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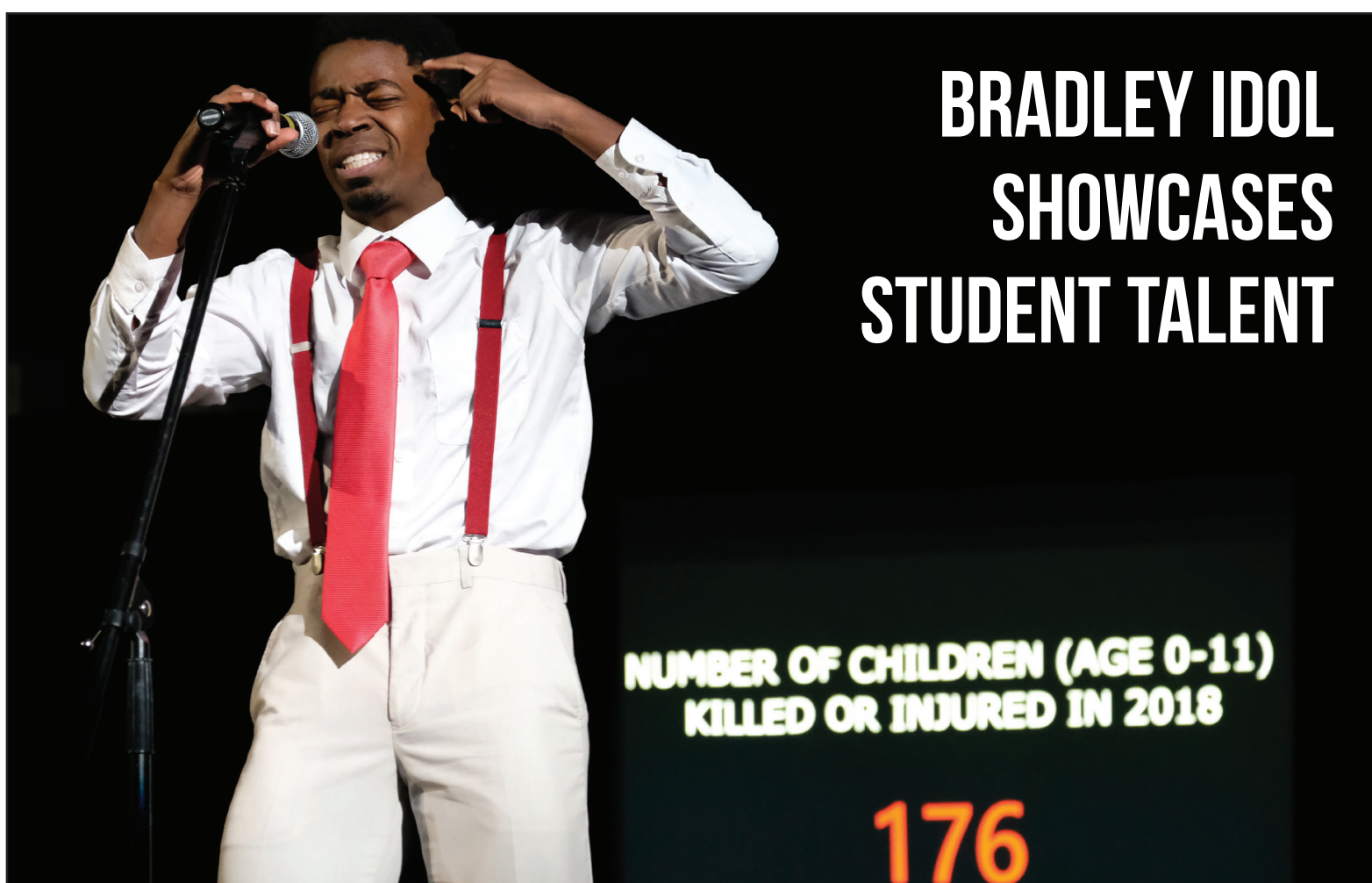


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Pierre Paul, sophomore political science major, performs Beyonce and Kendrick Lamar's song "Freedom" at Activities Council of Bradley University's Bradley Idol event last Friday.

**BY BELAL KHERALLAH AND
HALEY JOHNSON**
Off-staff Reporter and News
Editor

Ten contestants took the stage at the Renaissance Coliseum last Friday, as students and a panel of judges crowned a winner of the first-ever Bradley Idol competition. The event was hosted by Activities Council of Bradley University.

The winner of the night was sophomore psychology major Kelly Hicks, who performed Whitney Houston's "I Have Nothing."

"Just to be able to get up in front and show them what I've loved to do for so long is amazing," Hicks said.

After making it through one round of auditions, these ten students were chosen to compete for the grand prize of \$250, with prizes for second and third place as well.

Christopher Marsh, Instructor of Communication, Bradley University Police Department Lieutenant Sean Savage and Cory Craig, Assistant Director of Admissions, served as judges. Their votes in combination with audience picks decided the winner.

After each contestant performed, audience members were urged to use a link located on the ACBU Facebook page to vote.

In second place, rocking a fanny pack on her waist, was junior psychology major Kerri Predovich.

"I've just been really blessed that God gave me the gift of singing and I just want to serve other people with that," Predovich said.

Freshman television arts major Sheridan Hurtig, who finished third, went into the competition with an open mind.

"I honestly did not expect to place

at all," Hurtig said. "It's kind of a shock and it's really cool and I'm really happy that I have a lot of people here to support me."

Abstaining from the ballot, sophomore political science major Pierre Paul decided to use his voice in a different way.

He performed the song "Freedom" by Beyonce and Kendrick Lamar while a slideshow behind him displayed images of gun violence victims, whom he dedicated the performance to.

"My performance was to pay respect for those who lost their lives and allow our Bradley family to know that we aren't alone in facing tragedies like this, but if we become complacent, the problem will grow worse," Paul said.

The competition also featured performances by Dan Henig, a singer-songwriter known for his viral

YouTube videos. He both sang and emceed in between contestants.

Playing up his YouTube persona of Danny Trolls, Henig performed pieces ranging from Lil Jon's "Get Low" to his own song about what he thinks happened over at Hogwarts.

"My role is just for people to kind of loosen up and enjoy the moment," Henig said.

As the event coordinators, Megan DeSmet and Skylar Mitchell spent months planning the event, and said they were satisfied with the way it turned out.

"We hope it will become a tradition. You can always improve on an event, but for this one it was very successful. Hopefully next time there will be more contestants, maybe a couple of rounds and possibly open auditions," DeSmet said.

Student Senate implements guest meal swipes

BY BAILEY LONGMAN
Off-staff Reporter

During the 2018-2019 academic year, Bradley Campus Affairs will partner with Dining Services to work on implementing guest meal swipes into meal plans.

In December of 2017, Cal Weisman, junior sports communication major and Vice President of Campus Affairs in 2017-18 Student Senate, said he approached Vice President of Student Affairs Nathan Thomas and Food Service Director Gayle Hanson to share student feedback concerning ideas and proposals they received throughout the semester. Weisman proposed the incorporation of guest meal swipes to the standing meal plan structure.

"The thought behind this is when a student brings family [or] friends to campus, they would be given a small amount of swipes per semester to take them to dining halls, rather than having to use dining dollars," Weisman said.

Upon taking Weisman's proposal to the Food Service Advisory Committee, Hanson was involved in discussing different options concerning guest meal swipes.

"Currently, the plan is still in the process of being formalized, and the committee is reviewing information to determine what options would be available for the students when they return in the fall," Hanson said.

Meal will be broken into three divisions: dining dollars, quick cash and meal swipes. The guest plan not to impact students quick cash or dining dollars but will allow a rather small division in meal swipes that can be designated to guests of Bradley students.

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BRIEFS

ACBU hosts Food Truck Friday

Activities Council of Bradley University will bring food trucks and music to the Alumni Quad this evening from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. 240 free tickets will be given out to be used at the four trucks present. Food Trucks include BB's Place, Grandma Nana's Kitchen and Healthy in a Hurry. They will accept direct payment after free tickets have run out.

Folk and indie band Arbour Season will be playing as well as student opener, Aaron Roos.

BUPD to hold awards ceremony

The Bradley University Police Department will host their annual awards ceremony at 3 p.m. Monday in the Hayden Clark Alumni Center's Peplow Pavillion. The event will recognize officers, civilian employees and members of the community who work to protect and serve the Bradley community. The ceremony is open to the public. For more information, call 309-677-1002.

'Study Snacks' to be provided at library for finals

The Cullom-Davis Library will hold Study Snacks each night of finals. Snacks will be served at 8 p.m. and hot drinks will be available 24/7 for students with reusable mugs.

If any students are available to volunteer from 7:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday, contact Sharon Obery at sobery@fsmail.bradley.edu.

POLICE REPORTS

• A female student reported two unknown males harassing her at Institute Place on April 17 at 8:50 p.m.

The student said two men in a mini van pulled up next to her and said "Hey pretty girl, get in the van." She told officers she ignored them and kept walking.

The area was searched and officers found no suspects.

• Officers were dispatched to the 1800 block of W. Baker Ave. April 13 at 1 p.m. as a female student reported a robbery to her vehicle.

She reported a missing cup from the front seat containing approximately \$10 in change. She said the vehicle was locked and in her garage, with the garage opened.

Upon further inspection, officers found no evidence of forced entry or damage to the vehicle.

There are currently no suspects.

• Officers responded to a report of a fire alarm going off at 1005 St James St. at 11:50 p.m. April 21.

Upon further investigation, they discovered someone had pulled the alarm on second floor.

A witness reported two unknown males hanging around a fire extinguisher talking about touching it. They located one of the individuals, who admitted to doing it on a dare.

The male will face no criminal charges.

• Officers were dispatched to Shell gas station in Campustown on April 22 at 8:27 p.m. by a male student who witnessed a female nonstudent attempting to strike a male nonstudent with her car.

The male nonstudent reported that the female nonstudent was his girlfriend, and was arguing with him because he took a vehicle she didn't want him driving. She then became aggressive, and attempted to hit his vehicle with her own. The male nonstudent then exited the vehicle, but she accelerated and attempted to strike him on foot.

The male student witness took a video of the incident from across the street that confirmed the male nonstudent's report.

The female nonstudent was arrested and charged with aggravated assault and sent to Peoria County Jail.

• A male university dining services employee reported a missing food tray at the Renaissance Coliseum on April 22 at 9 p.m.

The employee reported the food tray containing cheese and crackers was in the freezer the night before and missing the next day.

The tray is valued at \$107 and the contents at \$40.

There are currently no suspects.

16-year-old Peoria teen indicted on murder charges

BY COLE BREDAHL
Managing Editor

Jermontay Brock, 16, of Peoria, was indicted on charges of first-degree murder in the April 8 shooting that resulted in the death of Bradley freshman Nasjay Murry, as well as an aggravated battery charge for the non-fatal shooting of another female Bradley student on Tuesday, according to Peoria

County court records.

Brock was also charged with unlawful possession of a firearm. He was first arrested on April 11 on a charge of first-degree murder of Anthony Polnitz, 22, of Peoria, who was also killed during the April 8 shooting. Brock was only arrested on the one charge due to a lack of evidence early in the investigation, officials said at the time.

Polnitz, Brock's intended

target, was associated with a rival gang, according to Peoria County prosecutors.

Each murder count carries a charge of up to 45 years, if convicted and the aggravated battery charge is a sentence of six to 30 years. Brock's bond was doubled from \$1 million to \$2 million.

Brock's jury trial is scheduled to begin on June 25.

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Graffiti sprayed around campus

BY TONY XU
Editor-in-Chief

Graffiti was discovered in six different locations throughout campus early Wednesday morning. Together, the words spelled out the phrase, "Gary doesn't care about black people."

Bradley Hall, Caterpillar Global Communication Center, Michel Student Center, Hayden-Clark Alumni Center and the Williams and Harper residence halls were painted. Some of the words were spray painted on the buildings; others were near the

entrances. Multiple colors were used.

According to Nathan Thomas, the vice president of student affairs, the graffiti was first discovered by a Bradley University Police Department officer patrolling near the Student Center.

The university sent teams of people to power wash the words off the buildings. Most of the graffiti was removed by Wednesday afternoon.

BUPD is currently investigating the incident and encourage those with information to contact the police department.

Clarification

On April 20, The Scout published a front-page article titled "Campus food pantry to open this fall" which included incorrect information that was provided to The Scout. The campus food pantry resolution was passed in Student Senate, but still needs to be approved by Bradley administration, which may change the details of the resolution, if it will be implemented by the administration.

NEWS

Incoming Student Body President excited to start term

BY ZANE JUD
Off-staff Reporter

Around the country, primary elections are just around the corner. Bradley's major election cycle just ended with the election of the 2018-2019 Student Body Officers. The winner of the election and new president of the student body is Mikki Tran.

Tran is a senior health science major with an ethics minor who is very involved on campus. Aside from her recent election to the office of the Student Body President, Tran is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority, president of the the Activities Council of Bradley University and a student representative for the alumni association.

As Student Body President, Tran will preside over Student Senate.

"I joined senate going into my junior year here at Bradley, but realized that joining Student Senate would get my foot into the door with helping campus in another way," Tran said.

Although she joined Student Senate at the start of last year, Tran still felt she could offer a lot to the Bradley community if she were elected President.

"I believe that I could represent the student[s] in a holistic mindset where I can take into account the different perspectives of students on this campus while still staying true to myself and what is best for this university," Tran said.

At first, Tran said she was unsure about running for the position, but due to some prompting from other students outside of the senate, she began to seriously consider running.

One of her major platform points for this position included making the proceedings of the Student Senate more transparent to the rest of the student body.

"One of my main goals, as well as the other Student Body Officers, is to create more awareness among the student body of what Student Senate is and what we actually do around campus," Tran said.

Citing some disconnect between

the two groups, Tran hopes to involve the student body in the decisions that occur during their regular weekly meetings.

Upon hearing that she won, Tran said she did not know how to feel.

"I think hearing a very concrete piece of information that 'you are the new Student Body President' has a permanent and special place your memories," Tran said.

Moving forward, Tran understands there will be some challenges she will have to overcome.

"I think my biggest concern is being able to take a step back and view all the concerns and issues that are presented to Student Senate on both sides of the spectrum of a student as well as on the administration side of things," Tran said.



Photo by Cenn Hall

Mikki Tran, a senior health science major with an ethics minor, will serve as student body president in the 2018-2019 school year.

Library hours to potentially change

BY HANNAH SNIDMAN
News Reporter

With the Cullom-Davis Library closing at 4 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays, it's easy for students to turn study days into sleepovers. However, with its weekend hours, the early bird is not catching the (book) worm.

Recently, there have been discussions about potentially reallocating some of the library's hours of operation throughout the week.

The debate arose from Student Senate's constituency reports, where campus issues are presented to student senators.

"There were concerns addressed that the university library did not open up their weekend hours early enough for a handful of students," Vice President of Academic Affairs Michael Tomerlin said. "And that some would show up in the morning on a Saturday or Sunday and be

disappointed, even surprised, that it wasn't open before noon. This is not the case for every weekend throughout the year, but primarily the first half of each academic semester."

The library is currently open until 4 a.m. on weekdays (with the exception of Friday), but doesn't open until 11 a.m. on Saturdays, and on Sunday at 12 p.m. As of Monday until May 9th, however, the library will be open 24 hours for final exams.

"I personally don't have an issue with the library hours," freshman nursing major Emma Smith said. "I think they're open a decent amount of time. I don't personally think that students would use the library early on the weekends, but I think they'd get more use later on the weeknights."

Other students said they see the benefits of allowing library use during weekend mornings.

"Opening early I don't think will affect anyone negatively, just be a nice thing," Katie Smigielski, a junior psychology major said. "I think as

long as [the library] didn't close before midnight on weekdays, that'd be fine."

Once the associate to the provost and the executive director of the library gave their approval, an email was sent to all students with questions about their opinions of the library's operating hours. The analyzed results of the survey will aid the library in future decisions.

"If the majority agrees that the students would benefit if the library were to open an hour or two earlier over the weekends, then that is the type of change that is good for the university," senior mechanical engineering major Tomerlin said. "It puts more students in a position to achieve success and complete their work in an area they may prefer to study in."

To participate in the survey, students can log into their Bradley emails to find the link.

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"Each residential student on a meal plan will be able to use a certain number of swipes for guests," Weisman said. "An individual can still choose to use all swipes for themselves; however, this plan gives students more flexibility with dining plans."

According to Weisman, different meal plans will include different guest swipes. The 120 Block meal

plan will include 20 guest swipes all together. All other on-campus plans, All Access, 14 Per Week and 9 Per Week, will have two guest swipes each week.

"I feel like it's extremely beneficial," Lindsay Loquercio, a freshman nursing student, said. "When I had my boyfriend over, it was inconvenient for me to use my own [dining dollars] for him in the dining halls. I think a lot of students bring their guests here, and they need to be fed but not at the expense of my own [dining dollars]."

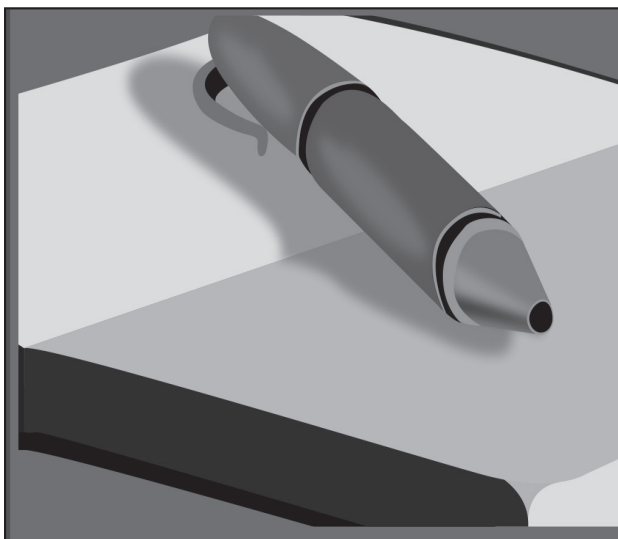
Correction

On April 20, The Scout published an article titled "Student Senate votes down gender inclusive housing resolution" on page A5, which reported incorrect information. The article has been updated on our website to reflect accurate information. The Scout apologizes for the errors.

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NEWS

BY SARA FESSLER
Off-staff Reporter

For many, signing up for housing and living in a dorm is quite simple: students pick out their top residence halls and know what floors they might live on based on their gender. For transgender students at Bradley, however, this process can be troubling. Currently, if transgender students choose to live in a campus residence hall, they will be automatically placed based on the gender they were assigned to at birth, not the gender they identify as. This is why Student Senate recently proposed a resolution for transgender students to be housed based on their gender. However, the resolution did not pass with the two-thirds majority it needed. According to Camille Sanders, sophomore sociology major and incoming Chief of Staff for Student Senate, one argument against the order was that next fall, Wyckoff Hall will feature an open housing

floor. This floor will provide gender neutral living for LGBTQ+ students and the use of communal bathrooms, but according to Sanders, transgender students will still face housing limitations. “Yes, we have an open housing plan already, but some people don’t want to feel like they’re treated special all the time,” Sanders said. “These people just want to live a normal life and be treated as such, so they don’t want to be like, ‘Oh, you can live over there, while everyone else is over here.’” Sanders wasn’t alone in her thinking, either. Alice Allpow, a senior English creative writing major and outgoing member of Student Senate, said for transgender students to “have to live over here from all the ‘normal’ [cisgender] people is discriminatory,” and that not all transgender students want to live in an open floor. A “cisgender” individual is defined as a person who identifies as the gender they were assigned at birth. This was just part of the

conversation that took place during Student Senate’s General Assembly meeting on April 23. Other dialogue involved the senators speaking on behalf of the Bradley population they represent, however, Allpow said she questioned how much the senators actually took their transgender peers into account. “A lot of the senators had said how they had talked to their constituents and that they were uncomfortable with the resolution, but I don’t imagine that they had really talked to all of their constituents first of all,” Allpow, a transgender woman, said. “The question that I asked was, ‘did you ask your trans constituents,’ to which they kind of were like, ‘Uh, well..’ and I was like, ‘No you didn’t, because trans students are just as much part of the university and part of those constituencies as anyone else.’” Sanders agreed that much of the conversation around this order was focused on how cisgender Bradley students would feel living on a floor

with a transgender student. “[The senators] felt their constituents would feel uncomfortable having a transgender roommate,” Sanders said. “My response to that is it’s the same thing as if a roommate was a different religion than you, if your roommate was gay, another race than you: you handle that on your own time. I believe it’s not really something that the school should account for.” According to Sanders, one of the largest counterarguments for the order was the concern of sharing gendered restrooms with transgender students. “That’s not for Student Senate to decide because [the order is] just a suggestion,” Sanders said. “That’d be for the University to decide, and the students do have a voice in that, but for the most part it’s the university.” Oregon State University was cited as a college who excelled in this topic for transgender students. According to the school’s website, students are matched solely based on their gender

identity and not the gender they were assigned at birth. Activists at Bradley will continue to push for this resolution or similar ones to be passed. If a future resolution on the topic were to pass, it would also go through University Senate and potentially the Board of Trustees before becoming an actual part of university policy. Anyone who is interested in the topic can attend senate committee meetings, which take place on Mondays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. By going to three meetings, students can become voting members. Otherwise, Sanders suggest that students talk to their representatives. “See your senators and talk to them, like ‘Hey I want you to vote yes on this. I want you to support this bill. Or, if you don’t, say you don’t support it. Because really that’s what the senators are there to do, to vote on behalf of their constituents,” Sanders said.

Working Women Expo aims to empower women

BY MEGHAN ANDERSON
Copy Editor

What do a massage therapist, clothing designer and vegetarian chef have in common? They were all at the Working Women Expo from on Saturday. The event, which was free and open to the public, was the second annual Working Women Expo hosted by the student organization, Women Who Empower. Andrea Morris, the president of Women Who Empower, organized the event to continue the organization’s mission.

“Women Who Empower believes in empowering women personally, academically and professionally,” Morris, a senior english education and journalism major, said. “[The Working Women Expo] is specifically geared towards professional development and expansion. We wanted to provide a platform for all students, but specifically women, to come and network and grow professionally.” Taylor Baker, the vice president of Women Who Empower, helped organize the event as a way for women to support other women. “Female students should be particularly interested [in the Working Women Expo] because we should always be looking to encourage other women, and it also allows them to see that women can be successful with hard work,” Baker, a junior psychology and pre-med double major, said. In addition to students, vendors of all types were present at the Working Women Expo. Monet Marzette, the brain behind Mo’VEGGIES. By running a vegetarian blog based in Chicago Marzette said she aims to defeat the stigma that meat-less, nutritious food can’t taste good. Marzette hopes to educate and encourage others to incorporate more vegetarian and/or vegan meals into their current dietary

habits. The Working Women Expo provided her with a way to get her business “out on people’s radars” and provide a ndew perspective to womenas she sold nachos at the event. “It’s important to attend events like the Working Women’s Expo to encourage and uplift women who are working towards achieving their goals,” Marzette said. “I’d much rather spend my time motivating my fellow women rather than competing against them. We’ll get nowhere or not advance as women if we continue to think and act like that.” Vendors’ booths were set up across the Michel Student Center Ballroom, many offering services on-site. “A lot of people walk away either buying something, making a new professional connection or learning tips that can help better professionally brand themselves,” Morris said. Christopher Watson, a junior interactive media major, attended the event to support his mother’s custom screenprinting business, G’s Creative Creations. At an expo catered towards women, he was one of few male students who attended. “The women made me feel comfortable enough to have conversations with,” Watson said. “It’s a great opportunity to meet new people and to observe new products and businesses.” For anyone who could not attend this year’s expo, Women Who Empower has plans to continue the event annually. “We plan on expanding the expo even more than we did this year,” Morris said.

The Working Women Expo provided both students and vendors the opportunity to network and better their brands in an empowering setting. “It was amazing to stand in a room with like-minded women who grind and shine,” Marzette said.



photo via Robert Kraybill

Members of B.U.L.L. perform Wednesday in the Michel Student Center Ballroom during the organizations first-ever performance.

BU Laughter Live draws crowd in debut performance

BY TIRZAHSPRIGELA
CHRISTOPHER
Off-staff Reporter

Bradley University Laughter Live, the club modeled after SNL, held its first performance on Wednesday in the Student Center Ballroom. The event saw a turnout of about 200 students, something the President of the club, Ryan Knott, said he never expected. “We hardly expected 80 people to show up, let alone the 200 people that did,” Knott said. B.U.L.L. was born as an unsure idea in a dorm room when three freshmen decided to get together and brainstorm about different ways to put on a comedy show by the end of the semester, according to club founding members. One thought led to another, and before long, a cast of ten actors, eight scripts and a tech crew were acquired by Rachel Pruss, Ryan Knott

and Keegan Burkhardt, the club’s executive board. A relatively new campus organization, B.U.L.L. primarily advertised its event on social media. According to Burkhardt, the club has taken this semester to get their name out to the student body. “Even though we are an official club, as we didn’t have a budget or the experience like other clubs on campus, it was hard to get the word out to every person,” Burkhardt, a freshman television arts major, said. “But our motto was to be passionate, and have fun in whatever we do.” The show started off with a comic scene of a typical mother favoring one child over the other, followed by a dating show consisting of three criminals answering questions from a very eager female contestant. Two other scenes touched on American culture. Tinder was brought to life with one of the scenes, where actors comically portrayed the cliché men that can be found on the

Tinder app. The final two scenes touched on luck from fortune cookies and a girl being rejected from a student group and a church group, due to results from BuzzFeed quizzes. Freshman journalism and political science double major Emmanuel Agyemang said attending the show was a great way to relax before finals. “It was a great show and contained a good recipe for relieving stress and tension before finals,” Agyemang said. Others in attendance at the show said they are looking forward to seeing what B.U.L.L. has to offer in future performances. “I think it has a lot of potential, and I look forward to seeing what they have in store for us next semester,” sophomore psychology major Keana Andrews said. Knott said he feels optimistic after the debut, and hopes to present several more shows next semester.

NEWS

Top stories of the year

BY SAMMANTHA DELLARIA & MADDIE GEHLING
Off-staff Reporters

1 Nick Jonas brings campus to another level with fall concert

Former Jonas Brothers member Nick Jonas performed on the Hilltop Sept. 30. The concert was hosted by Activities Council of Bradley University, and featured over 2,000 tickets were sold for the singer of “Jealous” and “Chains.” Singer-songwriter Skylar Grey opened the show.



2 Off-campus shooting

The Bradley community was devastated when a shooting took place April 8 at 1821 W. Bradley Ave., just a few blocks away from campus. Freshman biomedical science (pre-med) major Nasjay Murry was killed during the shooting. Peoria native Anthony Polnitz was also shot and killed and another Bradley student suffered a gunshot wound to the hand. Peoria Police Department arrested suspect Jermonday Brock, 16, of Peoria April 11 and charged him with the murder of Polnitz. Brock was charged with double homicide April 24.

3 Baker Hall demolished, classes begin in Campustown

Baker Hall, longtime home to the Foster College of Business, was demolished in the spring of 2017 to make way for the new Business and Engineering Complex. The structure will cost Bradley approximately \$120 million to build, and will feature offices, classrooms and labs. Displaced faculty and business students are currently taking classes in academic buildings across campus, and the business college has been temporarily relocated to Campustown. Jobst Hall will be torn down in the fall of 2019.

4 Bradley takes steps towards increased inclusivity

Last semester, Bradley began installing all-gender bathrooms in various residence halls across campus. The initiative installed 30 all-gender restrooms at the university. This comes as part of Bradley’s increased efforts to be more inclusive of different gender identities. Last year, the pronoun resolution was passed, allowing students to choose their preferred pronouns on Webster and Sakai. This coming fall, Wyckoff Hall will also implement an open housing floor designated as a living space for students of all gender identities. However, a gender inclusive housing resolution that would allow transgender students to live in dorms as the gender they identify as was recently proposed in Student Senate, but failed to receive the two-thirds majority vote it needed to continue to University Senate.

5 Larry King donates \$1 million

On Nov. 1, renowned television and radio show host Larry King announced he would donate \$1 million to Bradley’s communication department. This announcement came in advance of King’s visit to campus on Nov. 7 for the third annual Charley Steiner Symposium for Sports Communication, where he took part in various panels regarding media practices. The last time both Los Angeles Dodgers broadcaster Charley Steiner and King participated was in the inaugural event in 2015.



6 Smoke-free campus passes through University Senate

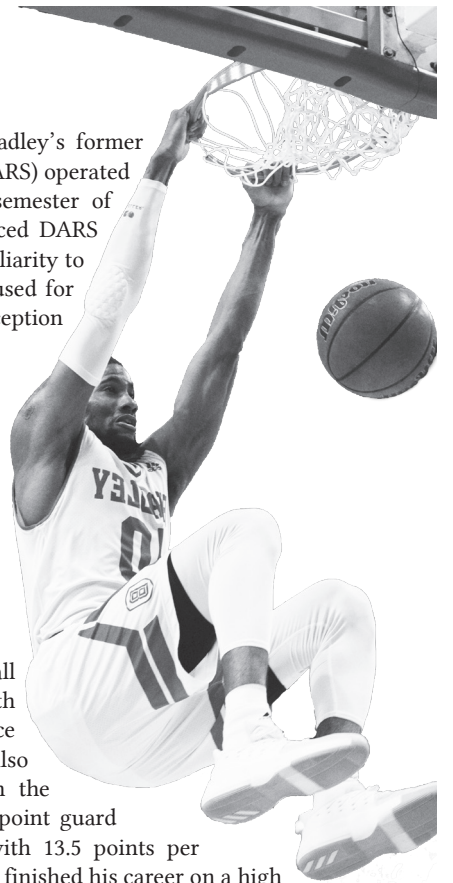
After years of deliberating, rewriting and voting, University Senate passed the Smoke-Free Campus resolution Oct. 19. Originally, the resolution started as a referendum during the spring 2016 student body elections as a way to gauge student interest, but discussion surrounding the topic has been ongoing since 2014. 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. 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.

7 uAchieve replaces DARS

Although u.Achieve and Bradley’s former system Degree Audit Report (DARS) operated simultaneously since the fall semester of 2016, u.Achieve officially replaced DARS in mid-October. DARS held familiarity to the entire Bradley staff, being used for nearly two decades, with its inception at Bradley in the late ‘90s.

8 Bradley basketball shows improvement in exciting season

The Bradley men’s basketball team finished the season with 20 wins for the first time since the 2008-2009 season. They also advanced to the semi-finals in the MVC Tournament. Sophomore point guard Darrell Brown led the team with 13.5 points per game, and senior Donte Thomas finished his career on a high note. The outlook for the future is bright, as well, as the Braves will return 83.5 percent of their minutes.



9 Enrollment & transfer student rates rise

A record number of 10,232 students applied to Bradley for the fall 2017 semester. According to Justin Ball, vice president of enrollment management, this year’s freshman class clocked in at just over 1,200 students, up from the 2016-2017 academic year’s 1093 freshman class. Additionally, the transfer student rate climbed this year: up to 272, while last year saw 234 transfer students. In an article that ran in The Scout on Sept. 1, 2017, Ball said freshman enrollment for 2018 is expected to be between 1080 and 1120, while transfer students are expected to be around 205 and 215.

10 Campus Jaywalking issue addressed

Bradley University Police Department teamed up with Kaboom! this semester to bring attention to Bradley’s growing issue with jaywalking. Throughout the month of March, Bradley students saw Kaboom! dressed in a crossing guard uniform directing pedestrians at the Campustown intersection. BUPD began and continues to ticket students for jaywalking at multiple locations around campus.

design by Natasha Lee

OPINION

Editorial

2017-18 Year In Review



Thumbs up to Admissions and Enrollment Office

Bradley had a record-high number of application submissions for fall 2017. Freshman enrollment increased from a year ago, as well as transfer enrollment. We think this upward trend in enrollment increases campus spirit and improves the college experience offered by Bradley. We hope to see this trend continue in future years.



Thumbs down to University Administration

After the shooting in Parkland, Florida, in February, thousands of high school students took part in school walkouts to protest gun violence. Many universities released statements saying punishments students receive for these walkouts will not be considered in admissions decisions. Bradley was not a trailblazer in publishing this statement and only did so after many other institutions did.

We hope Bradley administration does a better job in the future supporting students to speak their minds and fight for what they believe in.



Thumbs sideways to SABRC

The Student Activities Budget Review Committee revised their constitution recently, and this provides an opportunity to fix a controversial system. However, many members and former members have voiced concerns about funding from SABRC being political and biased.

We hope SABRC can use the opportunities provided by their new structure to remove any potential bias and fund student organizations fairly and as needed.



Thumbs up to Bradley Athletics

The 2017-2018 school year was a good time to be a Bradley Athletics fan. The men’s basketball team had its most successful season in 10 years, while the men’s golf team qualified for the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1995. The soccer team improved its win total by nine games, and the men’s and women’s cross country teams collected conference titles.

It was refreshing to see Bradley Athletics compete at a higher level than in recent years. As students, we can support the continuing success of these teams by attending games, matches, meets and tournaments to show our school spirit.



Thumbs down to weather

The weather this spring in the Midwest has as been nothing short of horrendous. Snow came in April and nice spring weather did not emerge until last week.

Next year, we would like Mother Nature to be more kind to the Peoria area so we can enjoy time on Olin Quad.

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Column

Secretly incredible



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Every year, I buy my mom a book for her birthday. It’s become something she looks forward to each September. In fact, it’s quite a logical gift. My mom loves churning through pages before she goes to bed each night. I’m a writer who has essentially learned everything I know from reading. A New York Times Bestseller usually sells for \$20 to \$30 dollars in hardcover, a perfect and very personalized gift for a kid on a budget.

Mom tells me I’ve never picked a bad book, but she’s since figured out that my secret motivation behind buying her books is that I know I’ll get to read them after she’s finished.

A few years ago, I came across a book at our local Barnes & Noble.

It was blue, paperback, and had multicolored balloons on the front. No, it wasn’t the true story of Disney Pixar’s UP. It had two words in white script across the front: “Love Does.” The book was a bestseller written by “recovering” lawyer from southern California, a Mr. Bob Goff. The subhead: “Discover a secretly incredible life in an ordinary world.”

I bought it. Mom’s reviews of the book were exceptional and mine are through the roof, but this column is in no way a book review - rather, a commentary on the college afterlife, through the lens of what I learned from Bob.

When I left for Bradley, people told me that college would change the way I think; challenge my beliefs. It would be an experience that would change my life. I’ve enjoyed my time in college. I’ve written a lot of articles and papers. I’ve read a lot of books, some trifling, others thought-provoking. Still, I haven’t come across a message that comes close to that balloon bound bestseller.

If you’re reading this column, odds are you’ve read some of the past week’s Scout senior columns. So did I. As I read them I thought to myself, ‘Hmm, senior year seems to come with a lot of change and uncertainty.’ It seems to be a time that many people want to look back,

while resisting the reality of their inevitable future away from college. It’s a time when people get caught in the mysterious in-between. It’s already scary to me and I’ve got one more semester to go.

As Bob said, “Embrace uncertainty. Some of the most beautiful chapters in our lives won’t have a title until much later.”

In his book, Bob talks about living a life that’s secretly incredible, like superheroes minus the capes. In this day and age so much of our lives is public knowledge. We broadcast our days through Snapchat stories and Instagram pictures of our best sides. It’s hard to be secretive. If a tree falls in the forest and nobody’s there, does it even make a sound? If you go to the gym and you don’t take a snap of your progress, were you even there?

We’re all striving for incredible. That’s not a secret. We all want the people around us to see our capes, and see all the exciting things we’re doing, because we’re doing a lot of them. We like the likes, and favorites are our favorites. But being incredible doesn’t depend on who sees you.

“Maybe we could do something not based on status or title, but because of our hearts. If you have a mission statement, maybe this should be it ... write on [your] undershirt ‘Be Awesome.’”

If you’re a senior reading this maybe you have something lined up after graduation. Maybe you’ve got a degree from a good school and still have no clue which direction you want to go. If you’re an underclassman drowning in what seems to be an overwhelming storm of finals, it doesn’t matter. You can’t always shape the perfect scenario.

Before I read “Love Does,” I used to think that I could put together a formula for success; or in the words of a communications major, an outline for writing a story of my fulfilling life. Getting into college + making friends + nabbing those internships + having a dream job = good life. But I realized that it’s really hard to connect the dots going forward. There’s uncertainty, there’s people following your every move and there are bumps in the road.

“We are all rough drafts of the people we are still becoming.”

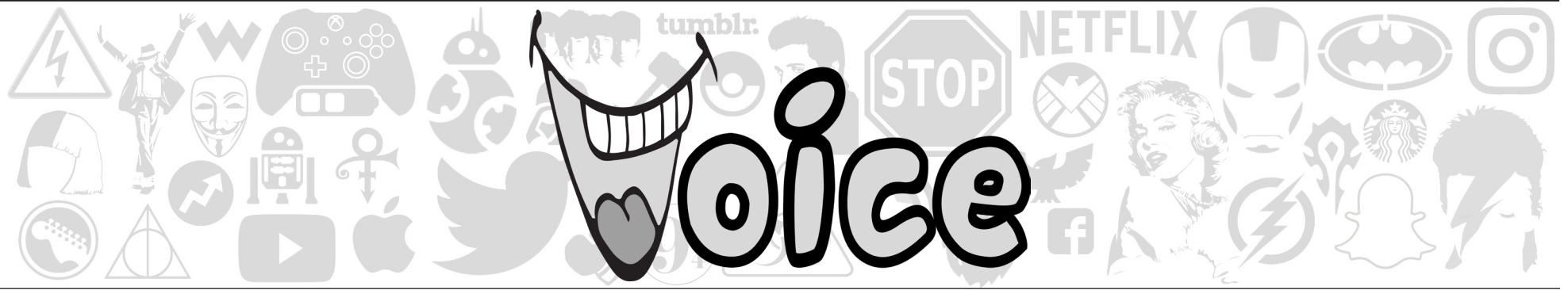
And if we are all still rough drafts, what if we all did decide to become secretly awesome? It wouldn’t be a picnic, it would be atypical. Atypical can be scary and hard to embrace. “Secretly incredible people keep what they do secret, because the only one that needs to know ... already does.”

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

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College's 86 percent

BY MACKENZIE NEWMAN
Assistant Voice Editor

College can be full of moral ambiguity.

No two people share mirrored views on right and wrong. For college campuses, this especially applies to academics. When it comes to getting an A, students seem to be willing to do whatever it takes.

In 2017, Kessler International asked 300 college students if they cheated during their undergraduate years, and 86 percent of them said yes. Additionally, 54 percent of these individuals actually believed what they were doing was OK.

Should red flags be raised? Or is this just typical college behavior?

Few students are innocent when it comes to doing homework assignments with their peers, taking online quizzes in groups or writing papers together. Sometimes cheating feels like the only way to keep your head above the water.

"I think the stress of college puts so much pressure on undergrads to cheat. It's the fact that stakes are higher to be successful

nowadays, which makes us feel like cheating is our only option to get by,” sophomore marketing major Aaliyah Redmond said. “I think that’s the reason why the number is so high.”

That pressure is the reason the library is typically open until 4:00 a.m. and is open 24 hours during finals. It's why students spend hours scouring textbooks and over-caffeinating from Sunday to Friday, with a hopeful Saturday break. Students go to extremes to attain decent grades that they don't believe they can achieve alone.

So, are about nine out of 10 college students morally wrong?

Maybe the definitions are just different. According to Bradley's official statement found on the university website, cheating is defined as "giving or attempting to give, obtaining or attempting to obtain, information relative to an examination or other work that the student is expected to do alone and not in collaboration with others, or the use of material or information restricted by the instructor."

Collaboration with others seems to be the key problem for students.

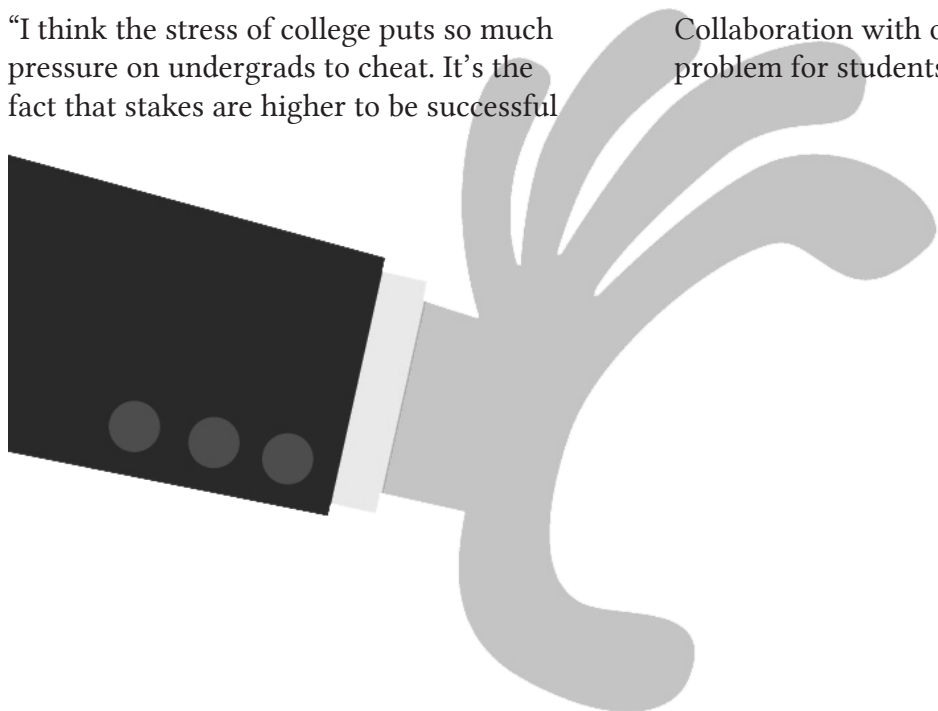
“Often you can learn a lot from other students, so I hesitate to call [collaborating with others on assignments] cheating,” junior mechanical engineering major Nick Domenella said. “I have helped others who were writing papers on topics I had interest and knowledge in. They learned more from listening to my advice than just struggling from a dry textbook.”

Collaboration may be considered wrong, and by standard definition it sounds like cheating. However, by student definition, it's academic support.

“Straight copying is a different story,” Domenella emphasized.

But, with finals approaching quickly, there won't be a coffee shop in Peoria that isn't full of students working together on paper revisions, or having group sessions to ask questions and bounce ideas for final projects together.

Whether it's pressure to be perfect, disagreement on the definition of collaboration or flat out morally wrong actions, cheating is a prevalent part of college. And just like the blurry line between right and wrong, it seems for college students, cheating is not so cut and dry.



Spring fever

BY MADDY WHITE
Voice Reporter

Whether it's the throbbing bass from the house next door that wakes you up or the birds chirping outside your window, evidence is all around us signaling spring has sprung.

Students all over campus are coming out of their cocoons and embracing the outside world after experiencing the harsh conditions of a Peoria winter. Hibernation has ended.

If you notice a skip in everyone's step or an increase in smiles from strangers on campus, you can attribute those happy-go-lucky qualities to the fever – spring fever, that is.

Urban Dictionary defines spring fever as “wanting the present to become summer, slacking off in school because the year is almost over, and the wanting to be outside every day rather than inside.”

RETWEET. 75 degrees and sunny? I have no complaints. Spring fever is taking the long way to class so you can enjoy the outdoors longer.

Spring fever is bringing an extra layer because you're worried the classrooms are going to be colder than the air outside.

Spring fever is seeing hammock after hammock on the alumni quad and having to avoid an occasional Frisbee or football in your path.

Spring fever is trying to work around the glare on your laptop screen when trying to do homework outside.

Spring fever is basketball jerseys and music in the backyard.

Jake Settles, a freshman construction management major, said spring fever is, “being anywhere but class when it's warm out.”

Senior hospitality leadership major Julia Braude said spring fever is, “day drinking.”

Senior public relations major Caroline Letzel said spring fever is, “a better mood and no more seasonal depression.”

It's unfortunate that the crucial sprint to the finish line during finals crunch time is when the weather makes it harder to focus on schoolwork. You're almost there. Keep running – the day kegs can wait.


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Your 'Truman Show'

BY NELSON O. GUTIERREZ
Voice Editor

College is, for lack of a better word, a sh*tstorm. The emotional trauma, the moments of silliness and the passing characters that unfold over the course of four years are enough to make students return home with several scars on their backs and give everybody one hell of a story to tell.

But just what would that story look like?

In 2008, two brothers, psychiatrist Joel Gold and neurophilosopher Ian Gold, coined the term "The Truman Show delusion," based off the 1998 comedy film written by Peter Weir and starring Jim Carrey. The unofficial term refers to a delusion in which someone essentially believes they are being watched by cameras that are documenting their lives in some elaborate narrative.

While it must certainly be believed that a majority of Bradley's student body do not suffer from The Truman Show delusion (hopefully), it got me wondering about what our stories as college students might look like if they were indeed turned into a film. What music would be on the soundtrack? Would it be a comedy, a tragedy or a horror flick once the student loans kick in? But there is one question that I believe everyone asks themselves at least once in their lives:

What actor would play me?

Being a junior myself, I know that my story isn't done, and my opinion might very well change by the time it is. With graduation coming up faster than you can say "crippling debt," one must wonder ... what do all the seniors here at Bradley

think of who should play them in the movie of their lives? And what would they call it?

Alex Perez, senior advertising major:

"Riz Ahmed. If he was a younger guy. There's something about him ... I feel like he just shows a very easy-going personality, but situations always happen to him.

"I'd call my movie 'Never-ending Second Act.' The second act is when the character is kind of drowned, and they need to work back up to the third act where they can resolve their problem. College has kind of been a slug of working through so much bullsh*t."

Kailyn Bates, senior management information systems major:

"Kerry Washington would play me. But my movie is like 'Jumanji.' Just adventures, man. I'll be thinking it goes one way, and then it goes another. It's pretty cool, though, because they're still doing remakes. So 'Jumanji' – if Kerry Washington was in it."

Bekah Coon, senior biology and Spanish double major:

"[I think] Lauren Graham, because she has dark hair and blue eyes. That's pretty much it."

"If my [college career] were to be a movie, the title of the movie would be 'Bio 666.' Bio has been the bane of my existence, but it's smooth sailing once you overcome it. If

you get past 250, you're good to go from there."

Jake Wolf, senior business management and leadership major:

"Tom Hanks, because he's equal parts funny and serious."

"I'm going to steal a movie title, I'd call my college career 'The Grind,' because there's just a lot of work you gotta put into it to keep your GPA where you want it and look forward to your career."

Alfred Hitchcock once said, "What is drama but life with the dull bits cut out?" As these seniors approach the swan song of their undergraduate journeys, the movies that are their college careers are filled with the defining and transformative moments.

What will your "Truman Show" look like?



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14) Kind of cabinet
15) Yukon garment
16) Acorn's source
17) Regardless of the consequences
19) Bird of the past
20) Like finger-paint
21) Rods' partners
23) Division into factions
26) Oft-stubbed item
27) Plays the killjoy
28) Bad luck
30) Caravan member
31) Code name?
32) Cleopatra's snake
35) Winning serves
36) "Here ___ trouble!"
- 37) Asian cuisine choice
38) Where Goldilocks was found
39) Portion of a broadcast
40) Uses digits?
41) "Hooray!"
43) Mozart composition
44) Fall collection?
46) Poorly made
47) More sick
48) Not yet a fire
50) Item in a lobster restaurant
51) Just deserts
57) Part of IOU
58) Type of legend or sprawl
59) With mouth wide open
60) It goes through withdrawals
61) Avian baby deliverer
62) Exclude from practice

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2) "And what have we here?"
3) ___ shot (drummer's quickie)
4) 180 deg. from WSW
5) Plank producer
6) Writer's cramp, e.g.
7) Back muscles, in brief
8) West Point athletes
9) Calypso relative
10) Fun rural diversion
11) Reach the critical point
12) Sao ___, Brazil
13) Authoritative proclamation
18) Name on a green toy truck
22) Feature of many a prima donna
23) NASA milieu
24) Chris Rock or Kevin Hart product
25) Beats a hasty retreat
26) Workplace honcho
27) Wound covering
28) Kin of "bro" and "dude"
29) Two-tone treat
31) Pie a la ___
33) Unlike fresh water
34) Galileo's birthplace
36) The four in a quart
37) Watch the bar or goal
39) Short synopses
40) Dr. Scholl's product
42) "___ got an idea!"
43) Send overseas
44) Gadhafi ruled it, once
45) "The Waste Land" poet T.S.
46) Moved like a coward
48) Boss on a shield
49) Within earshot
52) Leftover tidbit
53) Kind of limit
54) Capture, as a burglar
55) IRS calculator?
56) Suffix with "ballad" or "mountain"

Sudoku

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"Creamy because I like it smooth."
- Daniella Radunovic, freshman nursing major



Beckett Kenny

"Creamy. I don't want to have to chew my spread; it's an enhancer not the main event."

- Beckett Kenny, freshman communications major



Cameron Niesman

"Chunky on bread, but creamy on toast. You have to match textures."

-Cameron Niesman, freshman computer science major



Jem Salomon

"Creamy because I just like the texture more. I don't have to crunch."

- Jem Salomon, sophomore health science major

BY HALEY JOHNSON
News Editor
design by Natasha Lee

'What were you wearing?'

Sexual assault survivor art installation located in Markin

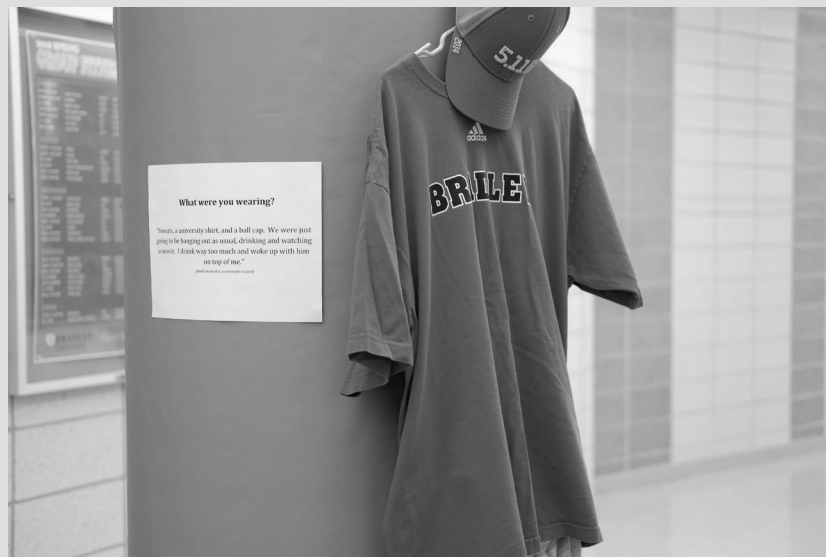
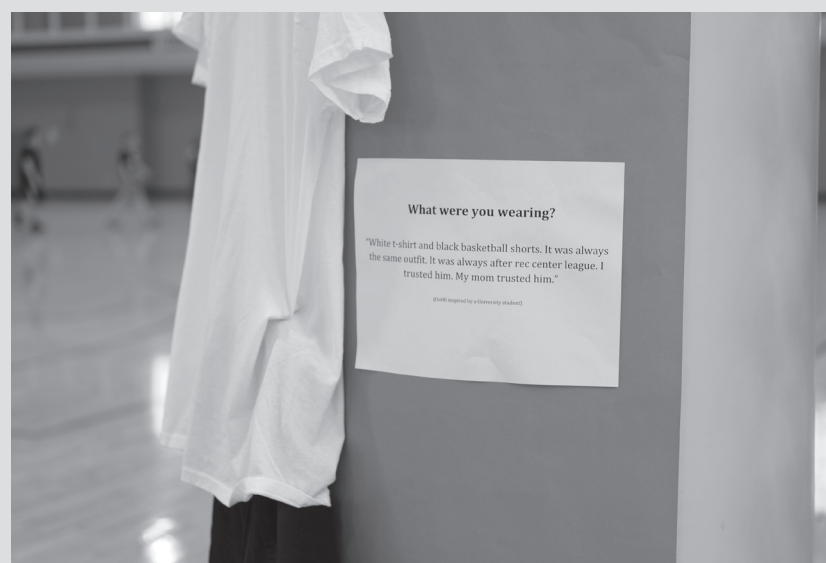


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Congratulations to the winners of the
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“Black at Bradley”
2018 Creative Student Contest!



Brandon Towns
Photography: “Wakanda Forever”
Major: Advertising
Year: Sophomore



Christopher Watson
Poetry: “Your Oil”
Major: Animation
Year: Junior

Winning Entries are on display at the Hayden-Clark Alumni Center through May 31, 2018.

The “Black at Bradley” Creative Student Contest was sponsored by the Bradley University Black Alumni Alliance (BUBAA) and was designed to allow currently enrolled students the opportunity to submit works of their own creation in four categories tied to the BUBAA 2018 reunion theme. The theme is based on the book “Blacks at Bradley” by Dr. Arwin Smallwood, former director of African American Studies at Bradley University.

Brandon Towns is an amateur filmmaker and photographer from Chicago’s South Side. His films explore relevant themes within the black community such as gentrification, police brutality, and gun violence. His work has been screened at numerous festivals including Cardiff International Film Festival, and Global Mixx Aspiring Filmmaker Fest. In 2016, he was selected as an HBO and Sesame Street Everyday Hero and received a \$5,000 grant to donate to a charity of his choice. In 2014, Broken Development, a seven minute short about gentrification from the perspective of a teenager, won Chicago’s Little Mexico Film Festival. Recently, Brandon was the recipient of the Ebert Fellowship, which allowed him to attend one of the largest film festival in the United States: Sundance Film Festival in Utah.

His photography has earned notice in the All City Senior Art Exhibition and Best Photography presented by Steam Studio.

Towns have worked as a sound assistant on Seith Mann’s “Veracity” short film through Scenarios USA and as a production assistant on Wendell Etherly’s feature film “Market Value”. He was previously a member of the Columbia Links program (his reviews of the films “The N Word” and “Smile” were published on RogerEbert.com).

A native of Peoria, IL, Christopher is a junior making in animation with a minor in studio arts. His dream is to make a children’s cartoon that entertainments and explores topics of the world. “Teen Titans” is one of his inspirations for crafting stories.

In his free time, he draws characters and records music. He plays piano and violin and is a church organist.

BUBAA Congratulates its 2018 Scholarship Recipients

Black Alumni Scholarship Recipients

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| Maurisa Brown ’20 | Kia Woods-Wall ’20 |
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Niyah Hudson ’19

SPORTS

Softball falls in series against Southern Illinois

BY JUSTIN LIMOGES
Sports Reporter

The Bradley softball team managed one win in a three-game series against Southern Illinois University at Petersen Hotels Field in Peoria this past weekend. After a mid-week 6-5 win against rival Illinois State, the Braves are now 18-25 overall and 7-11 in the Missouri Valley Conference.

On Tuesday night, down 5-4 to Illinois State on the road, senior Maria Schroeder connected on a two run home run in the top of the seventh to put the Braves up 6-5. Sophomore Emma Jackson came on in the bottom half of the seventh to close out a season series win for Bradley.

In Saturday's double-header, both teams combined for 37 runs and hit 10 home runs. The Salukis, however, beat the Braves both games 5-4 and 18-10.

Bradley started the first game on a high note, as junior Megan Mahaffy hit a three-run homer to give the Braves the early 3-0 lead.

The lead wouldn't remain long as Salukis Kyleigh Decker and Savannah Fisher hit solo and 2-run home runs, respectively, to even the game at three.

The Braves tied the game again at 4-4, when sophomore Allison Apke hit a solo home run. But it wasn't enough as Southern's Katelyn Massa hit a home run off Bradley's Julie Kestas to give the Salukis the 5-4 win.

In the second game of the double header, after a Saluki two-run home run in the top of the first, Bradley freshman Stacia Seeton responded with a 3-run first-inning homer. Her third home run in as many games put the Braves up 3-2. The home run was Seeton's seventh this season, tying

both Trish Kowalewski in 2005 and sophomore Kealia Wysocki in 2017, for most home runs as a freshman.

Bradley head coach Amy Hayes praised Seeton's first-inning homer, but cautioned that the team should never get comfortable.

"I think it really sets the tone," Hayes said. "I think Stacia [Seeton] had a big one early. I think we just need to continue to put that pressure on, though, and not get comfortable."

The Braves furthered an 8-4 lead in the fourth inning thanks to a single from Mahaffy, a double from Wysocki, a walk from junior Gabby Stoner and a single from freshman Jillian Navarro.

SIU replied quickly with four runs in the top of the fifth to bring the game even, 8-8. Both teams followed up with a run each in the next inning to tie it back up at 9-9.

The Salukis would then begin a nine-run seventh inning to build a comfortable 18-9 lead, and they secured the 18-10 victory.

Hayes said small errors led to bigger problems in their first two losses against the Salukis.

"I think we just had a little let up and misplays," Hayes said. "I think, as a coach, I was confident in how we were hitting the ball. In game two, the game got a little bit away from us, but we can't let one mistake roll into four."

On Sunday, Bradley gave SIU a taste of their own medicine by using a 10-run second inning, to spark their scoring.

The big inning only included six hits. Seeton led the run with another solo homer to break the Bradley freshman single season home run record with eight. Stoner concluded

the run with an RBI single to go up 10-0.

Wysocki hit a one-out double in her first plate appearance. As a result, the Braves were able to load the bases and eventually score during their second-inning run.

"I would say it contributed, but I didn't even get that spot in that inning," Wysocki said. "I believe it wasn't only me, but the girls in front of me specifically [that led to the scoring]."

Massa got the Salukis on the scoreboard with a 2-run homer, but Bradley quickly regained its 10-point advantage with senior Maria Schroder's 2-run homer to go up 12-2.

Southern Illinois pushed for a comeback in the top of the fifth when they were down to their last out. They successfully scored seven runs thanks to a Sydney Jones grand slam and errors in Bradley's defense to bring it within three runs at 12-9.

Bradley extended its lead 14-9 with two runs from senior Elizabeth Leonard and Wysocki, and spoiled the sweep with a 14-9 win.

Wysocki believed that the Braves' mentality was better going into game three and was what led to Bradley's early dominance.

"I think mentality is a lot of it," Wysocki said. "But, I also think making those adjustments between at-bats instead of waiting until the end of the game is also important."

This weekend the Braves travel to Valparaiso to play the Crusaders for the first time in Missouri Valley Conference play. The double header starts on Saturday at noon, followed by one game on Sunday at 11 a.m.

Softball Results

Sat. vs. SIU	L	4-5
Sat. vs. SIU	L	10-18
Sun. vs. SIU	W	14-9
Tue. @ Illinois State	W	6-5

This weekend @ Valparaiso
Games 1 & 2 - April 28, 12 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Game 3 - April 29, 11 a.m.

Baseball Results

Sat. vs. RMU	W	17-0
Sun. vs. RMU	W	10-0
Tue. @ Illinois	W	4-3
Wed. @ Chicago St.	W	8-3

This weekend @ Dozer Park vs. Missouri State

Game 1 - April 27, 6 p.m.
Game 2 - April 28, 2 p.m.
Game 3 - April 29, 1 p.m.



Allison Apke holds a fifteen game hitting streak this season, best in the Missouri Valley.

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HBO’s “André the Giant” puts size in perspective

BY ANTHONY LANDAHL
Assistant Sports Editor

He was born a human like the rest of us. His enormous size put him at a physical advantage, but put his health at a disadvantage.

Gentle giant André Roussimoff, better known as André the Giant, revolutionized the sport of wrestling, and HBO’s recently released documentary reflected the late André’s touching personality and command of respect.

As this documentary appeals not just to wrestling or sports fans, any audience member can marvel at the 7-foot-4-inch 520-pound life of André’s: how he functioned each day, how he traveled on planes and how he drank an intense amount of alcohol.

André was an extraordinary case of nature, but the documentary preserved him as a human, not an anomaly of society. The film shows old black and white footage of André, before he was known as the giant from the French Alps. He measures at a more familiar height of 6 feet 9 inches and 309 pounds; you could call

him a less monumental nickname like “André The Really Tall Guy.”

A the story rolls on you come to realize that he once lived a lifestyle more familiar to the majority of people. Even with his size, he was just like any other human. He laughed, he cried, he hurt and he loved. The film does a fantastic job separating the persona of André the Giant from the authentic and tender André Roussimoff.

Though the recounting of his life was the underlying subject, the history of wrestling also plays a fun role in the film. Director Jason Hehir, known for the 2011 ESPN 30-for-30 film, “The Fab Five,” orchestrates an ensemble to play to any wrestling fan’s liking.

We are briefed with the beginnings of wrestling great Hulk Hogan’s rise to dominance, the behind-the-scenes of “WrestleMania III” and Vince McMahon’s national cable television conquest of the wrestling world. Ric Flair also makes a great appearance and asserts some hilarious assumptions when discussing André’s personal life.

Both Hogan and McMahon are

involved in emotional interviews when reminiscing about André. Watching fully grown men – who are usually fabricating wrestling matches – express real emotion is a somber experience. Their emotion, however, constructs the legitimacy of André’s legacy in a style of respect and friendship.

In wrestling, “more than meets the eye,” is a common theme that must be kept in mind. Retaining a sense of fantasy in wrestling enhances enjoyment, but it is good to remember the reality of the situation. But one thing that cannot be falsified in the sport is the pure strength of André. He was the ultimate showman. He was fantasy as he was a reality. He could lift two men up and throw them around like dolls. He didn’t need a cape. No prop could improve him. No mask would enhance his popularity.

André was an innovator. “He did sports entertainment before there was sports entertainment,” Hogan declared. “By just being himself, André ascended to superstardom, all starting with what he simply liked to do: wrestle.



Keaton Rice is hitting .348 for the Braves this season and drove in the go-ahead run against Illinois Tuesday. *photo via Scout archives*

BASEBALL EXTENDS WINNING STREAK

BY NATHAN NUNEZ
Sports Reporter

The Bradley baseball team traveled to Champaign on Tuesday night to take on the University of Illinois, as late-inning heroics paved the way for a 4-3 Braves victory.

The Braves scored early as senior Derek Bangert drove in sophomore Luke Shadid to get things started for the Braves in the first inning. Bradley proceeded to score one run in each of the first three innings.

Junior Mitch Janssen started on the mound for the Braves, blanking Illinois through the first three innings. With a 3-0 lead heading to the bottom of the fourth, Illinois scored in back-to-back innings to cut the lead to 3-2.

The Illinois pitching staff held off the Braves bats long enough to allow their own offense to score the tying run in the bottom of the eighth inning. Neither team scored in the ninth, so the game headed to extras.

With two outs in the top of the eleventh, sophomore Dan Bolt moved into scoring position and freshman Keaton Rice delivered a single to score Bolt for the go-ahead run, which allowed the Braves to take a 4-3 lead.

“I got a fastball on the outside part of the plate and put a good swing on it,” Rice said. “I was just happy I was able to help my team win a ball game.”

Junior Bobby Johnson came on in the bottom of the eleventh and sat the Illini down in order to pick up his first win of the season. He got some help from third baseman Brendan Dougherty, who made a sliding catch in foul territory, nearly colliding with the wall, to secure the 4-3 win for the Braves.

Bradley also hosted Robert Morris University – Springfield in a two-game weekend series on Saturday and Sunday.

In Saturday’s series opener, junior Cole Cook worked around a first-inning error and set the tone on the mound for the Braves. Cook retired each of the nine batters he faced, striking out three in the process.

Matching Cook’s dominance on the mound, the Braves hitting did their part by scoring early and often. The Braves scored 10 runs through the first three innings, registering multiple hits from seven different batters. Led by a 3-for-4 day at the plate from junior Luke Mangieri and

three runs scored by junior JF Garon, the Braves recorded 13 hits, scoring 17 runs total.

“We wanted to play all nine innings and not give away at-bats,” Garon said. “We wanted to show up to the ballpark and show them we are the better team.”

Sophomore Ryan Hodgett took over on the mound in the fourth inning, maintaining the shut-out and picking up his first college win. The Braves run-ruled the Eagles in seven innings, taking game one 17-0.

The teams returned for the series finale on Sunday, and Bradley did not skip a beat. Five different pitchers toed the mound for the Braves, shutting out the Eagles 10-0.

After Saturday’s game one matchup against RMU, the Braves shaved their heads to raise awareness for the Vs. Cancer Foundation, whose mission is to cure children’s cancer. This is the fourth year the baseball team has participated in the event. So far they’ve raised over \$42,000.

Head Coach Elvis Dominguez said he was pleased with his team’s involvement for the cause.

“I am so proud of them,” Dominguez

One-on-one

What NHL team will win the Stanley Cup?

Vegas Golden Knights VS. Nashville Predators

Eight teams remain as we head into the second round of the 2018 Stanley Cup Playoffs. Out of those eight teams, my pick to win the Stanley Cup is the Vegas Golden Knights.

At the start of the season, they had the longest odds to win it all, but they shocked the world in the regular season by making expansion team history on multiple occasions and winning the Pacific division. Even though they were a top seed, fans and analysts were skeptical about how they would do in their first-ever playoff series against the experienced Los Angeles Kings. The Golden Knights once again shocked viewers by sweeping the Kings in four games. They are now co-favorites to win the Stanley Cup according to the Westgate Sportsbook.

The Golden Knights went from a team that seemed to be destined for the bottom of the standings to a Stanley Cup favorite, so why not keep making history?

The Golden Knights goaltender, Marc-Andre Fleury, is a seasoned veteran and a three-time champion. He’s playing some of the best hockey of his career and if he can keep it up, there’s no reason Las Vegas can’t defeat any of the remaining playoff teams.

Not only do the Golden Knights have Fleury, but they also boast a roster of breakout stars and hungry veterans. Some of those breakout stars include William Karlsson, who lead the team with 43 goals and 78 points, and Jonathan Marchessault, who finished the regular season with 75 points.

The veterans include David Perron, who had his best year of his career this season, and James Neal, who is looking to make a statement after the Nashville Predators let him go in the expansion draft this past summer.

This team started the season with little to no expectations. A group of determined players looking to make names for themselves or statements to their former teams came together to become one of the top teams in the league. While their regular season accomplishments alone make their inaugural season a huge success, the Vegas Golden Knights still have their foot on the gas pedal and aren’t done making history just yet.

- JACK SIMZYK

If last year’s Stanley Cup playoffs taught us anything, it was that the Nashville Predators are serious contenders to win it all. While they ultimately fell in the finals to the reigning champion Pittsburgh Penguins, the Predators came away from the loss hungrier than ever for a Cup.

Now, the Predators find themselves set to face the Winnipeg Jets in a second-round playoff series that begins tonight.

The Predators will win the next three series and the Cup this year because of their depth, one of the most crucial components of Stanley Cup-winning teams. Third-liners Colton Sissons and Austin Watson tallied the most points of any of the Predators’ roster through the first round of the playoffs. They along with linemate Nick Bonino combined for 19 points in the first round, and that is just the third line of a Predators team that also boasts Filip Forsberg, Viktor Arvidsson and Ryan Johansson.

Behind the Preds’ deep offensive force is a solid blue line and an experienced goaltender. Defenseman P.K. Subban provides Nashville defense with an offensive edge, as his regular season performance of 59 points through 82 games was good enough for third-best on the team. Fellow defenseman Roman Josi, Ryan Ellis and Mattias Ekholm are consistent and reliable as well, allowing a deep defensive line. Preds goaltender Pekka Rinne is a four-time Vezina finalist and has experience staying composed during high-intensity playoff games.

The Predators will defeat the Jets, who just won their first playoff series since 1987, and could possibly find themselves in a third-round match-up with the Las Vegas Golden Knights, if the Knights can win their second-round series.

The Preds can take the West and perhaps meet up in the finals for a rematch with the Penguins, assuming they can win the East.

- SAMMANTHA DELLARIA

said. “They have really taken to heart this cause. They know they can make a difference in somebody’s life and [positively] impact a family.”

Senior Ian Kristan and junior Andy Shadid said the team understands the importance of raising awareness for the children’s hospital and were chosen as the leaders for the fundraiser.

“We tried to push ourselves and our teammates to raise money for the hospital,” Shadid said. “There’s a bigger picture than baseball. Some people are fighting for their lives and we take it for granted that we can even get outside and pick up a baseball and swing a bat.”

To learn more about the Vs. Cancer Fund visit <http://www.vs-cancer.org/>

Bradley will play it’s biggest series of the year as the top team in the conference, Missouri State (8-1 MVC) visits Dozer Park this weekend. The first game starts on Friday at 6 p.m.

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Senior Alexa Brandt won her match on senior day. photo via bradleybraves.com

Tennis sweeps Valparaiso

BY BEAU WOODCOCK
Off-staff Reporter

The Bradley tennis team ended the regular season in a dominant fashion on Sunday, defeating the Valparaiso Crusaders 7-0 at the Markin Tennis courts, completing its first full sweep of the season. Freshman Sandra Maletín and sophomore Natalia Barbary led the way by winning their doubles match and reaching a tie for fourth all-time doubles wins at Bradley.

Bradley’s only set loss came at the three position in doubles, but Bradley won all 12 sets in singles play, including Barbary’s win, where she dropped only one game in the entire match.

Head Coach Matt Tyler said the win may prove to be an instrumental confidence booster as Bradley looks towards the Valley tournament this weekend.

“The confidence going into the tournament, getting a win like that, I

feel like this is the first time that we really fired on all cylinders,” Tyler said.

Freshman Kinga Kovacs continued her upward trend after her first collegiate match win against Northern Iowa by dominating her match on Sunday in the six position (6-1, 6-1). Following the win, Kovacs praised the team’s ability to work together

“We played great matches last weekend, and I think this win is a boost for everyone,” Kovacs said. “Now that we were able to recover from the injuries and illnesses, we definitely are more confident.”

Following the team’s successful senior day, Bradley now looks ahead to a quarterfinal matchup in the MVC Tournament with Missouri State. The Braves lost to Missouri State three weeks ago, falling 4-3 at home after the Bears rallied at the end of the match. Bradley has won two out of their last three matches since then,

and have a chance to earn a third-straight trip to the semifinals.

Missouri State won four out of their last six matches dating back to the win against Bradley and will certainly be a tough matchup for the Braves.

“The last two years we’ve managed to upset the team that we played in the first round of the tournament and make the semifinals,” Tyler said. “Last year we were a point away from beating Southern Illinois and getting into the championship match, so I really feel like we’ve got the athletes and the players to win it, but we’re trying to stay focused on Missouri State first and foremost.”

Bradley’s quarterfinal match in the MVC tournament is set to take place Friday at 10 a.m. at the Cooper Tennis Complex against the Missouri State Bears in Springfield, Missouri.

TRACK CONTINUES TO BREAK RECORDS

BY RONAN KHALSA
Off-staff Reporter

Seventeen members of the Bradley track team traveled to Azusa, California,

late last week to run in the two-day Bryan Clay Invitational. Every runner came away with season bests.

Thursday was highlighted by redshirt junior Haran Dunderdale, who finished

first out of 99 in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. His time of 8:50:90 set a new meet record. Dunderdale improved his personal best by nearly five seconds and now leads the Missouri Valley Conference by almost 18 seconds. His time ranks 13th in the nation.

“I have been steeplechasing for the last seven years and feel comfortable going over the barriers,” Dunderdale said. “I know it is unlikely that each hurdle I

approach will have ideal clearance so I remain calm and work with what I have that day.”

Coming off a strong team performance with 10 season bests, Bradley was back to run again Friday, this time to set seven season bests.

Redshirt freshman Alec Hartman broke the Bradley record in the 800-meter race by finishing in 1:50:00 to place 13th out of 148. Hartman’s time was a career best. Sophomore teammate Scott Seymour finished 61 hundredths of a second later to land himself in second place in the Braves’ record book, a personal best.

Senior Taylor Floyd Mews bested his personal record by more than three seconds in the 1,500-meter run. His time of 3:43:77 is the second sub 3:44 in school history. Floyd Mews finished 33rd for the Braves.

Gauson said that as the regular season comes to a close the team is ready to compete hard in each meet going forward.

“It’s at the point of the season where training is at a good point and we are getting really good times,” Gauson said. “We are rolling right now.”

Gauson said the team must be locked in to end the season strong and have multiple team members qualify for the NCAA Outdoor Championship in Eugene, Oregon,

“We are coming off a historic year,” Gauson said. “It’s just about competing well and throwing up as many points possible.”

The Braves will run this weekend in Des Moines, Iowa at the Drake Relays, the final regular season meet before the MVC Championship hosted by Indiana State from May 11-13.



Haran Dunderdale
First-place steeplechase finisher at Bryan Clay Invitational
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Running Club looks for third marathon relay win

BY AUSTIN SHONE
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The Bradley Running Club is hoping to collect a third consecutive victory in the Illinois Marathon Relay on Saturday in Champaign.

This is the largest race of the semester for the Running Braves. They will enter two relay teams, made up of four runners each, as well as an individual competitor.

Saturday’s race starts on the campus on the University of Illinois and finishes on the 50-yard line of Memorial Stadium. As a part of the relay event, each runner will run 6-7 miles, then hand off to the next runner to combine for a 26.2 mile race.

“The marathon relay is a unique event because it is not offered in many running events, especially for distance running,” club president Cal Weisman said. “The marathon relay does a great job at incorporating teamwork into what’s usually an individual sport in distance running.”

The running club has competed in this race each of the past two years

and won the entire race both years in the overall and mixed gender division.

In addition to the relay, freshman mechanical engineering major Peter Hansen will compete as an individual in the full marathon. Hansen previously ran Peoria’s Whiskeydaddle Marathon in October 2017 and has been training for this race since mid-January.

“I plan to start out pacing myself with the relay [teams], then it will kind of just depend on how fast they end up being,” Hansen said. “Probably by the end I’ll end up being 5-10 minutes behind them. I’m shooting [to finish in] 2:57:00.”

The running club was first started at Bradley in 2011 in an effort to cater to all runners, from the casual to the more competitive.

“We have a wide range of abilities and interests within the club and there is a place for everyone,” junior sports communication major Weisman said. “We have a lot of active underclassmen running, specifically freshmen, in the club and see outstanding growth potential for

the future.”

The club competes in a variety of races throughout the year including traditional cross-country races such as the Bradley Classic & Intercollegiate, Illinois Club Relays and road races like the Jingle Bell Run and Hilltop Trot.

“I really like the community of the club and having people to train with that know a lot about running,” Hansen said.

For more information about the Bradley Running Club please contact club president Cal Weisman or visit <http://runningbraves.weebly.com/>.

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Rice big in win over Illinois
Freshman catcher Keaton Rice leads
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Keaton Rice

MEN'S GOLF ASCENDS MVC THRONE

BY ANTHONY LANDAHL
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The Bradley men's golf team ended its regular season on Tuesday as the champions of the Missouri Valley Conference. The Braves totaled a score of 883, 15 strokes ahead of second-place Southern Illinois, at the par-72 Dalhousie Country Club in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

On day one of the competition, junior Drake Bushong, senior Ethan Brue and junior Michael Mounce placed first, second and third in overall competition, respectively. Bushong finished the day with a round best 3-under-par 69.

Head Coach Jeff Roche said the team approached the second day carefully after finishing with a 19-stroke lead at 587.

"You have to be cautious because you get such a big lead," Roche said. "Your whole mindset needs to be: you've got to go in trying to grow that lead, but yet you don't want to be so overly aggressive that you make bad choices."

Brue and Mounce tied at the end of day two for second place at 220, and Bushong solidified the Valley's individual title at 217 with a par-72 in round three. He became the first Brave to capture the individual title since Dave Wettlaufer in 1985.

"It was nice knowing that we had a large lead and didn't have to play perfect to win," Bushong said. "I know that freed me up to just go out and play the best I could that day ... to get the individual title too, that was just icing on the cake."

Throughout each round, Roche purposely kept the score a secret from players to keep them focused.

"It was a big advantage for the players not to know," Roche said. "It was just nice that they were just playing golf and not stressing about what place we were in."

Roche said the team's focus persisted until the team officially clinched the title, then the celebration began.

"It was an unbelievable feeling figuring out that we were going to be champions when I finished my 18th

hole," Mounce said. "We all put in a lot of hard work and dedication in the classroom and on the course, and it felt like it all finally paid off for us."

"I wasn't sure where we stood during the last round until the 18th hole when I asked coach [Roche]," Bushong said. "So knowing that we had a big lead and that we were going to win, it was pretty awesome to be able to walk up the last hole and see all the guys watching knowing we had won."

"I was so excited for the guys," Roche said. "They have worked so hard all year. I thought about a lot of the guys that I've coached through the years that have helped us get to this point, and all those thoughts just start coming back to you."

The Braves will now advance to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1955. Roche experienced NCAA regional play as a volunteer assistant with the Bradley women's golf team in 2002 and 2003. He said the next potential matchup will be tough to prepare for.

"We'll prepare the things we know we can control," Roche said. "It's going to be roughly three weeks before we compete ... we've got to stay in a competitive mindset. Three weeks is a long time."

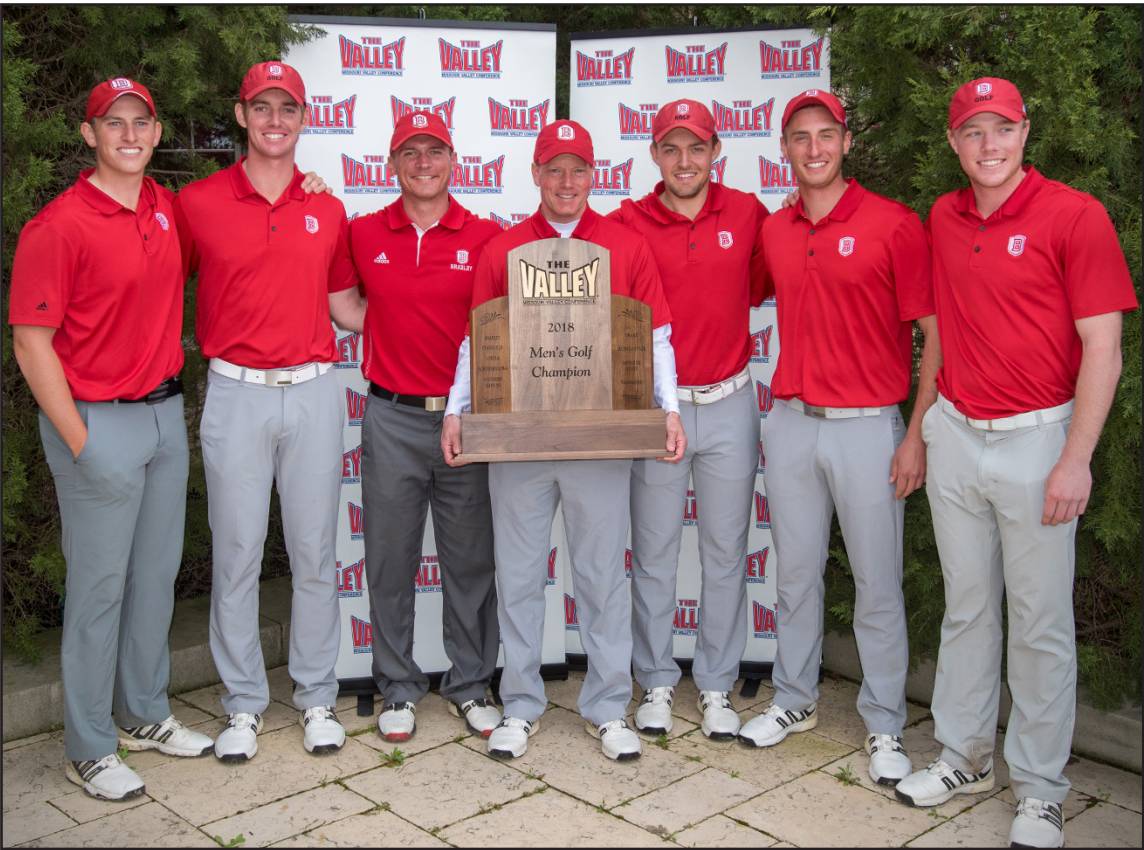
Despite having no prior NCAA experience, the team is approaching the unfamiliar challenge with optimism.

"We ultimately feel like we belong there and are excited to run our game plan to the best of our ability," Mounce said. "We are going to focus on enjoying the tournament and controlling the things that we can control."

Whatever the outcome, Roche said that the NCAA appearance will enhance the golf program's prominence.

"We've got a great program, great student-athletes that are apart of it and now it should get the word out that much more," Roche said. "Hopefully, all the former golf alumni and people who have been apart of the program all these years can enjoy it as much as we do."

Pairing matchups will be announced at 4:30 p.m. May 2 on the Golf Channel.



The men's golf team poses with their conference championship trophy, their first since 1995.

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