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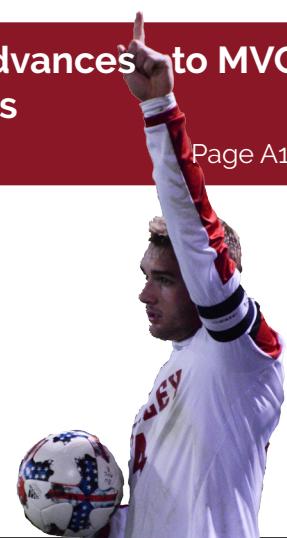
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Bradley's 2017 Tunnel of Oppression included nine tunnels to raise awareness on a range of issues including sexual assault, mental health stigma and more.

Tunnel of Oppression exposes students to issues

BY ANTHONY LANDAHL
Off-staff Reporter

Bradley hosted its sixth Tunnel of Oppression event since 2005 this past Tuesday through Thursday, in the Michel Student Center Ballroom. The Tunnel of Oppression is a national program started in the 1990s. It was the first tunnel of Oppression event at Bradley in three years.

Nine tunnels were used this year to cover a wide range of current issues including sexual assault, student loan debt, the stigma of mental illness, African American women and their experiences with law enforcement, transgender bathrooms, the immigration experience for Latinos, the rise of anti-Semitic violence, body image and privilege.

"One of the main goals for the Tunnel is to give individuals who have lived experiences an opportunity and a platform to showcase and share their message," Norris Chase, executive director of the Office for Diversity and Inclusion, said.

According to Chase, the Tunnel's

main purpose is to expose students to the multiples issues and topics that others deal with on a day-to-day basis. He said he hopes the Tunnel will cause students to rethink issues or take action.

"If you leave this Tunnel and this experience with one more question, one inclination to take action, one more dose of energy to say, 'I want to learn more about that,' then we've done our job," Chase said.

Chase helped develop the Tunnel of Oppression through a planning committee. Preparation for the event began in March and brought department leaders and students together to collaborate. Each specific section within the Tunnel had its own group of organizers.

"The event has been planned by some of the greatest minds on campus. The volunteers are phenomenal. Our planning committee is phenomenal," Chase said. "I really believe that this event will create conversations at Bradley to enhance our campus community."

Student volunteers partook in the

Tunnel as tour guides and actors for each individual tunnel.

"I got to create my own tunnel," Monica Youssef, a senior marketing major and student volunteer, said. "I think it is very important for students to go through the tunnel because we're highlighting issues of oppression. Having worked on a tunnel, there were issues that I wasn't even aware of and this was an opportunity to educate myself."

All volunteers were taken through a brief training process to understand the issues they were displaying and how to deal with a visitor's discomfort.

"The idea of discomfort and being wrong is not the message we want to send," Chase said. "When you're uncomfortable to a point where you can understand the way you're uncomfortable, you grow the most."

According to Youssef, taking part in the construction of Tunnel of Oppression was a great opportunity to identify ways to improve society.

"Different groups of people are oppressed for different reasons and

if you're not, you have a privilege," Youssef said. "Identifying our privileges shouldn't be a burden because our privileges give us power to make a difference. I hope that people leave the tunnel educated on different issues and are empowered to make a difference."

Following the 20-minute tours, students participated in a discussion with a faculty member. The Tunnel of Oppression was met with so much interest that registrations were full for all tours.

"We had to implement a waiting list, which is not a bad problem to have, but it does disappoint me that we can't give all students the experience of going through the Tunnel of Oppression," Chase said.

Those who missed the Tunnel of Oppression can visit the Office of Diversity and Inclusion for workshops and opportunities to expand cultural awareness and expand the ability to create an inclusive environment.

Smoke-free initiative to be implemented

BY AJ LAMB
Copy Editor

After almost two years of deliberating, rewriting and voting, University Senate passed the Smoke-Free Campus resolution on Oct. 19.

Originally, the resolution started as a referendum during the spring 2016 student body elections as a way to gauge student interest in a smoke-free campus, but discussion surrounding the topic has been ongoing since 2014.

"It was a non-binding referendum that [asked] if students would support a smoke-free campus or not," Nathan Thomas, vice president of Student Affairs, said. "[The results of the vote said] 78 percent of the students supported some version of a smoke-free campus. Senate has worked on it, then it's been to University Senate. So it's been 18 months, at least, since that referendum passed."

As is written in the resolution, smoking will be completely prohibited on Bradley's campus, including all academic and residence halls, greek houses and all public property of Bradley University. Additionally, promotion of smoking and tobacco products through any campus organization, activity or media is prohibited.

"Student Senate hopes to see a positive change in the student experience walking through campus," Molly Paterson, secretary of the assembly, said. "We are here to promote a safe and healthy environment for students to live and learn, and are confident that this act being passed will improve this environment."

While the resolution has officially passed through University Senate, students can expect an extended waiting period while Bradley's Administrative Council designs an implementation program detailing how the university will promote, carry out and enforce the resolution.

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Bradley concert series to fundraise for scholarships

The music department will continue its Music Scholarship Concert Series this weekend in Dingledine Music Center. The Bradley Symphonic Band and Symphonic Winds will be performing at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12.

All proceeds from the concert will go toward scholarships for Bradley music students. Tickets can be purchased at the door the day of the concert or by contacting the Cultural Events Box Office at 309-677-2650. Tickets are \$10 for adults and free for students.

Student Center to host healthcare career fair

On Tuesday, Nov. 14, the Smith Career Center will bring prospective employers in the healthcare industry for the Nursing and Physical Therapy Career Fair. From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Michel Student Center Ballroom, students will be able to interact with potential employers in their respective fields.

The fair will offer students the opportunity to apply to internships to explore cooperative education programs and full-time jobs. Students can contact the Smith Career Center at careers@fsmail.bradley.edu with any questions or for more information.

Organization to sell coffee and donuts for Alzheimer's awareness

The Youth Movement Against Alzheimer's (YMAA) will be selling coffee, hot chocolate and Krispy Kreme donuts outside of Bradley Hall on Thursday, Nov. 14.

From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., students can buy cups of coffee, hot chocolate and single donuts for \$1 and a dozen donuts for \$10. All funds raised will go to Alzheimer's research. Students can also pre-order a dozen donuts for \$8 through <https://goo.gl/forms/u4cCwJO6p6NSVW4n2>.

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POLICE REPORTS

- A male nonstudent was reported for making racist and inappropriate comments in a church service at 7:10 p.m. Nov. 6 on the 1300 block of West Main Street.

Bradley University Police Department, BUPD, officers were dispatched to the location when one of the church members explained that the male disrupted the service. The member said the male came into the church, sat in the front row of pews and made racial remarks to the African American pastor. The male then made inappropriate comments to the females in attendance.

The member confronted the male and said he could smell alcohol on the male's breath. Two members then escorted the male out. The member said he had never seen the male at the church before.

Officers were unable to locate the male.

- A female student reported a male nonstudent confronting her and making sexual comments toward her and other female students at 10 p.m. Nov. 6 at the intersection of Western Avenue and West Moss Avenue.

The male confronted the female student, and she later reported that he was wearing a dress. She said he also approached two other female students, but she could not hear what they were discussing.

Officers then located the male on Western Avenue, and when asked, he denied making the comments.

The male was issued a citation for disorderly conduct.

- Officers responded to an underage female student vomiting at 1:14 a.m. Nov. 5 at Geisert Hall.

Police originally found the student unconscious, but then the female regained consciousness. She then proceeded to vomit, and when asked how much she had to drink, she said she had taken an unknown number of shots of alcohol.

The student was transported to UnityPoint Health Methodist.

- A female student's wallet was found, and police discovered a fake ID in the wallet at 1:30 a.m. Nov. 1 at 1308 W. Bradley Ave.

A custodian found the wallet in Michel Student Center and turned it in to the police. Police then found the fake ID in the wallet. The police then contacted the student to pick up her wallet.

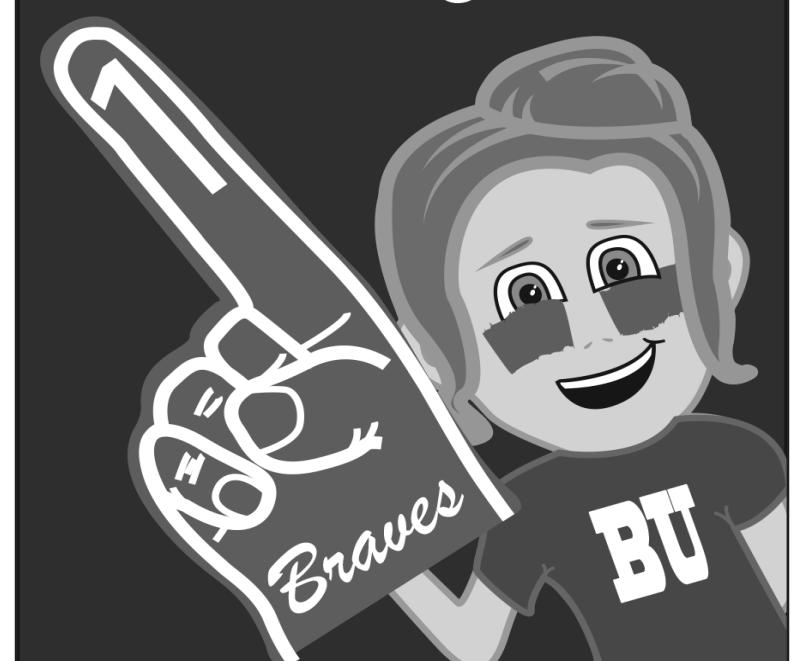
When the student came, police questioned her about the fake ID, and she admitted that she ordered the fake ID online but had not used it.

Officers confiscated the fake ID.

CORRECTION

Last week's editorial (Nov. 3, "What constitutes priority registration at this university?") incorrectly listed the Bradley Speech Team as a group that receives priority registration. This information was inaccurate, and the editorial has been edited online to reflect that.

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NEWS

Hollywood experiences inspire career goals

BY HANNAH SNIDMAN
News Reporter

Bradley students have various different reasons why they decide to attend the university. For senior Jenna Amico, the university's Hollywood semester served as one of the reasons she chose Bradley over art schools and other universities.

Amico, a television arts major, attended the Hollywood program this past spring during the second semester of her junior year.

"I thought the Hollywood semester would be an awesome opportunity to immerse myself in the entertainment industry and get hands-on work experience," Amico said. "I am beyond grateful that I was able to have an entire six months in Los Angeles to explore and learn, and the work that I was able to be a part of was incredible."

While in California, Amico had the opportunity to intern at music mogul Quincy Jones' company. She also got experience in the film industry.

"I worked as a production assistant for a short film that will hopefully be premiering at festivals soon," Amico said. "Los Angeles is a totally different world, but the

opportunity and excitement I found on the West Coast was irreplaceable and definitely a good break away from campus."

As a result of participating in the program, Amico said she decided to apply to be a producing intern at an advertising agency over the summer. She said both the Hollywood semester and her internship proved to be incredible experiences.

"Upon working in entertainment and experiencing what life would be like in California, I'm definitely looking forward to working on the northeast or northwest [coasts]," Amico said. "So, ultimately, I would love to continue working with entertainment [or] advertising production."

Doug Frank, who teaches for Bradley both in Hollywood and via skype on campus and is the executive in residence for the Hollywood semester program had Amico as his student. Frank said Amico was hard-working and intelligent while studying in L.A.

"She's engaged, interactive and extremely pleasant," Frank said. "I wish [all students] were Jenna Amicos."

In addition to participating in the

Hollywood semester, Amico also has experience working in the news and entertainment industries through her production job with Bradley University Television (BUTV).

"I joined BUTV because I wanted to get involved on campus right away and especially with something that would accompany my major and feed my interest in film and production," Amico said. "I wanted to study animation and cinematography when I was in high school, and before more film groups began popping up on campus, BUTV was the biggest and easiest way to get involved."

Amico said her position has given her lots of responsibilities to help improve her time management skills, as well as prepping her for a future career in her field of study.

"A lot of the in-studio work for BUTV is done by students enrolled in studio classes, but there is always opportunity to be an anchor or reporter for the show, which is tons of fun," Amico said. "As for Hollywood semester ... it is an awesome opportunity to gain real life work experience and get to know such an iconic city."

HUMANS OF THE HILLTOP



JENNA AMICO

Photo supplied by Jenna Amico

Senior television arts major Jenna Amico completed the Hollywood semester last spring, working for film and music producers.

All-gender restroom signs installed on campus

BY SCOUT STAFF
Managing Editor

The installation of all-gender restroom signs in select Bradley residence halls will be completed this month.

Bradley Facilities is installing the signs, the process of which began over the summer with residence halls and is continuing this semester in academic halls and other campus buildings. Installation is expected to be completed this month. After the installation, a total of 30 bathrooms

will be designated as all-gender throughout campus.

According to Nathan Thomas, vice president for Student Affairs, the all-gender restrooms are located in the lobby of the dorms rather than the residence floors. Additionally, the restrooms are mostly single stall spaces open to all individuals.

Conversation regarding the installation of the all-gender bathroom signs began last fall during a joint cabinet meeting between Student Senate and Administrative Council. Former Student Body President Jenna Dellarria, who was in office when the conversation began, said installing the signs is a way to support diversity on campus.

"We had this conversation in hopes of making our campus more inclusive, and this was kind of spearheaded by the [former] Diversity and Inclusion Vice President Alysen Newton," Dellarria said. "The fact that this is actually being presented and utilized on campus now is one more step towards an inclusive campus."

According to Thomas, the installation of the all-gender signs is

parallel to actions of other universities aiming to increase inclusivity.

"This has been a consistent and best practice across other campuses and some [businesses] where one-person restrooms, with door locks, are being open to use by all individuals," Thomas said.

The installation of the signs follows a series of steps being taken by the university to promote a more inclusive campus. Last year, Student Senate passed its Pronoun Resolution, which allows students to select the pronoun of their preference on Sakai and Webster.

Earlier this semester, Residential Living held conversations regarding the possibility of a gender-neutral floor which would be available to any student who prefers to live on the floor. However, the gender-neutral floor has not passed through university administration yet.

Thomas said the implementation of all-gender bathroom signs is a progression toward creating a more welcoming environment.

"It is an important step as we continue to make assessments



Photos by Sammantha Dellarria

After installation is complete, a total of 30 all-gender bathrooms signs will be found on campus. These signs in Williams Hall were installed earlier this fall.

and improvements to support and respect the diversity of our campus," Thomas said.

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NEWS

PANELISTS' ADVICE TO STUDENTS**Steiner, King and others share knowledge in sports media**

BY KYLEE HIGGINS & DAN KAMINSKI
News Editor & Off-staff Reporter

As the third annual Charley Steiner Symposium for Sports Communication finished up on Tuesday, students of all years and majors heard from professionals regarding career paths in media and working in the professional sports field.

But according to Los Angeles Dodgers announcer Charley Steiner, students are not the only ones who benefit from the symposium.

"When I come back [to Bradley], I like to spend as much time as I can with the students because I find I can learn more from them and where they're coming from now than they can learn from me," Steiner, a Bradley alumnus, said. "[The students here] see the world differently than I do, and [they] should."

Because of that, Steiner said he wanted the symposium to serve as a way for students to network and to cultivate expectations for their own futures.

"I [wanted] to bring a dose of reality to the students [to show them] this is what it's really going to be like," Steiner said.

One of the people Steiner invited was renowned television and radio host Larry King, who moderated the symposium's closing panel, "The Rise and Fall of ESPN." According to Steiner, he and King have been friends for over 30 years.

"Larry and I first met in 1977 or [1978], somewhere around there," Steiner said.

"Through the years, we knew each other. When I moved out to LA in 2004, he's always been a Dodger fan, [so] we kind of rekindled a friendship and became really good friends."

Last week, King donated \$1 million to form a scholarship fund that will support underrepresented communications students. Steiner said he was not involved in King's decision to donate.

"One of the things I will never do, ever ... I don't ask people for money," Steiner said. "Larry, who received an honorary [degree] from Bradley ... has, because of our friendship, had this affection for Bradley. The money part, I don't know. I knew they were talking about it."

Since King's appearance as Steiner's first guest at the inaugural symposium in 2015, Steiner said the event has grown in ways he could have never imagined.

"It's gotten better with each year," Steiner said. "[In the] first year, it felt like we had to give away candy to get [students] into the



Photo by William Craine

Panelists Charley Steiner, Larry King and Jim Miller are asked questions at the Steiner Symposium panel Tuesday

[panels]. Today, they were actually lined up to get in [the auditorium] ... and I'm thinking, 'My God, we're making some progress."

Those in attendance at the symposium said hearing from people who have been in the career field was helpful, especially when hearing from media veterans like King.

"King's presence definitely made this event more appealing," Younes Dayekh, a freshman sports communication major, said. "He is a legend amongst the broadcasting community, and it was cool to hear him firsthand."

Other students said by listening to Steiner, King and other panelists speak, they were able to better understand how the media landscape has changed over the course of the past few decades.

"[Steiner] has made a huge impact in the department of communications, and what he is doing for the program will benefit us for years to come," Emma Piotrowski, a freshman public relations major, said. "Being in the college of communications, it was interesting to hear how the industry has changed since King and

Steiner were in my shoes. I am curious to see where it goes. I loved hearing old stories and their thoughts on the future."

Steiner said the hard work and passion Bradley students put into their future careers are the most important skills they should carry with them.

"My mom told me when I was a kid, it's the best advice I ever got, if you give 100 percent of yourself 100 percent of the time, and it doesn't work out, there's nothing you can do about it," Steiner said. "But if you don't give your 100 percent 100 percent of the time, then it's your fault, so go all out, all the time."

Finally, Steiner offered some life advice to students.

"[The skills you have are] what you see and how you see the world, your sensibilities. Nobody can teach you that. That's you," Steiner said. "You are who you are, and you can't try to be another somebody. You can just be the best [version of] yourself."



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Larry King visits with students after the Steiner Symposium's final panel.


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OPINION**Editorial****Smoke-free deserves to be taken seriously**

The state of Illinois signed a law in 2014 stating all public universities and community colleges were required to have "smoke-free" campuses by July 2015.

After that, Bradley began its own mission to reduce the negative health effects from smoking on the Hilltop, as well. The notion was first proposed in November 2014 by Student Senate, and five semesters and a number of forums later, the resolution has finally been passed by University Senate.

As smoking and secondhand smoke has been proven to be detrimental to people's health, "five

semesters later" should be a startling statement. It took this university two and half years to decide whether to proceed with something that could positively affect the health of its students, faculty, staff and visitors. Even after the resolution passed, administration is still unsure of how long it will take to actually carry out and enforce it.

Why is that?

Last year, *The Scout* was concerned that a smoke-free initiative would not benefit campus. We wrote that students had been under-informed about the proposal. That's not so much of a concern

for us anymore. After all this time, not only do students know what the smoke-free initiative entails, but administration has also had ample time to hammer out the details.

However, we still see significant holes with what they've approved.

The smoke-free plan is set to function on an "honor system" primarily, according to Nathan Thomas, vice president of student affairs. How is that different from what is in place now, regarding the rules of smoking a certain distance from buildings? How will it be effectively enforced?

This also raises questions about

how much of a say Student Senate and the student body has. This was proposed in 2014. It appeared as a referendum on a Student Senate ballot in 2016. Yet, it was still delayed by university administration until only recently.

There is no excuse for this. In the future we demand to see university administration apply transparency and take seriously their plans to officially implement a smoke-free campus.

Column**St. Nick brings Christmas cheer ... early**

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There are a lot of issues going on in today's society that many people in our country can't agree upon – gun laws, NFL players kneeling

during the National Anthem, immigration ... really the list goes on and on. Here's a take that I don't think anyone should have a problem with – "Merry Christmas."

That's right, I said it. It's Nov. 10, and I said, "Merry Christmas." You know why?

Because it's the best time of the year, that's why, and I think we could all benefit from getting into the Christmas spirit a little early this year.

First off, if you are above the age of nine and Christmas isn't your favorite holiday, just stop reading now and go seek some help. Halloween has its perks when you are younger: dressing up as a super hero and knocking on stranger's doors for free candy. A good, old-fashioned Fourth of July barbecue is nice, but I've seen one too many grand finales and fireworks have lost their luster. And even though I'm

from the south side of Chicago and St. Patty's Day has a special place in my heart, absolutely nothing comes close to Dec. 25.

Some might say it's too early to start blaring Christmas music or dusting off the ugly sweaters, but those people are limiting their Christmas joy. I myself broke into the Christmas tunes just the other day. Fair warning – treat Christmas music like drug addiction. You'll tell yourself one song won't hurt, and before you know it, you'll be waking up to Mariah Carey's angelic voice as your new alarm ringtone.

A lot of people wait until after Thanksgiving to start celebrating. Those people are giving Thanksgiving way too much respect. Sure, I love reliving the glory days of childhood with some backyard touch football, but the holiday is based around the premise of overeating. You can literally go celebrate

Thanksgiving any day if you visit a Golden Corral.

With the issues plaguing our country, it appears there are far too many Ebenezer Scrooges and Grinches these days, and I think a little Christmas cheer is what we all need. The Christmas season is a time of giving and selflessness that should be spent with family. For Christians, it holds an even heavier sense of sentiment as it represents the birth of God's son, Jesus Christ.

If you've been feeling down lately and want a pick-me-up, go pop in "Home Alone" or "Elf" or any other awesome Christmas movie, make some hot chocolate, decorate a Christmas tree and get in the spirit. Oh, and if you don't want to take my advice, you'll run the risk of getting coal in your stocking. Don't forget, Santa is always watching.

Letter to the Editor

Response to November 3rd 2017 Opinion in the BU Scout

After reading Bradley University's *The Scout* November 3, 2017 edition, I was reminded that every day presents teachable moments for all on our campus. I believe *The Scout*'s editorial section, What constitutes "priority registration" at this university? was meant to bring attention to how the university defines and applies priority registration to various groups of students on campus. Unfortunately, the tone of the piece resonated ignorance and misunderstanding of a group of students on Bradley University's campus, students with disabilities.

First, the opinion piece states "special accommodations". For those who do not know what an accommodation is, the American's

With Disabilities Act defines it as, "a modification or adjustment to a course, program, service, activity or facility that enables a qualified student with a disability to have equal opportunity." The addition of the word "special" to accommodations minimizes and devalues the purpose of the accommodation and the person that utilizes it. It is simply accommodations.

I would like to focus on two sections of the accommodation definition. First, "qualified" means that the admissions requirements have been met and the student has agreed to attend Bradley University. Also, the student has documented and verified that they have a disability and an accommodation is necessary to allow equal opportunity for learning. The second aspect I would like to emphasize in the accommodation

definition is "equal opportunity". Equal opportunity is different for each student because each student's disability is individualistic. Individual needs are documented by medical professionals and reviewed by the Office of Student Access Services. Reasonable accommodations are established with intent for the student to have equal opportunity beginning day one of the school year. The utilization of an accommodation for priority registration allows the creation of a schedule that students with disabilities can navigate without impeding their learning at Bradley University. Most importantly, priority registration is NOT an accommodation granted to all students with disabilities. It is implemented IF it will assist the student to attain the same level of performance as a student without a

disability.

I do agree with one statement in the article, we do not live in a perfect world. Perfection is unrealistic, but I do encourage a world of seeking and attainment of knowledge and understanding. In the spirit of making every opportunity a teachable moment, I invite students, faculty, and staff to contact the Office of Student Access Services if they have questions about reasonable accommodations on our campus or would like to learn more about persons with disabilities.

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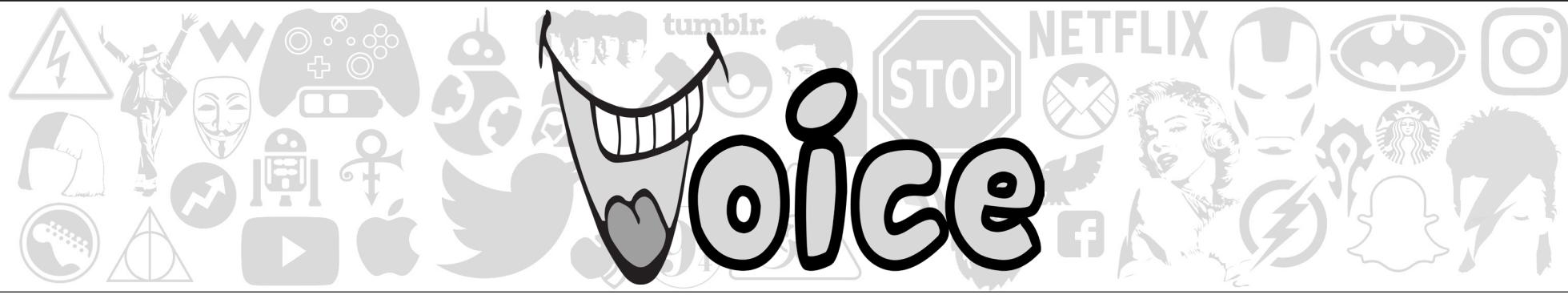
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XBOX ONE X-TRA

BY NELSON GUTIERREZ
Off-staff Reporter

For centuries, gamers have enjoyed the meteoric rise of technology. Each game console has been a step for mankind toward entertainment bliss; the graphics improved, the functionality multiplied, the Netflix chilled and the games simply got better. This is a gamer's paradise.

While there is an ongoing feud between gaming consoles, specifically with PlayStation and Xbox fanboys and fangirls dueling to the death (you'll get there, Nintendo), gamers can rejoice in yet another gaming milestone with the Nov. 7 release of Xbox One X.

Ridiculously powerful and awkwardly named, the Xbox One X marks yet a second improvement off its original console, following the Xbox One S.

Building off of the original Xbox One, the Xbox One S first brought slightly more power under the hood capable of delivering 4K, HDR video, as well as a faux-perforated exterior design. Moreover, its internal power supply burned off some of the clunky mass that was the infamous power brick.

When comparing this system to the PS4 Pro, Microsoft claims the Xbox One X ends up 40 percent more powerful than its Sony counterpart. Couple this with a package that is 15 percent smaller, and you've got an item that battles the PS4 Pro in both performance and convenience.

Now, the Xbox One X continues what the Xbox One S started in making the best gaming console on the market. With a 2.3 GHz processor, 12GB high-speed GDDR5 memory, and 6-teraflop GPU, the device sits at 11.8 inches long, 9.4 inches wide

and 2.4 inches high. Long story short, the machine is a monster of gaming technology.

With this uptick in improvements from its previous Xbox One iterations, players will find games performing more smoothly. Of course, with powerful numbers under the hood, players will also find upcoming first-party games given a graphical sponge bath to show for it.

The Xbox One X is a powerful machine, even objectively speaking. For gamers, it will be a fast and beautiful way to enjoy stunning entertainment like never before. Although it still must test its mettle with some of the more graphically intensive games still on the horizon, the Xbox One X is sure to satisfy.

Why 'Shameless' continues to succeed on Showtime

BY LISA STEMMONS
Voice Editor

This past Sunday, the Gallagher clan blessed our screens once again in the season 8 premiere of "Shameless." This premiere was similar to previous ones, jolting us right back to where everything left off and making it feel as if we never left.

And that's the beauty of this show: all the characters are wonderfully crafted with three-dimensional personas, personal growth and long-term development. It helps the audience overlook the oftentimes outlandish storyline and keeps viewers returning year after year.

Family patriarch Frank is consistently a sleaze ball and he grows more delusional each season which commemorates his own whacked-out version of evolution. When it comes to actor William H. Macy, he can truly do no wrong, and Frank just wouldn't be Frank if his motivation for making amends wasn't spurred by smoking half a pound of meth.

Emmy Rossum's Fiona is my personal favorite and has undergone an abundance of transformations. Just as she seems to have clawed her way out from rock bottom, some sort of self-inflicted misfortune heads her way. This season, the boss-ass-bitch version of Fiona will continue to take advantage of the gentrification of the Southside, and I'm all here for it.

Ask any non-"Shameless" watcher if they find Jeremy Allen White attractive, and they would laugh in your face. But Lip is the troubled

heartthrob we can't help but fawn over. He's a genius with a good heart and was dealt a poor hand when his alcoholism destroyed his future. Yet we're all still rooting for him and his pursuit of love and sobriety, because his chain-smoking self deserves the world.

Ian Gallagher's "glo up" is worthy of all the praise. Portrayed by Cameron Monaghan, he went from fully accepting his homosexuality to embracing his bipolar diagnosis and escaping an unhealthy relationship all within the span of a couple of years. Ian had his fair share of off-the-rail moments (including the fling with his ex Mickey), but ever since he set his mind on becoming a paramedic, he's made a string of right decisions, and I only hope to see this continue.

Everybody loves to hate Emma Rose Kenney's Debbie, but she doesn't get enough credit. Although she is selfish, manipulative and annoying, she truly cares about her daughter, and this season, I'm eager to see even more maturity.

Ethan Cutkosky has also been able to flaunt his acting abilities, with Carl moving beyond his previously prescribed limits as psychotic misfit. We've witnessed a lot of his puberty phase and now the beginning of his young adult life as he does a 180 by enrolling in military school. He's the kid brother we never wanted but are definitely proud of.

Even as Kev and V are predominantly used for comedic relief, they too have experienced their share of ups and downs. The writers have done a fantastic job creating a well-rounded picture for

any of the characters who see significant screen time.

While I'm not wild about the incorporation of Trump's America in season 8, the shenanigans will surely continue to reach beyond your typical dramedy sitcom, and so will the capabilities of the actors. As long as "Shameless" is on air, I'll always tune in for the Gallaghers and their rock star cast.



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Jelena 5ever

BY JULIE LUCIA & LISA STEMMONS
Off-staff Reporter & Voice Editor

Selena Gomez and the Weeknd have split after dating for 10 months, but many suspected the breakup and could "Feel It Coming." In fact, sources say they had been talking about their split and the fate of their relationship since the summer, and now it's apparent Gomez was just waiting to run for "The Hills."

So it's bye-bye to the soon to be "Twenty Eight"-year-old Weeknd and hello again to Justin Bieber. It's highly probable that Bieber spent the majority of their relationship thinking, "It Ain't Me," that "Should Be Me" and "Let Me Love You" because "I'm the One."

Just days after the breakup, Gomez was spotted hanging with her ex "Boyfriend." I guess she just can't stay away from her "Same Old Love."

TMZ reports JB actually pursued Gomez right after her breakup, asking her to "Love Me" again and to keep him some "Company." It's apparent she told him to "Come & Get It." While Gomez might be rekindling her flame with her soulmate, her friends and family are not for it. I guess you could say, "The Heart Wants What It Wants."

It appears that it's not too late to say "Sorry," as the couple has been on-and-off with flings several times before their most recent sighting. Through all the interviews, Gomez has been quite a "Bad Liar," claiming she's officially done with Bieber. "Naturally," she just can't keep her "Hands to Myself."

Sources from US Weekly said "her friends want her to be cautious," and when Gomez told them about the pair being back together, they said "What Do You Mean?"

Francia Raisa, Gomez's best friend and kidney donor, expresses her dislike for Bieber saying she "has not been a fan of Bieber after all that Gomez and he went through." She isn't willing to "Kill Em with Kindness."

A family member of Gomez's told TMZ, "Justin is a vile human and will never be accepted by us as long as she is even speaking to him in any way, it is not only disrespectful to everyone around her, it is disrespectful to herself."

Amidst the controversy, the pair were seen at Hillsong Church over the weekend, arriving minutes apart from each other. It felt like "Déjà Vu" when they attended church again the same weekend.

They also dined at restaurants such as Morton's Steakhouse in downtown Los Angeles. When Gomez was left wondering "Where Are Ü Now," she went to watch Bieber play hockey at a local ice rink. The pair left the game with Gomez wearing Bieber's very same jersey he was wearing during the game, making her "One Less Lonely Girl."

They will not leave each other's sides, so it makes it hard to believe they are just friends, especially after their dating history. Selena, whenever "U Smile," J. Biebz is happy, so although you have the right to a friendship, it's starting to seem like more than just grabbing a bite to eat.

Gomez and Bieber were a huge part of each other's lives, but let's just hope they "Slow Down" before they "Hit the Lights" and make a "Baby" Biebz. Getting knocked up better not be a "Fetish" of Gomez's.

According to an insider source at People, "Justin was Selena's first love. He will always have a special place in her heart. She's always held out hope that one day the circumstances and timing would be right."

If Gomez is ready to "Love You Like A Love Song" again, Biener, you better make sure that this "One Time," "I'll Show You" how to be a real man, "As Long as you love me" in return. So "Never Say Never" fans! If you "Love Yourself," things can turn out in the end.



Pop punk's not dead

Feel a little emo? Express through music.

BY BROOKE PISCOTTO
Assistant Voice Editor

Sometimes, you just need tunes to express how you're feeling in ways you don't know how to put in words. But I recently realized my current playlists weren't quite cutting it, and I found myself longing for something new and fresh.

As a long-time fan of bands like "Blink-182," "Panic! At the Disco," "Fall Out Boy," "Paramore," "Green Day" and other traditional '90s/early 2000s pop punk bands, I noticed their sound has become more aligned with today's trends. This is totally fine, but where was the music I could lock myself in my room and listen to for hours, shedding a tear now and then or just wallowing in my early '20s angst?

I perused Spotify for some inspiration, and in just a few hours, I discovered some of the best music I had heard in a while. I used to have an aversion to the "new" pop punk of my generation, thinking it initially sounded whiny and almost like they were talk-singing. In retrospect, I had only heard a couple of the thousands of bands that are out there now. What makes "new" pop punk so different is the range of sounds depending on the band and even within different albums – from the more hardcore instrumentals to chill, lyrical tracks.

I have since accumulated a list of bands worth knowing in the current pop punk genre based on some of their most recent content. Though I am nowhere near an expert quite yet, these four bands will give you a taste of the pop punk world nowadays.

1. "Knuckle Puck"

With their second full-length album, "Shapeshifter," their meaningful lyrics about change and their fiery instrumentals permeate the album with a beautiful, yet energetic sound from start to finish. Songs like "Plastic Brains" and "Want Me Around" are among my favorites; two somewhat-slower songs perfectly balanced with ballad-like verses and catchy choruses and hooks. Joe Taylor's vocals will certainly make you feel things. "Knuckle Puck" is one to keep an eye on.



2. "Neck Deep"

"Neck Deep" has been prominent in the pop punk world for quite some time now, but when I discovered their newest album "The Peace and the Panic," I couldn't help but binge-listen to the entire thing. It takes a different route than typical pop punk tracks about lovesickness and heartbreak. In my opinion, there's no better way to get through your existential crisis than by listening to songs like "Critical Mistake" and "Where Do We Go When We Go." If you need a little inspiration to get through the day – or a bunch of catchy tracks to get stuck in your head – give this band a shot.



3. "Broadside"

No, not Bradley University's literary arts journal, but the pop punk band. "Broadside" is a bit more underground than the others, but in my opinion, they deserve at least four times the amount of monthly listeners on Spotify (currently holding just over 250,000). Their album "Paradise" is an array of emotions with upbeat tracks like "Hidden Colors" to more punk rock, serious tracks like "Laps Around a Picture Frame." Frontman Oliver Baxxter's vocal delivery is addictive and will leave you playing this album on repeat.



4. "The Story So Far"

This band dials back to more traditional, '90s pop punk vibes. Their latest single "Out Of It" anticipates a new album (whose release date was Nov. 3 according to Alt Press, but has yet to see the light of day). No matter how long it takes for the album to come out, I'll keep jamming to their new track, as well as their other amped-up songs from previous albums. Nevertheless, keep your ears peeled for "Out Of It."

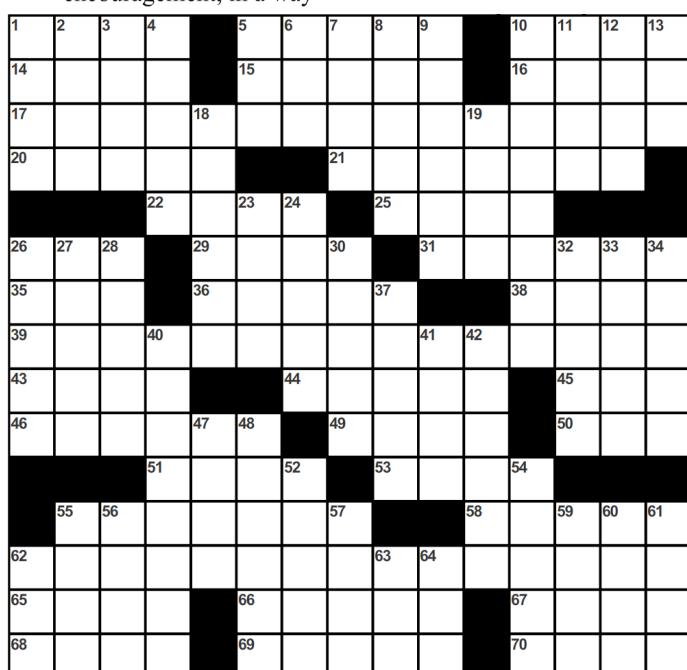




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5) Venomous black snake
10) Large dining room
14) Lake view from Toledo
15) Certain graduate exams
16) Digits in eleven
17) Having many of your group attending
20) Watts of the movies
21) Plains shelters of old (Var.)
22) Brought to maturity
25) Predator's quarry
26) Exact revenge on
29) Sustaining an injury
31) Monotony
35) Pub quaff
36) Fish by dragging nets
38) Europe's tallest active volcano
39) Offer a person encouragement, in a way



- 1) Secured with a needle
2) A, in geometry
3) Airtight storage tower
4) Historic Alabama city
5) Name for a stooge
6) Renowned Dadaist Jean
7) Mini-market
8) Electronic censor
9) Say with confidence
10) Winter melon
11) Penny bet
12) Some popular jeans
13) You'll trip if you drop it
18) Some are civil
19) Olympic event
23) Money in Madrid
24) Small drinks of liquor
26) Stares conspicuously
27) "Silas Marner" novelist
28) Car model that doesn't require gas
30) Coarse wool fabric
32) Entries in a list
33) Like fresh matches
34) Like some beers
37) Misery-company link
40) Applause part
41) Minimum-range tide
42) Bear up under
47) Business name abbr.
48) Einstein's "E"
52) Keep in the warehouse
54) Speeder's trap
55) Immunization fluids
56) Stately trees
57) Nights before
59) Far from certain
60) Needing liniment
61) Young winged god of the Greeks
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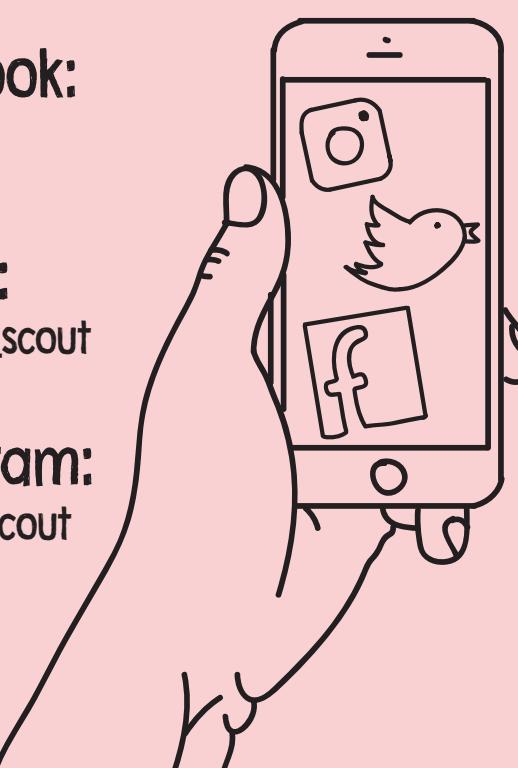
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Giving Tuesday

Students give back to Bradley community

BY KAYLEE CECCHINI
Off-staff Reporter

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, Bradley will once again hold its annual Giving Tuesday event. The international event is a global celebration of thanks and is intended to raise awareness to various philanthropies and charities. Since its inception on campus in 2015, Bradley has raised over \$2 million through Giving Tuesday events.

"It's an opportunity to show students how blessed they are," Emily Formea, a Student Alumni Association member, said. "For students who are here getting a quality education, to realize not all students are as financially stable as them and that their education means just as much as theirs."

Most of the donations go towards scholarships for Bradley students.

"Bradley wants to be able to support all of their students, including me," Formea, a junior political science and business-economics double major, said. "For them to offer a

scholarship in the long run that can make a huge impact."

Formea said Giving Tuesday is a very important event for students to get involved with.

week of events in which students can get food, donate and become more educated on the event.

Tables for Giving Tuesday will be out from Nov. 13 to Nov. 16 in Michel

"Bradley wants to be able to support all of their students"

- Emily Formea
junior political science
and business-economics double major

"It's being thankful for your own education and then being able to support someone else," Formea said. "I want them to have the same opportunities that I do and feel the same security I feel."

In the future, Formea said Bradley might expand Giving Tuesday by making it a competition between dorms and Greek life to see who is able to raise the most money, in hopes that more people will get involved. As of right now, there is a

Student Center.

"It's vital to remember not everyone is given the same opportunities as you, and to recognize the struggle that the people closest to you undergo everyday," Formea said. "It is incredibly meaningful that Bradley holds this event every year, it demonstrates just how much the university cares for its students and their education."

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"I would doubt [the implementation plan] will be [ready] next semester," Thomas said. "What I would anticipate is that next semester, we will begin to launch our communications plan around it with a full-out announcement and a timeline and other pieces of that ... I don't see where some time next semester we're a smoke-free campus."

The administration's current plan for enforcing the new resolution will be primarily on students and staff to hold themselves accountable.

"As the policy is written right now, the enforcement is on the honor system," Thomas said. "That's what we've seen as far as best practices around looking at other universities and their policies, that type of system that most people are doing that seems to work relatively well."

Thomas also said if the honor system does not prevent the issue, the administration will plan to take further action.

"If there are habitual problems, those will be addressed through ... whatever the appropriate way may be," Thomas said. "But after that

we don't necessarily have a system built on what that would look like nor probably will we. I think it'll be much easier to address them in one-off situations, then it will be to imagine a policy that covers every single thing."

Paterson said she believes implementation of the resolution may present challenges for the administration.

"We are aware that it will be difficult to implement and have been recently informed that the administration is working hard on creating a plan for this," Paterson said. "We know they will find a way to implement successful methods of enforcement."

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Letters to the Editor

As junior at Bradley University I am pretty familiar with the class registration process. In my first semester here I found registering extremely stressful. I was a freshman on the Bradley University Speech Team with two learning disabilities and no priority registration, meaning I was in the last group of students to register. As a student with disabilities and a 504 plan through Bradley, I found myself having to take courses that put an emphasis on intensive reading and writing - not because they were always necessary, but because my other class options were already full. Honestly, I was struggling to keep my head above water. I had no other option than to take courses with professors who are known to not work well with students who require extra time, attention and accommodations - accommodations that are supposed to be granted to me by Bradley University.

Then, in the spring of 2017 an incredible amendment was made to the registration process: students with disabilities would be added to the list of undergraduates with priority registration. I found myself taking classes with professors who valued my neuroatypical opinion, professors who encouraged me to utilize my accommodations, professors who saw me as an asset to the classroom; rather than an annoyance. I felt valued by my University, which for the majority of my education, hasn't been the case.

While some of my teammates who are in the honors program also receive priority registration, most do not, because, contrary to the opinion piece that appeared in last week's Scout, The Bradley University Speech Team does not

have priority registration. We never have. The Speech Team works tirelessly to maintain the tradition of excellence we have established at Bradley. In 2017, we are the only program or team to bring a national championship back to this University. But that is not uncommon. Since our inception, we have won 41 team national championships and over 150 individual national championships. Not only have we won more state and national titles than any activity at Bradley, according to the Associated Press, The Bradley Speech Team is the most successful collegiate team in any capacity, including sports.

Yet, the Speech team is still not a beneficiary of priority registration, contrary to a November 3rd, 2017 Bradley Scout anonymous opinion piece.

As a student with disabilities, I was incredibly disappointed to read such ableist rhetoric that is paired with poorly researched, factually inaccurate information. Why shouldn't I have the "privilege" to register early when all too often I am not even granted the privileges I am entitled to in the classroom? Why shouldn't I have the priority to choose professors who are known to be allies to students with disabilities, instead of professors who make my disabilities known to my peers without my permission? For an individual to hide behind anonymity and say "Bradley's acknowledgment and willingness to help such students is commendable, but this gesture went too far and the two simply do not equate" is offensive, ableist, and ignorant.

But my teammates never cease to amaze me, when they are forced to rearrange their schedule,

because they're only option was to take a class with a professor who will not make accommodations for them when they miss school while traveling for competition from September through April. And yet this anonymous writer continues "when it comes to the speech team, what differentiates them from other student organizations? Many groups on campus juggle strict deadlines and would benefit from early registration, but they aren't given the same opportunity." I have the utmost respect for every student organization and team at this university, but the difference is simple: time. No other activity has a season as long or as demanding of time as ours. And no other team's success even comes close to touching the most successful team in the nation - and may I remind you - the only team to ever win a national championship at this university.

I am a student with disabilities, so my priority registration isn't going anywhere. As for my teammates, I hope someday they will be as fortunate as I am to be recognized as important members of this University - the recognition and assistance they rightfully deserve.

Megan Magee
Junior, Television Arts Major
Vice President, The Bradley
University Speech Team
National Champion

While the idea of getting a ball into a circle several times seems to be a bit too complex for the majority of Bradley's athletes, I like to think the Speech Team does a bit more for this university rather than wallowing in echo chambers or contributing to rape culture. So, here are some fun facts about the team: No, we do not have priority registration, but we do practice extensive research before making false claims for how the system works. Yes, we do have a successful recruiting process of bringing around a minimum of twenty freshmen per year, who stay at Bradley even if they decide to leave the team.

But here's where you really swept the leg, Johnny. You talked about how the honor students and athletes have more excessive workload than the Speech Team. This is my family. These people are the hardest workers you will ever see in your life and I know this because I've seen what this activity does to their mental and physical health. Like others, I have had to sign up for Bradley Counseling, increase my medication, go to a professional therapist, and have developed worsening clinical depression just to compete on the Bradley Speech Team. I have lost friends, changed majors, changed minors, suffered my G.P.A, and most months I don't see my biological family for long periods of time. Yet, I would do it all again in a heartbeat, because what we do makes a difference in people's lives and how they are treated as human beings.

There is a level of commitment for this team you can only begin to imagine, even after competing with them for years. You do not know what work is until you have experienced on average four hours of sleep every night for a week while preparing for the nation's largest forensics competition with over six hundred students arriving on campus for The Norton. You do not know what dedication is until you have spent months re-writing speeches, missed meals, lost

sleep, spent weekends competing across the nation, change suit sizes, stay at the GCC until 2 am, run across campuses in heels, cry in front of countless judge's during the climaxes of your speeches, spent hours locked in a small room re-wording or changing the delivery of one paragraph, sacrifice mental health, sacrifice physical health, sacrifice life philosophies, and sacrifice part of your own identity just to make sure literally every single word you speak is perfect when you walk on stage in front of crowds ranging from five individuals to nearly three-hundred people. This platform is used to discuss political and social injustices in our society for people whose rights have been stolen.

We are an Army of Artists fighting for what we believe in with every ounce of blood, sweat, and tear this team can give. You do not know what passion is until you feel the weight of others' oppression within every word you speak, within every second of every round of every tournament. I am on this team because I have lost people in my life who did not have anyone to speak for them, so I speak for them now. And they will not be silenced because you think we're pretentious, arrogant, or given special privileges. We do not compete for the appreciation on campus, or the glory, or trophies, or recognition, or for more money (trust me, this department is severely underfunded). We compete because this activity represents what we stand for and why the people we speak for matter. So please excuse me, if I happened to take offense to your biased article. You will respect my team... and you will respect my family.

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NEWS

SCOUT ON THE STREET

When do you start listening to holiday music?



Boby Johnson

"I get into the holiday mood after Thanksgiving so I will start listening to holiday music by mid November."

-Boby Johnson, junior, sports communication major
Favorite song: Deck the Halls.



Lauryn Simms

"I might sound crazy, but I started listening to holiday music at the beginning of October."

-Lauren Simms, freshman, music and entertainment industry major
Favorite song: Drummer Boy by Justin Bieber



Luke Smith

"I'm not the hugest fan of Christmas so I'll probably start listening to holiday music around the beginning of December."

-Luke Smith, freshman, sports communication major
Favorite song: Jingle Bell Rock



Valerie Gabriel

"I started listening to holiday music on Nov. 1."

Valerie Gabriel, freshman, health science major
Favorite song: This Christmas

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Leaders offer glimpse of experiences

BY HALEY JOHNSON
Off-staff Reporter

The Bradley Fellows brought a new perspective on leadership to campus last night, welcoming four speakers who are active members of both the Bradley and Peoria communities.

The panel consisted of leaders with a variety of experience levels, careers and positions. It included Jessica Martin (human resources coordinator at Easter Seals in Central Illinois), Charlie Drier (regional vice president for Auto-Owners Insurance Peoria), Mike LeCrone (ethics and compliance manager at Caterpillar) and Renee Andrews (principal at Trewyn Middle School).

Senior accounting major Will Kennedy, who helped organize the event, said the speakers demonstrated the goals of Fellows as they discussed their leadership experiences.

"The goal of the Bradley Fellows is to instill leadership and service," said Kennedy. "The speakers demonstrate the importance of being a leader in your career and community to learn more about yourself and others."

The first question for the panel was simply, "How Do You Lead?"

Andrews said she leads by example.

"My school is in the poorest zip code in the district. The children come in with issues you and I could not even fathom," Andrews said. "As the principal, the eyes are always on me, how I deal with stress and all difficult situations."

Event moderators asked the speakers to think back to their days in college in order to connect with the student audience.

"You all have leadership qualities," Drier said. "You just have to make the decision to use and explore them."

Drier also stressed the importance of leadership skills from an employers perspective.

"At career fairs, I don't really pay much attention to GPA. Instead, I look for involvement," Drier said. "I don't care if someone has a 4.0. If they're not involved in anything, I'm moving along. When I see a candidate I ask myself, 'How has this student developed as a leader?'"

When the panel was over, senior biology major and Fellows member



Panelists discuss their leadership experience last night in the Peplow Alumni Pavilion.

Omar Ellaicy said one recurring message resonated with him.

"I noticed that all four of the

panelists overlapped in one message: to follow your passions and dreams, despite what others might say or

think about them," Ellaicy said. "Do what you'll be happy doing."

Women's basketball routs Upper Iowa in opener

BY COLE BREDAHL
Assistant Sports Editor

The Bradley women's basketball team opened their 2017 season with a dominating 79-40 victory over Upper Iowa University. The Braves cruised through their only exhibition game on the season over the Division II foe.

The Braves started slow but used a 19-point run to take a 26-5 lead over the Peacocks late in the first quarter. The run was fueled by nine points from freshman guard Gabi Haack as she sank three shots from beyond the arc.

Head coach Andrea Gorski said Haack allowed the Braves to break open the game.

"Haack came in and just started knocking down threes," Gorski said. "[Upper Iowa] had to stretch out their defense a little more, and we were able to get some easy buckets inside."

Haack finished the game with 12 points, two assists and two rebounds.

After the 19-point run, the Braves didn't look back as they eventually led by 32 at halftime and came out with the 39-point victory.

The Braves got a big contribution from freshman guard Jailynn Lawson, who put up 15 points and five assists. Lawson said it was satisfying to find success in her first collegiate game.

"It's exciting," Lawson said. "It is something we have been waiting a long time for."



Sophomore Ryan Wilkins is set to have an increase role in the offense this season. The guard finished with five points off the bench against Upper Iowa. photo via Scout Archives

Lawson, a Peoria native, said playing in her hometown provides extra motivation.

"Being from the area makes me go harder," Lawson said. "I have

at least 15 people at every game supporting me."

Gorski said her newcomers have proven to be dangerous for other team's defenses so far but

still have work to do.

"Our new kids can score, we know that," Gorski said. "We need to buckle down on defense a little bit."

Major league talent

Several members of Bradley baseball team met with MLB scout

BY NICK KONOW
Sports Editor

Anthony Wycklendt, an area scout for the Pittsburgh Pirates, visited Bradley's campus on Wednesday to meet and interview several members of the Bradley baseball squad.

The Braves who were interviewed included juniors Luke Mangieri and Ben Olson, as well as senior Allan Beer.

According to pitching coach Larry Scully, Wycklendt is the first scout to visit this year, but he does not expect him to be the last.

"Depending on the class in terms of eligibility for the draft and draft prospects, the number of scouts who visit can be anywhere from four to 14," Scully said. "They'll reach out to either me or [head] coach [Elvis] Dominguez and let us know who they'd like to talk to. Then we coordinate when the best time to meet is."

Former Bradley starting pitcher Matt Dennis, who was drafted by the Colorado Rockies in 2016, went through the same process.

"Meeting with a scout, technically, is pretty much just a job interview," Dennis said. "It gives them an opportunity to get to know you at a level you can't see



Junior Luke Mangieri beats out a throw to first against Illinois State last spring. photo via Scout Archives

on the field. If they are going to invest in you, they want someone who is a good kid and has his priorities straight. Not someone who just throws a good fastball."

Scully said when meeting with a scout, they are rarely interested in athletic ability. Instead, they focus more on a player's disposi-

tion.

"Scouts want to know what a player's makeup is, how they handle adversity, their strengths and weaknesses as a person and things they're trying to continue to work on," Scully said.

Olson, who started seven games for the Braves last season, said this is not his first interaction

with a big league club.

"I've thrown a bullpen in front of some scouts, and I've met with the Mariners and the Royals," Olson said. "Right now, it's all pretty new to me, but it's fun. You have to enjoy it while you're going through it."

Dennis, a member of the Asheville Tourists of the South Atlantic League last season, was not only on hand this past Wednesday to provide moral support for his former teammates. He is also back on the Hilltop to finish his final requirements to receive his bachelor's degree.

Dennis said he is so keen on finishing school because he guaranteed his parents that he would.

"It was a promise to my parents," Dennis said. "I remember the day I got drafted, when the scout from the Rockies called me and told me, 'Hey, we just took you.' I looked at my parents and said, 'I got drafted,' and the first thing they said was, 'You know you're finishing school, right?'"

While Dennis wraps up his psychology degree and expects to graduate in December, Olson and Mangieri will be preparing for the start of the season.

Though Olson said each time he toes the rubber will now be

The Braves fouled the Peacocks 28 times throughout the game. Gorski said the team needs to work on limiting those fouls on the defensive side of the ball.

"We have got to clean that up with Omaha coming in to play us," Gorski said. "They are a much quicker team than Upper Iowa, and we need to be able to defend without fouling."

Bradley finished tied with the Peacocks in the rebound column with 37. Gorski said she was impressed with team's offensive performance but would like to see better rebounding from her team.

"We had 13 people score, and the 22 assists were outstanding," Gorski said. "We definitely need to work on our rebounding by being more aggressive on the boards."

Overall, Gorski said the exhibition game was helpful for the team early in the season.

"Being able to try different line-ups throughout the game was beneficial," Gorski said. "We feel good with some of the versatility we have as a team."

The team will take the court next tonight at 7 p.m. as they host Nebraska-Omaha at Renaissance Coliseum.

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more meaningful, he will try to take the field with the same mindset he always has.

"I have yet to be on the field with this sort of pressure," Olson said. "[During] my freshman and sophomore year, all I tried to do was throw strikes and try to get a win for the team. This year I think that's probably the best mindset I can have going into a game. If you start thinking about getting drafted and what scouts are there, you're not going to do as good as you usually do."

Mangieri said he is not going to play any differently than he has in the past.

"I think it's similar to when you're in high school getting recruited by colleges," Mangieri said. "You know there are scouts out there, but if you try to be someone who you're not, that's when you're going to mess up. You just have to go out there and do your thing, and whatever happens or doesn't happen, you can't be too upset with. You just have to be yourself."

The Braves first opportunity to show off their skills will be Feb. 16 in Atlanta as they take on the Georgia State University Panthers in their 2018 season opener.

Bradley basketball's very own 'Pretty Penny'



Sophomore guard Darrell Brown led the Braves with 12.6 points per game last season and was named to Missouri Valley Conference All-Freshman team.

BY NICK KONOW
Sports Editor

Bradley basketball sophomore point guard Darrell Brown and NBA legend Penny Hardaway share a unique connection.

While Brown stands at 5'10" and Hardaway at 6'7", the pair have more similarities than one would think. Besides being play-making point guards, they both hail from Memphis, Tennessee.

Brown's father, Darrell Brown Sr., actually grew up with Hardaway and formed a relationship that lasts to this day. Hardaway is even the godfather of his Darrell Jr.

"[Hardaway] and my dad are like best friends, basically," Brown said. "He's been there ever since I was born, and we still communicate every day."

A member of the Missouri Valley Conference All-Freshman team last year, Brown had one of the best rookie seasons in Bradley basketball history. The point guard led the Braves with 12.6 points per game and finished with the highest average by an MVC true freshman since Doug McDermott in 2010-11.

This year, the sophomore was the lone underclassmen named to the All-MVC Preseason Teams, collecting second-team honors. Brown credits

his teammates for the accolade.

"It means a lot, but I wouldn't have been able to be recognized if it wasn't for my teammates," Brown said. "I'm thankful for them for helping me get to where I am."

Once again Brown is expected to be the offensive catalyst for the Braves this season, and he said he is not backing down from the challenge and has his eyes locked on lofty goals.

"I don't really feel too much pressure," Brown said. "I'm just really focused on trying to get us to the NCAA tournament. That's the main goal, as well as winning the conference title."

In addition to those team-oriented goals, Brown said he also has some expectations for himself this season. As the guard said he wants to be a force on both sides of the ball.

"Second team All-MVC kind of felt disrespectful, so I'll be trying to get first team," Brown said. "Another goal is Defensive Player of the Year. I pressure the ball a lot, and if I can get some steals, I think I have a shot at it."

To achieve these goals, Brown said he will be following the advice the NBA legend, and his godfather Hardaway gave to him.

"He just told me to trust the

photo via Bradleybraves.com

process," Brown said. "To just keep improving, working and to take everything day-by-day."

One-on-one Who will win the Stanley Cup?

Tampa Bay Lightning vs. St. Louis Blues

The most impressive team this NHL season dons a lightning bolt on their chests. That's because the Tampa Bay Lightning are the best team in the NHL right now.

Sure, one might say that it's a cliché pick, simply because they're in first place of the NHL, but there's more to it than that. The Lightning don't just lead league standings, they're also first in goals scored, goal differential and goals per game.

Their high-powered offense features Nikita Kucherov, the league's top goal scorer. Kucherov is second in points only behind teammate Steven Stamkos, who has set up his teammates efficiently by recording the most assists on the season.

Not only do the Lightning boast the league's best offense, they also have a top-tier goaltender anchoring the team. Andrei Vasilevskiy leads the league in wins and is top-10 in save percentage. The team is also top-10 in the league for least goals against.

As for their special teams, the Lightning have the second-best power play percentage in the league and are ninth for penalty kill percentage.

When it comes to squaring up against other top teams, the Lightning are highly successful. So far this season, they beat the powerhouse Washington Capitals in an overtime thriller, outscored the defending-champion Pittsburgh Penguins 12-5 in two meetings with them, and won two games against the Columbus Blue Jackets, another top team in the standings.

The Lightning also defeated the St. Louis Blues this season, which happens to be Beau's choice as the best team. That's a pretty questionable pick.

The Blues may have started hot, but they are headed nowhere. If you need proof, just look at their track record in the playoffs. They're a top regular season team infamous for not being able to make it to the Stanley Cup Finals.

- Jack Simzyk

So far this NHL season, the St. Louis Blues have been the most impressive team.

While still under the radar, the Blues have proved themselves as the best team in the competitive Central Division. Their long-time rival, the Chicago Blackhawks, still look shell-shocked from their early playoffs exit last season. Neither Winnipeg nor Colorado pose a significant enough threat considering their previous season and still might be a flash in the pan.

Elsewhere in the Western Conference, the Blues aren't threatened by the Kings, who don't have a bona fide top goal scorer that can come close to Jaden Schwartz. While the Vegas story is really exciting, realistically it is not a team built to win a Cup in its inaugural season.

Not to mention - Schwartz is quietly one of the best and most productive scorers in the NHL this season. Vladimir Tarasenko still has that incredible star power that he hasn't even fully displayed yet this season. They finally have stable goaltending, with Jake Allen showing significant improvement between the pipes from last season.

As for the Eastern Conference, Jack will try and sell you on the Tampa Bay Lightning, a team led by the injury-prone Steven Stamkos. Nikita Kucherov and several others have been impressive, but the roster overall has been top-heavy and has weaknesses farther down the lineup. Most of the other teams are a step down this season in the East, including Pittsburgh, that is going to start feeling the effects of the salary cap sooner rather than later.

The St. Louis Blues are poised to finally add a Stanley Cup banner to the rafters of Scottrade Center. With consistent scoring from all four lines, much improved goaltending and a coaching staff with the players' full support, the city of St. Louis has a lot to be excited about.

- Beau Woodcock

THE WEEK AHEAD					
	Friday November 10	Saturday November 11	Sunday November 12	Tuesday November 14	Wednesday November 15
Men's Basketball		vs. IUPUI 1 p.m. Carver Arena		vs. Delaware 7 p.m. Carver Arena	
Soccer	MVC Semifinal vs. Central Arkansas 6 p.m. Shea Stadium		MVC Championship TBD 1 p.m. Shea Stadium		
Cross Country	NCAA Midwest Regional 11:45 a.m. Ames, Iowa				
Women's Basketball	vs. Omaha 7 p.m. Renaissance Coliseum			vs. Lincoln (Mo.) 7 p.m. Renaissance Coliseum	

Volleyball closes out road schedule

BY RONAN KHALSA
Off-staff Reporter

This past weekend, Bradley volleyball wrapped up the road portion of its 2017 schedule. The team battled with Loyola for five sets Friday before falling in the final set. On Saturday, the Braves were swept in straight sets by hard-hitting Valparaiso.

On Friday night in Chicago, the Braves fought hard and led two sets to one entering the crucial fourth. However, Loyola took the final two sets by hitting .381 collectively. Senior Jamie Livaudais brought the Braves within one point in the final set, but the team could not take control and fell 15-9.

The Braves looked to come out strong against Valparaiso the next day, but were out-scored by 25 in the three-set loss. Bradley hit .028 to Valpo's .290 during the match.

"I think we have gotten immensely better this season, but it is hard because we have not gotten the results we want," head coach Carol Price-Torok said. Additionally, she said she is glad that the team has battled hard in competition and executed on game plans.

According to Price-Torok, unforced mistakes led to Bradley's struggles.

"The team played really well at times but had too many errors," Price-Torok said. "If we can clean up errors on our end,



Senior Jamie Livaudais rises for a spike against Valparaiso. The Braves fell to the Crusaders 3-0.

photo via Bradleybraves.com

I think we can have a lot more success."

Throughout this season, the team has struggled to seize the moment and capitalize on opportunities to take control of sets. However, Price-Torok said she believes in her players.

"We, as coaches, must relax and let the players know they have the skills to get the point," Price-Torok said.

The Braves will look to keep building on this sea-

son with their core group of players returning; Returners include junior Erica Haslag and sophomores Kathryn Graf and Hannah Angeli.

"We have a lot of kids returning next year and that's very exciting," Price-Torok said. "We will continue to improve."

Another returner is junior libero Yavaniliz Rosado. In the next few matches, she will likely break the Bradley single season dig record.

"She is a steady player for us," Price-Torok said. "She gets volleyball, and her volleyball IQ is really, really high. I am impressed with the job she has done balancing everything going in her life and staying focused on the court."

Next year, Price-Torok said Rosado will continue to anchor the defense.

"We are looking to execute on our game plans so we can close out the season with some

wins," Price-Torok said.

When discussing the upcoming matches, Torok mentioned that the team has played four or five sets against each team and are prepared to challenge the opposition.

The Braves will close out the season with a three-game homestand beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday in Renaissance Coliseum against rival Illinois State University.

Opinion

Get rid of Goodell

BY COLE BREDAHL
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The NFL's ratings have been down the last two seasons, and league officials are running out of excuses. It is time for the league to start fresh in the front office.

The NFL's once sturdy television ratings dropped last year, which many simply took as a fluke, but midway through the season, the ratings have continued to decline.

Commissioner Roger Goodell has not been shy to point the finger at a number of different factors affecting the television viewership, including last year's election, fantasy football and player protests.

All of Goodell's excuses may contribute to the drop in ratings, but the fact of the matter is it is his job to make the NFL an appealing product. He oversees

the entire league, and it is his responsibility to keep people in their seats and keep viewers watching.

Goodell is failing to accomplish his duties, and because of it, his contract extension negotiations have been delayed.

Goodell's eleven years at the helm have seen an increase in incidents involving players off the field. Throughout his time in charge, he has proven himself ineffective in disciplining players. The punishments for misconduct off the field has been lenient and inconsistent.

Prolific cases including Ray Rice, Greg Hardy and Ezekiel Elliot are responsible for the tainted image of the NFL. Now, people just wait for the next player to be arrested for domestic violence or drunk driving since these incidents have become synonymous with NFL

players.

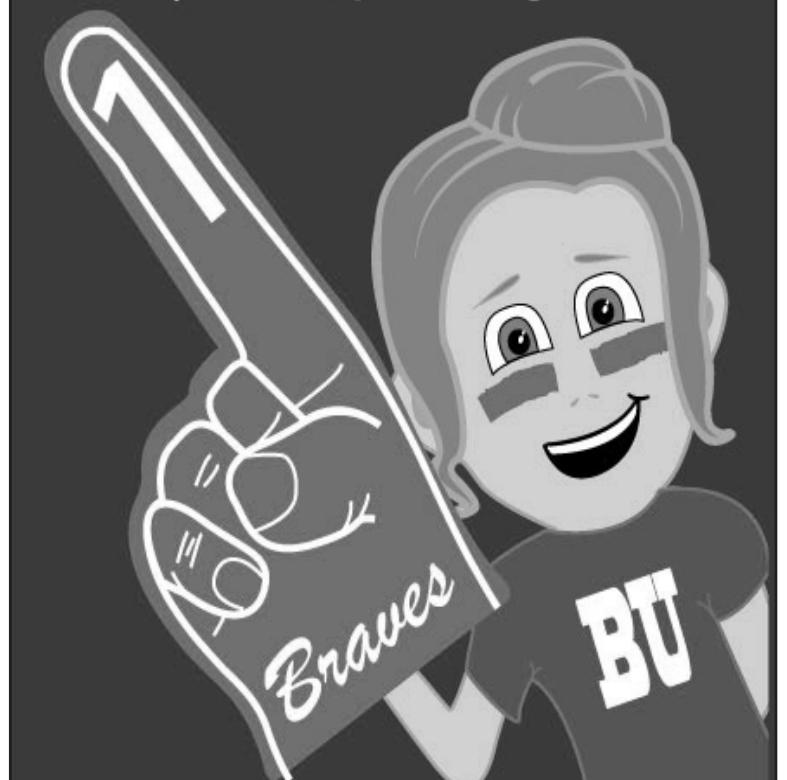
NFL team owners are also upset since they, too, have lost money due to players protesting during the national anthem, and Goodell has not done anything about it. One of the NFL's biggest sponsors, Papa John's, is considering terminating their sponsorship with the league because their sales have dropped since the protests have begun.

The NFL needs some consistent and stern leadership in the commissioner's chair. It is time for the league to move on from Roger Goodell. They must hire someone who can deliver punishments equivalent to the crimes athletes are committing and keep sponsors from leaving the league, or else, the downfall of the NFL as a whole is imminent.

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Freshmen make strong debut

The freshmen duo of Jailynn Lawson and Gabi Haack paced the Braves as they blew by Upper Iowa.



Jailynn Lawson

Soccer makes postseason run

BY JUSTIN LIMOGES
Sports Reporter

The Bradley soccer team concluded its regular-season with a well-fought 1-0 victory against Valparaiso University this past Saturday at Brown Field. The Braves seem to be hitting their stride at the right time, taking down Drake University 3-1 in the Missouri Valley Conference quarterfinal.

With the win over Valparaiso, the Braves completed their overall regular-season record 10-7-2 and MVC record 4-3-1.

Redshirt-sophomore forward Jha'Lon Johnson scored the game-winner against the Crusaders in the 43rd minute – his second goal of the season. Junior forward Austin Bell provided the lethal assist, which Johnson headed home for the Braves to secure the win.

Bradley goalkeeper Brandon Barnes made a total of five saves throughout the match to complete his ninth clean sheet of the year. This allowed Bradley to finish in third place in the MVC regular season and to secure the No. 3 seed in the MVC Championship tournament.

As a result of his performance, Barnes received his fourth MVC Defensive Player of the Week award on Nov. 6. The graduate transfer ties former Bradley goalkeeper Adam Gross for most times receiving the acknowledgement.



The Bradley soccer team celebrates with Freshman forward Gerit Wintermeyer who sealed the Braves win over Drake University, knocking in the team's third goal of the night. The goal was Wintermeyer's fifth of the season.

photo by Justin Limoges

The Braves then hosted No. 7 seed, Drake University, in the MVC Championship tournament quarterfinals on Wednesday night in an enticing rally.

The first 20 minutes of the quarterfinal matchup at Shea Stadium started poorly for the Braves, as they struggled to obtain

possession and create goal-scoring opportunities.

Freshman forward Gerit Wintermeyer commented on how the game didn't start how they would have liked, but went their way in the end.

"We started out [the first half] not as motivated as we would have liked," Wintermeyer said. "We got back on track after the first 25 minutes even though they scored. By the second half, we showed our real face and executed our coach's plan really well and won in the end."

Just as the Braves started to get comfortable on the pitch, the Bulldogs capitalized off a deep cross from Juan Louis that Stafford Dowling was able to finish past Barnes. This gave Drake the 1-0 lead that would conclude the action of the first half.

After the break, Bradley turned the tide as sophomore forward Roman Schindler scored

the seventh goal of his debut season in the 48th minute, tying the game 1-1. Schindler received a far-side cross from freshman midfielder Younes Dayekh that he fired past Bulldogs keeper Caden McCullough.

It took only 61 seconds for the Braves to turn that tie into a 2-1 lead. Senior defender Jacob Taylor launched in a long-distance throw to teammate Clark Emerson, who then knocked down the ball for junior defender Alex Ciaramitaro to finish in the 49th minute.

Head coach Jim DeRose said in the team's aggression in the second half was key.

"We were sloppy and uncharacteristic in the first 15 minutes," DeRose said. "But by the second half, we were getting better by running into the box hard and being more aggressive. The first two goals were a result of that aggression."

The Braves weren't done scor-

ing, however, as Wintermeyer completed the three-goal rally after scoring a ball provided by Schindler in the 75th. The match concluded in Bradley's favor 3-1, advancing them past Drake to the semifinals.

Bradley improved its overall record to 11-7-2 and is now undefeated in its last four matches. DeRose noted that the team is looking forward to the upcoming semifinal match and how it will be a completely new game.

"Getting a couple wins lately has been helpful for the team," DeRose said. "For us right now, the tournament is knockout soccer. I think we'll be up for the task, and it's a matter if we can deal with Central Arkansas' lead attacking players."

Bradley will continue its MVC Championship run at 6 p.m. tonight against No. 2 seed University of Central Arkansas at Shea Stadium.

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