walking home when a vehicle stopped in front of her. A male suspect jumped out of the back seat and pointed what appeared to be a gun at the student. He grabbed the student's purse and keys before getting back in the car.

The police were dispatched, and no suspects have been found.

Happy Holidays from The Scout!



The Scout would like to extend the warmest holiday wishes to our readers. Grab a mug of cocoa and enjoy the last Scout issue of the semester!

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CHARLEY STEINER

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Charley Steiner, the play-by-play announcer for the Los Angeles Dodgers, graduated from Bradley in 1971.

BY SAMMANTHA DELLARIA
News Editor

Not many alumni can say they have a college within their alma mater named after them, but Charley Steiner can.

Steiner is currently the play-by-play announcer for the Los Angeles Dodgers, and he graduated from Bradley in 1971.

The Charley Steiner School of Sports Communication, established in 2015, is the first and only college for sports communication in the country.

Steiner came to Bradley in 1967 with a world of opportunity in front of him.

"Like every other freshman that has arrived [at Bradley], I was an 18-year-old kid not certain

of what lay ahead," Steiner said. "Immediately after graduating high school, I went off to Haight-Ashbury, it was the Summer of Love 1967. So I missed freshman orientation because I was having such a good time [in San Francisco] ... So I arrive on campus ... and I was a pimply-faced, long-haired kid who didn't know what would lay ahead."

As soon as he came to Bradley, Steiner said he took the initiative to get involved in the university's community as soon as possible.

"I showed up, dropped my duffle bag off [and] walked across the street to the Student Center where the college radio station was on the second floor," Steiner said. "As you walked up the stairs, the radio station was on the left side and The Scout was on the right side ... and I walked in and said, 'Hi, folks. Get used to me. I am going to be here for a long time.'"

At the radio station, Steiner said he was given an hour-long radio show at night during which he would play new music he brought with him from his summer in San Francisco.

"Then, I walked across [the hallway] over to The Scout, and I started writing there," Steiner said. "It was an easy commute from one side of the hallway all the way to the other ... I spent all my time writing and announcing."

Steiner said he remembers

exactly when he knew he wanted to work as a baseball play-by-play announcer. He was growing up in Long Island when he heard a baseball game being broadcasted.

"In '56 when I was seven years old, I listened to this baseball game on the radio in my mom's kitchen ... So I knew at seven I wanted to be the Dodgers announcer," Steiner said. "When I was eight, [the Dodgers] moved away to Los Angeles, and there went my career all to hell. But I knew what I wanted to do, so I would be one of those kids who would turn the sound down on the TV [during a baseball game] and start screaming my fool head off."

Steiner said he got his first professional job at WIRL radio in Peoria. At the time, he said the job paid \$2 an hour, and he worked 70 to 80 hours a week. Later, Steiner went on to cover news and sports at various other radio and television stations throughout the Midwest and the East Coast.

He spent 14 years with ESPN and later worked three years as a play-by-play announcer before Steiner landed his current job with the Dodgers. Steiner is a four-time Emmy winner and was inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame in Chicago in 2013.

Steiner returned to the Hilltop on Nov. 15 for the Second Annual Charley Steiner Symposium on Sports Communication, which

brought industry professionals to Bradley. The symposium was divided into six panels as groups of sports professionals discussed a range of topics.

According to Steiner, Bradley offered only two broadcasting classes when he was a student. He said it is exciting for there to be a whole program related to sports communication and broadcasting as well as an annual sports communication symposium.

"The great faculty that we have [in the communication department] set a foundation from which students begin to learn our business," Steiner said. "The folks that I bring in [for the symposium] I hope can build upon the foundation that has been created with practical stories [of] this is how it is really done out in the field."

Steiner said when he started his career, he never expected something like the first school of sports communication to be named after him, but looking back now, he's glad he followed the path he did.

"I set out to figure out how to make a living doing what I like to do," Steiner said. "And then, to have all this stuff happen, I had no idea how [my career] was going to play out from that first day that I showed up at WRBU ... So it's nearly 50 years, and did I expect this? No, not even I am that stupid. It's crazy."

Bradley makes goals for next 5 years

BY KYLEE HIGGINS
Copy Editor

They say when one door closes, another opens. For Bradley, the door is opening to a new five-year strategic plan.

Bradley develops a strategic plan every five years to improve the quality of the university's education and environment, and with the previous plan wrapping up at the end of 2017, a new plan is set to take its place.

Provost Walter Zakahi is the strategic planning chair for the next plan which will span the years 2018 through 2022. He said the goal for the next plan is to include the Bradley community in the planning process as much as possible.

"I would say that what's important to me is that the community as a whole, that Bradley feels that they've had an opportunity to engage in the conversation about the strategic plan," Zakahi said.

Student Body President Jenna Dellaria will be on the committee, and said even though being on the committee is "part of her duty," she wanted to be involved and give her perspective as a student.

"I think the university is specifically for students and for their education and for opportunities for growth," Dellaria said. "So I think students having a voice in the processes for the new strategic plan will not only benefit the students but the university as a whole."

One of the goals the current

plan accomplished, according to the university's website, is the start of the Convergence Center and the change in Bradley's core curriculum. Other accomplishments include the library's renovations and increasing safety on campus by introducing resources like the safety cruiser in 2012.

The next strategic plan is in the works and will rely on the help of "department chairs, faculty, staff, trustees, students, alumni, employer advisory boards and others," according to the university's website. The university also hired Keeling and Associates, a consulting firm that specializes in planning assistance, who has visited campus twice.

"Currently, Student Senate has been a part of both of the visits that the strategic planning consultants have been involved in," Dellaria said. "And we just give input on all of the areas that they have questions about; so concerns on campus, things we like about campus and how things are currently being run from the administrative side."

Planning will begin with small meetings with the campus constituencies. An open forum, currently scheduled for February, will be held to give everyone the option to share their opinions on what should be done for Bradley.

The university is beginning the planning process for the 2018 to 2022 strategic plan and hopes to have a the core of the plan figured out by the end of this academic year.

Smoke-free campus initiative update

BY TORI MOSES
Editor-in-Chief

After two years of forums and discussions, Bradley may be a smoke-free campus as soon as next semester.

Student Body President Jenna Dellaria has been working on creating a smoke-free campus plan, and she meets with Vice President for Student Affairs Nathan Thomas today to go over the proposal.

"Once that [plan] is proposed to Nathan, he'll bring that to administration, and so then it's in their hands again and [will depend] on what they say," Dellaria said. "I'm hoping it'll be implemented by next semester."

Faculty and administration have already seen earlier drafts of the plan and have given Dellaria recommendations, so now Dellaria said she is working on refining the minor details, such as whether all of campus should be smoke-free, who should enforce

the policies and the repercussions for smoking.

"It's the minor stuff in the whole scheme of things, but the important details in order to make it work," Dellaria said. "The options ranged from \$25 fines to infractions on records to just using the honor system, so it's finding that balance."

Thomas said while there's no set plan as of right now, there will be some costs associated with the final initiative.

"[The costs are] going to depend on what the final product here is," Thomas said.

Thomas said he thinks it is important Student Senate has taken the lead on the smoke-free campus proposal. Former Student Body President Sarah Handler ('16) proposed the idea in 2014.

"We've asked the students to take a lead [because] if this is something that they are passionate about, this should be one of their initiatives," Thomas said.

But some students said they

weren't even aware the initiative was in the works.

"I definitely think there should be more communication between the senators and their students," Jake Winkle, a freshman history and political science double major, said. Winkle considers himself a regular smoker.

Freshman theater performance major Kenny Case said he feels the plan is unnecessary.

"I understand the premise of designated smoking areas, but that can make it rather inconvenient for people that might smoke a cigarette before class," Case, who considers himself a regular smoker, said.

Case also said he thinks there should be more communication about the plan.

"I've only rarely heard about it," Case said. "When I came into Bradley, I was under the impression that it had already passed, but I've been told it wasn't in effect, and that was basically the end of what I've heard about it."



Le Bakery serves up treats for Peoria area

BY KYLE STONE
Senior Copy Editor

Christmas music and sprinkles compliment the aroma of freshly-baked bread and cookies at Debb Robbins' Le Bakery.

Located 10 minutes north of campus in the Metro Centre, Robbins has owned Le Bakery for six years. But Le Bakery has been rooted in northern Peoria for decades.

"[Le Bakery] was started right about this time 31 years ago, here at the Metro Centre by Pete and Wanda Hanssen," Robbins said.

Robbins, who previously worked in medical sales, said she was looking for a new experience – that feeling led her to buy Le Bakery.

"[As I was] looking at a variety of different businesses that were for sale in the area, this one put a smile on my face," Robbins said. "It just made me feel good ... I felt warm inside."

Robbins said when she bought the shop, she had no previous experiences similar to owning a bakery.

"It was purely a leap of faith," Robbins said. "I'm very blessed to have a staff that takes care of the baking and the decorating. I assist [with the decorating] a little bit here and there just as a creative

outlet ... I'm in more of a management role."

Robbins said much of what she does includes fulfilling Le Bakery's special orders.

"A lot of the specialty cake orders I take care of just to make sure we get all the details correct," Robbins said. "I do the weddings, all of the meetings with the brides, helping them set up the cakes. It's a lot of fun."

With the advent of larger stores such as Hy-Vee and Kroger in the Metro Centre, Robbins said the type of customer that shops at Le Bakery has become those who value a homey atmosphere.

"I want [customers] to feel appreciated," Robbins said. "I want them to enjoy what they're eating. Little kids come in with their mom and dad, and they just make a beeline for the cookie case, and they are just plastered against the cookie case. That's fun; I like to see that people are enjoying the experience."

Due to the success of Le Bakery, a second location opened in Washington this year. According to Robbins, the Washington community has been supportive of the expansion.

"The people of Washington have been overwhelmingly excited for us to come there," Robbins said. "People would come in and



Le Bakery, with two locations in Metro Centre in Peoria and Washington, Illinois, bakes treats ranging from cakes, cookies and pastries.

photo by Kyle Stone

be like, 'Oh, what are you doing here? That's so awesome.' It's pretty exciting."

Robbins also said the Washington Downtown Square, the location of the second store, contains architecture that fits the feel she intended for Le Bakery.

"[I'm] very tickled to have a space on the square," Robbins said. "Those buildings and that

location is just really cool, and it's a beautiful space that we've dressed up with pinks and blacks and greys and a little bit of silver. It's going to be fun."

Robbins said she encourages Bradley students to stop by Le Bakery to see how they like it.

"Come up and see us," Robbins said. "Come up and try some stuff. We have a lot of fun things; we can

do little party trays that are relatively inexpensive. We can easily put together something nice for those that are on a budget and have it be something that's fresh and homemade and in the spirit of Christmas."

Le Bakery is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

End of foundress' six-month birthday party

BY HANNAH SNIDMAN
Off-staff Reporter

To conclude the celebration of Lydia Moss Bradley's 200th birthday, the university will host a holiday party Tuesday, Dec. 6. The event will take place at 4 p.m. in the Shaheen Hall of Pride, located on the first floor of the Hayden-Clark Alumni Center.

The celebration of Lydia's bicentennial birthday kicked off with a ceremony at her gravesite over the summer, as her birthday is July 31, 1816.

"The holiday party is the culmination of six months of events and publicity about Mrs. Bradley's inspiring life," Janet Lange, Interim Associate Vice President for the Office of Marketing and

Publications, said.

The party will include light refreshments and a drawing of four \$50 gift certificates to the Bradley bookstore. President Gary Roberts, his wife and one or more of their dogs will welcome guests.

"President [Roberts] and Mrs. [Donna] Roberts are hosting the event, along with the re-actor who plays Mrs. Bradley," Lange said. "Linda Aylward, Special Collections Assistant in the Cullom-Davis Library, will be dressed in period costume and will greet guests as Mrs. Bradley."

Aylward said she's studied 19th century history and owns a reproduction dress from the 1860s.

"[The dress] would go along the lines of the new portrait of Lydia that Donna Roberts creat-



photos by Duane Zehr

TOP: Students sing carols at the holiday party held last year in the Hayden-Clark Alumni Center. LEFT: Kaboom! parties with Bradley community members at the 2015 holiday party.



ed," Aylward said. "It's similar in color to what she used, and it's done from a historically accurate pattern from the time period."

Aylward said working in Special Collections allowed her to learn more about Lydia's life than she ever imagined.

"Everything about her is fascinating," Aylward said.

The Office of Marketing and Publications will videotape parts of the party. Afterwards, a holiday card with a link to the video will be shared with alumni, donors and campus.

"We held a similar event in 2015, and guests enjoyed a chance to spend time together in a social [setting]," Lange said. "We hope that guests will have fun being together before the start of finals and the conclusion of the semester."

The Scout's favorite holiday treats

Thumbprint Cookies by Sammy Dellaria, Chief of Chocolate

What you'll need: 2 ½ cups flour • 1 cup butter • 1 cup shortening • 1 cup powdered sugar • 2 eggs • 2 teaspoons vanilla • 1 teaspoon salt • 1 teaspoon cream of tartar • 1 teaspoon baking soda • 1 can chocolate frosting • 36 Hershey's Kisses

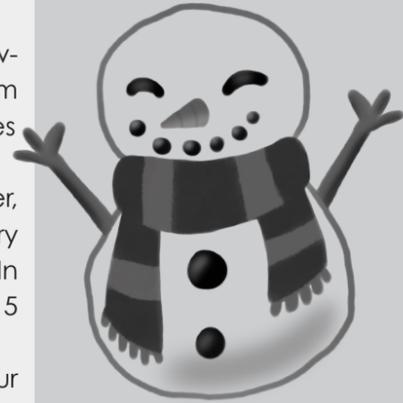
What you'll do:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. **2.** In a large bowl, cream the butter, shortening and sugar. **3.** Add the eggs and vanilla; mix thoroughly. **4.** Add the dry ingredients and mix. **5.** Spoon out chunks of the dough onto a cookie sheet. **6.** In each spoonful of cookie dough, press your thumb into the middle. **7.** Bake 10-15 minutes.

Once baked and cooled, place frosting and a Hershey's Kiss into the place of your thumbprint

Why these cookies are the bomb:

The ratio of chocolate to cookie is perfect. My favorite part about this cookie is that the dough of the cookie is soft, which goes well with the solidity of the Hershey's Kisses. The cookie is not overly sweet, but it gets the job done.



Spiked Eggnog by Tori Moses, Queen of Booze

What you'll need: \$10 • enough gas to get to and from a grocery store • 21 years of living under your belt

What you'll do: **1.** Be a lazy person. **2.** Buy already spiked, delicious eggnog

Choosing a brand: I've tried several brands of boozy eggnog, but the ones I always come back to are Benchmark Old No. 8 and Evan Williams. Both brands' eggnogs are 30 proof, but Benchmark's drink is made with bourbon whisky while Evan Williams' eggnog has bourbon whisky, blended whisky, rum and brandy. Benchmark's eggnog is much thicker and has an almost yogurt-like consistency compared to the light Evan Williams. Benchmark's beverage also has a nice cinnamon taste, while the other boasts a vanilla flavor. Whichever brand you choose, enjoying a nice, cold glass of boozy eggnog is the perfect way to get in the holiday spirit (and survive your extended family).

Chocolate Pretzels by Kylee Higgins, M&M Master

What you'll need:

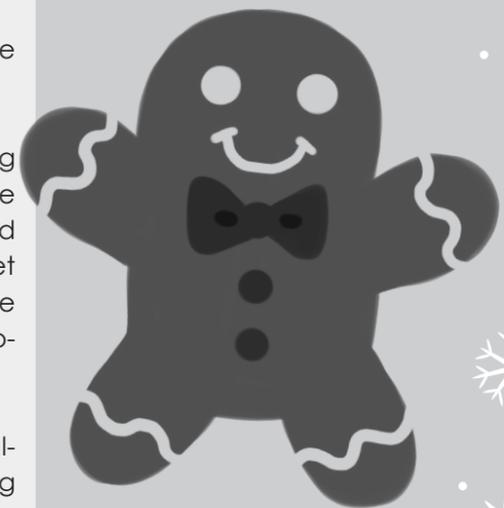
24 circular pretzels • 24 milk chocolate Hershey's Kisses (or white chocolate if you're wild) • 1 package M&M's

What you'll do:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. **2.** Place the pretzels on a baking sheet. **3.** Put one unwrapped Hershey's kiss in the middle of each pretzel. **4.** Put the baking sheet in the oven for one to two minutes, but keep an eye on the treats and how fast the chocolate melts. **5.** Once the kisses are melted, take the baking sheet out of the oven and quickly nestle an M&M in the center of the melted chocolate before it hardens. **6.** Put the baking sheet in the refrigerator to harden the chocolate. **7.** Once they're chill, enjoy

Go big or go home:

While these chocolate pretzels are perfectly OK at their standard size, why not challenge yourself by substituting giant pretzels instead? There's no harm in changing the recipe to make it your own. Not to mention, using bigger pretzels equals more food, and that's always a good thing.



Holiday Puppy Chow by Maddie Gehling, Sugar Plum Fairy

What you'll need:

9 cups rice or corn cereal • 1 cup milk chocolate chips (No semi-sweet chips. It's the holidays. Love yourself.) • ½ cup smooth peanut butter (Or more. You do you, but add more cereal accordingly.) • 1 tablespoon butter • 1 to 2 teaspoons vanilla extract • 1 ½ cups confectioner's sugar

What you'll do:

1. Measure out your cereal in a large bowl and set it aside (or a big paper grocery bag, if you make it like my mom.) **2.** Melt the peanut butter in a saucepan. **3.** Mix the chocolate chips into the melted peanut butter until it's smooth; add the vanilla. **4.** Pour the mixture over the cereal and mix until well-coated (If you put the cereal in a bag, pour it in there and SHAKE.) **5.** Add the powdered sugar and mix again until well-coated (Again, if you put everything in a bag, SHAKE. Great arm workout.)

Spice this puppy chow up:

Add some red and green M&M's for a Christmas theme, blue and white M&M's for Hanukkah or your own preferred colors. You can substitute half the milk chocolate chips for mint chocolate chips for winter vibes.

Editorial

Semester winners and losers

As a semester wrap-up, The Scout took a look at some of the good, the bad and the ugly of Fall 2016. Check out the verdict here.

**Thumbs up to BUPD**

The Bradley University Police Department impressed us time and time again this semester. The department created several outreach programs, and officers have proven to be personable, charitable and readily available for students. Campus safety has been an issue discussed across many American universities as of late, and BUPD ensures students feel protected and comfortable.

Thumbs up to Tom Coy

Tom Coy, director of Student Activities, took on a lot of responsibilities this semester, making him one of the busiest administrators on the Hilltop. But he always has time for students, and he's always ready to handle any situation with a sense of humor. When the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life position became vacant and needed to be filled, Coy stepped up to the plate and made sure no student or organization was left in the dust until Kathleen Prout was hired this semester.

Thumbs up to Darren Gauson

In his second year on the Hilltop, Bradley cross country head coach Darren Gauson made Bradley cross country a regional powerhouse. Both the men's and women's teams had successful seasons under Gauson's leadership, leading both teams to an NCAA regional berth. This season also saw the Bradley men win the Missouri Valley Conference by a massive margin while junior Michael Ward was the first Bradley student ever to run in the NCAA national championship meet.

Thumbs up to the new art installations in Bradley Hall and across campus

Over the summer, Bradley Hall was quietly filled with a number of new art installations – from faculty photography projects, to student paintings to portraits by Donna Carr Roberts, President Gary Roberts' wife and Bradley's artist-in-residence. These pieces help showcase the amazing talents of the Bradley community and give new life to the formerly barren walls of Bradley Hall's interior.

Thumbs down to Health Center

College is stressful, and there is no problem too big or too small to tackle with the help of professionals. The counseling center currently has five counselors and a psychiatrist, but frankly, that staff is not large enough for the needs of the student body. The center is over-booked, and students have complained the staff has no openings until January. The university needs to make this resource a priority. If a student needs professional help, they should not have to wait months for an appointment.

Thumbs down to Smoke-Free Campus proposal

Student Senate passed a Smoke-Free Campus Referendum in April 2015 under the leadership of former Student Body President Sarah Handler ('16), but the way the initiative is progressing is unethical. Students answered "Yes" or "No" to the referendum without knowing any concrete details of the plan. Furthermore, last year's graduating seniors were included in the vote, while this year's freshman class has yet to be involved in the act. Student Body President Jenna Dellaria said she hopes to have a plan in place next semester, but since this initiative is supposed to be for the benefit of students, there should be more communication about what the plan will look like.

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Column

Hasta luego, Bradley



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About four years ago, I was sitting in my junior year Spanish 3 class back in Minnesota, and the travel bug was eating away at me. It killed me that I was trapped at my desk on the second floor of Chanhassen High School instead of being out in the world exploring.

My profe was going on about her incredible traveling experiences, and my case of the travel bug just continued to worsen. I was obsessed with the idea of Spain, Spanish music ("Danza Kuduro" was my jam) and churros con chocolate. I spent more time daydreaming about myself walking through Barcelona while "Strut" from the "Cheetah Girls" played in the background than I did worrying about the preterite versus imperfect conjugation of the verb "ser."

At that time, I had no idea I would be attending Bradley University. I had no idea I would be pursuing a major in Spanish. And I really had no idea I would be presented with the opportunity to spend the spring semester of 2017 in Madrid.

People keep asking me if I am excited to study abroad. My answer: most definitely yes. But going abroad means a new culture, new people, a foreign language and not being able to call my mom at any second of the day. If I'm being honest, the six-hour time difference is daunt-

ing, the thought of not being on Bradley's campus for a whole semester makes me sad, and not being able to go home to my cozy apartment where I can find three of my best friends is a thought that has been hanging over my head this entire semester. But I know this trip will be the experience of a lifetime, and the memories I will gain from being abroad for four months will be irreplaceable.

So this is me saying "Hasta luego a la universidad de Bradley." I will miss you dearly.

I will miss having my breath taken away every time I walk up Founder's Circle toward Bradley Hall in the spring as the trees out front are blooming vibrant, pink flowers.

I will miss Kathy's smile as she makes my vanilla latte at 9 p.m. on a Wednesday night in Stacks.

I will miss my excessive trips to the Campustown Starbucks and the peaceful, quiet aura that resides over campus at 8 a.m. on a Friday morning before Visit Days.

I will miss giving tours to prospective students and watching them fall in love with Bradley the way I did.

But mostly, I will miss walking through campus every day and seeing the many familiar faces of Bradley students and the community we have worked so hard to build and maintain.

While I may get very sentimental about leaving, I know that before I can even blink my study abroad experience will be over. It will be May, and I will be on a plane heading back to the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. The summer will then fly by with my 21st birthday, an internship (hopefully), trips to the lake and a ridiculous amount of iced Caribou Coffee.

Then mid-August will roll around, and I will be heading back to my home on the Hilltop where I can strut like I mean it and free my mind around Bradley's campus for one final year.

VOICE

Inside:

'Dr. Strange' vs. 'Fantastic Beasts' - CAH Black Friday - DAPL

'The Edge of Seventeen' receives an 'Easy A' as a teen movie

BY LISA STEMMONS

"When I get mad, I get really quiet and really still, and I say to myself, 'Everyone in the world is as miserable as you are; they're just better at pretending.'"

This may sound like horrible advice to give to your teenage daughter, but in "The Edge of Seventeen," it comes across as well meaning and endearing. Starring Hailee Steinfeld, this insightful teenage dramedy hits you right in the feels.

Steinfeld plays seventeen-year-old Nadine, a high schooler with an old soul who struggles to connect with her peers and navigate the messy waters of young adulthood. Her life gets even messier when she finds her only best friend in bed with her older brother, and much of the film deals with the outcome of their eventual relationship.

Given the specificity of Nadine's predicament, it wouldn't appear to be a relatable film on the surface, but the characterization is very human, making it applicable to almost anyone who has had first hand-experience with raging hormones.

It's certainly an authentic movie, relying more on brutal honesty than hilarious one-liners to portray the difficulties of managing love, death, friendship and self-worth. In fact, the entire plot plays out in a realistic manner, lending itself to some slower moments during the film, but all in the name of accuracy.

That's why the happy ending seemed particularly unnatural. After dedicating the majority of the film focusing on

the nuances of day-to-day life, quickly wrapping it up with a nice bow-on-top seemed too forced.

However, the culmination of the film didn't completely tarnish the storyline or its performances. Steinfeld shines, and her fellow actors pull their weight, as well.

Hayden Szeto's breakout role is one in particular that stands out. His character Erwin, a classmate dying for a bit of Nadine's attention, is clumsily adorable. It's difficult to do "awkward," but man oh man, Szeto manages to nail it in a way that doesn't leave the audience feeling uncomfortable.

And then there's Woody Harrelson, who does a fine job of living up to his title as America's favorite a-hole in his role as Nadine's history teacher. His dialogue with her lightens the story when it needs it most, providing comic relief to balance out some of the darker scenes.

And there are plenty of tearjerker moments. It feels absurd to be looking back at my seventeen-year-old self in introspection, but it's hard not to laugh at some of Nadine's overdramatic and childish antics. I may only be 20, but the movie paves the way for people of all ages to have a humbling realization of their growth.

It's difficult to say if it will become a cult classic, sitting amongst the ranks of "Sixteen Candles" and "The Breakfast Club," but it certainly is a prime modern day coming of age story for the books.

Will Nintendo's new console Switch things up? BY BRIEN JACKSON

Last month, Nintendo revealed its new gaming console, the Switch. It definitely looks promising, or at the very least pretty, intriguing in design. But is the system's innovative design enough to move them off the shelves?

Nintendo Switch is a follow-up to the Wii U, which was released in late 2012. Offering a cutting edge gaming experience through an LCD touch screen in the gamepad, Nintendo was hoping the Wii U would be a sales success like the previous Wii system, one of the best selling home consoles ever.

Unfortunately, that didn't happen. The Wii U was seen as an OK console to a lot of critics due to only minor improvements in graphics capabilities over the original Wii and lack of third party game developer support. No third party means no popular game franchises like "Call of Duty" or "Assassin's Creed."

While Nintendo has been known for its popular exclusive franchise stars like Mario, Link and Kirby, they haven't been able to sell as many Wii U systems as initially thought. It's a good thing Nintendo's handheld systems like the 3DS sell like hotcakes.

But enough of the negatives; the winds of change will soon be carrying the Nintendo Switch to the market.

Like the Wii U, the Switch is a home console with an innovative gamepad: players can hold two "halves" of a controller to play games on their TV or just have one half and give the other to a buddy for some friendship-endangering multiplayer. The gamepad uses motion controls in addition to buttons, making for immersive gameplay.

If you're in the middle of a game and need to take your dog out for a walk, you can pause it and connect the two controller halves to the Switch system and out pops a portable LCD screen complete with joysticks and buttons to keep enjoying your game on the go. To quote Jimmy Neutron's dad, "You gotta admit, that is pretty neat."

Plus, Nintendo hinted at third party support for games: "The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim" was shown prominently alongside gameplay of "Zelda" games. Nintendo already makes some kick-ass titles (Mario Kart, anyone?), but being able to play some of your other favorite non-Nintendo games would definitely be an added bonus.

The Nintendo Switch definitely sounds hopeful – that cool-looking controller and third-party game support should definitely bring in some interested souls like me to the nearest GameStop. Here's to anticipating a system that is as fun as it looks. Expect to see the Switch sometime in 2017.



A great big magical world

BY ZACHARY DIXON

Magic: it's the thing that puts a spark in every child's eye and allows the world to believe in something more. Thankfully, Hollywood continues to improve its ability to bring that magic to life.

Recently, "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" and "Dr. Strange" were released to theaters. Both movies are centered around magic, but they take drastically different approaches to the subject.

"Dr. Strange," turned sorcerer, movies. The live in Spell-



a superhero film about a surgeon has the stronger visuals of the two aspect of magic takes the world we and reshapes that reality entirely; casters can take the entire city of New York and completely bend, twist and reshape it at will. A simple wave of the arms creates a bright orange and red portal that will take you to any corner of the globe you can imagine.

Those with magical prowess aren't just limited to this world. A multiverse of creatures and beings that we can't even imagine awaits those brave enough to venture there. From demons to gods to everything in between, nothing is too far-fetched.

"Fantastic Beasts" takes viewers into an entirely different direction. It's like a mystical version of the Discovery Channel for magical creatures. Main character Newt Scamander is the Steve Irwin of magical creatures. He knows all the ins and outs of magical animal behavior, whether that's the bizarre and goofy mating dance of Erumpent or knowing how to locate and trap the mischievous Niffler.

These films give life to a world that previously was with nothing but school, government ending dark living, breathing animals just living is the essence of child

Whether it's bending or adding color to a drab magic will always resurrect the kid in someone. The magic that's been residing in people's heads is finally taking shape on screen, and it's just as strange and fantastic as we all imagined.



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DAPL: the controversy continues

BY MADDY WHITE

Remember the old saying, "Finders keepers, losers weepers?" Well, thanks to Christopher Columbus and other cruel Europeans, the finders are now the ones weeping.

Currently, the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) is being built on sacred grounds of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe through North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois. The pipe was supposed to be built in a different part of the state with a prosperous community on top of it but changed its location because, according to People Magazine, "it was moved to a reservation when it was decided that a break in the pipeline may damage their water supply."

God forbid some white Americans' water supply is harmed, but people don't bat an eye if the Native Americans' water is negatively affected.

According to Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, "The pipeline would adversely affect not only the security and access to drinking water of the Sioux and millions of people living downstream of the Missouri River, but it would also destroy archaeological, historical and sacred sites of the Sioux."

At a protest fighting against the DAPL, actress Shailene Woodley spoke out about this issue and was not shy about expressing her feelings toward the neglect Americans have for the way the holiday Thanksgiving was created.

She got emotional when she said, "From the time we're little kids, we cut out cardboard paper pictures of pilgrims and feasts and turkeys, and yet none of our children know the truth about not only what happened to Native Americans when Westerners decided to colonize this country, but what is still happening to Native Americans."

This problem didn't end when Christopher Columbus died. Native Americans had their lives taken from them and are currently struggling to hold onto what they have left. We've fenced them in and moved our problems to their land because out of sight, out of mind, right?

Wrong.

Among other celebrities, Woodley was arrested for participating in the demonstration on Thanksgiving Day, protesting for all the right reasons.

This pipeline has plans to cross four states, and unfortunately, violence has been a method used to get rid of the water protestors fighting to protect their land. Two miles of Sioux tribe burial grounds were bulldozed, and the Morton County Sheriff's Department Forces attacked protestors with water cannons in freezing temperatures and launched concussion grenades into peaceful crowds. Several protestors had to be treated for hypothermia, and one protester had her arm amputated.

"Land of the Free" seems to be more of a motto than an actual ideal we aim for these days. This problem is real and there's a way to get involved. Go to change.org and sign the petition in hopes of putting an end to this project.



Dig this

BY JUSTIN RODRIGUEZ-HAND

Cards Against Humanity celebrated Black Friday by raising money to dig a “holiday hole” in the middle of unused land. That’s right – CAH held an event that turned donations into a hole in the ground. People paid \$5 for three seconds-worth of digging.

The best part: the whole thing was livestreamed at HolidayHole.com, a website made specifically for the occasion. I can only imagine what it was like to watch the entire event from start to finish. Forget watching paint dry, let’s watch a machine dig into the ground for no reason whatsoever.

I can’t say this is a waste of time on account of \$100,573 being accumulated through the donations of viewers, with the highest donation being \$1,750. The digging process lasted for two days, from Nov. 25 to Nov. 27. And I definitely recommend reading the FAQ section on the website for this event if you want a good laugh. One user questioned why the money wasn’t be donated to charity, and it was answered with, “Why aren’t YOU giving all this money to charity? It’s your money.”

Why did CAH do it? Why did people watch? Who would donate to keep heavy machinery digging a pointless hole? I don’t think scooping dirt could ever be as humorous or senseless as this whole ordeal made it out to be.

I’m sure the reputation of the popular card game played a major role in helping the CAH team raise so much money. I doubt the turnout would be the same if another company did this; the CAH team is the only one who could get away with such shenanigans, as shown in previous years of bizarre Black Friday promotions.

Back in 2013, the team decided to hold what was called an “anti-sale” by raising the price of its game by \$5. Oddly enough, the game remained best-selling on Amazon at the time and even sold a bit more than usual during the “anti-sale” period.

The following year just got weirder. In 2014, the team decided to sell boxes of sterilized bull feces for \$6. Everything on the CAH online store was replaced with the option of buying “bullsh*t” boxes. The team sold over 30,000 boxes, which I certainly call bullsh*t.

In 2015, consumers were given the opportunity to pay \$5 for nothing. It wasn’t donating \$5 to a cause, it was literally buying nothing. Approximately 11,248 customers decided to take this opportunity and buy themselves nothing for the holidays, raising the CAH team about \$70,000. I’m equally surprised and confused.

The CAH team certainly knows how to promote its card game by getting its fans to waste money.

I don’t know which is more odd: the idea that the company holds these bizarre Black Friday events, or that it is always successful. People will never cease to amaze me, especially when it comes to seeing how far people will go to support these holiday events. We can only expect weirder Black Friday events next year by the CAH team.



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4. Who said, "God Bless Us, Every One!"?
5. What were Frosty's last words?
6. The most popular item to put on top of Christmas tree is?
7. How many Wise Men were there according to the bible?
8. After Joseph, Mary and Jesus left Bethlehem, they went to which country?
9. What does "Advent" mean?
10. McDonald's puts what holiday image on bags during the Christmas season?
11. December 24, 1814 ended what war?
12. In "Jingle Bell Rock" everyone is dancing and prancing. Where do they do it?
13. "Greensleeves" is another name for what Christmas song?
14. The custom of finding a button in the plum pudding means what to an unmarried man?
15. What was the most popular toy of 1984?
16. The average number of gifts an adult male gets for Christmas is?
17. What is the main ingredients in gingerbread cookies? Flour, Ginger, or Molasses?
18. In It's A Wonderful Life, what did Clarence receive for his accomplishing his mission?
19. What river did General Washington cross on December 25, 1776?
20. What song contains the line, "Let's be jolly, deck the halls with boughs of holly"?
21. What city name do the states Kentucky, Indiana, New Hampshire, Maryland, Connecticut, and Georgia have in common?
22. This Florida town maintains a fully decorated tree year round?
23. After red and green, what are the two most popular Christmas colors?
24. What popular children's cracker today was introduced in 1902 as a Christmas ornament?
25. Which U.S. President barred the Christmas Tree from being displayed in the White House?



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DECADE OLD JAM of the week



THE SWEET ESCAPE BY GWEN STEFANI

On Dec. 5, 2006, Gwen Stefani released her second studio album. She originally intended to return to the band No Doubt after her debut solo album, "Love. Angel. Music. Baby," but she went on to record "Sweet Escape" in order to release some of her left over material. Thank heavens she did because the single of the same name is still a day one jam.

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"It has really been cool because typically, we have strict guidelines that we can only wear a mustache, and there is a lot of stipulations that it has to be groomed, it can't be past the corners [of the mouth]," Young said. "So this is a great experience for us to kind of grow [our beards] out. We have had a lot of fun with it."

Officers and fraternity members collected donations throughout the month and during the event and BUPD presented a check of \$1,500 to the Special Olympics, which was represented by athletes

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a match for somebody, you'll get a phone call ... and at that point, you're one of the very few people that could probably save that person's life, so it's really important that you then go and donate," Clark said.

The drive will allow students to join Be the Match, a network of 13.5 million potential bone marrow donors. According to the network's website, 1 in 430 U.S. registrants go on to be donors.

"There are so few people that get the opportunity to get a trans-

and their families, at the event.

After the check was presented, Joschko was awarded the title of "Best Beard."

Joschko said the officers had fun growing out their beards for the past month, but what was even more exciting for BUPD was being able to raise money for a great cause.

"It's been a lot of fun for the officers, but really, I think more importantly it's been really rewarding," Joschko said. "To do something for such a wonderful cause, to give back to the community and to partner with the Special Olympics of Illinois has just been fantastic."

plant because there are so few matches," Clark said. "If I were in [Krone's] position, I would want everybody on this campus to come out and sign up because somebody on this campus could be saving my mom's life, and when you think about it that way, it really puts things in perspective."

The bone marrow registry drive is from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 5 in Markin Recreational Center, and signing up in advance is not necessary. Those interested also have the option of visiting BeTheMatch.org and using the promo code "MARSHAMATCH" to receive an at-home cheek swab kit to register.

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Bradley earns recognition as a military-friendly school

BY MITCHELL TAYLOR
Off-staff Reporter

Bradley University has been named a "Military Friendly School" by Victory Media, a career guidance company. This designation is awarded to the top 15 percent of schools who are embracing America's military service members and their success as students.

Greg Haines, member of the admission and retention committee, said the designation is important to the university.

"I work with the [veteran] student organization; if they have any concerns, questions or issues that are raised ... we can resolve those and work on different initiatives to advance their experience," Haines said. "We were hearing some buzz about some concerns our veterans were having on campus, and I decided to take this [role] so they have somewhere to go or someone to ask questions."

Bradley University earned this designation through many accom-

plishments, including exceeding the standard of culture and commitment to veterans by 35 percent, per Victory Media's website.

"These types of designations require years of work that had to be done to establish ourselves as a reputable source for veterans," Haines said. "This [designation] is a good source for veterans to go and find out which schools are most accepting for them."

There are over 60 military service members who are veterans currently enrolled at Bradley. According to Haines, veterans have different needs and challenges that need to be acknowledged. Veterans are looking for a school that will support them, understand them and value their experience as a service member, Haines said.

The Bradley University Veteran's Support Services has been an instrumental part of Bradley's ongoing effort to become even more military-friendly and hosts the annual Veteran's Day

program on campus.

Other services include free access to tutoring through Bradley's Center for Learning Assistance, a network of staff who are veterans and designated rooms (like a newly renovated lounge in Heitz Hall) veterans can utilize.

According to Haines, there is expected to be a push in the next few years to make Bradley even more accommodating for veterans. The effort to educate students and faculty on the transition from military to campus life has been dubbed the "Green Zone Initiative" and has been undertaken at similar universities. Haines said Bradley also plans to connect veterans with other community organizations available to service members.

Many veterans are highly active on campus, according to Haines.

"A lot of these students want to improve the system; they want to take their degree and use it for support," Haines said. "They want to give back."

COCOA AND CRAFTS



photo by Maddie Gehling

Students make holiday crafts and drink hot chocolate at the Activities Council of Bradley University event Thursday.

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Do-it-all Dani Brewer

BY AUSTIN SHONE
Assistant Sports Editor

The game of basketball has always had a place in the hearts of families across the Hoosier state, and it most certainly did in the Brewer household in Coatesville, Indiana. From a young age, junior Dani Brewer grew to love basketball, and since arriving on the Hilltop in the fall of 2014, she has blossomed into one of the Braves' most versatile players.

"My dad taught me and my brother to play basketball, and that's how we really spent time together as a family," Brewer said. "My mom played basketball a little bit in college, so it's definitely in the genes. My passion and love for basketball was shaped by my coaches throughout the years, and my number one coach was my dad."

Brewer's college recruitment process was slightly different than most basketball recruits – she was home-schooled throughout high school. Brewer got most of her exposure to college scouts while playing on the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) circuit, which led her to Bradley.

Brewer said she chose Bradley for a variety of reasons, but some of the biggest influencing factors were the people she met on her visits and Bradley's communications school.

"For me, it was really about the people, because that's what makes a place," Brewer said. "I connected with the girls right away on my official visits, specifically Michelle Young [Class of 2015]. I really paid attention to the coaches that were recruiting me. I wanted to go to a place that played a really high-paced game. I think walking it down the floor is really boring. Under [former head] coach [Michael] Brooks and under [current head] coach [Andrea] Gorski, they're really high-paced coaches with a really fast philosophy, so that's really exciting. I love playing that type of basketball."

Gorski refers to Brewer as the team's "Swiss Army Knife" who can do a bit of everything, from handling the ball to defending the post. Brewer said versatility was always something her dad believed she would need in order to be a successful player.

"He always said to me, 'Dani, I don't care how tall you grow up to be, you will have guard skills,'" Brewer said. "That was always so foreign to me because when I was younger, I was a little bit taller, a little bit bigger, but as I grew up he was completely right. I was just the same size as every other guard."

This season, Brewer is using her skills as a point guard and a wing to help lead a young Braves team. Through four games this year, Brewer is averaging nine points, four rebounds and two assists per game, including a 14-point game in a win against Detroit.

"If you can dribble, if you can shoot, if you can move, you can play any position you want," Brewer said. "You just have to be focused on what you want and what each position requires of you. There have been some rough moments between trying to guard the post and trying to handle the ball under pressure, but my coaches have been there for me every step of the way and I'm really excited to do different things. I don't feel like it's a stressful thing – I like changing things up."

Another "change-up" Brewer embraced is a new coaching staff this year. She said she had to make some adjustments to learn a new system under coach Gorski.

"Philosophically, coach [Gorski] wants us to be very aggressive, but aggressive with a purpose," Brewer said. "My coaches really tried to develop me to not just stop-and-pop, but fake baseline and drive middle, because when you drive middle, all kinds of things happen. It's not just open for me to get a shot, but my teammates to get a shot."

Off the court, Brewer stays very



photo by Justin Limoges

Junior guard Dani Brewer is averaging nine points and four rebounds a game this year for the 2-4 Braves.

busy as a public relations major.

"My dream job would be a campaign manager for a politician," Brewer said. "I think overall, I just really like winning, so it doesn't matter what field it would be. I would want to do something that has a competitive edge. I really like the ins and outs of campaigning, whether it's advertising campaigns, political campaigns or a campaign to cause movement or change. There's a lot of power in [politics]. I would love to be the one that manipulates the power that sets people up to accomplish

great things."

According to Brewer one of the most rewarding parts of college basketball is the connections she gets to make with the people around her. As a more experienced player, Brewer excels in leading the younger players on the team and helping them adjust to college basketball and college life.

"It's really fun to watch them grow into their own person," Brewer said. "I think that I've had a unique connection with every girl on my team, so it's exciting to think about how the connections

will grow and the cool connections I'll get to make next year with the new freshmen."

As the Braves continue to push forward through their season, one thing is for sure – Brewer will be right in the center of the action, driving the middle of the lane, breaking down defenses and setting people up to accomplish great things.

Ward places 71st in national championship meet

BY ALEX KRYAH
Sports Editor

Junior Michael Ward capped off his 2016 campaign with a 71st place finish in the NCAA national championship meet Nov. 19 in Terre Haute, Indiana. Ward crossed the finish line in 30:41.9, which was more than eight seconds slower than his time in the NCAA regional meet.

The longer time resulted from a fall near the 1K mark, forcing Ward to make up for lost time. After recovering from the fall, Ward said he still wasn't extremely pleased with the results.

"As soon as I had finished, I was overwhelmed," Ward said. "After

composing myself and seeing the results, I was disappointed. I think that the result didn't justify the fitness that I had going into the race. Now, I am pleased that I was able to experience and represent Bradley at a race of that caliber."

In the end, head coach Darren Gauson said Ward ran well on the national stage.

"I thought he had a good performance," Gauson said. "It was windy and the temperature had dropped [from the day before], so the race as a whole was a lot slower and more tactical, and people were bunched together. [Ward] got knocked down, and he was able to get up and maybe used a little too much energy to get back

into the right position ... It was still a very good performance."

Ward is the first Brave to compete in the NCAA championship in school history. Though the finish wasn't exactly what he wanted, the race allowed him and Gauson to experience a national championship environment.

"The whole build up [to the championship] is a big deal," Gauson said. "Like any Division I championship, there's a lot of media and spectators ... It's a huge occasion and bigger than any race he's ran in before – It's a big deal."

Ward was the star of the team this year, but because of the strong recruiting class Gauson has planned, the head coach said Ward

might not run next season and could be redshirted.

By sitting the team's best runner, the idea may seem counterintuitive to winning. However, Gauson said he believes with the talent and depth that will be on the team next year, they will be able to win in 2017 no matter what. In the end, Gauson said he envisions a group that could be a top-15 team in the nation for the 2018 season.

"For some people, it takes a little bit of time to develop that talent," Gauson said. "We're trying to be strategic in who we run. We're going to be very strong on a conference level with or without [Ward]. Our big goal is getting a team to a national championship,

and not just get there, but do well when we get there."

Gauson said he and Ward have talked about the prospect of this happening. Luckily for Gauson, he has the ability to wait until right before the first cross country meet to make a decision about who to run and who to redshirt.

Until then, Ward and the rest of the Braves will have the indoor and outdoor track season to focus on. Ward said he hopes to "transfer his success" from the cross country season into the track season, which officially begins Jan. 14 in Champaign.



Volleyball head coach Carol Price-Torok concluded her first year at Bradley. photo by Justin Limoges

Volleyball looks to future

BY ALEX KRYAH
Sports Editor

The Bradley volleyball team failed to qualify for the Missouri Valley Conference tournament for the third consecutive season after finishing 2-12 in conference play. The Braves finished their season Nov. 18 against Loyola in a three-set sweep, effectively ending their 2016 campaign.

The end of the season also marks the end of head coach Carol Price-Torok's first season on the Hilltop, one she said was "fun" despite finishing with a 7-22 record.

"It was my first year with my own program making those decisions and kind of seeing the pros and cons of doing it this way or [another]," Price-Torok said. "For me, it's been a good reflection time [after the season] ... to look at how we get where we want to go, which is the Missouri Valley Conference tournament, and being a staple in there."

Price-Torok had only positive things to say about the team and how they played, especially the seniors who will be leaving the team.

"I didn't recruit any of those seniors, so the biggest thing for me is that they bought in right away," Price-Torok said. "It's hard for them - they're going into their senior year with new coaches and different agendas and training styles. I really appreciate the fact they bought in from the get go. It

will forever kind of jade me that we didn't get it done for them."

The 7-22 Braves have areas to improve upon if they want to send next year's seniors out on a bit of a higher note. Price-Torok said the talent to score more and win matches is there, but they need to work on developing the team's offensive system more in the off-season. The progress in these areas, she said, was evident this year.

"I think having them continue to understand the process they're committing to is working," Price-Torok said. "It may not be working as fast as we want it to, but we're seeing changes ... The defensive system and some of those things we're doing are working. Now we just have to keep adding to the

other parts of our game."

If the Braves can substantially improve their scoring ability, they could be a force to be reckoned with next year in the conference. Price-Torok said the team's defense was strong this season, ranking with some high-quality teams.

"If you look at the teams that are going to the NCAA [tournament] now and some of their numbers as teams, from a defensive standpoint, specifically digs, we're up there with some of the top teams," Price-Torok said. "Now it's about turning those digs into points, and I think that's something that we talked about throughout the year. I think that's something that our attackers who have a year under

One-on-One

Who should be the 4th CFP team?

Penn State

The Penn State Nittany Lions, who are currently 10-2 and the 7th-ranked team in the country, will be the last team in the College Football Playoff when the final standings are released on Sunday. The team should take on the top-ranked Alabama Crimson Tide for a chance to go to the National Championship.

The Big 10 has no doubt been the best conference in college football this year, and if Penn State wins the Big 10 Championship, there is no reason they should not be included in the playoff.

The Nittany Lions are on an eight-game win streak since losing to Michigan in Ann Arbor in September and have a win over the Ohio State Buckeyes, who are the second best team in the nation. Their only other loss was to number 24 Pittsburgh in week two. However, Pitt has had a knack for knocking off highly-ranked opponents, and showed that when they beat the third-ranked Clemson Tigers two weeks ago.

After sitting on the hot seat earlier in the year, head coach James Franklin has done a fantastic job of revitalizing the program and has one of the most potent offenses in college football led by sophomore quarterback Trace McSorley.

The whole reason for integrating the playoff system and having a committee decide the teams participating was to ensure the four best teams would compete for the National Championship. Josh thinks Michigan, who has lost two of its last three games, deserves the last spot over Penn State. He could not be more wrong.

- Nick Konow

Michigan

The chance to punch their ticket to the College Football Playoff was in Michigan's hands. However, the loss to Ohio State last Saturday put them in a position where they might not end up being one of the final four teams. It doesn't mean they shouldn't be, though.

Michigan has one of the most impressive resumes in the nation by far. Their worst blemish came in a tough road match-up against Iowa where they lost on a last second field goal. Their second loss was this past weekend against Ohio State in Columbus. It was a game that went to double OT and also featured some controversial calls favoring the Buckeyes.

When looking at the wins by the Wolverines, they've taken care of the teams they should pummel. They beat Hawaii by 60, Rutgers by 78 and Maryland by 56. They beat Colorado pretty handily 45-28, a team playing for the Pac 12 Championship this weekend.

Further, Michigan beat the two teams playing for the Big 10 Championship this weekend. That should be a good enough argument to Michigan over both Wisconsin and Penn State.

Nick thinks Penn State should make it if they were to win the Big 10 Championship over Wisconsin. He couldn't be more wrong. Michigan put a thumping on Penn State. Why should they be in over the Wolverines? Use some common sense, Nick.

- Josh Nelson

their belts will be able to get in those situations of, 'how do I produce points,' and working through those situations this spring."

Looking toward the offseason, Price-Torok emphasized that she wants to focus on consistency in executing their offensive system, as well as filling the leadership roles the graduating seniors are leaving behind.

"Continuing our communication as a group from what we want to do and just directional

pieces on the court," Price-Torok said. "I think that's a big thing for us. Who's going to step in and be the leaders for us as the seniors leave? Who's going to take over that ownership and how are we going to move forward from the personality standpoint of keeping everyone on the same page of the direction we're going?"

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		Friday December 2	Saturday December 3	Sunday December 4	Monday December 5	Tuesday December 6		
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Opinion

Baseball's sweet music

BY AUSTIN SHONE
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Although major league teams have featured many new players, coaches, managers and front-office staff over the past 80 years, when fans walk into ballparks such as Fenway Park or Wrigley Field, one thing has always stayed the same: the noise.

It is the sound of organ music that flows down from the press box. It's a sound synonymous with baseball.

The organ can be dated back to the third century, when it was then named the hydraulis. It was made with pipes positioned above a compartment of air, and when water pressure forced air through the pipes, it created its

sound.

The organ was then brought to churches for worship, which is what it is commonly associated with today. It made its first appearance at Wrigley Field in 1941, when Roy Nelson played songs before a game between the Cubs and the Cardinals.

Today, the Cubs are still one of the few teams to employ an organist, and the windows looking down over Wrigley may as well be called the "Pressy box", after baseball's true iron-man Gary Pressy. Pressy has played over 2,400 consecutive games and will begin his 30th season as Wrigley's organist come next spring.

What would sports be without music? And what would music be without sports? They are without a doubt two

of the most important aspects of popular culture, and when they intersect, they can influence lives and opinions throughout the world.

Elvis Presley was the "King of Rock and Roll," but Elvis Andrus can be seen rolling double plays for the Texas Rangers. Carlos Santana isn't only one of the longest-tenured members of the Cleveland Indians, but he's also a legendary performer on stages around the world. Jimi Hendrix, one of the most talented guitarists to ever live, should never be confused with Kyle Hendricks, the baby-faced right-hander who started Game 7 of this year's World Series for the Cubs.

Minneapolis' music scene gave us the artist formerly known as Prince, while

Milwaukee's baseball scene gave us Prince Fielder. Music gave sports the New Orleans (now Utah) Jazz and the St. Louis Blues. Depending on your interests, MJ could be the greatest basketball player to ever live or the moonwalking man who was considered by many the "King of Pop." Music has its B.B. King's and basketball has its king, LeBron James, who plays in Cleveland just a few blocks down from the Rock'n'Roll Hall of Fame.

Music is one of the only reasons people like my dad watch the Super Bowl. Many Americans are more excited to find out who's playing at half-time than who's playing the football game. Bruce Springsteen, Katy Perry, The Who. The list goes on and on.

Drake can be seen sitting courtside at a lot of basketball games and even name-dropped (Manu) Ginobili in his song "Jumpman." Justin Timberlake sang about "Tunnel Vision" but failed to find it as a baseball scout in his 2012 movie, "Trouble with the Curve." Crosby, Stills & Nash are just as well known for their style of folk rock as Sydney Crosby and Steve Nash are for their leadership on the court and on the ice.

However you look at it, it's clear to see that sports and music are practically inseparable. From Ozzy Osbourne's "Crazy Train" to Ozzie Smith's standing backflips, from Lance Armstrong to Louis Armstrong, music and sports go together like peanut butter and jelly.

Women split week's games in decisive fashion

BY JOSH NELSON
Sports Reporter

The Bradley women's basketball team did something this past week it hasn't done since 1996 – the team scored 100 points in a game that ended in regulation time. The Braves beat Eureka Sunday afternoon, 103-59 in a game where Bradley outscored the Red Devils 84-38 after the first quarter.

The first quarter was a challenging one for Bradley as Eureka outscored the Braves 21-19. Head coach Andrea Gorski said her team fell behind because it was trying something new.

"We've been working on some new presses, and we wanted to run those in the first half, even though it's not the right game plan for Eureka because we leave some shooters open," Gorski said. "We wanted to work on it anyway ... It was just more trying to work on something we put on in practice and seeing what we could get out of it."

Sophomore forward Vanessa Markert and junior guard Dani Brewer, who each scored 17 points, led the Braves in scoring. Senior forward Leti Lerma added 16 points and grabbed 14 rebounds for her second double-double on the season.

Gorski said she hoped the game would "give their shooters some confidence" as the season moves forward.

"We've been struggling to hit some outside shots," Gorski said. "That was what we thought would maybe get them going again."

Things didn't quite work out the way Gorski wanted Wednesday night as the Braves ran into a talented Green Bay



photo by Austin Shone

Freshman Ryan Wilkins has started the last four games for the Braves, averaging 4.8 points a game during that

squad where it shot 33 percent as a team and lost 68-43.

"Their length bothered us," Gorski said. "They're pretty tall at every spot, and we had a hard time getting the ball inside. [Green Bay] did a good job of guarding our post with one player, and then we didn't move the ball as well as we needed to ... They switched a lot of screens, and we just weren't cutting the gaps as well as we should have. It was just stagnant."

One of the bright spots for the Braves against Green Bay was

junior guard Anneke Schlueter. Schlueter had 21 points on 8-14 shooting and made four of her seven shots behind the arc.

Bradley now turn their sights toward Northern Illinois as they host the Huskies at 7 p.m. tonight at Renaissance Coliseum. It's the Braves' last home game of the 2016 calendar year and they won't play in Peoria again until Jan. 13.

The Huskies average 95 points per game and run a fast-paced offense. Gorski said she realizes defense and playing their style

of basketball will be the key to getting a win over NIU.

"They're hard-to-guard one-on-one because they're very crafty," Gorski said. "You think you got them stopped, they spin, they step through ... So we got to work a little bit on being more disciplined on one-on-one defense and knowing where we can help off of and who we can't. Offensively, we have to work on getting the ball in the post. We'll have an advantage there ... We just have to be more aggressive offensively."

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history. Brown became the first Missouri Valley Conference freshman to score 30 points in a game since Creighton's Doug McDermott in 2011.

The next game for the 4-3 Braves is 7 p.m. Saturday night at Carver Arena, where they will take on Nevada in the annual Missouri Valley-Mountain West Challenge.

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Junior guard Dani Brewer is one of the team's most versatile players.



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Braves fend off Panthers

BY AUSTIN SHONE
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The Bradley men's basketball team came out on top of a back-and-forth game Tuesday night at Eastern Illinois, giving the team its first road win of the young season.

Eastern Illinois's Demetrius McReynolds jump started the Panthers hot start, scoring a quick 10 points in the first seven minutes. However, the Braves found the answer in freshman center Koch Bar, who stymied the Eastern Illinois defense throughout the rest of the game, converting plenty of layups underneath the basket.

"That's what the coaches want me to do," Bar said. "Be ready, get my hands ready, because they're going to dump the ball every time. We really have pretty good point guards that can see the floor. We've been working all summer on playing under the basket, trying to finish as much as I can, practicing a lot of pump fakes and finishing around the rim, so I guess that helped me feel more comfortable today."

Bar recorded his first double-double of his career as he finished with 17 points and 14 rebounds, seven of which came on the offensive boards.

"I thought we got [Bar] the right rest at the right times, and then we were able to play him down the stretch," head coach Brian Wardle said. "He was very active. He was going to get rebounds, he was active on the offensive glass and just played

really big for us."

Bradley shot 60 percent from the floor in the first half and went to the locker room with a four-point advantage.

When the second half started, the Braves' offense had a short cold-spell and Eastern Illinois was able to claw their way back into the game. However, Wardle said he was pleased with the way his team responded.

"We knew coming in here that it was going to be a war, and I'm just very proud of the resiliency my team showed, and my young guys - the maturity they showed in a big game," Wardle said. "We talk about it a lot in practice, about responding, not reacting. Play with emotion, don't let emotion play with you. This was a really good game for us in that area."

With eight minutes remaining in the second half, Eastern Illinois center Muusa Dama cut backdoor for a rim-rattling alley-oop, which fired up the crowd and extended the Panthers lead to five. The momentum seemed to be headed in the Panthers' direction, but Braves junior guard JoJo McGlaston had a different idea.

McGlaston got free for three layups in a row and put Bradley back into the game, cutting the lead to one with under three minutes to play.

"I noticed that they were over-helping on off-ball defense, and when I got in, I noticed I could cut to the basket, and my teammates did a great job of finding me, and I got some open



Junior Donte Thomas puts up a contested shot in a win earlier this year against Illinois-Springfield.

layups," McGlaston said.

With the game tied at 72 after a pair of free throws by freshman point guard Darrell Brown, the Panthers had one more chance to win the game, but the Braves forced the Panthers to heave a three pointer that clanked off the rim, and the game headed into overtime.

"Just digging deep and getting stops is most important in overtime," McGlaston said. "Get stops, buckle down, box out, rebound every possession. We continue to fight. No matter what, we fight."

In overtime, the Braves got out to a quick start, building a five point lead. Bradley was able to protect that lead at the free-

throw line down the stretch, as they made 11 of 12 free-throws, sealing a victory.

"Defense and rebounding won us this game, even though there were a lot of points scored," Wardle said. "If you want to win on the road, you've got to make free-throws, and we were able to do that in overtime. It comes down to making winning plays when it's all said and done, and we were able to make just a few more."

The players were also very pleased with their strong performance on the road.

"This win is huge because this team is pretty good at home, especially since we came back from Florida 1-2, so we needed

to bounce back," Bar said. "I think it opened our eyes to show that we're capable of playing any team if we just keep playing the way we're playing right now."

Over the Thanksgiving break, the Braves played in the Gulf Coast Showcase in Estero, Florida, where they beat Wofford and lost to Hofstra and George Mason.

The highlight of the tournament for the Braves was Darrell Brown, who scored in double figures in each of the team's three games and scored 34 points in a shootout against Hofstra, which is the most by a Bradley freshman in program

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