



Blood drive promotes healthy competition

BY KYLEE HIGGINS
News Editor

Once again, Bradley and Illinois State University solidified their rivalry by teaming up with the American Red Cross for the annual Challenge on 74, a competitive blood drive between the two universities.

Established in 2011, Challenge on 74 combats the shortage of blood donations that occur during the winter season. Like previous years, the blood drive was held in Markin Family Student Recreation Center from Tuesday through Thursday.

"Winter storms this month [have] forced many blood drives to cancel, causing thousands of blood and platelet donations to go uncollected," said external communications manager for the American Red Cross Laura McGuire. "Blood and platelet donations are urgently needed now so patients can continue to receive the life-saving treatments they need." Because of this, the three-day challenge not only serves as a way to see which university can donate the most blood, but also as a solution for those in need of donations.

"The benefits of donating blood are countless. Many donors say they

feel a great sense of gratification knowing they helped someone in need," McGuire said. "And they enjoy the juice and cookies."

In addition to helping those in need, Challenge on 74 also serves as a way for Bradley students to inform the community, while attempting to donate more than ISU.

"I think [this event] raises a lot of awareness as to how critical the need for blood is," Jessica Moreano, a sophomore international studies and psychology double major said. "It gives students the opportunity to give back to the community without actually having to get off [campus] because I know a lot of people don't have cars or transportation."

According to Moreano, donating blood is an incredibly important, yet easy, decision for her to make.

"I try to [donate blood] as much as possible," Moreano said. "I know there's such a critical need for it; there's always people who can use the blood, so I figure, why not? It helps someone out."

McGuire said the ability to donate blood is an opportunity to help others in a unique way.

"Blood cannot be manufactured," McGuire said. "The only way we can



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Students participate on the annual Challenge on 74 blood drive on Tuesday in the performance court of the Markin Recreation Center.

receive blood is through one another. It's a chance for others to give more life to patients in need. You never know when you or someone you love will need blood. It's the blood on the

shelves that help to save lives during emergencies."

To donate blood, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor app, visit redcrossblood.org or call (800)-

733-2767 to make an appointment. Ask a representative for information.

Author addresses problematic denial of white supremacy

BY NELSON GUTIERREZ
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From the fields of the South, to a bus on Montgomery and even to present day – a human design flaw looms over mankind's ability to coexist.

David Billings, historian and author of "Deep Denial: The Persistence of White Supremacy," visited Bradley on Monday to deliver a speech in Hayden-Clark Alumni Center on his experience of racism from the perspective of a white southerner.

Well aware of the contradiction of this idea, Billings said he builds his views from that very thought, using his experiences to organize against racism.

According to Billings, he incorporates an intimate knowledge of history into his own experience as a working class white

man from Arkansas and Mississippi. What results is an autobiographical journey of introspection on where prejudice – namely, white supremacy – derives from.

"I believe that the anger is based on the internalization of a lie," Billings said during his speech. "The lie that was made back at the start of this nation ... a social contract: each group of white people will live better than the one preceding him."

But the lineage of power passed on by status of race does not have to occur, according to Billings.

"We have a legacy, and it can be passed down to our progeny," Billings said. "And they're basically saying, 'I don't think you can keep that promise any longer.' We are suffering. But I say, 'If you're suffering, why don't you join up with others who are suffering, and we can turn this thing

around.' But no – we keep opting for the racial advantage."

During his speech, Billings discussed the ingrained conceptions of prejudice within our brains. He even demonstrated this in real time by having the audience finish popular derogatory statements, such as, "A woman's place is in the ..." and others, segueing into racially charged.

For Kristen Mueller, a sophomore marketing major, the speech made her uncomfortable, but it also offered the opportunity to mull through her thoughts on the message Billings was sending.

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Author David Billings addresses an audience on Monday in the Hayden-Clark Alumni Cneter.

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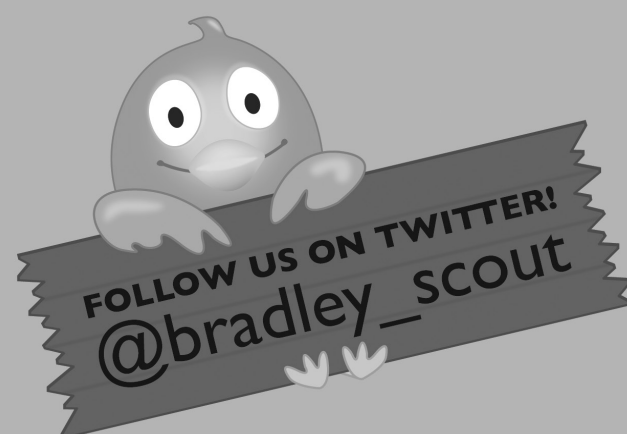
Bradley prepares for winter weather to continue

Student Senate looks to fill seats

Movie Club to screen '77 comedy

"Stroszek" will be shown in the Marty Theater of the Student Center basement at 7 p.m. Jan. 29. The screening is free to attend, and a discussion of the movie will follow.

BUPD officers later discovered the powder was a pre-workout supplement.



NEWS

J-term: Around the world in two weeks

BY HALEY JOHNSON
Copy Editor

While most students enjoyed winter break cozier up by a fire or spending time with family and friends at home, some opted to take classes. More than that, other J-term students opted to travel abroad.

Senior Interactive Media major Hannah Gaska and her fellow ENG 302: Travel Writing classmates flew to Paris for a brief study abroad trip, lasting two weeks. While visiting the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre and other “mainstream” sights, she said she also uncovered a lot about the culture.

“I had been wanting to study abroad since my freshman year, so I waited until the opportune moment for the experience to work within my schedule,” Gaska said. “This was my second time leaving the United States, and I chose Paris because of its beauty and exotic [and] unique culture.”

Time was spent both inside and outside the classroom as students worked on assignments for over two hours each morning and traveled on class excursions throughout the city.

“Travel Writing brought to light many of the historical aspects of Paris. As a tourist, I would have ignored

these traits and only acknowledged the beauty,” Gaska said. “Due to the daily journals we wrote and essays completed, I was able to understand the culture on a deeper level, and it helped enhance the beauty of the city.”

Senior nursing major Aaron Rapp also took the travel writing course but did so from London.

“The location of London allowed me to explore the city and write about my travels. I could not have done this in Peoria,” Rapp said. “London is a very historic city, so it allowed lots of information to write about.”

Shuttling to and from the different

sights and locations, Gaska said there was just as much culture to experience on the streets of Paris. The only issue Gaska said she came across was the language barrier.

“There were those who spoke English and some who didn’t, but it didn’t stop the group from enjoying the culture and picking up some French words along the way,” Gaska said. “It allowed me to see a new perspective on life and helped me to grow as an individual.”

Rapp said he found his trip to be a lot less difficult in England, where he was not as easily “lost in translation.”

“London makes it easy for students,

especially first time travelers, because the people of England speak English, so it makes it easy to explore the city and communicate with the [British People],” Rapp said.

Both Gaska and Rapp said they were able to absorb valuable knowledge and experience to take back to Bradley.

“Look for a class that will benefit your college development and plan your schedule to make room. There is no need to cause unnecessary stress,” Gaska said. “Most importantly, do it. No matter where you go, you won’t regret the experience.”



Left: Bradley students Cooper Kaplan, Jack Donahue, Aaron Rapp, and Jon Spray at a Chelsea vs. Arsenal football match. Right: Students Jackie Payne, Hannah Gaska, and Eric Eisele visit the Château de Versailles.



Photos via Aaron Rapp and Hannah Gaska

Bradley alum shares personal journey through art



BY HANNAH SNIDMAN
News Reporter

Artist and Bradley alum Ken Kaminski (’84) presented a Visual Voices Lecture at the Horowitz Auditorium in the GCC. A reception followed the lecture in the Heuser Art Gallery.

Studying graphic design in his time at Bradley, Kaminski’s exhibition, “A Retrospective,” is currently displayed in Heuser Art Gallery and will be set up through Feb. 16.

“We chose to bring Ken to campus because he is the epitome of a successful alum,” Erin Buczynski, director of galleries, exhibitions and collections, said. “It is important for our students to hear directly from a

working professional, especially one who started their journey at Bradley.”

In addition to a successful graphic design career, Kaminski also paints and exhibits around the world. He currently works as an artist in the Cave Creek community of Arizona.

“Like any visiting artist, designer or photographer, students get to see art as it should be viewed; ‘In the flesh,’ so to speak,” Gary Will, chair of the art department, said. “Kaminski’s exhibition is a ‘retrospective,’ which is a great title as it really demonstrates the evolving, changing direction his paintings have taken over the years.”

During the lecture, Kaminski’s paintings were displayed in a rotation schedule on a projector behind him. He discussed his reactions to the

Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, which served as a large inspiration for 15 years of his work.

“Hearing an experience is much more valuable than reading about it in a textbook,” Patricia Díaz Velázquez, sophomore photography and journalism major, said. “You can take inspiration from anything and turn it into something spectacular if you put in the effort.”

Kaminski outlined his entire career in his lecture, from college to the corporate realm and beyond. He advised students to utilize social media, market themselves, build relationships and have persistence.

“I learned that graphic design is more of a creative position than I may have expected,” Harland Reid,

sophomore graphic design major, said. “Incorporating your own art is something that is actually really beneficial to the job, and you can create some awesome and original things.”

This was the first time Kaminski and his wife, also a Bradley alum, had returned to campus since the mid ’80s. According to faculty, they formally invited the couple because they believe Kaminski’s work is impactful.

“Kaminski’s visit will provide an enriching educational experience to

our students through their direct interaction with the exhibition, lecture and with the artist himself during student critiques,” Buczynski said. “It is our hope that students [were] inspired and challenged by the exhibition.”



Photos by Amy Trompeter

Bradley alum and artist Ken Kaminski lectured in Horowitz Auditorium last evening.

Local business pops up near campus

BY MADDIE GEHLING
Editor-in-Chief

A new gourmet popcorn shop has opened on W. Bradley Avenue, just down the street from University Hall. Pop-Ups Gourmet Popcorn will serve its popcorn treats to Bradley students and Peoria locals alike.

Pop-Ups was recently created by Jody Summers, who has been making and selling popcorn in the Peoria area for 10 years.

“I’ve been doing gourmet popcorn at fairs and festivals,” Summers said. “But I got tired of loading a truck up every weekend and setting up and moving. I’ve always wanted my own place, and I finally found the right one I think.”

Among its 50 popcorn flavors, Pop-Ups sells classic flavors like cheese and caramel. But Summers said he is also excited to share some of his more uncommon creations.

“We have a flavor called ‘Pub Corn’ – a mixture of buffalo and ranch; it’s got a nice bite to it, but it’s very smooth,” he said. “Our bacon cheddar is a top-seller ... We’re going

to make a new one called ‘Be Brave’ with ghost pepper. So it’ll be pretty hot, if you’re brave enough to try it.”

Summers said starting a local business is a tough thing to do right now, but persistence is getting him through.

“Now business is very slow, so you have to just keep telling yourself it’s going to pick up and be positive,” Summers said. “Lots of times, I’m there 14 hours a day. It’s time consuming but rewarding, so you have to be positive and tell yourself it’s a rewarding adventure.”

Situating Pop-Ups so close to campus was a driving factor for Summers when he was picking out a location.

“Knowing we’re right across from campus, by Bacci’s and St. Mark’s school ... there’s a very captive audience at that location. We’re definitely looking forward to the university business,” Summers said.

Pop-Ups is located at 1212 W. Bradley Ave. Starting next week, the store will be open from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. and open Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 10 p.m.



Pop-Ups Gourmet Popcorn is a new popcorn shop located at 1212 W. Bradley Avenue.

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Students showcase skills on worldwide stage

BY AJ LAMB
Senior Copy Editor

During the month of February, 12 Bradley students will have the opportunity to intern for NBC Sports to assist with the broadcast of the world’s largest sporting event. This year, five students will work in South Korea while seven students will be located in NBC Sports’s headquarters in Stamford, Connecticut.

Since 2010, Bradley students have interned for NBC Sports, which offers students internship opportunities during both the Summer and Winter Olympic Games.

“We actually got the agreement in fall of 2010 for the Olympics of summer 2012,” Paul Gullifor, professor and associate chair of the department of communication, said. “So we’d met with NBC, and we got them to commit to us about a year and a half before the Summer Olympics, so our first actual participation was in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.”

According to Gullifor, the impression made by the first group of students who participated in the

internship in 2012 solidified the future of the partnership.

“I’m always talking to NBC, seeing how our students do, [because] they’re up against some schools who have some pretty big reputations,” Gullifor said. “I did that after the first summer games in London, first thing I did when I was done, I called them ... they said, ‘Let’s put it this way, the next time we need interns, we’re calling Bradley first,’ which was outstanding.”

Some of this year’s interns credit the opportunity to work with the Olympics as part of their decision to come to Bradley.

“I first heard about this internship when I was in high school, and there was a representative from Bradley that came,” senior sports communication major Sam Dintruff said. “I told her that I was interested in the sports communication [program], and she said, ‘We actually sent a handful of students to the Olympics for Sochi,’ ... so I took a look at their sports [communication] program, and the internship was probably a quarter of the reason I came to Bradley.”

Senior Danielle Snyder said she

received advice that played a large part in her decision to apply for the internship.

“Being a sports communication major, something that Bradley has taught me is to always say ‘Yes’ to the opportunities you’re given [because] you never know where that is going to lead you,” Snyder said. “This is [just] my way of getting my foot in the door into a really hard industry, and it’s definitely something I’m really looking forward to.”

Snyder said she is also interested to see all the work that goes into broadcasting such a large-scale event.

“I would love to take away how to report on the story and just kind of the behind-the-scenes of how they put on a mega-sporting event to ... billions of people all over the world,” Snyder said. “I think it’s definitely an experience people should [have] once in their lifetime whether they’re working it or [watching it].”

Gullifor said faculty and staff of the Bradley community have contributed to the department with this program and are a large part of its success.

“The generosity and support is



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12 Bradley students will intern for NBC Sports in February, with five working in South Korea and seven in Stamford, Connecticut.

really gratifying,” Gullifor said. “It reminds me of that old saying, ‘It’s amazing what can be accomplished when nobody cares who gets the

credit.’ And that’s what happens here. Nobody really cares who gets the credit. We’re all just so excited for the students.”

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OPINION

From tennis to teacher

BY DAN KAMINSKI
Off-staff Reporter

Most people have never been out of the country, nor have they been offered a Division I athletic scholarship before. For assistant professor of sports communication Dunja Antunovic, both of these accomplishments are her reality.

Currently, in her third year teaching at Bradley, she specializes in global media systems, sports communication and cultural diversity classes. Antunovic teaches primarily upper level 300 or 400 level classes that tackle in-depth issues in the sports world related to advertising, media coverage and ethics.

Something that makes Antunovic's teaching style unique is her ability to share global and cultural experiences, which stem from her personal experiences in Europe in addition to research she conducts while visiting family in Hungary. Born in Serbia and raised in Hungary, Antunovic's background gave her a different perspective on life, culture and sports.

"I go back frequently, the long breaks provide the perfect opportunity to visit during the holidays or summer," Antunovic said. "I also do some research pertaining to my class topics and try to bring [it]

back for my students."

A standout tennis player in her teenage and college years, she competed for the Hungarian National Tennis Team at the World University Games. This ultimately lead her to receive a scholarship to DePaul University in Chicago, where she would play for the Blue Demons while getting her undergraduate degree.

Her love of the sport persisted past playing, according to Antunovic.

"I even stayed on to coach a little before I went to graduate school, which was a rewarding experience" Antunovic said. "DePaul's program gave me an opportunity to get an education in America, so it was nice to give back for a bit."

Antunovic went on to earn her master's in journalism from Penn State and began looking for a full-time teaching job.

"I was looking for a job full time in academia, and Bradley's opening came on my radar," Antunovic said. "After a phone call, a visit and subsequent consideration, I found myself doing what I wanted to do since graduate school."

Students who have taken Antunovic's courses said they enjoy taking the wide range of classes she teaches.

"Professor Antunovic is one of my favorite professors at Bradley," Madison Scanlan, a senior sports communication major, said. "I took her for a required sports [communication] class my junior year, and I loved her so much that I've taken two more classes with her during my senior year. Professor Antunovic has vast and extensive knowledge in multiple areas: global perspectives, women and gender as well as athletes with disabilities."

More than that, Scanlan said Antunovic cares about not only the academic development of students but also the professional success of students.

"[Antunovic] plays a vital role in the creation and execution of the annual [Charley] Steiner Symposium each fall," Scanlan said. "This past Steiner Symposium, she reached out me personally and helped me meet and make connections with Charley Steiner, Larry King and Emily Kaplan, a National NHL reporter for ESPN."

According to Antunovic, she believes both her and the students she teaches benefit from having classes together.

"I love the classes I teach, I feel like I can offer students a broader perspective about the field they are studying," Antunovic said.

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DUNJA ANRUNOVIC

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Antunovic is in her third year teaching at Bradley University. Her coursework includes classes on sports communication, global media systems and media ethics.

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Editorial

Election participation should be taken more seriously

The topic of voting often loses its popularity after election season. November passes and people step down off their soapboxes and stop preaching about the importance of voter turnout and “using your voice.”

But at the end of the day, you would be hard-pressed to find someone who thought voting should be taken lightly. Bradley’s decision to form a Civic Engagement Committee, with the goal of getting students to register to vote earlier this semester, is a step in the right direction.

This committee has the goal of getting 2,000 new Bradley students registered to vote by November 2018 – and just like voting, the committee should be taken seriously.

The fact of the matter is that voting – or not voting – can have significant impact on the lives of

voters. It can be as simple as choosing who will sit on Bradley’s Student Senate, or it could be for a matter that impacts the lives of individuals across the country.

For example, this academic year, some Bradley students were greatly affected when they weren’t able to receive their Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant in time due to Illinois budget woes.

This issue is something that can be improved by electing responsible candidates into office, candidates who can keep the welfare of their constituents in mind. However, electing these candidates requires active participation in the voting process.

In November 2016, the Bradley campus reacted to the election of current president Donald Trump,

with students expressing how they were upset over Trump’s victory. But, perhaps this dissonance could have been avoided if the voter turnout for the election reflected more participation.

There was only a 36.95 percent voter turnout in the third precinct of Peoria for the 2016 election, according to a report published in the Peoria Journal Star. That staggeringly low figure should certainly motivate students to act.

Voting isn’t just a right – it’s a privilege many around the world do not have. It’s not just a game adults play, either. How can so many of us take that for granted and ignore an election?

The Scout is excited to see what the new Civic Engagement Committee accomplishes and we’d

like to see something similar to what Northwestern University has done, such as setting up a voter registration table at move-in day or at the annual activities fairs. (SEE HEADLINE A7)

But just as we’d like to see where the committee goes, we’d also like to see our peers hold themselves accountable for the future and get out to register and vote. Democracy isn’t passive – and we shouldn’t be, either.

Column

Be vulnerable



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I was the kid who cried on the first day of Kindergarten. I was the kid who threw up on the first day of high school (true story), and I was the kid who called my mom

every day during my first week of college. Aside from making myself sound completely pathetic and like someone who needs to reign in her feelings, I’m here to tell you transitions are hard.

I know “change is the only constant,” and we should be able to “adapt to new situations” and all that, but in the moment when you’re feeling alone in a place you’ve never been, those fortune cookie clichés are the last things that’ll provide comfort.

This past semester, I did something I never thought I would be able to do: I went across the world (or pond) by myself. I spent a semester in London with complete strangers for four months, and it was easily the best decision I’ve ever made.

Seriously, five or 10 years ago, this was a move no one thought I would make. My transition into

high school was hard, but despite the braces and side bangs, I made it through.

Heading into college, I was afraid I wouldn’t make friends and I’d want to go home on the weekends. Then I blinked, and Bradley became my new home.

How many times in your life are you going to be able to drop everything and go across the world? For some people, the answer to that question is never. But I was lucky, and my answer was now. I took advantage of a once in a lifetime adventure and went to live in London.

Sometimes all it takes is a nervous introduction in the airport the day of departure to realize “this is it”.

It was my ability to be vulnerable with people from the start that helped me realize being nervous in a situation like this was

completely normal. In fact, if there were students who weren’t a little nervous, they were probably in the minority, not me. From there, I lived out my “Lizzie McGuire” and “Cheetah Girls” fantasies. I planned weekend getaways, ate food I couldn’t pronounce and walked into the unknown.

I know no one likes the person that comes back from abroad saying, “they found what they never knew what they were looking for,” and they “grew more in that semester than their whole life,” but as cringy as it is, it’s pretty accurate.

Of course, it was rocky at first, but now I know London like the back of my hand. I guess that’s not too bad for the girl that cried on the first day of Kindergarten.

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The American Nightmare

BY LARISSA MORELAND
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The United States is nicknamed the “melting pot” because immigrants from all over the world come to share their cultures and live out what is known as the “American Dream.”

Though many people say they support culture and diversity, once the term “undocumented immigrants” is mentioned, they are quick to turn their heads. With the end of DACA becoming a terrifying reality, it seems there is a perception that undocumented immigrants are dangerous, selfish or undeserving of citizenship.

I have seen people dehumanize immigrants in the most belittling ways, yet no one seemed to actually care because it didn’t affect them. I mean, how hard can it be for someone to just get their citizenship and be a legal citizen?

Well, during my senior year of high school, everything I thought I knew came shattering down.

Adopted from South Korea when I was just 10 months old, I grew up living the ideals of the American Dream – studying hard in school, getting involved in the community and giving back to those in need. I had a driver’s license, held multiple jobs and enjoyed all of the benefits of being a citizen. My senior year, I was ecstatic because I was accepted into Bradley, the college I wanted to attend.

I was filling out FAFSA, just as nearly every senior in high school does, but things did not run quite as smoothly as expected. My FAFSA would not go through because of an error under my social security information, something I found very strange.

On April 1, 2016, I made the call to the social security administration, expecting a relatively quick fix. However, after giving them my information, I got an answer I had not expected.

“Ma’am, you are not a legally documented citizen of the United States.”

Was this some sort of sick April Fool’s joke? There seemed to be no other sort of logical explanation to how this possibly could have happened. My parents had gone through every legal step necessary to ensure I was a citizen.

I immediately went to the social security office to straighten things out. I remember being given a ticket labeled “Resident Alien” with an ID number and sulking in my chair realizing this was how I was being identified. Sobbing to an emotionless social security worker on the other side of a glass window, I was frustrated as to how I was thrust into this situation.

I came to learn there were some complications with my immigration case, and my files were not properly transferred. In turn, my status was never changed, and I was an undocumented immigrant for nearly 17 years.

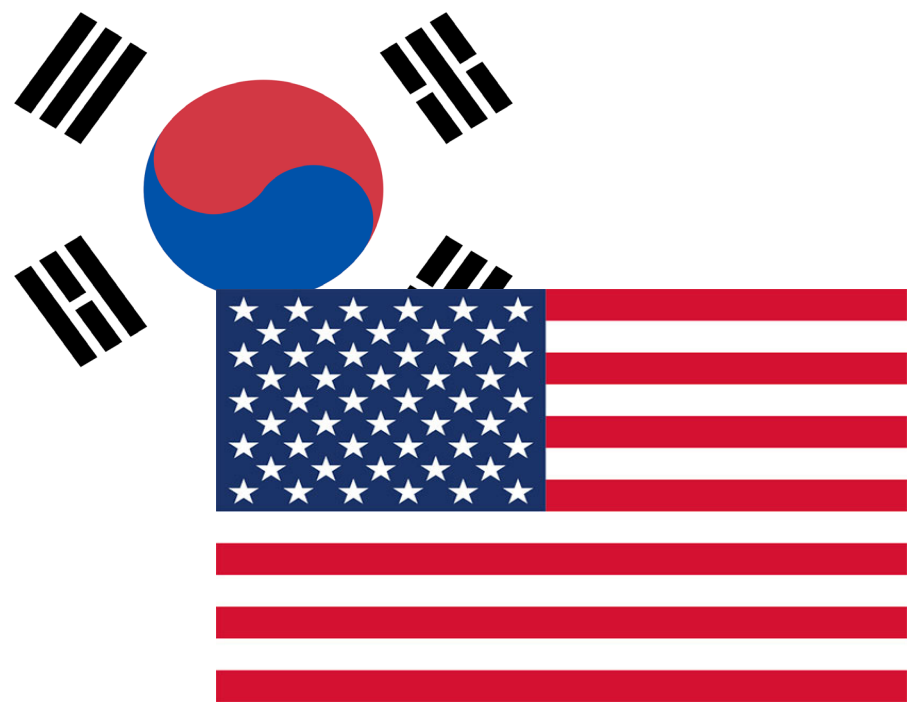
Eventually, I was lucky enough to be able to get things fixed and finally become a full citizen, but others are not as lucky as I was. By ending DACA, nearly 700,000 immigrants could face potential deportation from the “melting pot” and lose their ability to work at their jobs, study in school or live with their families.

On top of this, the end of DACA would affect the entire United States economy, and not in a good way. Without the protection DACA offers,

workers are forced to leave the country, drop out of school or work illegally. Due to the high number of jobs that would be lost, experts speculate the U.S. could lose up to \$200 billion – a number that will be hard to recover from.

Contrary to the idea of undocumented immigrants being criminals, studies show immigrants are actually less likely to commit crime than American-born citizens. On top of this, immigrants with criminal records are not eligible for DACA. By ending DACA, we are not preventing crime, we are preventing people from getting an education, feeding a family and living a life they deserve.

Want to make a difference? Call your local Congressperson to make your voice heard and protect our nation’s dreamers.



Avoid cabin fever

BY LISA STEMMONS
Voice Editor

Although it’s not a psychiatric diagnosis, according to clinical psychologist Josh Klapow, doctors far and wide do acknowledge its existence. It has been heavily stigmatized due to horror films featuring individuals who are cooped up over long period of times and “go crazy,” but it’s still very commonplace.

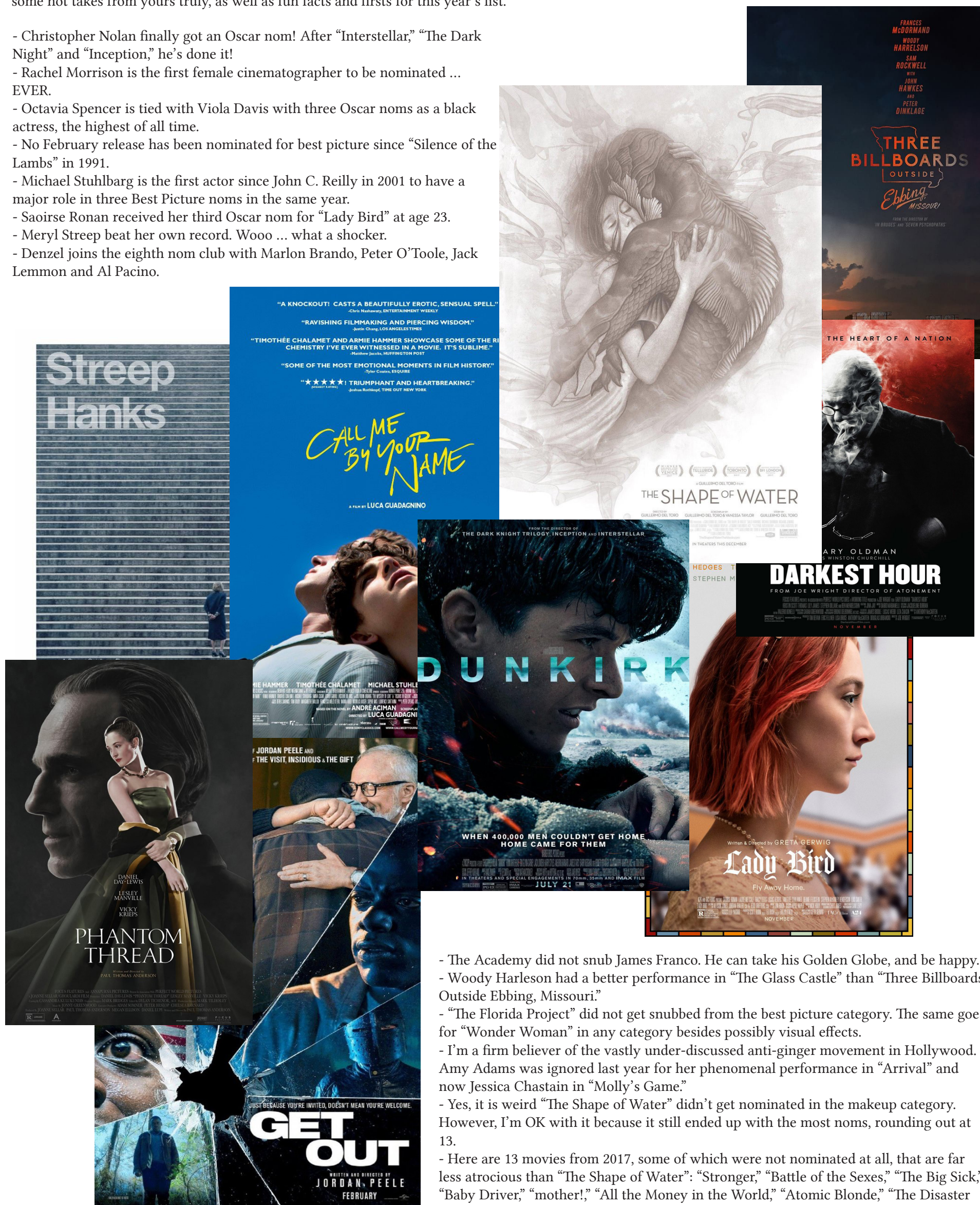
Currently, we’ve had unseasonably warm weather, but during those stretches of negative temperatures and wind chills, it’s important to be proactive. The simplest solution is to find natural sunlight whenever possible. If possible, join a gym with a walking track with an atrium. This way, you can keep moving and still get some rays.

Also, avoid foods that often lead you to feeling more lethargic and irritated. Bananas, eggs, nuts, pineapple, cheese and dark chocolate are just a few of the foods that are high in serotonin – good foods for good moods.

Lastly, the best suggestion is also often the least favorable; find indoor activities you are less inclined to do when the weather is nice out and tackle those projects. Reorganizing closets, sifting through files and doing laundry will leave you feeling accomplished without ever leaving the house.

On Tuesday morning the Academy announced the list of Oscar nominations in all 24 categories. What follows are some hot takes from yours truly, as well as fun facts and firsts for this year's list.

- Christopher Nolan finally got an Oscar nom! After “Interstellar,” “The Dark Night” and “Inception,” he’s done it!
- Rachel Morrison is the first female cinematographer to be nominated ... EVER.
- Octavia Spencer is tied with Viola Davis with three Oscar noms as a black actress, the highest of all time.
- No February release has been nominated for best picture since “Silence of the Lambs” in 1991.
- Michael Stuhlbarg is the first actor since John C. Reilly in 2001 to have a major role in three Best Picture noms in the same year.
- Saoirse Ronan received her third Oscar nom for “Lady Bird” at age 23.
- Meryl Streep beat her own record. Woوو ... what a shocker.
- Denzel joins the eighth nom club with Marlon Brando, Peter O’Toole, Jack Lemmon and Al Pacino.



- The Academy did not snub James Franco. He can take his Golden Globe, and be happy.
- Woody Harlson had a better performance in “The Glass Castle” than “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri.”
- “The Florida Project” did not get snubbed from the best picture category. The same goes for “Wonder Woman” in any category besides possibly visual effects.
- I’m a firm believer of the vastly under-discussed anti-ginger movement in Hollywood. Amy Adams was ignored last year for her phenomenal performance in “Arrival” and now Jessica Chastain in “Molly’s Game.”
- Yes, it is weird “The Shape of Water” didn’t get nominated in the makeup category. However, I’m OK with it because it still ended up with the most noms, rounding out at 13.
- Here are 13 movies from 2017, some of which were not nominated at all, that are far less atrocious than “The Shape of Water”: “Stronger,” “Battle of the Sexes,” “The Big Sick,” “Baby Driver,” “mother!,” “All the Money in the World,” “Atomic Blonde,” “The Disaster Artist,” “Kong: Skull Island,” “Call Me By Your Name,” “Gifted,” “The Mountain Between Us” and “To The Bone.”

British heartthrobs set to get hitched

BY MADDY WHITE
AssistantVoice Editor

BOOM ... and just like that, millions of hearts were shattered by two handsome, British men. Just in time for Valentine's Day, naturally.

If you were planning on "dancing in the dark" with Ed Sheeran "between your arms," you might need to find a last-minute substitute, because our redheaded master of melody is now engaged.

Rumor has it Sheeran alluded to his proposal in his recent collaboration with Taylor Swift prior to the announcement of his engagement in the song "End Game." He raps, "This end game is the one, with four words on the tip of my tongue."

Hopefully, this event in Ed's life will only inspire a magical post-marriage album and endless serenades, despite the fact that now we'll all know who he's actually singing about. I can only wonder how that will work out though with the only possible album name left being "Subtraction."

Not as recent, but just as alarming, another British ginger has been swept away right before our eager eyes. Prince Harry is also off the market. If you were planning on finessing your way into the royal family, unfortunately those opportunities are gone. There is zero possibility for a "Prince & Me" sequel until George is of age.

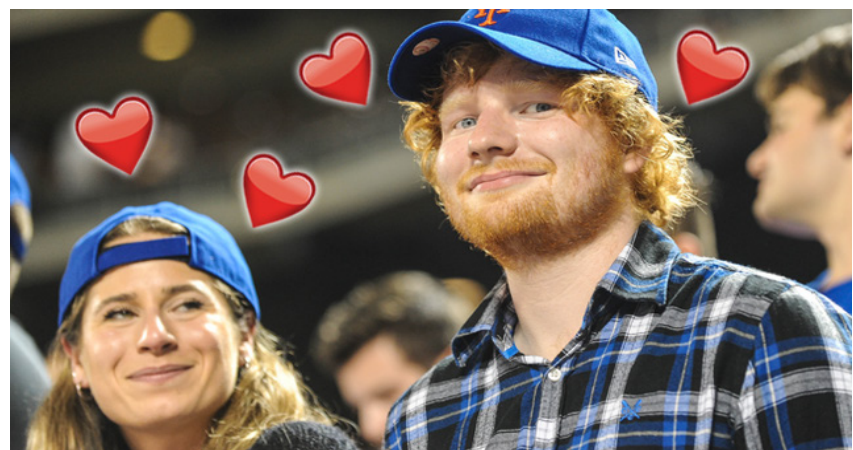
Prince Harry proposed to actress Meghan Markle in October in the cutest not-so-royal way. Apparently the couple was trying to roast a chicken together when the prince got down on one knee. Wow, how cute, they make their own dinners, just like you and me.

The royal wedding will take place in April, and we can already guess how boujee this event will be considering their estimated budget is \$34 million.

But after years of Sheeran's sweet songs and Prince Harry memes, it pains me to eliminate more potential suitors from the single population to fantasize about.

Let's face it, there's no one better out there than Harry, and that's before adding the "prince" factor. As for Sheeran, over 7 billion people have to live with the fact that their future partner will never be as romantic as him.

However, as long as Tom Holland, Theo James and Dev Patel remain on the market for a while longer, I think we will survive.



SOCIAL MEDIA SAVAGERY

HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK:

KIM KARDASHIAN AND KANYE WEST WELCOMED THEIR NEW BABY GIRL CHICAGO WEST INTO THE WORLD.



Hope
@Hopesloop

Chicago West is cool, but imagine if they had named her Philadelphia... then everytime she would go to the doctors, they would call out "West, Philadelphia" and she could respond "born and raised"... just a thought @KimKardashian #ChicagoWest

12:45 PM - Jan 19, 2018



Billy J. White
@9021hoe

Rich people name their kids whatever they want because they'll never have to fill out a job application. Chicago West will be fine.

12:53 PM - Jan 19, 2018



guy who cant use outlook @trillballins · Jan 19

"My name is Chicago. Actually it's Schaumburg but it's easier to just go by Chicago."



Chicago Bears
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Chicago Bears est. 1920
Chicago West est. 2018
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Meredith
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Chicago West sounds like the name of a hit new medical drama coming this fall on ABC.

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Common Girl @SoRelatable · Jan 20

Kim K named her baby **Chicago West**. If you put a comma in between Chica & go, it becomes "Chica, go **West**". **West** of LA is the Pacific Ocean. Ocean rhymes with potion. Potion has 6 letters. "Lip kit" also has 6 letters. Kylie sells lip kits. Kim is hinting that Kylie is pregnant.



DISTRACTIONS

Crosswords

Across

- 1) Fernando or Lorenzo of old TV
6) Strands at dinner?
11) Depressed
14) Rep
15) "American Idol" contestant Clay
16) Plumbing fitting
17) Financing, as a play
19) Planet, poetically
20) Gloss target
21) For each
22) Supersecretive U.S. org.
23) Takes, as an offer
27) Movie that rates 0 stars
29) Greek "P"
30) They're slithery and slippery
32) Elude waterproofing
33) Thou, squared
34) Doesn't exactly flow
36) Drizzles or pours
39) Bookie's numbers
41) More crafty
- 43) Take a seat inelegantly
44) Scouting mission
46) Arab League member
48) "So ___ heard!"
49) Good bit
51) Classy wheels, briefly
52) One of the Bobbseys
53) Divide
56) Brutally attacked
58) Hardened campaigner
59) Santa ___, California
60) Tierra ___ Fuego
61) Boxer portrayed by Will Smith
62) Like the most popular books
68) Finish in first place
69) Beamed
70) Ore sources
71) Seasonal drink
72) Opposite of ally
73) Adrift

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Down

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2) Khan's title
3) Some grown-ups
4) Foot part
5) Like a zebra
6) Chum
7) Require nursing
8) Omits
9) Articles of faith
10) More steamed up
11) Storing up
12) Eagle's residence
13) Not allow to practice
18) Decision-makers?
23) Full metal jacket?
24) Chastise
25) Tough job for salespeople
26) In the way of 41-Across
28) Tide variety
31) Purposeful pitch
35) 18-wheelers
37) Fading stars?
38) Shell out
40) Recital numbers
42) Like some classic movies, now
45) Distinguished
47) Short long story?
50) Catch a radio program
53) Salmon's progeny
54) Jonas Salk's study
55) Grammar school goo
57) Parcel out, as property
63) Rum ___ Tugger ("Cats" character)
64) Bug someone?
65) Some people are bounced after revealing them
66) French word before a maiden name
67) Government procurement org.

Sudoku

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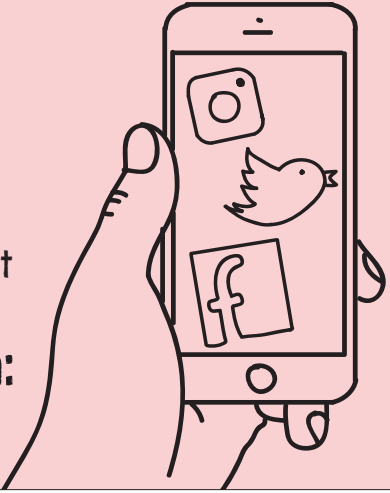
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What was one memorable thing you did over break?



Kyler Bash

"...Getting to sleep more than two hours a night."

– Sophomore undecided engineering major Kyler Bash

"Seeing my family. It was nice to see my brother."

– Freshman nursing major Tessa Stoval



Tessa Stoval



Azra Imperial

"I went to Cuba. It was amazing."

– Freshman early childhood education major Azra Imperial



Amanda Heard

"I got to see 'Wicked' in Chicago."

– Junior mechanical engineering major Amanda Heard



Marshall Winstead

"...Seeing my family because I hadn't seen them in a long time."

– Sophomore criminal justice major Marshall Winstead

BY KAYLEE CECHINI
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New campus committee aims to activate voters

BY SARA FESSLER
Copy Editor

Millennials are notorious for not showing up in elections, but universities across the nation are making efforts to combat the young generation's absence in the polls. For instance, in 2016, Northwestern University saw over a 15 percent increase in the number of students registered to vote. This means 91 percent of their student population had the opportunity to vote during the November 2016 election, according to Northwestern's website.

While such data isn't available at Bradley, The Hilltop's new Civic Engagement Committee will be working with Northwestern and other universities alike in hopes of registering 2,000 Bradley students to vote by the November 2018 election.

But out of that 91 percent of Northwestern students, still only 64 percent of those registered voters

actually used their vote.

How will Bradley try to avoid this fallout? According to Brad McMillan, leader of the committee and Executive Director of the Institute for Principled Leadership in Public Service, the committee is composed of students and staff, and they hope to help students realize their vote matters.

"[We want students to] connect the dots between them being engaged civically and recognizing that [voting] does impact the issues that they care about," McMillan said.

McMillan said voting is important for many students, because sometimes results impact them directly, as with MAP grants.

"The Monetary Assistance Program (MAP) dollars impacts 1,200 Bradley students this year," McMillan said. "The state, by the narrowest

of margins, passed a state budget that released that money to Bradley students."

McMillan also said some of the recent tax bill proposals weren't going to allow students to deduct interest on student loans while also

"It's a right, but it's a privilege to pick who is leading us."

– Isabella Heidenreich
junior marketing and international business major

making graduate assistantships taxable income.

The committee wants to make both registering to vote and being informed to vote as easy as possible. McMillan said the committee will be looking at "best practices and models that have worked on other college

campuses and looking at trying to implement those same strategies." To start, the committee will be meeting with leaders from Illinois PIRG next week, an organization that led the charge on the new voter registration law that Illinois passed last year.

McMillan said he has also looked at Northwestern, which encourages their students on move-in day to stop by the voter registration table.

Prospective committee member and senior political science and public relations double major Katie Goldsmith said a reason students don't vote is because they do not know how to register.

"I know a lot of students complained that it was hard to register to vote," Goldsmith said. "They didn't know the process, so I think it's really beneficial if Bradley

plays a role in registering."

The committee is popular among students so far. Of those looking to join is junior marketing and international business double major Isabella Heidenreich.

"It's a right, but it's a privilege to pick who is leading us," Heidenreich said. "Technically [the government] does work for us, and I think that not enough people are informed on the vote or even the candidates."

The committee will kick-start their campaign this upcoming week on Wednesday, according to McMillan.

"We welcome all students that have an interest in joining the committee and participating in this effort to do so," McMillan said.

Any interested students should contact McMillan directly by emailing bcmillan@bradley.edu.

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NEWS

Complex construction makes strides

BY DAVID DEMEO
Senior Copy Editor

The previous home to business students was sacrificed for something greater this past summer, as Bradley executed the construction of the Business and Engineering Complex in place of Baker Hall. Displaced business students have used Campustown classroom accommodations, while the building is constructed until the determined completion date of 2019.

According to Lex Akers, dean of the Caterpillar College of Engineering and Technology, construction of the building has been efficiently following plans.

“Construction is right on time, so the date [for completion] has not changed,” Akers said. “The main portion of the building will be completed in the summer of 2019. Both engineering and business students will begin class in their new building in the fall of 2019.”

The project appears to be successful due in part to both sound logistics and a strong commitment to the construction of the building from the workers involved, according to Akers.

“I am just amazed at the orchestration of all the things that have to occur sequentially,” Akers said. “Just the other day, I was looking

outside my office window and saw a group of engineers working in below zero weather, which shows [their commitment]. It is amazing to see everything orchestrated in ‘just-in-time’ fashion.”

Currently, the project is still in its early construction phase, but Akers said he has noticed visible progress.

“So far they have laid the foundation, made the basement and walls and constructed the structure necessary for a first floor to be built, which is the next step,” Akers said. “Overall, it is about 20 percent complete.”

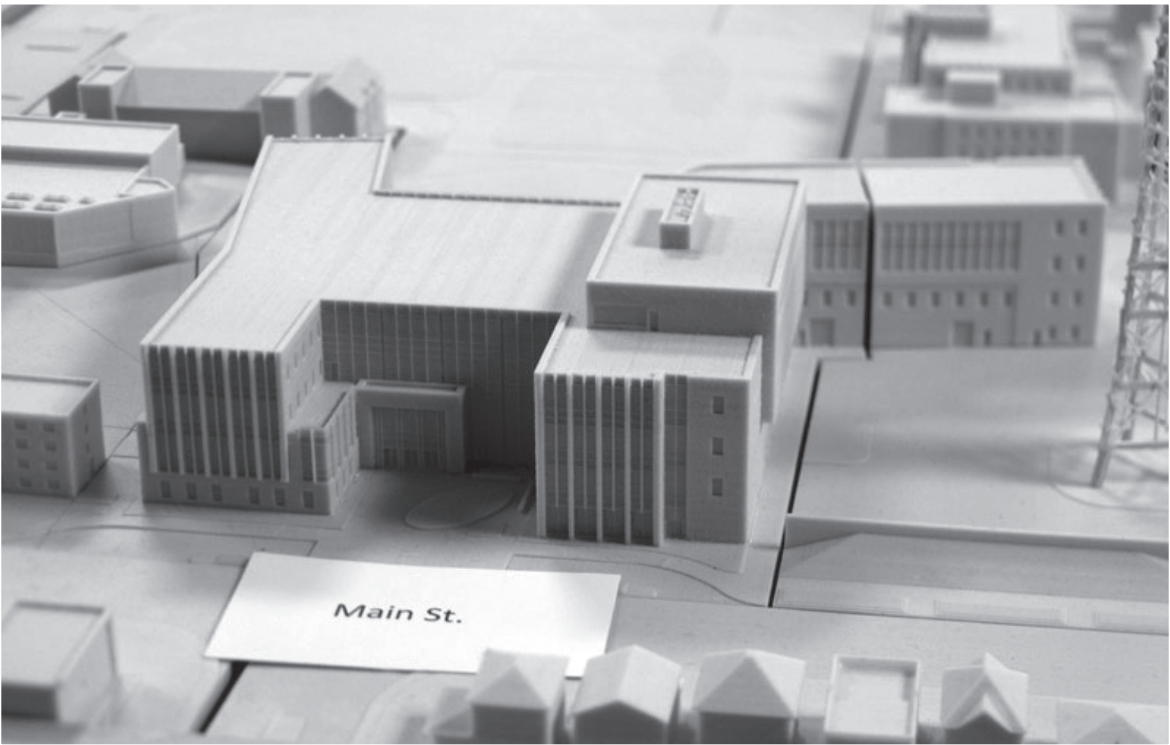
As for the engineering department’s current home, Jobst Hall, students will attend a couple more semesters in its classrooms, according to Akers.

“Students will have class in Jobst for one more year,” Akers said. “They will tear down the building in the fall of 2019.”

With any large-scale construction project comes large-scale finances, and Akers said those in charge of the Business and Engineering Complex understand this aspect.

“Construction so far is within budget and is expected to not exceed the budget anytime in the future,” Akers said.

Students on campus also see progress made in the Business and Engineering project and look forward to the day they can step inside the



concept design via Bradley University

According to Lex Akers, dean of the Caterpillar College of ENgineering, construction for the new Business and ENgineering Complex is on schedule.

\$120 million dollar complex. One of those students is sophomore finance major, Kyle Forti.

“It is cool seeing [the building] progress, knowing it will actually be finished in time” Forti said. “I can’t wait to be able to have classes inside

[of the Business and Engineering complex] once I’m a senior and I’m glad I get to have classes there instead of Campustown.

It may be a bit too early to count down the days until the complex reaches completion, but

underclassmen are rejoicing in the knowledge that the moment will come within their stay at Bradley.

DENIAL

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“It was strange,” Mueller said. “A lot of what he said points to these awful problems, and how they’re kind of stored in our brains without us even knowing it. And that’s half the battle right there ... self-awareness.”

Nancy Amos, assistant professor of social work, helped organize the event and said Billings’ message was the perfect vehicle for her and students majoring in social work.

“I think that it’s important that we listen to multiple perspectives on issues that are important to us,” Amos said. “I think that it’s important for social work students particularly to have an understanding of what gives rise to some of our cultural beliefs. And I think ... It’s important to have a dialogue.”

Billings currently serves as a trainer and organizer with The People’s Institute for Survival and Beyond, as well as New York University and other organizations to combat racism.

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Tennis season preview-cornering the MVC title

BY ANTHONY LANDAHL
Sports Reporter

The Bradley women's tennis team opens its new season with its first match on Jan. 26 against South Missouri State. Head coach Matt Tyler, now in his fifth season on the Hilltop, led the team to 12-14 record last year. Though the team finished below .500, Tyler remains optimistic.

"I thought last season was good. Unfortunately, we were hampered by a few injuries," Tyler said. "I was hoping that the regular season finish would be a bit better for us, but upsetting [Illinois State University] again in the first round of the tournament, and nearly upsetting Southern Illinois was a great way to finish."

In a recent Missouri Valley Conference poll, Bradley ranked fourth in the conference behind Drake, Stony Brook and Illinois State. Bradley players and coaches, however, don't appear to think the team will end fourth in the conference.

"It's anybody's conference," junior Malini Wijesinghe said. "It's going to be about who wants it the most and if we want it the most. I think we can win it."

Tyler said he believes the team is more than the MVC poll ranks them to be. His aspirations remain high as he looks towards the young talent of the program.

"I think that if we play to our potential, we are every bit as good as Drake," Tyler said. "We got three freshmen that will raise our level, and you will see this team come into their own. We have an outstanding chance to win the conference tournament."

Winning the Missouri Valley Conference seems to be the unanimous team goal. Players said they feel the time is right to take the next major step to obtaining the sought after crown.

"I always think we can go higher," senior Aimee Manfredo said. "If we play as a team and we are all mentally there, then I think we could be number one."

The team's optimism is prevalent, but Tyler is still focused on improving the details of the team's gameplay, such as winning doubles.

"Doubles are always something that we're trying to improve," Tyler said. "I cannot overstate how important winning those doubles points are for us."

Another aspect Tyler said he wants to strengthen as the season goes on is the team's chemistry. Even for a sport involving single-player competition, team chemistry serves a large role.

"If you have good teammates that you love and that you have a lot of fun playing with and practicing with and you want them to win, then you're going to fight so much harder," Wijesinghe said.

According to Tyler, his personal coaching philosophy is centered on positive reinforcement and encouraging players to support each other.

"Especially for singles when [you are by yourself], I think it's very important for our team to cheer each other on," Manfredo said. "To hear cheering can uplift you and you don't feel isolated from everyone."

Due to a shoulder injury, Manfredo



Junior Malini Wijesinghe competes in a match last season.

photo via Scout archives

is sidelined for the rest of the season, but that does not dissuade her from contributing.

"My goal is to be a part of the team as much as I can," Manfredo said. "I want everyone to know I am a support resource."

Off the court, the team continues to develop the same positive attitude, specifically by spending time together. Fortunately, the team managed to secure schedules that give all players the same practice time, furthering personal development.

"We have worked on our team

culture, our team environment, the relationships that the athletes have with one another, and the relationships coaches have with [the athletes]," Tyler said. "Our number one strength is who we are as a team."

Players are focused on the upcoming season and are looking forward to facing top-ranked Drake, Missouri State and rival Illinois State.

"I feel excited and I feel prepared," Manfredo said. "Everyone seems to be playing really well and nobody has been negative."

In addition to key matchups, the

tennis team will also play at the Renaissance Coliseum in the Bradley Coliseum Classic on April 7.

"There's a lot of people when we play in the Coliseum. It's a lot of fun. It brings a little more publicity to tennis," Wijesinghe said.

The team will start their campaign this weekend on Friday, Jan. 26, against South Missouri State and on Saturday, Jan. 27, against Northern Illinois in Peoria at the Clubs at River City.

Opinion

What is happening in Peoria? A mid-season synopsis

BY AUSTIN SHONE
Sports Reporter

Tuesday marked the halfway point of the conference season for the Bradley men's basketball team, and it's safe to say #TheMovement is gaining some serious ground.

Here's what we know:

The team has yet to be defeated at Carver Arena at 11-0, including a perfect 5-0 start to the home conference slate, and they lead the Valley in attendance.

However, they have yet to win a conference road game (0-4).

For the most part, the conference games haven't been nail-biters. With the exception of a loss at Drake (66-64) and a home win versus Southern Illinois (68-62), every conference game has been decided by nine or more points.

The bench is getting smaller. While the past two seasons have seen a plethora of lineup changes, Wardle has seemed to find an effective seven sometimes eight-man rotation, headed by Darrell Brown, Donte Thomas and Elijah Childs. When those three are on the court together, they can play out of the pick and roll and find Jayden Hodgson, Nate Kennell, or Dwayne Lautier-Ogunleye open on the perimeter.

The mid-season departure of senior guard JoJo McGlaston has been weathered. There's no denying that Brown can fill the void. There were times last year when he was

turnover-prone, but he's improved in his ball security. He needs to find a hot start in one road game to get himself going. When he's pushing tempo, he's hard to stop.

Childs has cemented himself as the centerpiece of this team for a long time. As a freshman, Childs is averaging eight points and nearly six rebounds, which has provided a boost alongside Thomas, who's averaging 10 points and seven rebounds and leading a team that's still young.

While Kennell's scoring has slowed down as of late, Dwayne Lautier-Ogunleye has picked up the slack as an improved marksman, finishing more consistently in the lane and knocking down open threes.

All of this brings us to Tuesday night's game against preseason conference favorite Missouri State. Carver Arena witnessed the most complete game the Braves have put together all season, against arguably the most talented team in the Valley. It was simply a game Bradley had to have. Lose, and they're under .500. Win, and they're a game above.

Wardle's game plan was executed to perfection as the Braves put Bears star forward Alize Johnson in foul trouble early, forcing him to sit most of the first half. He finished with only seven points, after going 0-9 from the field in the Bears previous game at Drake. Bradley took advantage of his absence as Darrell Brown heated up for 20 points, eight assists and zero turnovers. That was the difference as

the Braves won 72-52.

Bradley only turned the ball over five times the entire game – the fewest in Wardle's tenure. They out-rebounded a better frontcourt, and they caught the Bears napping multiple times on backdoor alley-oops. Childs had 12 points and 12 boards, pouring in weight-room buckets on the best frontcourt in the conference. The rotation on defense was sound, and the Braves won each matchup on the floor. Simply put, the Braves were disruptive, and Missouri State was unable to find anything resembling rhythm on offense.

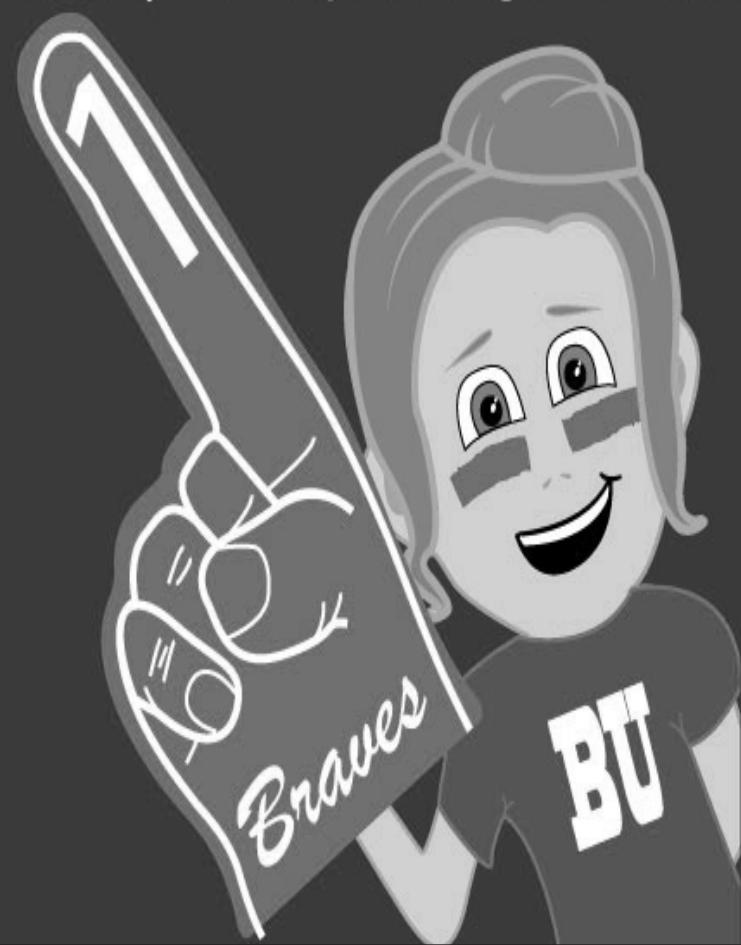
The Braves are giving Peoria a product to cheer for again. Wardle has put together an exciting group of young men that is starting to gel as a unit. As my pre-season rankings suggested this team is capable of finishing with a winning conference record. They're half-way there at 5-4; they just need to stop digging themselves into holes on the road. Sunday in Terre Haute may be a great place to start.

There is no longer a favorite in this conference. While Drake and Loyola have the top records, they're not unbeatable. While the regular season determines seeds, Arch Madness will be as unpredictable as ever. If the Braves continue to take care of the ball and find a way to win away from Carver, this team won't be playing on the first Thursday in March.

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Track wins titles in Indiana



Senior Taylor FloydMews led the Braves in the one mile with a time of 4:04.89 at the Gladstein Invitational. photo via Scout archives

BY COLE BREDAHL
Sports Editor

The Bradley track team competed in its second meet of the indoor season last weekend on Jan. 19 and 20 at the Gladstein Invitational. Additionally, the Braves left Bloomington, Indiana with four individual titles.

One title the Braves brought home was senior Taylor FloydMews’s victory in the one mile with a time of 4:04.89.

FloydMews’s time was a personal best and the second fastest time in Bradley history, placed behind teammate Michael Ward’s 4:02.86 in 2016.

“I was little a nervous coming in because I was put in the faster heat,” FloydMews said. “I just had to trust myself and my teammates. I surprised myself even when I won it and finished with a [personal record].”

FloydMews, who struggled with injuries last indoor season, said he is pleased to have two good races early in the year.

“Last year, I wasn’t in the best spot coming off my winter training,” FloydMews said. “This year, I was able to have a good base, and it has been a great start to the indoor season.”

FloydMews’s winter training partner, sophomore Scott Seymour, captured the 600m run title in a time of 1:22.24.

Sophomore Alec Hartman won the 800m run with a time of 1:53.77. Freshman Ben Wagoner won the first collegiate title of his career in the 5,000m, a race he had never run before. Wagoner’s time of 15:03 ranks 10th in school history.

Head coach Darren Gauson said he is pleased with where the men’s

team is at this point in the year. “The men’s team is in a good spot,” Gauson said. “If we can get some of the younger guys moving along, we are going to be in really good shape. We still have five weeks until conference.”

On the women’s side, senior Hannah Witczak finished the 3000m run in a time of 9:53.35 in eighth place. Witczak’s time is the fastest in the conference so far this season and fifth best in Bradley history.

Also, Junior Natalie Burant finished fourth in the 5,000m run, just missing her career-best time at 17:47.77

Gauson will head to the Washington Invitational in Seattle on Saturday with Dan Gagne and FloydMews. The rest of the team will have the weekend off.

One-on-one

Who will win the Super Bowl?

Philadelphia Eagles vs. New England Patriots

Once again, the Eagles and Patriots will meet in the Super Bowl. While Tom Brady hoisted the Lombardi trophy in the teams’ last matchup in SB XXXIX, I believe Nick Foles and the Eagles will have the last laugh and capture the first ever Super Bowl championship for Philadelphia.

The Eagles boast an aggressive and opportunistic defense that pressures opponents and creates turnovers, as demonstrated by their 38-7 rout of the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC Championship. The Eagles’ front seven disrupted Case Keenum all night forcing three turnovers, including a 50-yard pick six from Eagles cornerback, Patrick Robinson.

Philly’s defense features elite defensive linemen Fletcher Cox (All-Pro) and Brandon Graham (Pro Bowl) and a strong secondary in Malcom Jenkins, Ronald Darby and Rodney McLeod.

On offense, the Eagles feature a dynamic offense with running backs Jay Ajayi and LeGarrette Blount. Alshon Jeffery, Torrey Smith and Nelson Agholar all offer a size and speed matchup nightmare for opposing cornerbacks, while tight end Zach Ertz works the middle of the field.

Despite losing their Pro Bowl quarterback Carson Wentz, Nick Foles has absolutely stepped up to the challenge, and now the Eagles are on the brink of history.

While Jack will tell you that Tom Brady is the greatest quarterback of all time, the Patriots defense is too vulnerable. The Eagles have far too much talent for the Patriots to handle. Minnesota’s defense is notably better than the Patriots, yet the Vikings got obliterated by Philly’s balanced attack. If the Pats sell out to stop the run, Foles can use play action to get the ball to his playmakers in space. Philadelphia’s balance will carry them to victory and have Eagles fans alike singing “Fly, Eagles, Fly.”

The stage for Super Bowl LII has been set. On Feb. 4, we will witness a Super Bowl XXXIX rematch between the Philadelphia Eagles and the New England Patriots which New England won. We will also watch the exact same outcome when Tom Brady and the New England Patriots once again raise the Lombardi trophy.

Kevin isn’t wrong when he describes the Eagles’ defense as aggressive and opportunistic. It is also true the Eagles did demolish the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday in the NFC Championship game. But, Super Bowl LII is going to be a whole different animal.

Unlike the Vikings team that the Eagles played on Sunday, these Patriots have been on the big stage plenty of times and have a ton of experience in high pressure situations. Sure, the Vikings have a solid offense, and the Eagles defense was able to shut them down, but the Patriots boast an even better and more experienced offense.

Even if they are without Julian Edelman and Rob Gronkowski, New England still has plenty of weapons with Brandin Cooks, Danny Amendola, Chris Hogan and Dion Lewis. Philadelphia’s defense is going to have their hands full.





The other difference that awaits the Eagles’ defense is the quarterback. On Sunday, they shut down an offense led by Case Keenum. At the Super Bowl, not only will the Eagles have to worry about all of those other weapons mentioned above, but they will also have to shut down the greatest quarterback in professional football history: five-time Super Bowl champion Tom Brady.

The Patriots defense have also proven that they can step up when needed in big time situations. For example, in the AFC Championship game, Stephon Gilmore saved the Patriots when he broke up a pass late in the fourth quarter that could have resulted in a Jacksonville Jaguars touchdown. If that isn’t enough evidence for you, there is also Malcolm Butler’s interception against the Seattle Seahawks that won Super Bowl XLIX for the Patriots.

Eagles fans can dream all they want, but they’re in for a rude awakening at Super Bowl LII. Even if they come out firing on all cylinders, remember that no lead is safe against Tom Brady, Bill Belichick and the clutch defense of the New England Patriots. Get ready for another Lombardi trophy to be brought back to Foxborough.

- KEVIN LINDGREN

- JACK SIMZYK

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| | Friday January 26 | Saturday January 27 | Sunday January 28 | Tuesday January 30 | Wednesday January 31 |
| Men’s Basketball | | | vs. Indiana State 1 p.m. Terre Haute, Indiana | | vs. Loyola Chicago 1 p.m. Carver Arena |
| Women’s Basketball | vs. Northern Iowa 7 p.m. Renaissance Coliseum | | vs. Drake 2 p.m. Renaissance Coliseum | | |
| Men’s Track & Field | | Washington Invitational TBA Seattle | | | |
| Tennis | vs. Southeast Missouri State 6 p.m. Peoria | vs. Northern Illinois 2 p.m. Peoria | | | |

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Women's basketball plays well on the road

Team's overall record stands at 10-8 and 4-3 in conference

BY RONAN KHALSA
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Over break, the Bradley women's basketball team excelled on the road and were only narrowly beaten at home. Coming into a season-long home stand beginning tonight, their overall record stands at 10-8 and 4-3 in conference.

The Braves have surpassed their road win total from last year and are 5-2 in their last seven road contests. Head coach Andrea Gorski said she is proud of the team's consistency on the road.

"We don't really feel there is a difference in playing on the road or at home," Gorski said. "We try to enter each game with the same mentality."

Gorski said she knows this mentality has translated well on the defensively.

"We always emphasize the defensive side of the ball," Gorski said. "We try to take away the other team's strengths and go to sets. We feel our newcomers have improved a great deal on the defensive end, and we look for consistent improvement in this area."

One of these newcomers is freshman guard Gabi Haack, who said she has learned that defense wins championships, and that offense is a result of steady defense.

"We always have control over how hard we go on defense and how high our energy is," Haack said. "Our focus on defense the rest of conference play is crucial if we want to have success."

Gorski said she has enjoyed seeing Haack grow into more of a leader, and has placed her in the starting lineup.

"We knew she was good, but she has really picked it up," Gorski said. "Gabi is fearless, and her teammates are starting to look for her more each



Bradley women's basketball's bench celebrates their dominating victory over Evansville.

photo via bradleybraves.com

game. We always knew Gabi could shoot the lights out, but we have been pleasantly surprised at how physical she can play. She has become one of our most consistent rebounders."

Haack is the only player in the conference that is in the top-10 for both 3-point field goal percentage and rebounding. This past Sunday, the Braves travelled to Evansville and Haack finished with 20 points, eight rebounds and four assists in just 21 minutes.

Bradley charged off the bus and scored the first 29 points of the

contest holding Evansville, scoreless for the first 7:12 of the game. After one quarter of action, the Braves had a commanding 39-7 lead and a 75 percent field goal percentage.

As expected, the Braves cooled off a bit from their first half dominance but still finished with a 64.4 percent mark from the field for the game, and the third-best scoring output in school history. When the final buzzer sounded, the Braves led by 58 points, and the score was 117-59.

"Everyone on the floor has the capability to score. We have both

a strong inside game and great shooters around the arc," Gorski said. "Our ball movement has improved tremendously since conference play started."

According to Gorski, she believes the team's success at Evansville was a direct result of the team's balance.

"Our team balance is our biggest strength," Gorski said. "When other teams are game planning for us it is hard to focus on one or two players. Evansville was a sagging defense, and they were looking to take away our inside game. After we hit some

threes, we thought they would come out and deny our guards harder, but they never did."

Both Gorski and Haack said they know the commanding win at Evansville will give them the momentum needed to play a pair of tough physical teams this weekend at Renaissance Coliseum.

The women will kick off a four-game home stand by hosting Northern Iowa at 7 p.m. Friday. Bradley will also battle preseason MVC favorite and continual powerhouse, Drake on Sunday at 2 p.m.

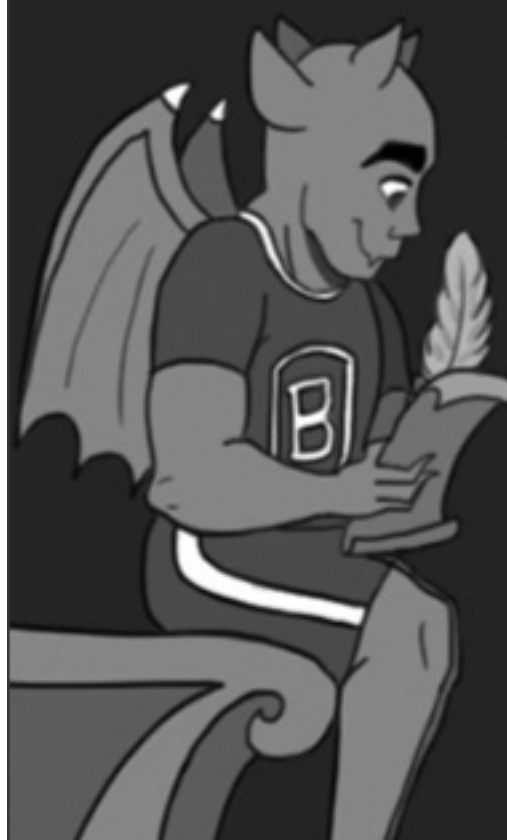


Guard Anneke Schleuter dribbles down the court in a game last year. Schleuter is in her senior year on the Hilltop.

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FloydMews captures title
Senior Taylor FloydMews captured the one mile title at the Gladstein Invitational.

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13: BRADLEY'S LUCKY NUMBER FOR HOME STREAK

BY JUSTIN LIMOGES
Sports Reporter

The Bradley men's basketball team continues to dominate at home after beating both the University of Evansville and Missouri State University at Carver Arena, extending their undefeated home record to 13 straight wins.

On Saturday, the Braves took on the Purple Aces in front of a season-high crowd of 6,285. Bradley set the tone of the game early, scoring three 3-pointers in the first 3:40, which helped secure a 14-2 advantage.

Even though the Purple Aces went on their own 11-3 run shortly after, it wasn't enough to take the lead. Bradley concluded the half with an 11-point advantage, 36-25.

Throughout the remainder of the game, the Braves continued to hold onto their lead, with Evansville making runs to try and bring it closer. With 13 minutes remaining in the half, Evansville was able to close the gap to five points, 44-39, after going on a 10-0 run.

This trend would continue as Evansville would bring themselves within striking distance two more times, erasing any separation the Braves created, until the Braves locked up on defense with three minutes left to go.

The Braves were able to secure a 66-53 victory, improving their overall record to 14-7 and Missouri Valley Conference record to 4-4. Bradley junior guard Dwayne Lautier-Ogunleye notably scored 12 points alongside nine rebounds and four assists.

On Tuesday, the Braves took on the MVC preseason favorites, Missouri State, with their 12-game undefeated home record on the line.

Bradley took the early lead, 9-2, within the first five minutes of the half. The Braves then extended their lead to 18-8 with 11:15 to go, largely in part to a strong defensive effort, holding the Bears to just 25 percent shooting from the field and forcing three early turnovers.



Sophomore guard Darrell Brown led the Braves with 20 points against Missouri State on Jan. 20. photo by Justin Limoges

MSU wasn't done, however, as they continued to bring points back within the final minutes. Bradley only led 29-28 at the end of the half, after MSU senior Ronnie Rousseau III knocked in a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Bradley head coach Brian Wardle said he wasn't impressed with his team's performance by the end of the first half and told them to keep the pressure.

"I didn't like how we competed down the stretch during the last 10 minutes [of the first half]," Wardle said. "Our defense stopped working, and our offense got stagnant. I let my players know that at the break."

The game continued in Bradley's favor as they went on a 16-point run with 10:45 to go. The Bears

wouldn't get much closer as the game concluded in Bradley's favor, 72-52.

Sophomore guard Darrell Brown dropped an impressive 20 points, eight assists and four rebounds to help lead the Braves to their 13th straight home win which goes all way back to last season.

Wardle said he was impressed with Brown's individual performance but noted how the team's defensive efforts were most key.

"I thought we shared the ball a lot more in the second half," Wardle said. "We score by committee, which was shown through backdoors, lobs and finding the open man. But in the end, it starts with our transition from defense."

Wardle said the coaching staff

focused on defense this year.

"We stress defensive fundamentals, defensive shell and what we need to do to stay in games," Wardle said. "I'm just happy we got the lead and kept the lead; we kept attacking."

The Braves take on Indiana State University next at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28 at the Hulman Center.

Upcoming men's basketball schedule

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| Jan. 28, Sun. | 1 PM | at Indiana State |
| Jan. 31, Wed. | 7 PM | vs Loyola Chicago |
| Feb. 3, Sat. | 7 PM | vs Drake |
| Feb. 7, Wed. | 7 PM | at Northern Iowa |
| Feb. 11, Sun. | 3 PM | at Southern Illinois |
| Feb. 14, Wed. | 7 PM | vs Illinois State |
| Feb. 17, Sat. | 8 PM | at Valparaiso |
| Feb. 21, Wed. | 7 PM | at Missouri State |
| Feb. 24, Sat. | TBD | vs Indiana State |

TWEET OF THE WEEK

"Imagine your soundcloud link bein in your bio for 7 years then BOOM, nobody clicks it"

-@A_kamara6 ; New Orleans Saints rookie running back in response to a critic after his team's loss.

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