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Where a kid can be a CEO

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The co-founder of Chuck E. Cheese's visited Bradley's campus on Monday as part of the Turner School of Entrepreneurship and Innovation's Distinguished Entrepreneur Series. Gene Landrum spoke in front of a large group of students and community members in Hayden Clark Alumni Center.

Landrum discussed his journey to conceptualize, develop and franchise Chuck E. Cheese's. Landrum helped to co-found Chuck E. Cheese's in 1977 and served as the business's first president. Additionally, Landrum has launched three \$100 million firms.

Atari co-founder Nolan Bushnell loaned Landrum \$1 million for him to develop and build his idea of Chuck E. Cheese's. According to Landrum,

the support from Bushnell was critical in establishing the business.

"Find a benefactor, somebody who has got some bucks and believes in you," Landrum said. "Find somebody who will do that for you."

Landrum is the sixth speaker of the Turner School of Entrepreneurship and Innovation's Distinguished Entrepreneur Series. He addressed topics regarding how he successfully developed Chuck E. Cheese's and what it takes to think like an innovator.

During his presentation, Landrum touched on the work and successful habits of other innovators including Amazon founder Jim Bezos and Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg. Landrum said that learning does not just have to take place in a classroom, but that education can be found in real-life working situations as well.

"Education is critically important because you are learning ... it might not be in a textbook, it might just be the stuff that you are seeing in how to deal with your life," Landrum said. "So keep going, and keep getting educated, but sometimes, you have to go to work to do that."

Landrum told the audience to remember one thing while they are on their journey to becoming entrepreneurs and innovators.

"Never chase the almighty buck," Landrum said. "Never ever, ever, take a job for the money."

Students in attendance said Landrum's presentation allowed them to understand what kind of mindset it takes to be a successful entrepreneur.

"I think he had some valuable advice about sticking to your guts and following what you're passionate

about, even if there are others telling you to do something else," Hannah Haberman, a senior accounting major, said.

Today, Landrum serves as a professional lecturer and has spoken at entrepreneurial engagements throughout the world. He has also authored over 20 books ranging in topics on successful business practices to psychology.

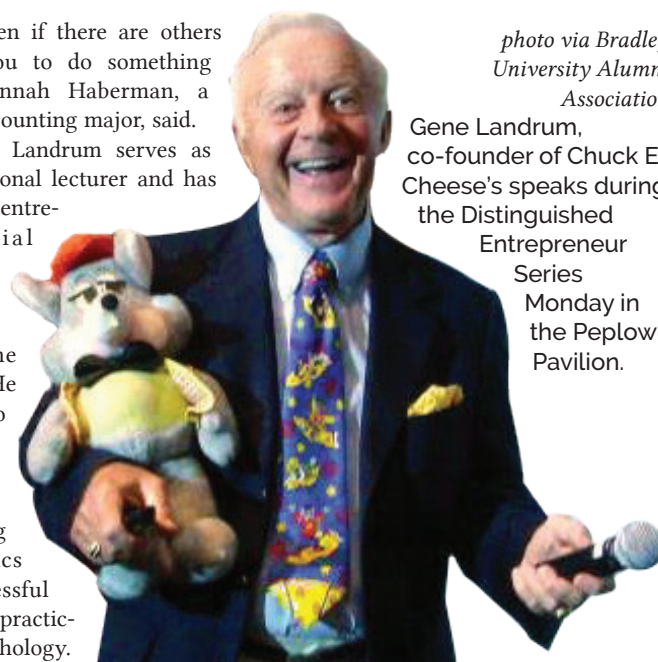


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Gene Landrum, co-founder of Chuck E. Cheese's speaks during the Distinguished Entrepreneur Series Monday in the Peplow Pavilion.

BUPD hosts inaugural awards ceremony

BY MADDIE GEHLING
Editor-in-Chief

The Bradley University Police Department (BUPD) hosted its inaugural awards ceremony yesterday afternoon. The event honored officers, community members and student leaders on campus who have helped BUPD maintain their mission on the Hilltop.

"We had a lot of instances where [Chief Brian Joschko] really felt like he needed to recognize some outstanding service," BUPD Officer Sean Savage said. "It's been a great year for us, especially with community outreach and keeping down crime. We have not had a high-crime year."

Field officers, safety cruiser patrol drivers, Student Safety Advisory Committee Members and other members of the Bradley community were honored for their service to BUPD and the university. Lieutenant Nora Fales was awarded the Officer of the Year award. Senior criminal justice

studies and political science major Brianna Seeberger was awarded the Citizen Commendation Award, while Student Senate received the Community Partner Award.

"My father was a police officer for a long time, so I'm interested in security issues and safety issues, so it's nice to be recognized," Ethan Hines, a Student Safety Advisory Committee awards recipient, said. "I don't think anyone does their job or any organization just to be recognized."

Savage said the ceremony was a great way to share the stories of community members and officers who lend their hands to fellow students, save lives and make positive impacts on their friends and peers.

"It's great. I had only heard two of those stories [told at the event]," he said. "Even amongst ourselves, we didn't know all the stuff that happened. It's great we can tell the stories, hear the stories and everything else. That's what our department's all about."



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Brianna Seeberger received the Citizen Commendation Award on Thursday's Inaugural BUPD Awards Ceremony Thursday.

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LJB Center handing out free burgers today

The Lewis J. Burger Center for Student Leadership and Public Service is handing out free burgers at noon today on Olin Quad for National Volunteer Week.

The event is being held to celebrate the service done by students on the Hilltop over the past academic year.

Burgers are free for Bradley students. For further information, contact Director of the LJB Center Jessica Chandler at jchandler@bradley.edu.

Fraternity and sorority team up to host basketball tournament

The Bradley chapters of Lambda Chi Alpha and Chi Omega will co-host a three-on-three basketball tournament at 1 p.m. April 30 in Markin Recreation Center.

Students can form teams for \$15, and there will be both a male and female bracket, with the winner of each bracket receiving \$50.

All proceeds from the event will go to Feeding America and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. To register a team, email Lambda Chi Alpha member and tournament coordinator Andrew Knight at aknight@mail.bradley.edu.

Smash a car for charity

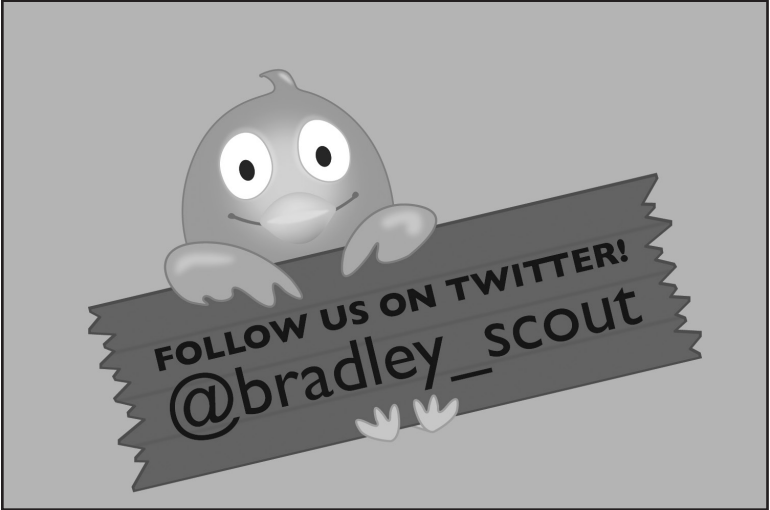
The Bradley chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity is hosting a smash-a-car philanthropy event at noon until 3 p.m. May 2 on Olin Quad.

Students can pay \$1 for one swing at the car or pay \$5 for five minutes of swinging. All proceeds from the event will go to the AEPi Foundation, which has the goal of promoting leadership, development and community programming.

The event is open to the public. For further information, contact Alpha Epsilon Pi member Samuel Gagerman at s.gagerman@gmail.com.

POLICE REPORTS

- Officers received a report of two non-student females entering the back of Sigma Nu fraternity, which was unsecured, at 2 a.m. April 23 at 1300 W. Fredonia Ave.
The females went into multiple rooms in the fraternity and stole property from the house. Security footage was taken of the suspects, and officers were able to identify the students. The victims said they would not press charges if the property was returned, and the suspects have agreed to return the property.
The suspects have not yet returned the property.
- Officers received a report of battery after a female student was hit with a cup of ice at 9:28 p.m. April 24 at 1417 W. Barker Ave.
The female student was in a group of four other female students when a vehicle approached them and then left. The vehicle came back again, and a person in the vehicle threw a cup filled with ice at the group of students. The female student hit by the cup filled with ice was transported to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center.
The police searched for the vehicle, but it was not found.
- Officers were dispatched after receiving a report of an intoxicated underage male student at 1:20 a.m. April 23 at the 900 Block of Elmwood Ave.
The student was reported to be walking home intoxicated when another male student drove by. The student offered the male a ride home when the intoxicated student vomited in the other student’s car.
Police were then called, and the student was transported to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center.
- The Peoria County Sheriff’s Department was dispatched when a highly intoxicated male student was knocking on doors at 2:27 a.m. April 20 at 1016 N. Edgehill Court.
The student was found by PCSD, and when he was asked where he lived, the male was uncooperative and provided different street addresses to PCSD.
The student was transported OSF Saint Francis Medical Center.



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Breaking the stigma through poetry

BY AJ LAMB
Copy Editor

As the semester comes to a close for Bradley students, finals, projects and the many stressors of college life are all taking over. The Activities Council of Bradley University (ACBU) decided to use poetry to bring more attention to mental health issues on college campuses.

Marcel Fable Price, otherwise known as Fable the Poet, came to speak to Bradley students about the importance of mental health Tuesday, April 25 in the Marty Theater. The poet laureate of Grand Rapids, Michigan kicked the night off by talking about his life story.

"I was originally failing out of high school English class," Fable said. "Thank God for incredible educators, I had a teacher make a deal with me that if I turned in a piece of creative writing everyday that they would pass me. At the end of the year ... she sent me to a writer's camp and the Ann Arbor slam team was running it. They are the ones who gave me the name Fable, and they are the one's who made me fall in love with it."

After discussing his background with the audience, the Michigan-native dove into his poetry, which touched on many problems college students deal with.

"From having mental issues to having issues at home with domestic violence, going into the struggles that you face by being a person of color," Jordan Wallace said. "There's a lot of

things that he discussed that I really appreciated, and it really makes me feel understood."

Fable said his goal for the event was to change the way mental health is viewed and handled on college campuses.

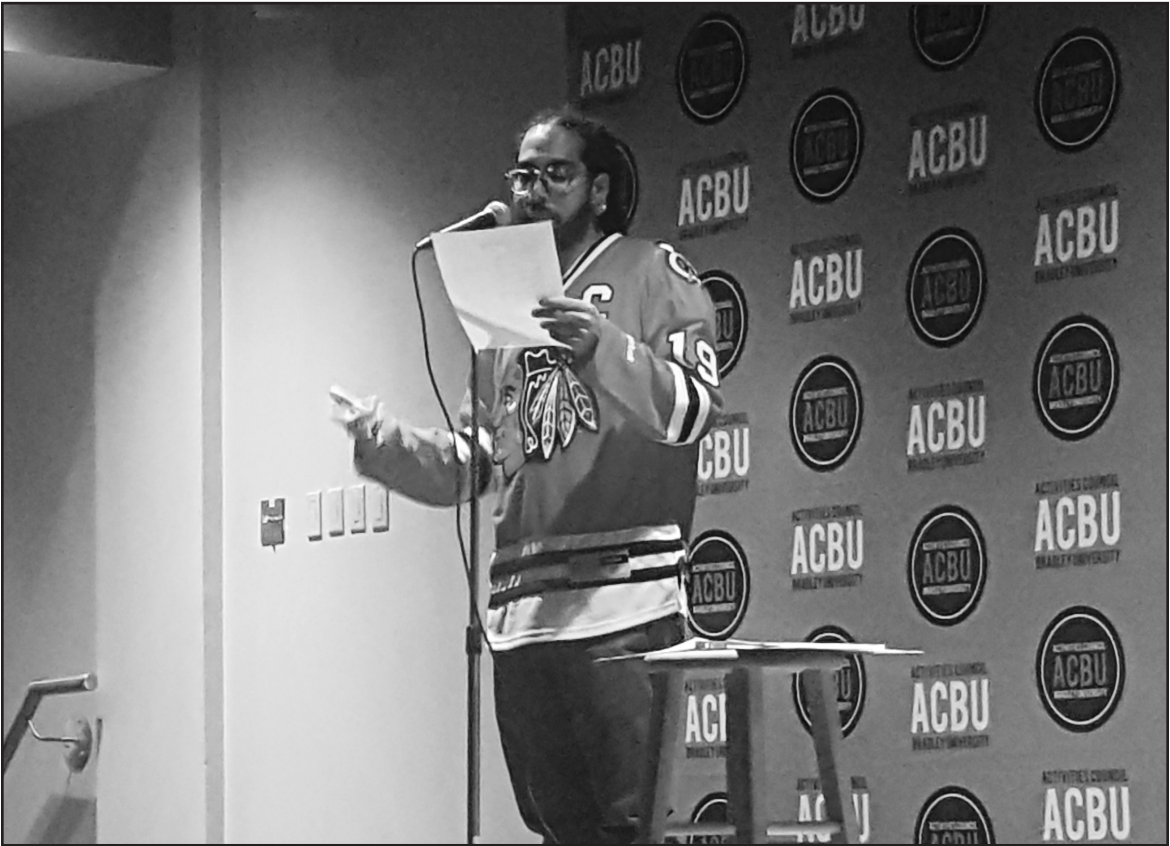
"[I hope] people get more comfortable talking about what they're going through," Fable said. "Your chances that you are going to self-harm are so much less if you talk about it, it's like 50 percent less if you're talking about and vocalizing that you're going through something. A lot of campuses across America don't have great resources for students that are struggling. So if we can just destigmatize people talking about it, that would be a huge help."

Jon Bohnert, the ACBU Coordinator of Critical Issues, said he hopes to bring in more talent like Fable to address these issues on campus.

"Mental health isn't something people generally talk about and Fable really does an amazing job highlighting that in our society," Bohnert said. "Fable is currently our only speaker in the specifically mental health category, but we hope to bring more amazing acts like him."

According to Fable, the most important step for students to take now is to encourage these discussions and create a different culture.

"If [students] just felt comfortable talking about [these issues] and that they weren't going to be made fun of, weren't going to be drug through the



Marcel Fable Price speaks and performs poetry about mental health awareness on Tuesday night. *photo via AJ Lamb*

mud for doing so and if the people around them are actually going to lift them up when they do talk about it," Fable said. "So just getting that conversation going and breaking that stigma."

Wallace said Fable's story helped her feel less alone and she hopes students begin opening up to one another about their circumstances and offer their support.

"If you have a friend, or if you yourself, are struggling with depression, or anxiety or any of those problems ... open up and talk to someone about it," Wallace said. "Hearing someone else talk about their problems and the things that they've experienced, it makes you feel more compelled, more understood, more willing to open up to others."

CollegeShare expands business

BY TORI MOSES
Off-staff Reporter

One Bradley student has started not one, but two startups aimed toward helping his peers continue learning outside the classroom.

Last fall, junior entrepreneurship major Zac Copper created College Share, a book-exchange website exclusive to Bradley students.

Now, Copper released a note sharing website under the same name yesterday in order to connect Bradley students to peers taking the same classes.

"I'm trying to create an online community that kind of replicates the physical in-class presence," Copper said. "What I'm trying to do is create a community where people in the same class can be part of an online classroom and share notes, study guides [and] ask questions."

Copper said he realized students have a lot of support within the classroom but can struggle finding help after.

"When you walk out of class and you have projects to do and all the other work, for the most part, you're kind of isolated, and you're kind of on your own," Copper said. "It's up to you to figure it all out."

While Sakai aims to be a resource to students, Copper said College Share will be more user-friendly.

"[Sakai] is mostly the teacher putting stuff up, and you have forums, but they aren't really widely used," Copper said. "My site is designed specifically to encourage sharing. So, you can view documents within the site, you can download them, you can post them really easily, and you can talk and chat with each other."

Copper said he started build-

ing the website over winter break, which is when he decided to use the global freelancing website Upwork to outsource his website development to the Middle East.

"I put up a job listing and then interviewed a bunch of people and figured they'd work best," Copper said. "It's been a challenge, though, with the language barrier a little bit. Like I'll be trying to describe something, and I think they understand it, and then they do something that's not quite right ... so it's been interesting, but it's been a good learning process."

Outsourcing to the Middle East was a sizeable investment, according to Copper, but he said he thinks it will be worth it.

"I really believe in this idea, and I'm willing to invest in it," Copper said. "I really want to make sure that it helps people out, so if it does that, then I'd be happy."

screenshots via CollegeShare.com

CollegeShare, a website that allows users to create an account via Facebook or Google, offers Bradley students the opportunity to buy, sell and trade textbooks, as well as share notes.



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The Madison Letter comes to Bradley

BY DAVID DEMEO
Copy Editor

With finals approaching, the Activities Council of Bradley University (ACBU) held a free "Spring into Summer" concert on last night as a way for students to get into the right state of mind before finishing off a long semester.

The performance at the concert included a pop-rock band with soul and R&B influences called The Madison Letter. The duo from Greenville, Illinois, has independently recorded and released two EPs in addition to opening for many big-name artists including: Owl City, We the Kings, Aaron Carter and even the Ying Yang Twins.

Students unwound to the up-and-coming band while helping themselves to a free sandwich bar throughout the evening.

ACBU co-coordinator of the Sydney Sheridan said that the main purpose of the concert was to de-stress for finals and have an overall fun Thursday night. Sheridan explained the importance of holding events like these on Bradley's campus.

"Bradley is more than just a uni-

versity," Sheridan, a freshman music entertainment and industry major, said. "We as students commit an entire year of our lives on Bradley's campus, and if we only focused on schoolwork, we would be bored and unproductive. That is the purpose of ACBU and this concert: bringing activities to students year-round so we can have fun at Bradley and enjoy our stay during the school year."

The concert was also co-hosted by Residential Life and Bradley's the sexual assault awareness month group in order to bring the importance of sexual assault awareness to Bradley's community, according to ACBU co-coordinator Mikki Tran.

"The point of pairing up with [the sexual assault awareness month group] is to increase awareness and have the student body understand why it is a big deal," Tran, sophomore health science major said. "It also promotes the idea that people should be actively engaged in learning about the topic."

Freshman industrial engineering major Ana de Zamacoma, who attended the event, said this was her third time seeing The Madison Letter.

"It was nice to see them live," de



photo by Cenn Hall

Pop-rock band The Madison Letter performs at the "Spring Into Summer" concert in the Student Center Ballroom Thursday.

Zamacoma said. "They opened up for The Script one time like five years ago, and I saw them there, and I really liked them ... Then they went back to

St. Louis for a small, little concert."

De Zamacoma said she had not thought of the band until she recognized their name when hearing that

they were coming to Bradley.

"It was a little nostalgic in a way. It was cool," De Zamacoma said.

SCOUT ON THE STREET

What is your best Study Day Eve story?



Ryan Lambe

"We put a Slip N' Slide in our hallway."
- Ryan Lambe, junior health science major



Jess Moore

"I literally studied."
- Jess Moore, freshman dietetics major

"Freshman year, a girl came drunk to the library searching up and down the library looking for my friend because she was crazy obsessed with him. It was crazy and scary because we tried hiding from her."

- Jordan Latimer, sophomore actuarial science major



Jordan Latimer

"My friend and I stocked up on a mountain of junk food from CVS and ate all of it that night."

- Dora Khoury, sophomore biochemistry major



Dora Khoury



Ethan Rexer

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QuickCard ID Security Update

BY TORI MOSES
Off-staff Reporter

Bradley officials alerted campus that it began updating the Blackboard system yesterday morning in order to eliminate the use of the magnetic stripe on ID cards in an email sent Wednesday.

The update means students need to tap instead of swipe their ID cards for access to residence halls, dining facilities and St. James Apartment Complex.

"This change is being made as a safety precaution," the statement said. "There have been no reports of fraudulent BU ID QuickCard activity."

Magnetic stripe readers will be used throughout the rest of campus for now, but Bradley will update other access points throughout the summer.

"Bradley was already planning a summer upgrade for these access systems but has decided to move ahead immediately," the statement said.

The Scout outlined this ID vulnerability in an article titled "Bradley ID cards: At risk of security issues?"

in last week's April 21 edition after being approached by a concerned undergraduate student.

The student recently discovered and described to The Scout, on the condition of anonymity, a way to access the information on Bradley QuickCards without ever touching the IDs but by using student ID numbers.

Using only chip technology instead of magnetic stripes significantly lowers the risk of ID fraud.

"[The FeliCa chip] is going to be substantially more difficult to copy," Chief of Bradley University Police Department Brien Joschko said in the April 21 article. "We will deactivate the mag stripes once our readers are replaced."

If the tap function is not working on a student's ID card and they live in a residence hall or St. James, they can visit the Controller's Office in Swords Hall between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. There is a \$20 replacement fee, which will be waived through May 3.

FRESH PRODUCE ON CAMPUS



photo by Maddie Gehling

The POD Market in Michel Student Center now offers a selection of fresh produce items, including kiwi, avocados, pineapple and more.

Student finds passion in art, writing

BY KYLEE HIGGINS
News Editor

Some people find their passions early in life, but for others, it does not come easy. For Aamir Mitchell, inspiration and passion comes from the people around him.

Mitchell, a junior, is majoring in journalism, but it wasn't always that way. Before he landed in journalism, he changed his major from finance to undecided communications to public relations to advertising and finally to journalism.

"[I] can go into multiple different topics with journalism," Mitchell said. "[I] can do music or games or fashion or news ... and that appealed to me. So that way I wouldn't have to stick to one thing, and I can kind of branch out."

Mitchell said many driving forces in his life come from creative and artistic outlets, such as music.

"It means everything to me," Mitchell said. "A lot of people say they would be dead without music. I don't know if I would be dead without music, but I think that it's very necessary to get through things."

According to Mitchell, Kid Cudi serves as one of his biggest role models after watching him present

a TedTalk in which he spoke about trying one's best to achieve success.

"His music is very inspirational to me," Mitchell said. "He just inspired me to actually follow my dreams, so my plan is to try to follow my dreams as quickly as possible, and see if it works. But if not, then I'll have degrees [from school] and things to fall back on."

According to Mitchell, he is beginning to follow his dreams and has big plans for the summer.

"I'm trying to create this fashion blog, and I'm also trying to create a comic book to go along with it," Mitchell said. "The fashion [blog] that I'm doing is full of characters, and the characters tell a story, and then it's going to coincide with the shirts or clothes that I make."

Since coming to Bradley, Mitchell said he has been able to explore different creative outlets and has grown because of them. Mitchell said he has even picked up an art minor in his time here.

"The best thing about being here for me has been the classes, and I can say that I've had a lot of great professors who have inspired me and taken me under their wing in a way to show me different things that I could do that I never knew that I could do," Mitchell said.

Though he said he enjoys the flexibility in his major that Bradley provides, Mitchell said Bradley was not his first option for college.

"I never wanted to come here," Mitchell said. "One thing I know is that everything happens for a reason. I was trying to go to this historically black university called Howard in [Washington] D.C., and I got accepted."

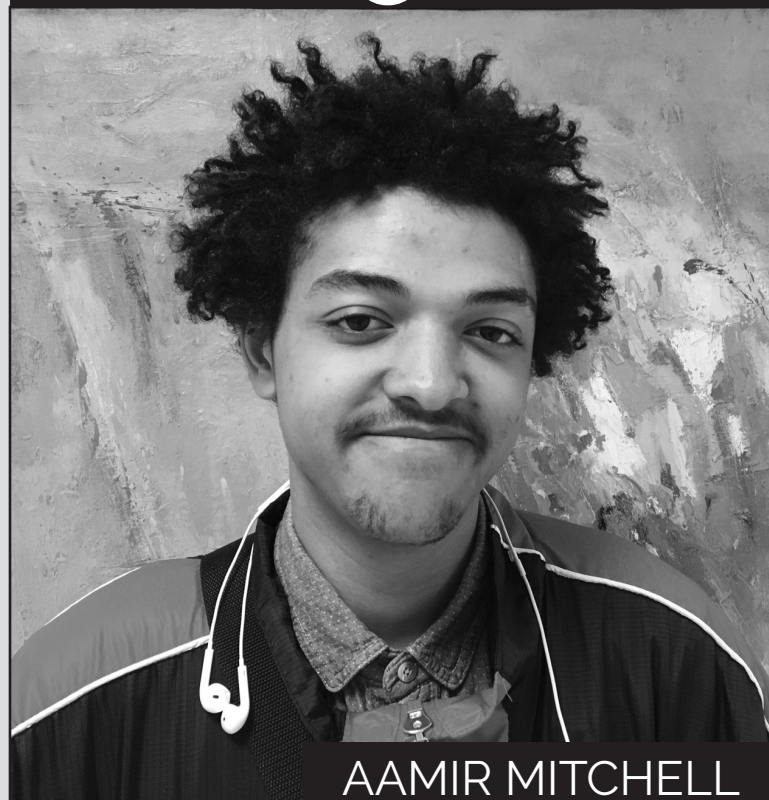
Unfortunately, Mitchell said he was unable to go.

"I didn't get the right financial aid package, and I was so determined to go there," Mitchell said. "I found out I couldn't go to [Howard] on my birthday, and I cried. It was terrible."

Since then, Mitchell said he has worked on being a positive person and tries to spread his optimism to the people in his life.

"I don't really think of myself as an inspirational individual," Mitchell said. "At the end of the day, when people see me, I want them to just like see that I am a positive person, and even if I'm not happy, they see happiness on my face, and that translates to them, and that affects them in a positive way."

HUMANS OF THE HILLTOP



AAMIR MITCHELL

photo via Kylee Higgins

Junior Aamir Mitchell uses his journalism major to express his passion for art, fashion, music and writing.

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Editorial

University response to security risks appropriate

Last week, The Scout published a story regarding the security of Bradley’s QuickCard ID system. Within the article, an anonymous source was quoted providing insight into the security risks of QuickCard IDs.

In the following days, the anonymous source sent out a mass email to multiple student leaders and campus officials. The email provided detailed instructions on how to breach QuickCard security.

The Scout was unaware this individual would send out such information, and we do not condone the

publication of the detailed instructions this individual released. This anonymous individual has caused more of a security risk by spreading these specific instructions than their original intention of helping Bradley.

To our relief, the University reacted responsibly and swiftly in response.

On Wednesday, shortly after the email was sent out from the anonymous email address, University Communications sent out a school-wide email to the Bradley community providing an explanation of their plans to improve QuickCard security

on campus.

“This change is being made as a safety precaution,” the email said. “There have been no reports of fraudulent BU ID QuickCard activity ... Bradley was already planning a summer upgrade for these access systems but has decided to move ahead immediately.”

The email also stated that as of Thursday, swipe access would no longer be functional at residence halls, dining halls and St. James Complex, as it is not as secure as the tap function. Additional updates will be made across campus in the coming months.

As a campus newspaper, The Scout’s mission is to act as “campus watchdogs.” So when the university released information on the steps they would be taking, we felt nothing but supportive. All students should always encourage improved campus security.

Student safety is essential and something students should expect from Bradley with the highest standards. We look forward to seeing how campus will implement and practice further security enhancements.

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Column

A not-so-senior column



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This time of year is always filled with nostalgia. For seniors, it is a time of reflection and a time of moving on. In exactly one year, I’ll be one of the seniors moving on. The thought of that sends me into full-blown panic mode, and I am constantly bargaining with higher powers for more time at Bradley. Where did the past three years of my college experience go to? It couldn’t have gone by that fast? I feel like I just moved out of my freshman dorm last year.

In order to slow things down for the next year, I’ve decided to give myself a few pieces of advice (follow at your own discretion):

Relax: Sure, college has a lot of avenues that produce stress. And while I encourage you to take your education very seriously, I also suggest that you take time to relax and enjoy life. You only live once (did I

just drop a YOLO?). Do you really want to look back and remember being stressed all the time during some of the greatest years of your life?

Be an adventurer: I’m the type of person who likes to make any situation an adventure. I’m serious about that – I consider even just a walk down the block a chance for adventure (although I hope my and your prospects of adventure are better than that). Part of this attitude comes with being open to try new things, meet new people and go to new places. Enjoy life’s adventures – no matter how big or small.

Live in the moment: Ferris Bueller once said, “Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in awhile, you could miss it.” That’s just about the hardest advice you can give a college student because we are in a place that is

programming us to prepare for the future. It’s only fair to yourself to enjoy your college years, and I plan on making my senior year pretty damn epic.

No regrets, not even one letter (I’m so sorry): Like I said before, you get one life so you better live it the way you want. Be bold, take risks, live your life to the fullest. This might be hard if you’re like me, often shy in situations I am not confident about. But, what the heck? Making mistakes or being embarrassed makes life kind of interesting, and it’s a lot better than looking back and asking, “what if?” So, don’t be afraid to step out of your comfort zone, and do things you might not be sure about.

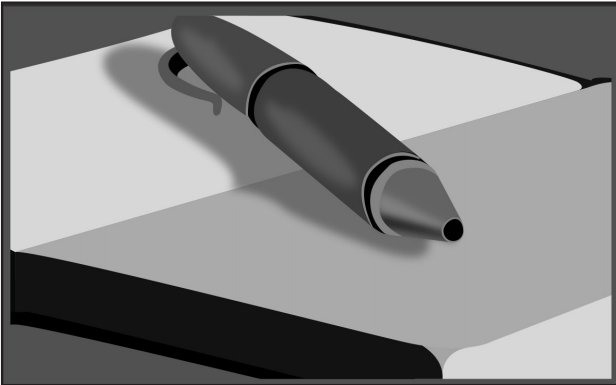
Alright, folks. That’s it. Live it up, and I’ll catch you on the flipside.

All letters to the editor must be received by 5 p.m. Tuesday in Sisson Hall 319 or emailed to **bradleyscout@gmail.com** for inclusion in Friday’s issue. Letters longer than 500 words will not be accepted. The Scout reserves the right to edit letters for inappropriate content. All letters must include the writer’s name, contact information and relationship to Bradley. Responses to published letters will be eligible for print only the week following their appearance in the Scout.

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DAMN., Kendrick

If you missed those “good kid, m.A.A.d city” K-Dot vibes, then you’re in for a treat with Kendrick Lamar’s fourth studio album, “DAMN.” And if you didn’t think he could get any better, you will be pleasantly surprised.

Released on April 14, DAMN. has a fantastic mixture of tracks, from slow and soft with LOVE. to hyped-up, fast and fluid with tracks like HUMBLE. (which has already reached the number one spot on Billboard's Hot 100 list, BTW). With his only features being Rihanna, U2 and Zacari, listeners get to revel in some long-awaited, story-telling rhymes from the rap genius.

Even the cover art for the album is intense: with Kendrick's raw, death-like stare at the camera, that will leave you thinking, "... DAMN." The overall style of the album is an artistic masterpiece: a straightforward, urgent vibe that makes the listener want to keep their caps-lock on, too.

Pitchfork, an online new music review magazine, has given DAMN. a 9.2 out of 10. To provide some context, they recently rated Drake's "More Life" album with a meager 7.8. Metacritic has also given the album a 96 out of 100, based on 29 reviews from music critics.

With topics ranging from police brutality to verbal abuse to just wanting to be loved, this album is intimate, personal and real. As always, Kendrick's deep lyrics are backed by some amazingly catchy beats that will make you forget for a second that he's talking about some real struggles. He truly opens up to his audience while simultaneously making you want to drive around blasting this album on repeat with the bass up all the way.

All I have left to say is:
GO. BUY. THIS. ALBUM., LISTEN. ON. SPOTIFY.
and SUPPORT. THIS. GENIUS.

FOMO: FEAR OF MISSING OUT

BY JULIE LUCIA & MADDY WHITE
Off-staff Reporter & Voice Editor

It happens to all of us. We scroll through Facebook and watch Snapchat stories, all with perfectly filtered evidence to show everything we missed out on. Thanks to the wonders of WiFi, we're invited to freely browse social media sites for hours until you find yourself asking, "Why am I not doing these things?" Fear of missing out, better known as "FOMO" is real, and the stages of grief that follow it are too.

1. Denial

No. It's not happening. They aren't out without me. Seriously, they ALWAYS invite me. I'm sure they just all happen to be at that restaurant on their own and ran into each other; you can't not take a picture together if a coincidence like that happens, right?

2. Anger

Who the f*ck do they think they are? They wouldn't even know about that restaurant if it wasn't for me. Someone must've lost all my contact information or something, but this is ridiculous. Things are probably weird without me there. I'm the Beyonce of this Destiny's Child girl group. WTF.

3. Bargaining

Maybe it's not so bad. I have a paper that I need to type and sheets that need to be washed. I wanted to catch up on "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt" anyways. Also, that Olive Garden in my fridge probably won't last another day, so maybe it's best that I stay in for dinner. It's fine. I'm fine. Who me? I'M FINE.

4. Depression

I have no friends. They hate me. Why would they want me there? They must be breaking up with me. Have they been inviting me out of pity this whole time? I guess I'll just stay home this weekend. My bed is the only thing that loves me back. I'm never leaving this room.

5. Acceptance

This is OK. Maybe I'm not always Beyonce, and I should be fair and take on the role of another Destiny's Child member; it's only fair. I don't need to scroll through social media looking at stuff that gives me FOMO. I'll be there next time... and it'll be much more fun.



'DARTY' DOS & DON'TS

BY MADDY WHITE
Voice Editor

75 degrees and sunny. Music blasting. Roof tanning. You look around and see several groups of jerseys, fanny packs and bucket hats. It's Saturday, and the darty is just getting started.

Ah, darty season. The sweet time of year where college kids come out of hibernation and relish the sweet satisfaction that is the day party.

If you're someone who enjoys socializing outside in a more casual setting, the darty was created for you. Experience the weekend the way the creator of the beer bong intended. Here are some Dos and Don'ts on surviving darty season:

DO

Dress like an idiot. If you have a T-shirt with Bob Ross's face on it or a snapback with a slice of pizza on it, now is the time to rock that sh*t. Seriously, go all out, because darties are a judgment-free zone.

Make sure you're drinking things that aren't just alcohol. If it's hot outside, dehydration can be your worst enemy. Mix in a water bottle between every few drinks and move to the shade if you're overheating. You don't want to pass out – you're in this for the long haul.

Prepare with a decent night's sleep before you plan to darty. This doesn't mean you need to be in bed by 10 and lights out by 11, just don't get hammered the night before. Being drunk in the morning from a darty is fun. Being drunk in the morning from the previous night is not.



DON'T

Wear anything you care about. You're literally going to be standing around in someone's backyard in the dirt and grass, so leave your Yeezys at home. Also, because this is a day event, you'll have to think about the weather and how it could impact your fashion choices. White crop top + boob sweat = problems.

Skip breakfast. Seriously carb-o-load like you've never carb-o-loaded before. You're probably eager to get to the first house and start your day party extravaganza, but skipping breakfast will be a quick regret when you're on the ground head-first in the toilet of a stranger's bathroom.



BY SAMMANtha DELLARIA
Managing Editor

The music video for Fall Out Boy's new song "Young and Menace" dropped yesterday after the band spent weeks hinting exciting news was to come on social media.

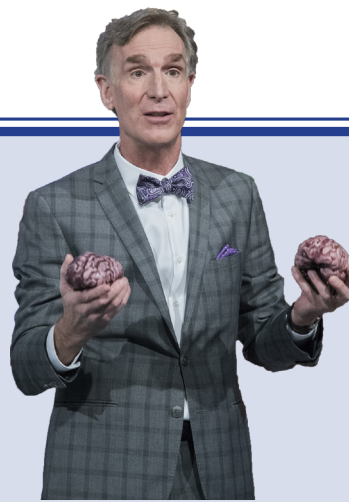
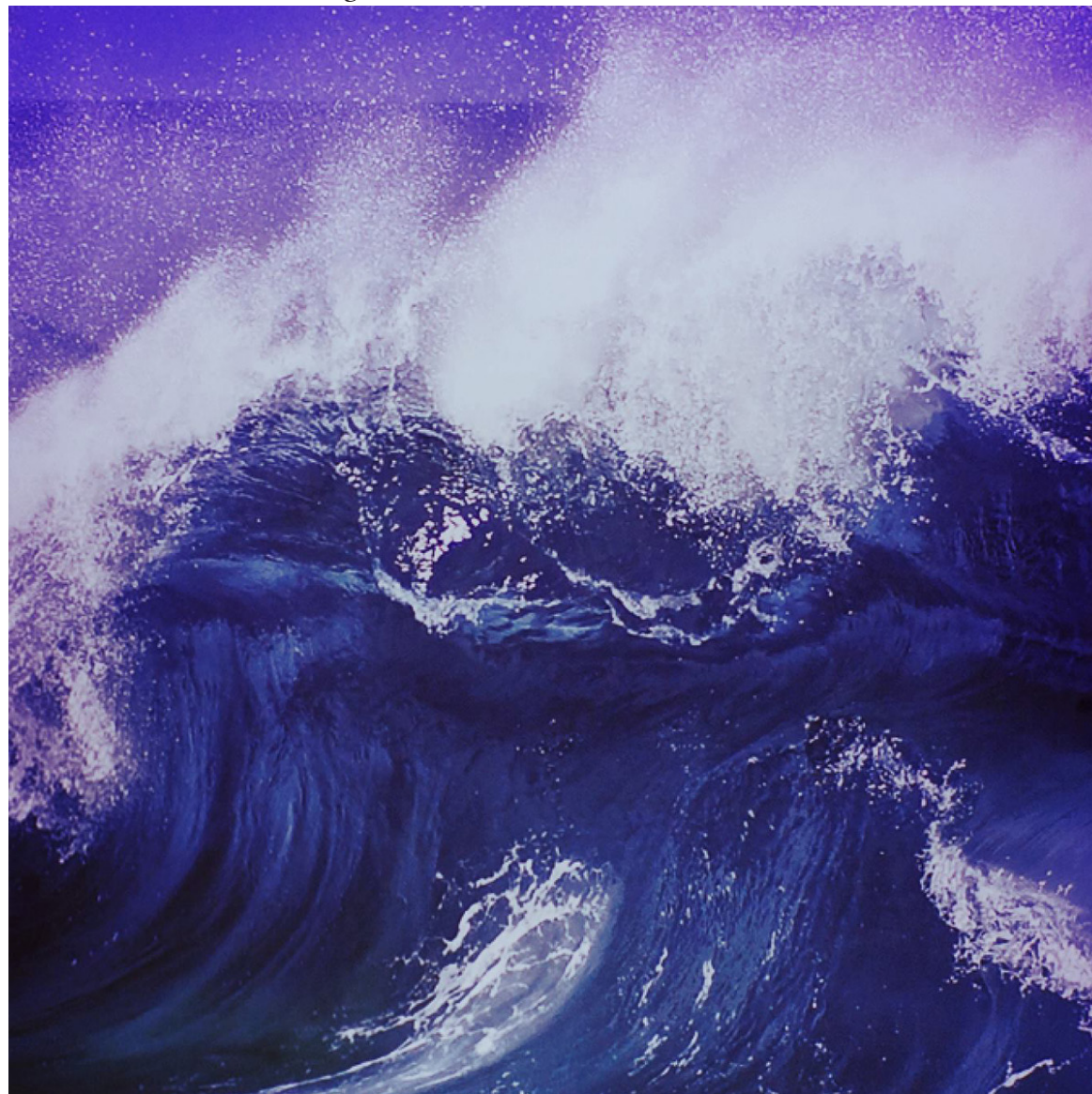
Mysterious trailers were released in the weeks leading up to the premiere of the music video. On April 22, the band posted the message "Chicago, please silence your cell phones at 11am CST," along with a list of local movie theaters on their Instagram account. Audience members in the theaters were treated to a trailer, which suggested the band was going to do something big on April 27.

Alas, at 11 a.m. yesterday, on the birthday of lead singer Patrick Stump, the band released their "Young and Menace"

music video and also announced their upcoming album MANIA, which will drop on Sept. 15, and their following tour, which begins Oct. 20.

The sound of their new song was different than anything they've ever done before. It incorporated an EDM sound, which strays from Fall Out Boy's traditional rock vibe. The music video was, for lack of a better word, trippy – using neon colors, flashing screens and weird llama people (you'll have to watch the video to understand what I mean by that).

I didn't hate the new song, but I definitely think it is going to be an acquired taste. If the new album is going to be anything like the solo track the band released yesterday, then fans are in for an interesting ride.



BY BRIEN JACKSON
Off-staff Reporter

THE SCIENCE GUY IS BACK

Remember when your teacher rolled a 15-inch TV into the room back in elementary school, and you knew sh*t was about to go down?

PBS specials about U.S. History, episodes of "The Magic School Bus" and movies during the holidays were always a refreshing break from algebra and Hooked on Phonics; however, nothing topped "Bill Nye: The Science Guy." Now, the scientist in the blue lab coat and bowtie is back with a new Netflix show.

"Bill Nye Saves the World" is a modern take on Bill Nye's popular kid's show from the 1990s. This new series covers topics like chemically-produced foods, machines and even sexuality, by breaking them down from a scientific point of view that's easy to understand. It's fun to watch Nye's antics on screen again, and the presentation is simple enough to run in the background as I play video games in my room.

Nye's humor and easy-going mannerisms are ever-present as he "saves the world." Not a moment goes by without a science pun, silly prop or Nye simply saying the word "Science!" in various contexts – all of which are met by applause from the live audience.

In addition to simple experiments and on-stage models, the new series includes numerous real-world examples of various phenomena presented in the show. A panel discussion allows three notable scientists and general smart people to share their views on the subject of the episode, and major stars like Designer make appearances in short skits to "[Keep] it hip for the young kids," as Nye says. Oh, my.

"Bill Nye Saves the World" adds a new twist to the popular '90s show. If you want to get learned up while reliving your happy childhood memories from your 4th grade classroom, this show is a great watch and is definitely a good segue into gaining more knowledge about the topics presented.

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NEWS

Top stories of the year

BY MADDIE GEHLING
Editor-in-Chief

As students look to the 2017-2018 school year, check out The Scout's staff-picked top-8 memorable moments of this past academic year, all of which can be found in article form online at bradleyscout.com.

2 September issue

1 Enrollment numbers increase

After several years of weak enrollment, Bradley finally saw an uptick in the freshman class size this past fall. Around 1,100 new students enrolled on the Hilltop, increasing last year's enrollment by nearly 200. As a result, Wyckoff Hall re-opened to accommodate more students.

2 Library gets renovated

The Cullom-Davis Library's summer renovations were completed last fall. The library was outfitted with new furniture, including study pods, chairs, desks and dry-erase surface tables, as well as charging stations and network upgrades. Shelving on the first and second floors was also reduced to make more space.

14 October issue

3 Clowns

Clown hysteria reached the Hilltop in October 2016, when the Twitter account @IllinoisClown tweeted they would be making a pit stop in Peoria, with the goal of creeping out a few people along the way. Just days before, Eureka College went on lockdown for an afternoon after another clown account tweeted a threatening message at the school.



photo via Scout Archives

21 October issue

4 New core curriculum

Bradley rolled out a new core curriculum program at the beginning of this academic year. All incoming freshmen enter into the program, which involves enrolling in additional writing courses and taking core classes throughout students' years at Bradley, according to director of the Academic Exploration Program Gregory Haines.

2 December issue

5 Lydia Moss Bradley celebration wraps up

Campus celebrated the 200th birthday of university foundress Lydia Moss Bradley throughout fall 2016. The celebration included commemorative banquets, historical exhibits throughout Peoria and a Lydia-inspired ice cream flavor at The Spotted Cow.

3 February issue

6 CAT announces move to Chicago

In February, Caterpillar Inc. announced its global headquarters will move to Chicago later this year. The news shocked the Peoria community, as well as Bradley students, faculty and staff. According to a Dec. 2 Scout article, Caterpillar is still accepting applications for interns at the Peoria location.

10 February issue

7 Convergence Center plans move forward

The Board of Trustees approved plans for the new Business and Engineering Complex in early February. The project, originally dubbed the "Convergence Center," will house the business and engineering schools and replaces Baker and Jobst Halls.



photo via Scout Archives

7 April issue

8 Bradley hosts AFA-NIET, Neil Flynn

Bradley hosted the American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament (AFA-NIET) in early April. "Scrubs" and "The Middle" actor Neil Flynn, a 1982 alumni of Bradley and former member of the speech team, returned to the Hilltop for the first time since graduation to tour campus and receive the 2017 AFA-NIET Distinguished Alumni Award.

Healthy Kids Day

BY HANNAH SNIDMAN
Off-Staff Reporter

Senior community wellness majors teamed up with the Peoria YMCA and the Peoria Park District to host Healthy Kids Day at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday at the Proctor Recreation Center.

Healthy Kids Day is a national initiative of the YMCA. As a result, YMCAs in cities all over the country hold their own Healthy Kids Day.

health and wellness in the course curriculum.

“Senior community wellness majors here at Bradley have been responsible for contacting vendors to attend Healthy Kids Day, supplying needed materials, coordinating volunteers and just overall making sure this community event runs smoothly,” senior community wellness major Catie Grey said. “We’re hosting this event in hopes that families from the Peoria community gain knowledge

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- Carie Grey
senior community wellness major

“Healthy Kids Day helps the [YMCA] kick start their summer by getting kids and their families active and excited to go outside,” senior community wellness major Eva Book said. “Showing and teaching them different sports and games to play will hopefully help them stay active, even when they don’t have specific time set aside for it such as during the school year.”

Paul Larson works at the Greater Peoria Family YMCA and teaches a community wellness course called Leadership and Advanced Community Wellness. Larson had the seniors plan and execute the event to learn how to develop health programs and to include children’s

about healthy eating and implementing an active lifestyle in their homes.”

Healthy Kids Day will include games, face painting and bounce houses, and it is aimed towards children ages five to twelve. Book said starting healthy habits early means lowering the risk of obesity, diabetes and other preventable conditions.

“They are at the perfect age to learn more about why being active will keep you healthy and why being healthy is so important,” Book said. “We saw the perfect opportunity through Healthy Kids Day and are looking forward to working with our community vendors in order to make this year’s event the best ever.”

BUPD AWARDS CEREMONY



Student Body President Dave Jensen accepts the Community Partner Award on behalf of Student Senate at the BUPD Awards Ceremony Thursday.

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Tennis bounces back against MSU

BY NICK KONOW
Sports Editor

In the final weekend of regular season play, Bradley tennis split their two matches against Wichita State and Missouri State, leaving them with an overall record of 11-13 and 2-5 in conference. The Braves did not get off to a good start as they were profoundly beaten in their Saturday afternoon match, suffering a 7-0 sweep to the Shockers. Just as they seemingly have been able to do all year, though, Bradley bounced back to earn a 5-2 victory over Missouri State the next day. In Sunday's match against the Bears, Bradley picked up the doubles point by winning at both Nos. 1 and 2 doubles. Freshman Natalia Barbery and senior Ashley Thai combined for a 6-3 win at No. 1 doubles, while senior Ariel Dechter teamed with junior Aimee Manfredo for a 6-4 win at No. 2 doubles. Dechter, Barbery and Thai all added straight-sets wins in singles play to secure the team victory. Sophomore Malini Wijesinghe added the fifth point by rallying for a 3-set win at No. 4 singles 6-7 (5), 6-2, 10-4. Head coach Matt Tyler said he thought the team did a good job of moving on from the difficult loss to Wichita State and didn't let it affect them against the Bears. "I was really proud of the performance on Sunday," Tyler said. "I thought that playing a team like Wichita State was a great warm-up for us and let us work out some kinks. I don't think we played our best tennis on Saturday, but we worked through it and came out and performed amazingly well against Missouri State, so I was



Freshman Natalia Barbery 's straight set win lead the Bravs to a team victory over Missouri State. *photo by Justin Limoges*


happy with the way things went." Bradley's 2-5 conference record slots them as the six seed in the Missouri Valley Conference Team Championship. This means the Braves will face off against tournament-host Illinois State, in a first round matchup. The last time Bradley played the Redbirds earlier this month, the Braves were defeated 2-5 in a competitive match. Tyler needed only two words to describe his anticipation level for getting another shot at taking on their I-74 rival: "Can't wait." "It'll be a lot of fun and the team's fired up about it," Tyler said. "I think it's definitely one of the main matches we would want to do over again or want another shot at, so to be able to play them in the first round is huge for us." Tyler's eagerness and confidence is matched by Barbery, who said she believes she is playing her best tennis of the season heading into the team championship. "I think I'm playing my best tennis right now," Barbery said. "I've made a few adjustments with coach, and I think that's helped me to peak my performance in the last few matches, so I'm pretty confident in my game right now and confident for the weekend." Tyler said he is not changing his goal for the team heading into the team championship, which has remained the same all season long: to have a good attitude and to play well. "The goal all season long has been to just play well," Tyler said. "We talk a lot about focusing on processes and not outcomes, and that's the same kind of thing we'll do for the weekend, too. Just trying to get better day in and day out and point by point, for that matter. If we can do that, I like our chances against anyone we play." Bradley will kick off the MVC team championship against Illinois State at 3 p.m. Friday.

Track strides into Drake Relays

BY COLE BRED AHL
Sports Reporter

The Bradley track teams achieved several personal records at the Illinois Twilight Meet last Saturday. Freshman Abby Jockisch placed second in the 5,000m run with a time of 17:22.24. She bested her previous time by 21 seconds and now ranks 12th all-time for the Braves in the event. "I wanted to make sure I had a good one under my belt before conference," Jockisch said. "I really just want to help the team and contribute as much as I can." Head coach Darren Gauson said he was pleased with Jockisch's performance and hopes she can continue to improve as the season goes on. "She closed really well," Gauson said. "She is in a good position to score at conference." The Braves were led in the 1,500m by freshman Gabby Juarez with a time of 4:36.25. Juarez earned a fifth place finish and was followed by senior Rachel Sudbury, who placed eighth with a time of 4:42.16. On the men's side, sophomore David Shadid placed second in the 400m dash with a season-best time of 48.31. Shadid's time puts him as the sixth-fastest time

in the conference this season. "I haven't been racing as well as I wanted to," Shadid said. "I struggled and fought in the last 100 meters." Junior Taylor Floyd Mews dropped six seconds from his previous personal record in the 1,500m. Floyd Mews's time of 3:49.61 was enough to win his heat and place sixth on Bradley's all-time list. "He really ran away from the field," Gauson said. "He is only three or four second off from being an NCAA Regional Qualifier." Overall, Gauson said he was pleased with the team's performance. "I thought we competed really well," Gauson said. "We rested the 5,000m and 10,000m people." Based on this meet, Gauson is looking ahead to the Missouri Valley Conference Championships in a few weeks. "I think the men have a good shot at top five or top four," Gauson said. "The women are in a way better place than they were indoors, but it is tough after losing so many seniors last year." The Braves will split between the Drake Relays and the Valparaiso Crusader Open this weekend before MVC Conference Championships in two weeks.

<div><div></div><div>THE WEEK AHEAD</div><div></div></div>					
	Friday April 28	Saturday April 29	Sunday April 30	Monday May 1	Tuesday May 2
Tennis	MVC Championship Normal, IL 3 PM				
Baseball	Indiana State Terre Haute, IN 5:30 PM	Indiana State Terre Haute, IN 1 PM	Indiana State Terre Haute, IN 12 PM		
Softball		Loyola - Chicago Chicago, IL 12 PM / 2:30PM	Loyola - Chicago Chicago, IL 11 AM		
Track	Drake Relays Des Moines, IA	Drake Relays & Crusader Open Des Moines / Valparaiso			



Ian Kristan is hitting .265 with five home runs on the season for the Braves. photo by Justin Limoges

BASEBALL
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I think they would've just folded over. We also need to play solid defense because we had a few costly errors in that game too."

A struggling bullpen cost the Braves a game against Illinois State. The Braves also dropped the mid-week game against Illinois last Tuesday because of struggling relief pitching.

Dominguez said he hopes his bullpen will be more dependable as

the season moves on.

"I'd like to see a little more consistency out of our bullpen and guys coming into the game in certain situations," Dominguez said. "It's been a troublesome area for us all season, but hopefully we can figure it out coming down the stretch."

The Braves will be looking to put it all together as they hit the road to take on Indiana State with

the first game of the series starting at 5:30 p.m. tonight.

Nick Konow is a sophomore from Chicago, IL . He is the Scout Sports Editor.



Scouting Report: Sports Briefs



Always A Brave Eligible to Host TBT Midwest Regional

The Bradley men's basketball alumni team, Always a Brave, has officially become eligible for the 2017's The Basketball Tournament after they added a seventh player to their roster this week.

With the addition of Lawrence Wright, a member of team from 2004-06, the team met the minimum number of players needed. Wright joins Tony Bennett, David Collins, Will Franklin, Patrick O'Bryant, Daniel Ruffin and Matt Salley on this summer's tournament team. Bradley is scheduled to host the first two rounds of the tournament on July 15-16 at Renaissance Coliseum.

Additional players are expected to be added in the coming weeks to fill out the roster. Tickets are currently available for purchase online.

Dechter Named to MVC All-Select Team

This week, Bradley senior tennis player Ariel Dechter was named to the Missouri Valley Conference All-Select Team for the third straight year.

Dechter is the only player in Bradley tennis history to receive all-conference recognition.

ONE-ON-ONE

Who's off to the hottest start in the MLB?

Washington Nationals

The Washington Nationals have proven themselves as the best team in baseball throughout the opening month of the 2017 season.

Nationals fans have had something to cheer about this season, as the team boasts the best record in baseball at 13-5. What is even more impressive to their start is that they have dominated on the road – the Nats are 7-2 in other teams' ball parks.

The Nationals' star power gives them a huge advantage. The team's roster includes some of the league's most well-known players, who are all producing at high levels.

Bryce Harper is the leader of this group, and he's bounced back nicely from his poor 2016 campaign. Harper is batting .400 with seven home runs and 20 RBI. Along with his phenomenal performance at the plate, Harper is playing tremendous defense in right field.

Max Scherzer is another superstar helping the Nationals tremendously. He has won three out of his first four games with a 1.95 ERA, and his 33 strikeouts are third-best in baseball.

Along with Stephen Strasburg, Gio Gonzalez and Tanner Roark, this pitching staff will be tough to conquer. Don't let Justin fool you. The D-Backs will revert back to their losing ways. They don't have the staying power to hang with the Giants or Dodgers in the long run.

- Frank Parzgnat

Arizona D-Backs

I understand the Arizona Diamondbacks' current roster may not look appealing to many baseball fans. However, this team has made unpredictable strides during the first month of the 2017 season and deserves to be called "the best team in the MLB right now."

After a disappointing 69-win season in 2016, the Diamondbacks had no real expectations for success this year. The team already has a respectable 12-8 record; the best start through 20 games it's had in nine years.

Let's not forget the Diamondbacks were only one loss away from last place in the NL West last season and are now a game-and-a-half back from first place this season.

No other team has had a more difficult schedule to date than the Diamondbacks. Of the six series they've already played, five were against 2016 playoff teams. They notably won two series against the Los Angeles Dodgers, who won the NL West last year, and one series against Cleveland, who was the runner-up in the 2016 World Series.

Currently, the team has the best offense, leading the league with the most runs scored and the second-best run differential (+22). This is in thanks to third baseman Jake Lamb and first baseman Paul Goldschmidt, who have scored 15 runs a piece this season.

While Frank argues the Washington Nationals are the best team right now, they should not be given that title due to their considerably easy schedule thus far. Despite having a questionable past, the Diamondbacks are hitting the ground running.

- Justin Limoges

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Softball stuck in the cellar

BY AUSTIN SHONE
Sports Reporter

The Bradley softball team was swept by Drake over the weekend and fell to Illinois State on Tuesday night. They have dropped their last nine games and are now tied for last place in the Missouri Valley Conference.

When Drake came into town over the weekend, head coach Amy Hayes said her team knew it was a big series for them. They struggled right from the get-go, as Drake pitcher Kailee Smith had their number. Smith threw 17 innings over the weekend, limiting the Braves to nine hits and only one run.

“[Smith] did a good job of keeping the ball down in the zone and moving it around,” Hayes said. “I don’t think we made the adjustments we talked about making against her.”

In one of the most vital weekends of the year, Hayes felt her team was flustered and couldn’t find its rhythm.

“I just feel like we were distracted all weekend,” Hayes said. “That series is crucial. We still have a good fight, but knowing, going into that weekend how important it was, I just felt like we were flat. I just think that we just didn’t play with a lot of confidence.”

The team also held a youth clinic on Sunday after their game, where kids from the area were able to get on the field to learn from and interact with the team.

“Our girls are very excited to teach the game to another generation, and they have a lot of fun with it,” Hayes said. “We didn’t win on Sunday, but as disappointed as we were, we had to turn around and put on a good face because those kids didn’t care if we won or lost, those kids just wanted to hang out with them.”

On Tuesday night, Bradley finished their mid-week series against Illinois State. Bradley started freshman Emma Jackson in the circle but she gave up six runs in four innings as the Braves fell 6-2.

“[Illinois State] had not seen



Junior infielder Elizabeth Leonard is hitting .278 for the Braves this season.

photo by Justin Limoges

Emma or Emily in the two games last week, so that was part of [the decision],” Hayes said. “They’re a strong hitting team, so you have to find a way to keep them off balance, and Emma does a good job of that. She’s got really good movement on here ball. She’s kind of sneaky fast on some of her pitches. She walked three and hit one, and that’s what killed her.”

Bradley now enters the crux of their season as they sit in last place

in the MVC. Only the top-eight teams make the conference tournament, so Braves are in dire need of some victories this weekend.

“We’re in the fight of our lives right now, as is Indiana State, Drake and Loyola to some extent,” Hayes said. “This is where we see if we’re resilient or not.”

The team will travel to Chicago to take on Loyola at noon on Saturday, and will finish the series at 11 a.m. Sunday.

SOFTBALL STANDINGS		
SCHOOL	CONF.	OVERALL
Illinois State	18-3	28-17
Northern Iowa	15-6	27-18
Southern Illinois	13-7	26-21
Wichita State	13-7	28-17
Evansville	11-10	20-27
Missouri State	10-11	22-20
Loyola	8-13	25-21
Drake	6-15	23-25
Indiana State	5-16	20-26
Bradley	5-16	19-29

Opinion

Teams, they are a-changin

BY AUSTIN SHONE
Sports Reporter

Earlier this month, the Missouri Valley Conference lost Wichita State – its most valuable athletic program. After being severely underseeded in the NCAA men’s basketball tournament this year, the Valley’s most heralded basketball powerhouse fled to the American Athletic Conference where they could play tougher teams.

The move threw the conference into a whirlwind as Wichita State had been a member of the MVC since 1945, and the conference executives thought tradition would influence the Shockers to stay. Instead, they’ve been forced into a mad dash to replace them.

How does a mid-major replace a team that, under head coach Gregg Marshall, had won 30 games in four of the last five years? How do you

replace a team that averaged 10,800 at each home game and “Shocked the Nation” by reaching the Final Four in 2013, becoming the first MVC team since Larry Bird’s Sycamores.

The answer isn’t simple.

A similar scenario happened in 2013 when Creighton left the Valley for the Big East and their basketball prowess. This prompted the Valley to add Loyola Chicago. It has been reported that the Valley officials have been visiting a few potential universities this week including Murray State, Valparaiso, Milwaukee and Omaha.

So who is the best fit?

Murray State

Murray State currently competes in the Ohio Valley Conference. Their arena seats 8,600 and the basketball team has had success in the past. In 2011-2012, the Racers made some

noise across the country when they started 23-0. This past season was their first sub .500 season in 29 years as they finished 16-17.

Valparaiso

Valpo currently plays in the Horizon League and is another team with a strong basketball history. Everyone remembers Bryce Drew’s famous shot in 1998 to upset Ole Miss in the NCAA’s. They’ve also gone to the NCAA tournament nine times since 1996. The Crusaders lost in the championship game of the NIT in 2016. They finished 24-9 last year and lost to Illinois in the opening round of the NIT.

Milwaukee

Milwaukee also currently resides in the Horizon League and has appeared in the NCAA tournament

four times since 2003. It’s a larger state university with 27,000 students. Over the years, they’ve bounced around from Division III to Division I. Although their colors are black and gold, they just don’t place enough value on athletics to become a meaningful member of the MVC.

University of Nebraska - Omaha

The Mavericks currently compete in the Summit League and just now finished their transition from Division II to Division I. They finished 18-14 last year, and the athletic program is up and coming. This addition would allow the Valley to re-enter the Omaha market vacated by Creighton, but the Mavs have only had NCAA tournament eligibility for two years. They would have a rough time winning in the MVC and really have nothing to give the conference in return.

Best Fit – Valparaiso

Valparaiso’s winning history and past tournament success makes them the best fit for the MVC. Their geographical location is optimal, and they could renew in state rivalries against Evansville and Indiana State. They’ve shown the ability to recruit high caliber players, and would bring valuable revenue and another solid fan base to the MVC.



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Baseball swats Redbirds

BY NICK KONOW
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Paced by their offense for the second straight week, the Bradley baseball team took two out of three games for a series win against rival Illinois State. The Braves produced 10 or more hits in each game to outscore the Redbirds 25-18, their biggest run differential in a series this season.

According to head coach Elvis Dominguez, there are multiple reasons why the offense is progressing, including players taking different approaches in their at-bats and the work they put in during practice.

"I think a lot of our younger guys are starting to get into a routine, so the experience is starting to pay off a little bit," Dominguez said. "We changed some things in practice, too, to try and help everyone along, so it's a combination of a few things."

In the series opener, Bradley showed that their lineup is dangerous from one through nine, as the bottom third of the lineup combined to go 8-for-11 with four runs batted in and eight runs scored.

In game one, the Braves put up 13 runs, which was far more than senior Nathan Stong needed as he earned his second complete game of the season, limiting the visiting Redbirds to three runs on six hits. Stong walked one and struck out six to pick up his third win of the season.

Freshman third baseman Brendan Dougherty was the driving force behind Bradley's offense through the entire weekend, going



Sophomore Andy Shadid and the Braves took two of three from rival Illinois State over the weekend.

photo by Justin Limoges

9-for-12 with two RBI and five runs scored.

"I felt really good going into the series," Dougherty said. "I had a couple good at bats against Iowa in the mid-week game last Wednesday. I felt like I was seeing fastballs really well, and I just tried

to have an aggressive mindset. It paid off, and I found some barrels and found some holes."

In the final game of the series, Bradley went up early, taking a 3-0 lead into the fourth inning. Illinois State did not quit, however, and put up six runs of their own to go up 6-3. Thanks to Luke Shadid's

go-ahead two-run homer in the eighth inning, the Braves were able to pull out the victory, 8-6.

According to Dougherty, the hitters need to keep pressure on the pitcher by scoring runs to avoid those types of situations.

"What we need to do as hitters is stay on the pitcher and get to

the bullpen," Dougherty said. "We scored early and then kind of let off the gas pedal a little bit. Once we had them down we should've just scored a few more runs, and

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Men's golf finishes seventh in MVC

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The Bradley men's golf team finished up their season on Tuesday in the Missouri Valley Conference Championship Tournament. Things didn't go as well as anticipated for the Braves as they only finished 7th in the tournament.

Despite the underwhelming team performance, sophomores Drake

Bushong and Branden Mounce, finished 14th and 20th respectively. Bushong capped off his extraordinary season with a Bradley record: 34th round below 80 strokes.

"Drake had a really solid year," head coach Jeff Roche said. "He was one of our key guys all year. He just carried over from a great freshman year last year into this sophomore year."

Both Brue and Bushong impressed

on the links this season. Both players took home All-Conference awards, with Brue capturing the "Newcomer of the Year" award. Roche expects Brue and Bushong to take on bigger leadership roles next season.

"They allow us to have a really solid number one and number two player that the rest of the team counts on every week," Roche explained, "Those guys are going to keep pushing the rest of our guys to be

better when we get back in the fall."

While the Braves weren't able to perform up to their standards in the MVC Championship Tournament, the team is looking forward to next season. The Braves return all but one player: senior Bobby Jacobs. Roche is looking to see his team growing and maturing together in the coming year.

"We were excited...We knew that we had this year and next year with

the same group," Roche said. "With losing Bobby Jacobs, who's been a great leader for us and adding a new person next year, we still have a great nucleus of players."

Next season the Braves will look to grow from their experiences and come back next season with both a vengeance and one goal on their mind - winning the MVC Championship Tournament.



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