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# These shining women



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Students act in "These Shining Lives," a play about women who fell ill from radium-related health issues at a company in Ottawa, Illinois.

**BY MADDIE GEHLING**  
Managing Editor

Bradley's theatre department premiered the play "These Shining Lives" last night to a full house.

The show recounts the true story of a number of women who ingested large quantities of radium while employed at the Radium Dial Company in Ottawa during the 1920s. Many of the women fell ill from radium-related health issues, so they found strength and friendship in each other as they fought the number of court cases that ensued.

Adjunct theatre professor Sarah Salazar made her directorial debut as a faculty member with "These Shining Lives," and she said she couldn't be happier with the people she worked with to produce the show.

"Visions and ideas mean nothing without a cast," she said. "We all care about the work and storytelling. The

team you've got makes it or breaks it."

While the show focuses on main character Catherine Donohue (played by senior Katey Kraemer), Salazar said "These Shining Lives" is a play about the courage shown by all the "Radium Girls" employed at the Radium Dial Company.

"For myself, the play is a reminder to really think about and be grateful of the people who came before you," she said. "Especially the women, who were pioneers for labor laws and other rights - I'm just so thankful for that."

Katie Wilson, the show's stage manager, said working on such a powerful and moving historical play has affected both the cast and crew of "These Shining Lives".

"[This play] has been a challenge for a lot of people," Wilson, a sophomore theatre production and television arts double major, said. "When I first got the script, I couldn't put it

down until I was done ... It's beautifully written. It's a beautiful story."

According to Kraemer, acting in "These Shining Lives" has been both physically and mentally draining.

"It's a pretty tiring role," Kraemer said. "Physically, it's demanding. For [the female characters], our physical states decline over time because these women are getting sick. Balancing that out was tricky, because how much do you show without pounding the audience over the head with it? And just the emotional toll of the story, as well, gets tiring."

However, Kraemer said she finds inspiration to play her role in the strength that was shown by the real-life Radium Girls.

"People in general will be able to take away the stories of these women, how people overcame it because they fought," Kraemer said. "That's really prevalent in our nation today - fighting through injustice and fighting

back against things, not taking 'no' for an answer ... It's a huge story for women and how women found their voices."

Because of the message of female empowerment in the play, Salazar said she hopes everyone will feel inspired to stand up for themselves.

"['These Shining Lives'] has been a good reminder of our luxuries that we have due to the people before us, and also to speak up for what's right and just," Salazar said. "Your voices do matter. I hope people - especially girls - are impacted when they see it."

A number of pre-law students will argue in a moot trial based off the cases from "These Shining Lives" following the Sunday matinee on Feb. 26.

"These Shining Lives" runs until March 5, with performances at 8 p.m. Thursday to Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinees. Tickets are \$5 with a Bradley ID.

## Respected alumnus passes at 93

**BY SAMMANTHA DELLARIA**  
News Editor

An integral member of the Bradley community, alum Robert H. Michel, died Feb. 17 at the age of 93 in Arlington, Virginia.

An email from University President Gary Roberts notified campus of Michel's death hours after his passing.

Since then, people across the nation have expressed their sadness at the passing of the respected politician.

According to Brad McMillan, executive director of the Institute of Principled Leadership and Public Service, Michel was a perpetually happy person.

"He was joyful," McMillan said. "Bob Michel would bounce into the office either whistling or singing. He was one of the nicest, kindest people I've ever met in my life."

Michel served as a member of the United States House of Representatives for 38 years from 1957 until 1995. In 1981, he became the GOP leader.

According to McMillan, Michel was known as a champion of bipartisanship, which was exemplified by how he treated others with respect regardless of their political leanings.

"The reason why he was so successful is [because] he was great at relationships, [and] he treated everybody with mutual respect," McMillan said. "Probably his greatest leadership characteristic, which a lot of people wouldn't put a high value on, is he was probably the best listener I've ever witnessed or encountered."

Michel was the epitome of fair leadership, according to McMillan.

"I think he is going to be remembered as a true statesman," McMillan said. "You look at all the national articles that have been written since his passing, they have been glowing in their comments about Bob's bipartisan leadership, his civil leadership. He always put the best

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Speaker raises campus awareness of eating disorders

Speaker and author Troy Roness will be on the Hilltop at 7 p.m. Feb. 27 in Neumiller Hall to discuss his recovery from an eating disorder that nearly claimed his life.

The discussion will include Roness’ lecture, “81 Days and Counting,” as well as a group workshop designed to educate attendees about how eating disorders affect young adult men and women, athletes and members of the LGBTQ+ community.

The event is free and open to the public. For further information, contact Body Project member Kathryn McDermott at [kmcdermott@mail.bradley.edu](mailto:kmcdermott@mail.bradley.edu) or visit Bradley University’s The Body Project Facebook page.

Muslim Student Association hosts speaker

Lawyer, modest fashion pioneer and CEO of “Haute Hijab,” Melanie Elturk will be on campus at 6 p.m. Feb. 28 in the Michel Student Center Ballroom.

Students interested in learning about Hijab are invited to attend. Additional topics discussed will include what Hijab means for Muslim men and women, why Muslims dress the way they do and how Hijab impacts the daily life of Muslims.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Muslism Student Association’s secretary Lamine Sadoun at [lsadoun@mail.bradley.edu](mailto:lsadoun@mail.bradley.edu).

Irish Braves holds inaugural meeting

Bradley’s first Irish organization, Irish Braves, will hold its first meeting at noon March 1 in Cullom-Davis Library room 229.

Irish Braves is looking for students who are interested in Irish culture, food and history as well as those with personal experiences related to Ireland. At the meeting, the future of the club will be discussed and elections will be held for a final board member.

The club is open to all Bradley students. For more information, contact Irish Braves’ president Anna Berlinger at [aberlinger@mail.bradley.edu](mailto:aberlinger@mail.bradley.edu).

POLICE REPORTS

• Officers were dispatched after an intoxicated male student attempted to enter the women’s restrooms at 10:55 p.m. Feb. 17 in Markin Family Student Recreation Center.

Employees of Markin told the student police had been called, so he ran from the building. Officers found him running near the building and asked the student to stop, but the male refused and gave the officers his middle finger.

Officers chased and caught the student, who was then placed in a squad car.

The officers asked the male for his ID, and the student handed them a fake ID. The student tried to exit the squad car multiple times.

The complainant from Markin then positively identified him as the student trying to enter the women’s bathroom.

The male was picked up by the Peoria Police Department and received citations for underage drinking and for having a fake ID.

• A male student was reported to Residential Living after causing problems at 6:55 a.m. Feb. 16 in Markin Family Student Recreation Center.

A male student was upset because another male student was not wearing his shoes while doing yoga on the gym mats. The student asked the other student to put his shoes on, which he did not do. The first male student then kicked the other student’s shoes and threw them in the garbage before leaving the gym.

The first male student was later contacted by police and reported to Residential Living.

• Resident Advisors reported finding drug paraphernalia at 12:56 a.m. Feb. 18 at 912 Elmwood Ave.

Resident security noted the smell of cannabis coming from a room and contacted the RAs, who performed a drug search.

The RAs found cannabis and a stun gun, which were confiscated by the police. All students involved were given a warning.

• A male student reported items stolen from his car at noon Feb. 20 on the 1300 block of Main Street.

The male said he believed he left his car unlocked earlier, and when he returned, his backpack and laptop were missing from the backseat.

No suspects have been identified, and the items have not been recovered.

• A female student reported her packages missing at 6 p.m. Feb. 21 at 908 N. Frink St.

The student said she was supposed to receive packages from her mom and aunt a couple days prior, but she did not receive them. She contacted postal services and was told the packages had been delivered.

No suspects have been identified.

CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE



ACBU coordinator Johnathon Bohnert facilitates a discussion with students about President Donald Trump’s cabinet at the organization’s Crossfire event Wednesday night.

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## NEWS

## Bradley's top three are alums

BY KYLEE HIGGINS  
Copy Editor

Out of pure coincidence, the top three positions at Bradley – president, vice president and provost – are currently filled by Bradley alumni.

Even though they are well acquainted with each other now, President Gary Roberts, Vice President of Business Affairs Gary Anna and Provost Walter Zakahi graduated from Bradley in different years and with different majors. They said they never met each other during their time as students.

Graduating first, Roberts earned his Bachelor of Arts in economics in 1970. Anna then received his Bachelor of Science in accounting in 1975. Finally, Zakahi graduated in 1978 with a Bachelor's in speech communication.

"We don't spend a lot of time reminiscing," Anna said. "We're really focused on trying to move the university forward, and we know how personal the experience is because we all certainly share in that."

Despite their different experiences on campus, Anna, Zakahi and Roberts said they attribute their positive col-

lege experiences to their relationships with the faculty and staff on campus.

"I had a number of professors over the time that I was here who really made a difference," Zakahi said. "For me, the difference between Bradley and other institutions is that [the students] get to have a personal relationship with the faculty."

Returning to the Hilltop and assuming their new positions came with different experiences for the three. Even though there were physical changes on campus and more technology had been introduced, all three said the intent to provide students with the best college experience has not changed.

"What is the same as half a century ago is Bradley's core commitment to undergraduate education and giving all of our students an educational experience rooted in close relationships with the faculty and staff and in active engagement," Roberts said. "Also the same is the fact that there is an excellent faculty dedicated to the students and to Bradley."

One establishment that has stood the test of time is Avanti's, which both Anna and Zakahi said they visited in their college careers.



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LEFT: University President Gary Roberts graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in economics in 1970. MID-DLE: Vice President of Business Affairs Gary Anna graduated with a Bachelor of Science in accounting in 1975. RIGHT: Provost Walter Zakahi graduated in 1978 with a Bachelor's in speech communication.

"Avanti's was a favorite place when I was a student," Zakahi said. "[My friends and I] used to go on Sunday nights and get all-you-can-eat spaghetti when the dorms didn't serve dinner."

Because of the experiences the

three had as students, Zakahi said the three of them coming back to work at Bradley is a "labor of love," and he said their interests lie in improving the university for students now.

"If I'm lucky, I'll get to retire from Bradley," Zakahi said. "What

that means for Bradley is that [the students] have three leaders whose interests are not in their personal agenda, but really, [we are] interested in the future of this institution and trying to make it better."

## SELFIES GET POLITICAL



photo by Maddie Gehling

Junior political science major Adam Sundling takes a selfie with Couri Thomas, who is a candidate for Peoria Mayor, at an event Tuesday night in Neumiller Hall.

## Snapchat contest links students to downtown

BY HANNAH SNIDMAN  
Off-staff Reporter

Student Senate and the Smith Career Center teamed up with The Greater Peoria Mass Transit District, or CityLink, to sponsor a Snapchat contest called "BU on the Bus".

The contest, which runs until March 10, encourages Bradley students to post photos or videos to their Snapchat stories of their experiences on CityLink buses. Then, students email the stories to Student Senate vice president of city and local affairs Shiva Lennon-Rios at slennonrios@mail.bradley.edu for a panel of judges to view.

"[This contest] is something we're doing to try and get students to ride the bus more because then they can get downtown easier or just around Peoria easier," Lennon-Rios, a junior history major, said. "So if you want to go to [the restaurant] Sugar for dinner, you can just go and take the bus."

A \$50 gift card to Sugar Wood-Fired Bistro, a \$25 gift card to One World Cafe and a \$15 gift card to Thirty-Thirty Coffee will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners, respectively.

Judges will include Student Body President Jenna Dellaria, Smith Career Center representatives and members of the CityLink marketing team.

"It is my hope that once students ride the bus for this contest, they will see how easy it is to take the bus and will consider using it in the future," Emily Watson, director of marketing and public relations for CityLink, said. "I believe there is a potential for CityLink and Bradley University to strengthen their relationship, and I hope this is just the beginning."

The first 15 students to participate will receive free CityLink Day Passes.

"Not a lot of people know this, but for a Bradley student, the cost of riding the bus one way is 50 cents, so a round trip is a dollar," Lennon-Rios said. "Students are a huge revenue source, and I think that students loving downtown is going to be the kick that Peoria really needs to keep revitalizing their downtown area."

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## NEWS

# Zion connects coffee lovers to coffee growers

BY TORI MOSES  
Editor-in-Chief

Lattes, lemon tarts and liquor.  
Banu Hatfield and her husband Mike opened Zion Coffee Bar Feb. 3 with a wide menu of hot drinks, alcoholic beverages and food items.

"The three things that I want us to be known for are coffee, toast and cocktails — so it's a little bit of a grownup coffee bar," Hatfield said.

Hatfield has been selling coffee for three years, first by selling online subscriptions from her basement and then by participating in farmers markets. She said she started looking for venues a year ago until she stumbled upon the perfect venue — an "adult shop."

"[It was] very closed and dark," Hatfield said. "We wanted to create a welcoming environment for everyone because I think sometimes coffee shops can be intimidating ... How can you not come in here and just feel like, 'I want to be here'? It's open; it's airy. I love the way it turned out."

The coffee shop, located at 803 SW Adams St. in the Peoria Warehouse District, currently buys its beans from Nicaragua and Guatemala. Hatfield has taken two trips to the farms with her husband; one trip included four of their five children.

"We've worked with the farmers, and we've lived with them," Hatfield said. "It's not about us directing anybody, it's about us getting down there and connecting with local leaders, both men and women. They decide what to do with the funds they receive."

Hatfield also said she hopes to connect with more than just coffee consumers.

"The idea behind our shop is that we would build relationships with the farmers," Hatfield said. "Through those relationships and eliminating the middle man, we are able to pay more up front to the farmer for each bag of coffee that we purchase, unlike large corporations, like Starbucks."

Senior theatre arts major Cody Cornwell said he thinks Zion's atmosphere feels open and modern.

"I thought I was in New York or something when I walked in," Cornwell said. "It's all white walls and a modern aesthetic, which isn't bad. It's the kind of coffee shop that Peoria could use as opposed to another hometown vintage coffee place, like Thirty Thirty and Midnight Espresso."

Hatfield said she thinks there can be a misconception about what coffee farms look like.

"The whole idea behind this is not



photo by Tori Moses

An employee at Zion Coffee Bar works behind the counter at the new shop, which opened Feb. 3 at 803 SW Adams St. in the Peoria Warehouse District.

to portray that those people are in need," Hatfield said. "[The farmers] are hard-working, they have great family values [and] they are very

competent in what they do. So for us, we are just trying to connect coffee lovers from here to the other side of the cup."

Zion Coffee Bar is open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

## 'Contributing to the safety and security of our campus'

BY DAVID DEMEO  
Off-staff Reporter

Not many employees have the opportunity to call their workplace home for 14 years and still manage to keep a smile on their faces when walking into the office each day.

Jocelyn Watkins, Clery Act Coordinator at Bradley University Police Department, is one of the few.

Watkins began her career at Bradley University as a student before joining the Bradley University Police Department. After graduation, it took Watkins less than a year to land a spot on BUPD's roster. She described her transition into the workforce as smooth and fitting.

"My existing knowledge of the university certainly helped ... and I benefited from having great supervisors and colleagues who mentored and encouraged me," Watkins said.

Watkins deals with both behind-the-scenes and imperative responsibilities, including directing compliance to the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus

Crime Statistics Act.

The Clery Act, which involves crime reporting, timely warning notices, emergency notifications, emergency response testing, fire safety reporting, missing student procedures, notices to prospective students and employees and policy statements, is constantly changing.

According to Watkins, the complexity of her job lies within the evolving nature of the Clery Act.

"Having been amended five times since it was signed into law in 1990 ... the fluid nature of the Clery Act offers me continual challenges and learning opportunities," Watkins said.

One event in particular changed the way Watkins performed her duties entirely.

"Following the shootings at Virginia Tech in 2007, the culture of campus law enforcement changed nationwide," she said. "Witnessing and sharing in these changes, such as the prioritization of mitigating and responding to threats, has been remarkable."

However, Watkins said she enjoys that the regulations are constantly progressing.

"I find it meaningful and rewarding knowing that my work is contributing to the safety and security of our campus community," Watkins said.

According to Brian Joschko, Police Chief for BUPD, Watkins' efforts are integral to the synergy of the department.

"Her most impressive trait is to see issues looming ahead and work to address them or head them off," Joschko said. "She is a hard worker who will go above and beyond regularly. She is passionate about our students, so she is usually my go-to person about some of our new initiatives."

Watkins also said the unique work environment at BUPD is another factor that has kept her satisfied in her job.

"The culture at BUPD is both professional and fun," Watkins said. "I count my co-workers as my friends. I have no urge to work anywhere else but here."

Bradley community members can find Jocelyn Watkins, and the rest of BUPD Unit D, working diligently on weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the BUPD headquarters, located in Campustown.

## HUMANS OF THE HILLTOP



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Clery Act Coordinator of the Bradley University Police Department  
Jocelyn Watkins is a Bradley alumna.

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## NEWS

# A call to action: speaker demands change

BY AJ LAMB  
News Reporter

Typically a venue for Bradley sporting events, the Renaissance Coliseum was host to advocacy and equality Thursday night. Patrisse Cullors, cofounder of the Black Lives Matter movement, spoke to the Bradley and Peoria communities.

Students, faculty and community members came out to hear what Cullors had to say about the state of modern-day racism in the country. She especially advised the audience to have faith moving forward with the new government administration.

"We might be seeing a moment where every branch of government has been taken over, where there are legitimate white supremacists in the White House," Cullors said. "That does not mean our power is taken away. That does not mean that we stop. That does not mean that we don't show up. In fact, now is the time to go hard."

The Los Angeles-native emphasized immediate involvement in surrounding communities to spark necessary changes.

"If we don't shift dynamics

now, if we don't hold elected officials accountable now, if we don't help each other now, imagine Peoria in 40 or 50 years," Cullors said.

Cullors also said she wanted the crowd to understand strength in numbers and the need to gather in large groups.

"[Cullors] talked a lot about the

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- Patrisse Cullors  
cofounder of Black Lives Matter movement

power of teams and the power of organizing together," senior sports communication major Brandon Wallace said. "She made it clear that all organizing is, is putting a team together, putting trust in that team and having that team fight together instead of alone."

The Sociology Club worked with other organizations on campus to sponsor the event in order to shed light on these issues.

"This is a white-dominated

campus ... and so when we [tried] to do things like solidarity with Missouri, we got backlash especially on different social media platforms," Everley Davis, president of Sociology Club, said. "We needed to bring this talk here so that [we] could kind of, honestly, throw it in their face like this is something that is not going to go away, and you can't trample over us. We're not mighty in numbers, but we have a voice."

Davis, a junior sociology and Spanish double major, said she hopes this opens the discussion and brings more openness to campus about these issues. She also said she hopes to see more advocates for this cause helping the community.

"I'm hoping that people will understand where we're coming from, we're not just angry students, and it's not a new issue, but I hope that there will be more allies, more than anything," Davis said.

Wallace said after listening to Cullors, he wants to become a more active part of these happenings.

"I'm just hoping to stay aware and be involved and try to utilize all the protests, demonstrations or anything else that people have," Wallace said. "I want to encourage



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Cofounder of the Black Lives Matter movement Patrisse Cullors speaks about diversity last night in Renaissance Coliseum.

people to go out to them as I go out to them myself."

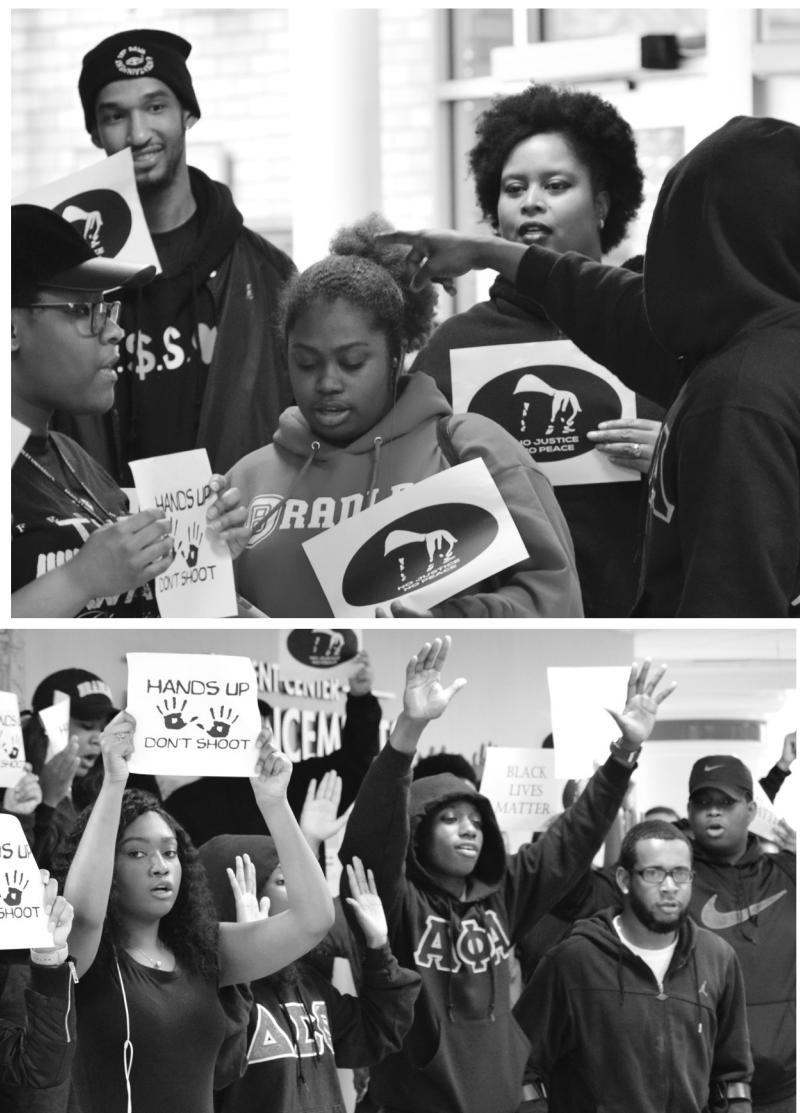
Davis also said while bringing Cullors in to speak was imperative, she and many others still have more ground to cover.

"[The next step is] planning the next event and finding something

else to do to get this conversation really going," Davis said. "This is just a starting point."

Visit The Scout's Facebook page to watch a video featuring Wednesday's Black Lives Matter protest in Michel Student Center.

## STUDENTS RALLY FOR #BLACKLIVESMATTER



photos by Maddie Gehling

Students stand together in Michel Student Center Wednesday for a Black Lives Matter protest. The Office of Diversity and Inclusion hosted the protest to celebrate Black History Month.



Editorial

Invigorate your Peoria experience

When Bradley students talk about the city they live in for at least four years, the tone of the conversation is often negative. But that's because many students don't take advantage of all Peoria has to offer.

Student Senate and the Smith Career Center are pushing Bradley students to pop the "Bradley Bubble" and start using Peoria's public transportation more this spring (Read "Snapchat contest links students to downtown" on page A3).

With an engaging Snapchat

contest called "BU on the Bus," the organizations are pairing up to get students in the habit of utilizing CityLink buses in order to explore Peoria and experience the city beyond the Hilltop.

This isn't the first time Senate and other Bradley groups have tried to get students to explore more of Peoria. The Downtown Advisory Commission sent surveys to students last semester to find out about their habits and opinions on the downtown area.

"The survey revealed that the students aren't very sure what's

available downtown or how to get there," Alison Daley, a member of the commission, said in a Sep. 23 Scout article.

With its outdoor art exhibits, riverside view and coffee shops around every corner, Peoria offers something a suburb or rural town can't. The city gives students a chance to experience its unique culture, but if you're a student who isn't native to the area, it's only available for a short amount of time.

Even The Scout tries to get students off campus – every week

we publish a new "Local Business Feature" to spotlight restaurants, shops and attractions in Peoria, and we run advertisements from a number of surrounding businesses.

The memories a student makes in college will last forever, and exploring Peoria will contribute to the experiences every student has. Be sure to make those four short years at Bradley count.

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Column

Failure is an option



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I'm more than halfway through my junior year, and I've learned plenty of life lessons in college.

While they've all been helpful, I think the most important one has been to try what interests you and be willing to fail.

Before I continue, keep in mind I'm not a living testimony to this. I may actually be the perfect example of what not to do.

My freshman year, I was hardly involved in more than one organization on campus. I didn't bother to try out any new clubs because I was nervous about not knowing anyone or what I'd be doing. I stuck to my close friend groups and didn't venture far out of my comfort zone.

It didn't stop with just social groups and lack of being involved, either. I continued to not take a chance on myself and apply to internships. It's hard to realize, but I've gotten this far and really only applied to a handful of jobs and internships because I thought I

wouldn't be good enough.

And at the root of all these problems? Fear. The fear of failing at anything and everything. The fear that I wouldn't be good enough or that I'd be a disappointment to myself or others.

I've always been petrified of failure, and as a result, I've never really tried. I always think of Vince Vaughn's quote in "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" about failure: "I found that if you have a goal, that you might not reach it. But if you don't have one, then you are never disappointed. And I gotta tell ya ... it feels phenomenal." While his logic is sound, and he makes a convincing appeal, the world doesn't move forward without failure.

Failure is the only reason we can fly across the country safely, insert ourselves into virtual reality and have the world at our fingertips.

All the inventions and innovations we've been blessed with are the results of people who never let failure stop them. Humans would be stuck in the Stone-Age if it weren't for bold ideas, big leaps of faith and failing time and time again.

So where does this leave all of us? It leaves us with a choice: to either continue living safely and not take any chances or take command and welcome failure as a crucial step in being successful.

If there's one thing I regret about my college experience, it would be not letting myself fail more. The only way to improve and take steps forward is to fall down and get back up. So please, no matter where you are in your college career, heed my advice and know it's never too late to stop taking the backseat to your fears and start taking chances on the things you care about.

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# 'BRITNEY EVER AFTER': A CRINGE- WORTHY ATTEMPT

## INSIDE:

**Safety Cruiser**  
through the driver's eyes

**Transgender Bathrooms**  
Trump's change in legislation

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automobiles

If you thought Lifetime's depiction of singer Aaliyah was the worst biographical movie they could have ever done, think again.

"Britney Ever After" is a Lifetime-produced, so-called "biopic" of iconic pop queen Britney Spears that aired last Sunday. Did I mention it was unauthorized by Britney Spears and her entire crew? Of course, many biographical movies are not formally authorized by their subjects, but they usually still turn out pretty interesting.

With "Britney Ever After," however, this was not the case. The only true entertainment of the film is how easy it is to criticize.

As a lifelong fan of Britney (seriously, I had a life-sized poster of her on my wall throughout my childhood, and I was schoolgirl Britney from the "...Baby One More Time" music video this past Halloween) I cringed at most of the film. I'm not one to attack actresses, but Natasha Bennett did not do Spears justice with her representation. In fact, I feel like every time this fake Britney was on-screen, she was either gyrating against another man's pelvis that remotely resembled one of Spears' former love interests, saying "y'all" incessantly or ugly-crying.

This demeaning portrayal of a hard-working, talented and extremely pressured young woman's rise to fame made me – and many other fans – extremely agitated. Based on the title, I thought the film would serve as a tribute to Spears, highlighting her countless accomplishments and recognizing her trials as well. Sadly, the film depicted her as a simply unlikeable character. And that's what she was in this film – a character. This Britney imposter did not in any way resemble the celebrity we've come to know and love throughout the years.

Bennett called this movie a "love letter" to the superstar, but I hope it's an apologetic, let's-make-up letter, because I could not imagine Spears being at all pleased with how "Britney Ever After" turned out. I completely understand why she did not approve of it and why almost every reaction to the movie by fans has been negative. It was downright offensive to its own subject.

Lifetime, please stick to the "based on a true story" dramas of murderous psychopaths – not misrepresentations of beloved icons like Britney Spears.



# SAFETY CRUISIN'

BY BRIEN JACKSON  
Voice Editor

Other than my job here at The Scout, I work as a Safety Cruiser driver a few days a week. The Cruiser has been providing students and faculty with transport around campus since 2013. Plenty of people use the service each day, and it helps keep campus safer overall.

So today, students of Bradley, I'm going share a few things with you about my (slightly more adventurous) second job.

## We see everything

Yeah, we know you went out last night and got into a heated argument. And yes, we know your friend is being a total jerk and dating your ex behind your back. We know a lot of little tidbits and happenings around campus. Don't take that as a threat – I keep this stuff to myself ... mostly.

## Yep, we know where that is ... probably

If you give us an address, we most likely know where it is. That's not meant to be passive-aggressive, but part of our training is to know how the streets work and where things are. That's not to say we

know exactly where everything is on and around campus – I know I don't – but we usually have a good idea.

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(just don't carry that in the van). Unless you very obviously have alcohol poisoning, it isn't our job to report you – we just want to make sure you get where you're going safely.

## Be like Spongebob, and make sure you're ready!

Okay, maybe one more slightly passive-aggressive one. Please, please be ready to go when you call the Safety Cruiser. It might take us a few minutes to get to you (especially on those busy nights I mentioned earlier), but it helps things run smoothly if passengers are ready to go. We can only wait a finite amount of time once we get there, so if you miss it, you'll have to call again and be shamed by dispatch.

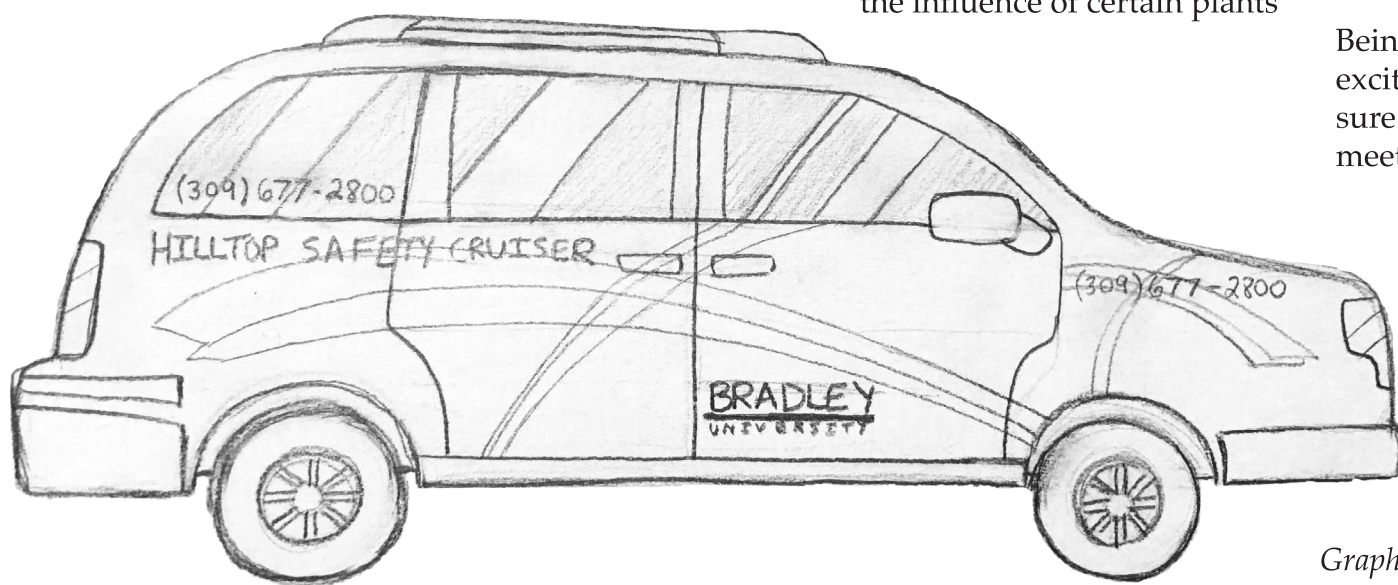
## I do it because I like the job (mostly)

On days when things are a bit slow, it's usually not too bad. We get to listen to the radio while we drive or park and do homework (Netflix is also a decent option if we find a place with an Internet connection). Driving is relaxing to me, so I have no problems roaming around campus jamming out to music on Spotify – plus I get to sing shamelessly if the van is empty.

Being a Safety Cruiser driver isn't the most exciting job, but I like it. I enjoy making sure students are safe around campus and meeting new people.

There isn't much to it, but it's no boring job. Next time you're too cold to walk back to Geisert or your friend decides to stay at a party, give us a call at (309) 677-2800.

See you on the wild side, folks.



Graphic by Megan Bammann

# TRUMP DID WHAT?!

BY BRIEN JACKSON  
Voice Editor

On Feb. 22, President Donald Trump's administration reversed protections allowing transgender students in public schools to use bathrooms that correspond with their gender identity.

In other words, the Trump administration just took a massive step backward.

Using the bathroom is one of the most basic human functions, yet there still seems to be some backlash as to where transgender or gender-neutral people can pee. It's such a controversial topic – why?

One common reason cited with the bathroom controversy is the fear of sexual predators. As a cis-gender male, I admittedly don't think much of sexual predators when I go to the bathroom, even though they definitely exist. However, I feel like sexual predators of any gender already exist in bathrooms. Someone being transgender or gender-neutral doesn't make them more likely to be a predator than a cis-gender person.

This reversal could spell trouble. Transgender and gender-neutral students face getting yelled at, being reprimanded or even beat up just for wanting to pee where they feel comfortable. I'm really worried some-

thing terrible could happen to someone because they decide to use the "wrong" bathroom.

Despite this slight set-back, individual schools will still be able to choose whether or not students can use the bathrooms for the gender they identify as — some schools are creating gender-neutral bathrooms as well.

Restricting someone's ability to use a bathroom shouldn't be something decided by the Trump administration or anyone else. I can see how some concerns can make this a touchy issue, but believe it or not, most people just want to use the bathroom.



# JUDGE LESS, ACCEPT MORE

BY JULIE LUCIA  
Off-staff Reporter

Why do people define and judge other people's happiness?

Although an abstract topic, it occurs consciously and subconsciously in everyday life. There is no denying people are all different and live their lives in unique ways. But what makes us entitled to judge the happiness of others has to do with ego.

First, the ego compares the self with others, often putting someone down in order to boost up itself. In turn, judgement is the recipe for suffering. Once we've reached a point where judgment takes over the mind, there isn't room for true happiness.

The only remedy is acceptance. In order to do this, it is crucial to remember it is impossible to know someone's whole story. Judging in the moment without knowing the past or what will happen in the future, lacks wisdom.

You know that boy that you see walking to class with a limp who takes double the time you do to walk to class? He could have been in a car accident that injured his leg. Or that girl who wears "too much" makeup

before your 8 A.M. class? She could be extremely insecure with her appearance and makeup is her mask to conceal her emotions.

"We create assumptions of people based on stereotypes, Sophia Fishkin, sophomore art and theatre major, said. "We shouldn't judge because people are more than what they carry on their shoulders. We push people into a box and then that box, is either good or bad. We must be open to people who aren't exactly like minded than us."

There is a children's book called "Have You Filled a Bucket Today" in which the invisible buckets refer to a person's life. Instead of dipping into others buckets, we must fill those buckets with non-judgemental acts of kindness, love and support before our own bucket is filled.

The more you step out of judgement, the more you open yourself up to new relationships, experiences and possibilities.



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## Pointless Entertainment

BY JUSTIN RODRIGUEZ-HAND  
Off-staff Reporter

Have you ever sat down to watch a video with no benefit or purpose whatsoever? Did you willingly sit there from start to finish, or did a friend waste your time insisting that you watch such content?

The Internet is overflowing with meaningless media, and it's only growing denser every day. But I'm not talking about cat videos or memes that make you laugh.

With the Internet playing a huge role in most of our lives, it's virtually impossible to resist scrolling through websites crawling with all sorts of entertainment. But social media sites like YouTube and Facebook make it easier for people to create, watch and share the most pointless content around.

For example: YouTuber "MrBeast" spent 40 hours on his most defining video – counting to 100,000 for the camera. Not only did he spend his weekend counting to a high number, but 6.5 million people gathered to watch –the video is even sped up to be under 24 hours.

Counting is a tedious task; it's repetitive and boring. I can't understand why someone would spend a weekend counting up, especially when the reason behind it was because he was bored. It's a bigger mystery of why those people decided to watch someone else count. So why do it?

It's videos like these that make me question the motives behind these "Youtube stars". Some videos will go viral, but we can only imagine how many are beneath our radar.

Sure, be who you are, watch what you like and spend your free time as you like. I'm sure every viewer has their own reason to watch something that could be so pointless to others.

But I still find it interesting that people could actually watch someone else waste their time, ironically wasting their own time in the process.

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THIS WEEK IN CARS

BY BRIEN JACKSON  
Voice Editor

Dodge keeps teasing SRT Demon

As if the 707-horsepower Challenger SRT Hellcat wasn't enough, Dodge has been hard at work refining an even more powerful version of their aging two-door muscle car: the SRT Demon. By now, we know the SRT Demon will be faster than the Hellcat (at least in a straight line), have massive tires and have optional passenger seats. Dodge has been teasing the upcoming car with short video ads for a few weeks now - definitely excited to hear when the car will be fully revealed.

Lexus LC500

Lexus and parent company Toyota have been adding a bit of spice to their lineup. Lexus's latest, the LC500 coupe, does not disappoint. The car's aesthetics are a fresh stance on the company's angular yet fluid design language, taking hints from the famed LFA supercar, and the cabin has plenty of space for at least two people up front (the seat-like shapes in the back might be good for small children). Expect the LC500 and the LC500h hybrid coupes to go on sale in early 2018.

Geneva Motor Show

Auto shows are important events for car manufacturers, and March brings one of the biggest shows of the year. The Geneva Motor Show, taking place March 9-19, will see plenty of manufacturers showing off new and updated models amongst their current offerings and classic

vehicles. This year, expect to see a revival of Alpine with their reveal of their new A120 sports car, the new Ferrari 812 Superfast, Mitsubishi's upcoming Eclipse crossover and other automotive goodies. Anyone want to spot me a ticket to Switzerland?



Lexus LC500

Crosswords

ACROSS

1. Creative work  
5. Garden tool  
10. Prank  
14. Purges  
15. Lascivious looks  
16. Biblical garden  
17. Improper  
19. Boyfriend  
20. Barely manage  
21. Growing old  
22. Marriage announcement  
23. Melodious  
25. Begin  
27. Indian bread  
28. Offensively malodorous  
31. Ancient Athenian philosopher  
34. Crucifixes  
35. Loving murmur  
36. Vagabond  
37. Style  
38. Tardy  
39. N N N N  
40. Wampum  
41. Metalwares  
42. Marshes  
44. Type of snake  
45. Threadbare  
46. Lush  
50. Sudden burst  
52. Posts  
54. Ghost's cry  
55. Rate  
56. Jungle  
58. The products of human creativity  
59. Viper  
60. Away from the wind  
61. A musical pause  
62. Abounding in noxious plants  
63. A short strap of leather



DOWN

1. Bay window  
2. Smallest finger  
3. Mammary gland of bovids  
4. South southeast  
5. Motto  
6. Risk  
7. Many millennia  
8. Pharmacy  
9. S  
10. Go ashore  
11. The same  
12. University administrator  
13. Burden  
18. Chocolate source  
22. Prohibits  
24. Within  
26. It ebbs and flows  
28. Melodies  
29. Memo  
30. "Comes and \_\_\_\_"  
31. Expresses relief  
32. Solitary  
33. Synopses  
34. Commercially produced  
37. Lady's escort  
38. Weight to be borne  
40. Head  
41. Body  
43. Most recent  
44. A bell tower  
46. Covered with vines  
47. Poplar tree  
48. Snouts  
49. Carries  
50. Box  
51. Cut back  
53. Assistant  
56. Uncooked  
57. British rule in India

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# NEWS

## ALUMNUS

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interest of the country before partisan politics. He was able to get some amazing things done legislatively." Michel attended one semester at Bradley before serving as a combat infantryman in World War II and fought in Belgium and France, including arriving in Normandy days after the attacks of D-Day.

Near the end of the war, he fought in the Battle of the Bulge, where he was wounded. Michel received a Purple Heart, two bronze medals and four battle stars for his military service.

Following the war, Michel returned to Bradley and graduated in 1948 with a degree in business administration. While at Bradley, Michel met his wife, Corrine Woodruff, whom he married in 1948.

Michel remained dedicated to the success of Bradley students even after his own graduation. According to a statement from President Roberts, Michel made efforts to improve campus education.

"Bob Michel has been an instru-

**"Bob Michel would bounce into the office either whistling or singing. He was one of the nicest, kindest people I've ever met in my life."**

- Brad McMillan

executive director of the Institute of Principled Leadership and Public Service

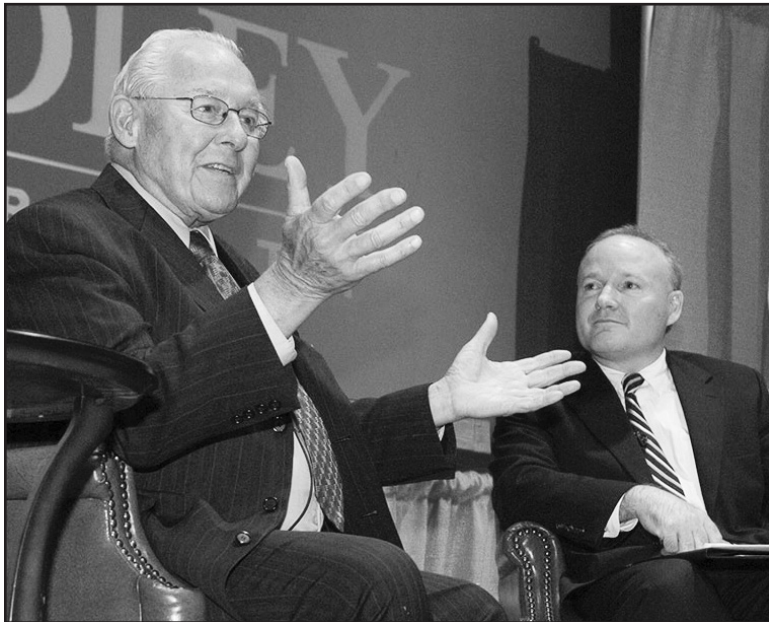
mental figure on Bradley's campus in many ways," Roberts said. "He was vital in securing funds to build the Caterpillar Global Communications

Center on campus. He also shared his vast knowledge with our students, instilling the value of civility and bipartisan leadership in public service. These lessons are imperative to our future."

In 1999, the Michel Student Center was named in his honor. Michel was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1982 and served as an Honorary Trustee to the university.

"Bob Michel, in my view, was an extremely loyal supporter of Bradley University," McMillan said. "He showed it clearly with the amount of time, talent and energy he gave back to the university throughout his life."

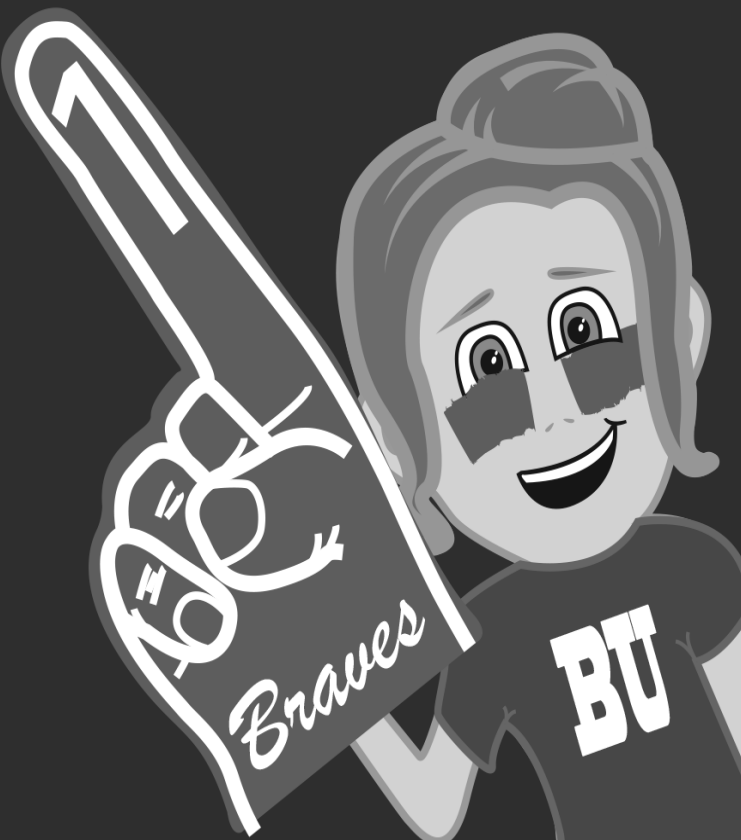
Michel is survived by his four children, Scott, Bruce, Laurie and Robin, as well as five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A memorial service for Michel will be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow in Renaissance Coliseum.



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ABOVE LEFT: Bob Michel (left) speaks on a panel at Bradley University, accompanied by Executive Director of the Institute of Principled Leadership and Public Service Brad McMillan (right). ABOVE RIGHT: Michel laughs with Richard Nixon.

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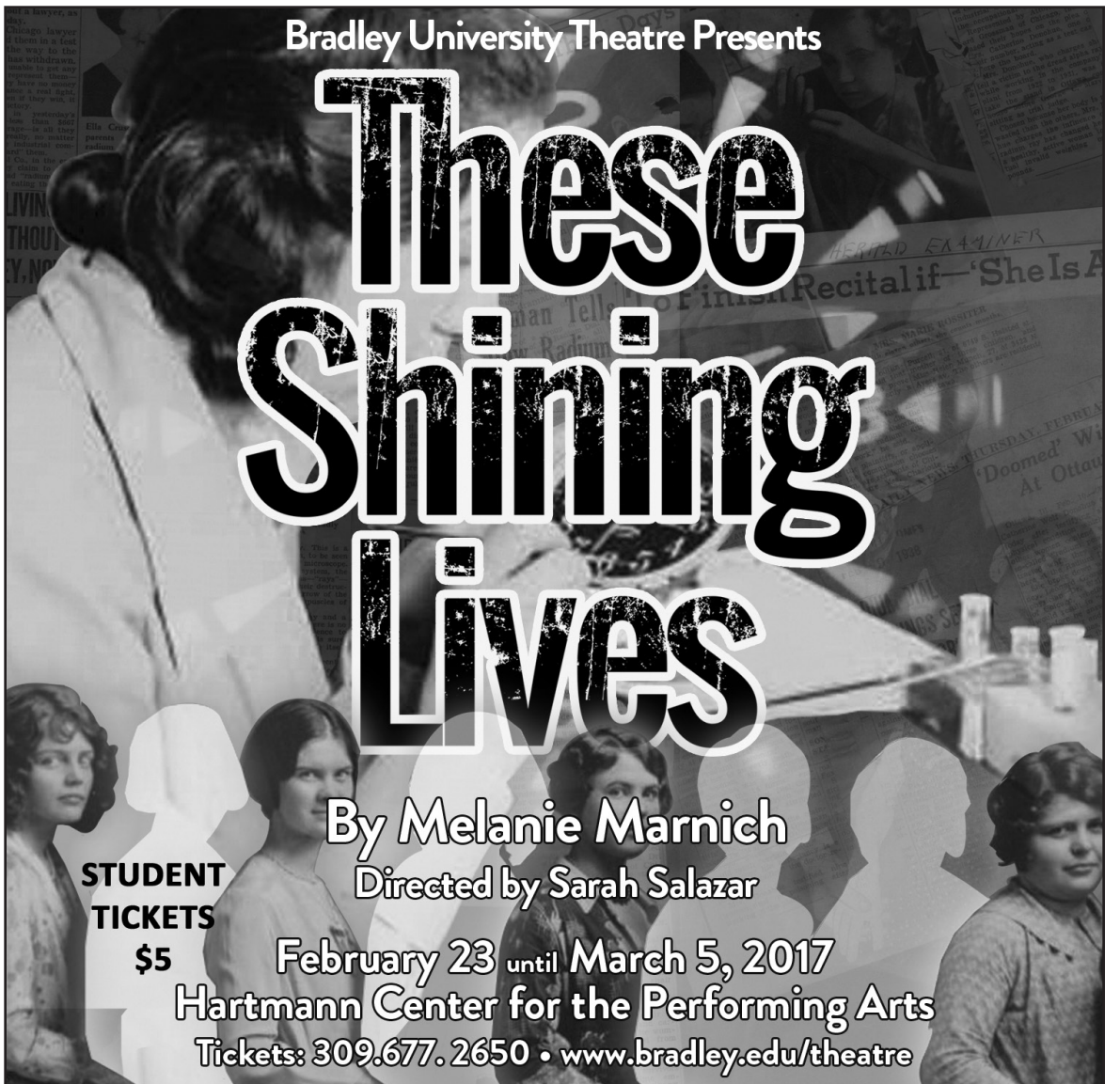
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# Social justice advocate discusses cross-cultural communication on campus



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Sam White, a social justice advocate, speaks to students on campus Monday about cross-cultural communication in an event hosted by Sigma Lambda Gamma colony and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

**BY MITCHELL TAYLOR**  
News Reporter

Sam White, a speaker and advocate for the advancement of social justice, visited Bradley's campus Monday in an event hosted by Sigma Lambda Gamma colony and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. The discussions covered topics including allyship and cross-cultural communication.

Allyship is defined by the Anti-Oppression Network as "an active, consistent, and arduous practice of unlearning and re-evaluating, in which a person of privilege seeks to operate in solidarity with a marginalized group of people."

An alumnus of Villanova University and member of Kappa Alpha Psi, White said his experience was one that ran the "spectrum from

very unpleasant to amazing."

White spoke about how the surface of Villanova was a campus that prided itself in community but said "all progression stopped at what was comfortable and established."

Many in attendance said they believe having White come and speak at Bradley was crucial.

"It gives people a different perspective, as far as a white male ... in

a predominately black organization," Malik Chappell, a senior accounting major, said. "He's able to provide insights into [a] lack of understanding for white students"

The discussion of privilege was an engaging topic, according to audience members.

"Privilege doesn't necessarily mean economic privilege, and the amount of money a person has,"

Flores also shared insight with his peers on how to intermingle different cultures on campus.

"My advice for Bradley students would be to remain open-minded and optimistic," Flores said. "In class, sit with people you normally wouldn't, and introduce yourself."

Chappell also offered his advice to students who might be apprehensive to change.

**"As long as everyone has good intentions, respect and a desire to genuinely get to know each other, I don't see why we can't increase the cross-cultural communication."**

- Lupe Flores  
senior psychology major

Chappell said. "When we say privilege ... [it's] the privilege to drive down the street and not having to worry about cops stopping you ... certain things that should be with ease in everyday life that [aren't]."

Part of White's discussion included cross-cultural communication, which senior psychology major Lupe Flores said Bradley lacks. Despite that, Flores said it's something that can be changed.

"As long as everyone has good intentions, respect and a desire to genuinely get to know each other, I don't see why we can't increase the cross-cultural communication," Flores said.

"Students [shouldn't have to] worry about feeling uncomfortable," Chappell said. "They have to want to feel uncomfortable ... it's good for change. There's never been a situation where someone has improved without feeling uncomfortable and having that desire to change and improve."

White ended his three-hour long discussion calling students to take action.

"I am challenged to be a better person today than I was yesterday," White said.

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# Baseball steals pair of wins in opener

BY ALEX KRYAH  
Sports Editor

The Bradley men's baseball team played on an island last weekend in the team's opening series of the season. No, that's not a figure of speech – the Braves played on a literal island in Corpus Christi, Texas.

The novelty and beautiful scenery of the weekend didn't faze the Braves as they took two out of three games from Texas A&M Corpus Christi, which validated head coach Elvis Dominguez's belief that his team is a force to be reckoned with.

"I was really pleased overall in the fact that we controlled the things that we could control," Dominguez said. "We had really good starting pitching, played really good defense ... we had one bad inning the entire weekend, and it cost us a ball game."

The bad inning Dominguez referred to was the eighth inning of game one. The Braves held a three-run lead heading into the inning, but a plethora of walks from the young bullpen squandered the lead as Bradley ultimately lost 10-7.

Though Bradley won two out of three games, the first loss still left a bad taste in their mouths.

"Honestly, we should have come out of that series with three wins," sophomore first baseman Luke Mangieri said. "It's always nice to win a series, but it would've been a lot better if we swept, so there's always room to improve."

Mangieri, who reached base in his first eight plate appearances, helped power the offense in the following 9-5 and 7-6 wins. Though the entire offense wasn't clicking, according to Dominguez, the Braves had "just enough" to



photo via Bradley University Marketing

Sophomore Luke Mangieri raked over last weekend's series, going 5-10 with a double and four runs batted in.

get by with a pair of wins.

"I was really happy with the way we were able to manufacture runs, even when [some] guys weren't getting base hits," Dominguez said. "We were just executing tremendously to try to get guys in scoring position, and the guys behind them did the job by bringing them in."

The Braves' weekend success hinged on the performance

of players taking on new roles. Freshman outfielder Luke Shadid went 5-14 over the weekend while the new starting pitching staff confidently mowed through opposing hitters, according to Dominguez.

Though established starters like senior Spencer Gaa and junior D.J. Gasso struggled a bit at the plate, the emergence of younger hitters validates the depth of the team to Dominguez and will be one of the

major strengths for the Braves.

"I'm pretty confident with what we have," Dominguez said. "You always have depth, but it's about having guys in there that can do the job. Not only is it good for them, but it's good for us that their hard work is paying off."

Bradley's depth has created multiple positional competitions, so there is still fluidity in the lineup. However, Dominguez said

that's what the early games are for – figuring out their ideal lineup.

The Braves will continue to search for the perfect combination this weekend against Tennessee Tech. Bradley begins a three-game series at 3 p.m. today in Cookeville, Tennessee.

## Opinion

# MLB: Stop with the changes

BY JOSH NELSON  
Sports Reporter

This past week, the MLB changed the intentional walks rule and how they're addressed. Instead of having to throw four balls to pitch around a hitter, a manager will now simply signal to the umpire, and the batter will be able take his base without the pitcher having to make one pitch.

Seriously?

What are the MLB and, more importantly, Commissioner Rob Manfred thinking? I don't get this whole new fascination of trying to completely change the game of baseball. It's perfect how it is. But the MLB is all about trying to improve their marketing and boost their audience, which apparently

only works if they can speed up the game.

Completely getting rid of the intentional walk is going to make an iota of difference in the amount of time these games take. Intentional walks happen so rarely that those four fewer pitches aren't going to draw in a huge crowd that the MLB didn't have before.

Not only that, but taking the ball out of the pitcher's hand in that situation leaves no chance for anything odd or exciting to happen. We've seen Miguel Cabrera get hits off of intentional walks and wild pitches that have led to runs being scored. It's more exciting to see which pitchers completely fall apart when asked to throw four pitches 10 feet off the plate.

Also, please stop trying to change the game of baseball. It's scary to think this rule might be just the beginning of the adjustments Commissioner Manfred has in mind. He's already discussed changing the strike zone, limiting mound visits and pitching changes and automatically having a runner on second in extra innings.

Limiting the amount of pitching changes might be the worst idea I've heard in my life. Manfred and his comrades are trying to take away what makes baseball the greatest game in the world. The strategy of the game and how much managing is needed to win a game is so undervalued. Why is the MLB trying to change the way the game has been played for decades?

Enough is enough. If people think the game of baseball is too slow, then let them watch football (which I honestly think can sometimes be slower than baseball). The game of baseball requires a certain patience and understanding in order to appreciate the beauty of the game.

Sure, there is strategy and game planning in basketball, football, hockey and any other sport, but none of it compares to the situational and in game complexity that baseball possesses. Managers have to worry about pitching matchups, where to pitch a certain player, when to pinch-hit for certain hitters, managing tired pitchers and more.

If the MLB is really worried about the amount of time these

games are taking, there are changes that can be made to accommodate that. Limit the time between innings, have instant replay ready so the review doesn't take more than 30 seconds or even enforce the rule keeping batters in the batter's box.

Stop messing with the game of baseball, Manfred. Your viewers will appreciate it a whole lot more if you keep the product on the field the way it has always been.

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photo by Justin Limoges

Junior Alejandra de Lasa hits a back-hand return in a home match earlier this season.

# Tennis sweeps weekend matches

BY NICK KONOW  
Off-staff Reporter

Unseasonably warm weather last Saturday made it a great day for students to spend time outside on the Hilltop. The Bradley tennis team also enjoyed its Saturday, not only because of the spring-like weather, but because it started off its season-long, six-match home stand.

The Braves hosted in-state rivals Western Illinois and Chicago State in a doubleheader at the David Markin Tennis Courts, making for a rare, but pleasant, outdoor February match.

Bradley started off strong, beating Western Illinois 6-1, and carried that momentum into the second match by defeating Chicago State 5-2.

According to head coach Matt Tyler, the team holds an advantage over their opponents when they play on their home court.

"I think we play great at home," Tyler said. "There's certainly a

home court advantage. The surface is something that we are used to versus going on the road and playing on different surfaces, and girls getting to sleep in their own bed and having the fans come out to support us. I think it certainly gives us an advantage."

Bradley nearly swept Western Illinois by winning all three doubles matches and winning all but one singles match.

With just a short break between matches, it initially looked as though Chicago State was going to pull ahead after defeating the Braves in both No. 1 singles and doubles competition. However, the Braves were able to rally. In the end, they proved to be too much for the Cougars, taking them down 5-2.

Junior Aimee Manfredo said the quick turnaround from match to match certainly had an effect on the team.

"It's definitely mentally difficult to play two matches in a row, especially if you don't

play well in your first match," Manfredo said. "You might start getting down on yourself, which makes it even more difficult to play in your second match. After this past weekend, though, I feel a lot more confident in my ability to play in doubleheaders."

Manfredo obviously was able to get over any mental or physical hurdles last weekend by posting an undefeated 4-0 record. In helping to lead the team to two victories she also received a Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Week nomination.

"I don't think I've ever been nominated in the past for this award, so it's a really big honor to me, and it shows that I'm making improvements on my game," Manfredo said.

Bradley tennis will return indoors and will look to build on their momentum at the Clubs at River City this Saturday as they continue their six-match home stand against Wright State and Butler.

## One-on-One

Who's the NBA MVP so far?

LeBron James

James Harden

There's an argument in the NBA that goes something like this – LeBron James should have been voted the league's MVP every year for the last eight years. LeBron's dominance over the past decade is unparalleled, and because his dominance has continued through into this year, LeBron should be the MVP again.

LeBron is the ringleader of the best team in his conference, and he'll likely go to the NBA Finals for a seventh straight year. He has managed to be one of the best all-around players in the league despite playing more minutes than anyone else over the last seven years.

Further, his greatness comes from the intangibles he brings to the table. LeBron's natural leadership and penchant for winning makes him more valuable than anyone else in the league.

Sure Cole, LeBron's stats don't match up with Harden's. James is averaging 25 points, 8.8 assists and 7.7 rebounds per game compared to Harden's 29, 11.3 and 8.3 per game. Even Harden's Player Efficiency Rating (PER) is higher than LeBron's this year, meaning Harden is objectively more efficient.

Numbers aren't what matter, though. LeBron is the best player on arguably the best team in the league. Without James, the Cavaliers are worthless. That makes him the most valuable.

- Alex Kryah

James Harden is the clear choice for NBA MVP halfway through the season. Harden is driving a young and inexperienced team to the top of the Western Conference while having the best season of his career.

Harden leads the thriving Houston Rockets in points, rebounds and assists per game. Harden is averaging 29.2 points, 8.3 rebounds and a league-best 11.3 assists per game, which shows he's an unstoppable force. Harden has also recorded 15 triple-doubles this season and has been incredibly consistent for the Rockets.

Prior to the season, many experts expected the Rockets to be battling for the eighth seed in the West, but Harden has the Rockets sitting comfortably in third place in the conference. Despite a young and inexperienced squad, Harden has found a way to keep Houston near the top of the conference.

Alex is right; LeBron is great. He is the best player in the NBA, maybe even of all-time, but the award goes to the most valuable player. LeBron's 7-8 record in January with other players injured and bench players struggling shows he can't find wins without help. LeBron even took it upon himself to ask for more playmakers despite having one of the most stacked NBA rosters. Harden, on the other hand, doesn't need help – he just puts the team on his back.

- Cole Bredahl

## Track rolling into MVC championships

BY KEVIN LINDGREN  
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The men and women's track teams continued their indoor season with another impressive weekend at the Eastern Illinois Invitational as four Braves placed first in their respective events.

Freshman Alec Hartman continued his impressive rookie season by breaking another Bradley record in the 600m run. Not to be outdone, his teammate junior Taylor Floyd Mews won the mile run for the second straight year at Eastern.

On the women's side, senior Rachel Sudbury returned from injury to capture the 800m title. Sophomore Gabby Juarez won the 3,000m run despite never competing in the event at the collegiate level.

"This was my first [3,000m] so I was a little unsure and a little uncomfortable," Juarez said. "I don't think I was expecting to win, [but] it just worked out."

Head coach Darren Gauson



said he was impressed with Juarez's performance in her first competitive attempt at the event.

"I thought Gabby did really well," head coach Darren Gauson said. "We wanted to see if she could make it into the elite section of conference. She looked really good."

Victories from Juarez, a healthy Sudbury and rebound performances from freshman Kirstin Oakley give confidence to a less experienced women's squad. The men's team will look to continue their momentum.

"On the men's side, we're in a really good spot," Gauson said. "We've got some quick times and we've set some school records. We just want to have a really good day one ... On the women's side, we're looking for key people to step up and perform; we're looking to be competitive with Loyola and Drake."

With the MVC championships kicking off this weekend in Cedar Falls, Iowa, both squads will be hungry for a championship come Saturday.

<div> THE WEEK AHEAD </div>				
	Friday February 24	Saturday February 25	Sunday February 26	Thursday March 2
Tennis		Wright St./Butler Clubs at River City 9 AM/1 PM		
Men's Basketball		Drake Des Moines, IA 1 PM		MVC Tourney St. Louis, MO TBD
Women's Basketball	Evansville Evansville, IN 7 PM		Southern Illinois Carbondale, IL 2 PM	
Baseball	Tennessee Tech Cookeville, TN 2 PM	Tennessee Tech Cookeville, TN 2 PM	Tennessee Tech Cookeville, TN 1 PM	



# Women stay 7th in MVC

BY JOSH NELSON  
Sports Reporter

The Bradley women's basketball team had an opportunity to jump into fourth place in the MVC standings with a win over Wichita State on Sunday afternoon.

However, the Braves squandered that opportunity with a 76-69 loss, keeping them in seventh place.

Wichita State shot 50 percent from behind the three-point line (7-14), which was a big step up from the 32 percent they've shot from long distance this season. Even with the Shockers' great shooting night, the Braves were within striking distance until the end.

Head coach Andrea Gorski said she thought the women gave away too many easy opportunities.

"We missed a lot of layups and we missed free throws," Gorski said. "That was what was discouraging. We had a chance to tie it in the fourth quarter, and we missed a layup. We're down three and we miss a free throw. Free throws and layups. We worked hard on layups [this week in practice]."

Sophomore forward Vanessa Markert led the Braves with 16 points while junior guard Anneke Schlueter and senior forward Leti Lerma each contributed 14 points.

Friday night, Bradley picked up the season sweep over Missouri State with a 62-56 win. Schlueter paced the Braves with 22 points, 18 of which came in the second half, while Lerma had 21 points and 17 rebounds after missing last Sunday with an ankle injury.

Along with the offensive outbursts by Schlueter and Lerma, Gorski attributed the win to the defense, which held Missouri State's top players to minimal



The women's basketball team begins a two-game road trip tonight at Evansville.

damage.

"I think we kept their two guards in check, which was a big key," Gorski said. "It's hard to do that in two games ... Then I thought we didn't give them a lot of open threes. They beat us on the boards a little bit, but we didn't panic and we made plays."

With three games left on the season, Bradley sits a half-game behind Southern Illinois for the

sixth seed as the MVC tournament approaches. The Braves will take on the Salukis on Sunday afternoon, but have a matchup with Evansville beforehand.

"We've got our hands full on Friday with [Evansville]," Gorski said. "They're a hard team to play because they switch all their screens. And you say, 'Oh, that's great because you can get our 6'2" posts on their little guards,' but

they clog [the lane] so much. So that's what we're working on. If they clog it in, we've got to be able to skip the ball and hit some shots from the outside."

Bradley plays at 7p.m. tonight at Evansville and then 2 p.m. Sunday at Southern Illinois.

## Softball collects solid wins

BY AUSTIN SHONE  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Bradley women's softball team picked up some strong wins last weekend at the Troy Cox Classic in Las Cruces, New Mexico, as it went 3-2 over the weekend.

The Braves were able to start off hot offensively, which led to wins over Northern Colorado 9-3, New Mexico State 5-3 and Oregon State 18-8.

"I think it takes every single part of our game to be successful, but when your offense goes out and puts up nine in the first inning against a Pac-12 team, as a pitcher you should be feeling pretty good," head coach Amy Hayes said. "You should be able to go out there and throw free and attack hitters. It's a huge part when we can get rolling early offensively."

Sophomore Stephanie Campos helped the Braves put together a nine-run first inning against Oregon State as she connected on a three-run homer and eventually finished the game with six RBI.

After winning the first three games of the weekend, Bradley ran up against DePaul and fifteenth-ranked Tennessee, who handed them 11-2 and 8-0 losses respectively.

"[Tennessee] is fifteenth in the country for a reason," Hayes said. "They're extremely fast, and I don't think we gave them our best game. It was defensively not our strongest [game], but there were some bright points with the pitching in the circle and with some of the at-bats our kids had."

One of those bright spots was senior lead-off hitter Kelly Kapp, who went 2-for-3 against Tennessee and hit .500 over the weekend.

"At the plate, I have focused on being competitive," Kapp said. "We practice our mechanics for hundreds of reps during the week so when it comes to the weekend you have to trust that you know what to do and just compete with the pitcher. As a lead-off [hitter], I believe that it is important for me to get on base because it starts the momentum of the inning."

Overall, Hayes said it was a successful weekend for her team as they continued to find their groove on the mound and at the plate.

"I'm proud of the way they played to come back with a win over the WAC champion [New Mexico State] and a Pac-12 team [Oregon State] that's probably going to be sitting in the postseason," Hayes said. "Those are two really strong wins for us."

This weekend the team will travel to Lafayette, Louisiana, for the Mardi Gras Classic. The Braves begin with a double-header at 6 p.m. tonight against Bowling Green and at 8 p.m. against Mississippi Valley State.

"Everyone starts their season off a little differently," Hayes said. "Some teams are ready to go on pitch one, some teams are ready to go by weekend three. You just can't overlook anyone."

## Women's golf 15th in first outing

BY ALEX KRYAH  
Sports Editor

The women's golf team opened up the spring season at the Amelia Island Collegiate Tournament with a round it would probably like to forget. The Braves shot an opening round 314, placing them near the back of the pack early on, which forced them to play from behind.

Bradley was ultimately able to rebound, finishing 15th out of 18 teams. Head coach Mary Swanson was pleased with the way her team battled.

"We started out a little slow, but I was pleased to see them gain confidence and momentum after each round," Swanson said. "Overall, it was a good start and keeps us working."

Freshman Taylor Ledwein led the team all tournament long, shooting a 76 or better in each round to finish with a score of 224, which was good enough for 21st overall.

"[Ledwein] is great about recovering from every shot," Swanson said. "She is able to restart each pre-shot routine in the present and not dwell on what just happened or what is ahead."

Sophomore Frankie Saban had the next best score for the Braves with 227, followed by sophomore Chloe Horton at 235, junior Ally Scaccia at 236 and sophomore Brooke Thompson at 251.

Despite the less than ideal result, Swanson said she saw a lot of encouraging things on the course. The most important

takeaway that Swanson said she will stress remaining positive in each round.

"We are really focused on celebrating every personal best, and I think that will be the key to us seeing improvement over the course of the season," Swanson said.

While the women kicked off their season this past week, the men still have to wait until Monday to begin their 2017 campaign. Head coach Jeff Roche said he is looking forward to the opportunity to see his team finally get out and compete.

"We're going down [to Houston] to see where we are right now but to also put ourselves in position to contend for a title," Roche said.

Roche said there will be some challenges in the Colin

Montgomerie Houston Baptist Invitational as it is the first time in months the team will play together as a unit.

"We need to minimize our mistakes," Roche said. "[We need to] manage the things we can control and not get too far ahead of ourselves ... and understanding where our games are right now and playing to those strengths."

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## Baseball takes series

The baseball team took two of three games in Texas in its first series of the season.

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# Peaking at the right time?

## Men's basketball win two straight with season finale tomorrow

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It was a long time coming, but the Bradley men's basketball team won back-to-back games for the first time since the 2014-2015 season after taking down Evansville 84-72 last Saturday and Missouri State 77-68 Wednesday.

Bradley held the Bears to a two-point lead at halftime, but Missouri State was hot out of the gates in the second half and created a nine point lead by the first media timeout.

Yet Bradley stayed confident and weathered the storm, putting together a run of their own to ignite the crowd, take the lead and never give it back.

"I think we've matured a lot throughout the year," head coach Brian Wardle said. "We just had some bad five to eight minute stretches this month that have cost us some games. Now, we're recovering from those and playing better and playing more confident."

Missouri State dominated teams with their physical style of play down low for much of the season, but Bradley won the battle inside both offensively and defensively.

The Braves outscored Missouri State 44-26 in the paint by aggressively attacking their zone and crashing the glass hard. Bradley out-rebounded Missouri State 31-20, leading to various second-chance opportunities.



Sophomore Luuk van Bree racked up a team high 17 points in Wednesday's 77-68 win over Missouri State.

photo by Justin Limoges

"I thought if we could win the rebounding war we'd have a chance to win this game, and it definitely helped us," Wardle said. "That was the number one thing we talked about, and we were able to execute that."

Shortly before game time, freshman point guard Darrell

Brown was ruled out with an ankle injury, which forced freshmen Jayden Hodgson and Nate Kennell into larger roles running the point.

The expanded leadership roles didn't seem to bother the freshmen guards as they combined to dish out 14 assists

and only commit four turnovers.

"I had to take the back-up point guard role when Jayden was out, so I think I was really just able to take what the defense gave me in their zone," Kennell said. "That's just what I'm best at is reading spots, looking people off [and] finding some of our

big men. Everybody was moving when people were driving, and it was a real team effort, moving the ball around [and] getting good looks."

Sophomore forward Luuk van Bree put together one of his best performances of the season as he led the Braves with 17 points on 70 percent shooting, including 3-6 from behind the three-point line.

"I got a couple of open looks early on," van Bree said. "My teammates did a great job of finding me. I could catch them in rhythm and knock them down, and I just kept going from there."

After two hard-fought home wins in a row, the Braves want to build momentum as they play their last regular season game on Saturday afternoon at Drake.

"We're definitely peaking here coming down the stretch," Kennell said. "That's what you always want out of any team. We're definitely coming together. With [Brown] back next game, there's nobody in our way that can stop us. I truly believe that. I think it's going to take a lot to take us down."



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