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Various organizations across campus shed light on the challenges of living with an eating disorder. At right, sophomore Shelby Taluc shares her personal story. See A5 for details on how The Body Project raised awareness of eating disorders across campus.

photo by Kristin Kreher

New gen ed system passes Univ. Senate

BY SAMANTHA PALLINI
Editor-in-Chief

After nearly three years of planning by students, faculty and staff, University Senate passed the Bradley Core Curriculum at its Feb. 19 meeting.

Co-Chair of the Steering Committee Kelly McConaughay said she was excited everyone's hard work led to the passing of the new system, and now it is time to get to work on its implementation.

"What this means is that we have passed a new general education curriculum," she said. "So, the general education curriculum that students are taking today is sun-

setting, and students who arrive at Bradley, either as freshmen or transfer students fall 2016 or later, will have a different general education curriculum. It's called the Core Curriculum."

The process began in the spring 2012 semester when the 2012-2017 Strategic Plan of the university was passed, detailing a five-year timeline of goals and objectives for Bradley and its departments. One of the key initiatives was the general education system review.

The document states, "The general education program has not been significantly revised, since it

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Caterpillar plans to stay in Peoria

BY TESSA ARMICH
Copy Editor

Last Friday, Caterpillar announced its international headquarters would remain in Peoria.

As an American company known on a global scale for its construction and mining equipment, Caterpillar headquarters has been an employer and supporter of the Peoria community since its first plant opened with just 12 employees on Feb. 2, 1910.

More than 100 years later, Caterpillar has increased its employee base to more than 20,000 employees across Illinois, several of which are Bradley stu-

dents hired as interns or full-time employees.

Senior organizational communications major Kate Carroll has been working for Caterpillar in various areas since the summer of 2014 in the corporate affairs division and the communication team.

"I think Caterpillar is a huge part of Peoria, and I think they play a huge role in developing the economy of the city and bringing a diverse group of people to town," Carroll said.

Sophomore computer information systems major Keegan Lessard, who first started working

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Life with anorexia: My secret battle

BY SHELBY TALUC

I was a happy, normal, social athlete when anorexia hit me hard. It started during Lent of sophomore year of high school. Everyone was giving up their favorite foods, and of course, I had to also. I decided to give up all junk food. As Lent went on, I got pickier about what was considered junk food. Suddenly it became giving up all sugar and fats, then all carbs. After Lent ended, my obsession didn't.

It became the only thing I thought about. My life revolved around counting my calories and watching my weight. The day was only good if I was under 700 calories; it was a great day if it was under 500. I lived off of a snack at lunch and a small dinner. I would run, but only after dinner when I had the energy. After school, I would come home and sleep in front of a heater until dinner because I didn't have the energy to do anything else and was too thin to stay warm. At dinner, everything was cut into small pieces and eaten slowly. Grease was dabbed off with a napkin. Bread was never ok. Only certain foods were "safe." The rules went on and on. That's just the physical side though; the mental side was so much worse.

What most don't realize is that anorexia is a mind battle; it's almost all mental. The obsession is constant. I used to think there would never come a time when I didn't count calories, plan meals and obsessively exercise. I remember crying at a restaurant because they gave me sweet tea not unsweetened. I remember writing goal weights at the end of each week in my planner. I remember absolutely hating life.

One day on a walk, I told my mom I needed help, and from there, I entered an outpatient treatment program at OSF. Between counselors, dieticians,

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The Scout named 3rd best in state

The Scout won 15 awards at the annual Illinois College Press Association awards ceremony held Feb. 20-21.

Competing with Illinois schools having non-daily newspapers and 4,000 students or more, The Scout earned the following awards:

The Scout Staff: General Excellence, 3rd place
Samantha Pallini: Editorial, 2nd place
Kristin Kreher: Front Page Layout, 1st place
Kristin Kreher: Column (excluding sports), Hon. Mention
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Aaron Freeman: Sports Feature Story, 3rd place

In the open category, which includes 38 collegiate newspapers in the state regardless of publication frequency or enrollment size, The Scout earned the following awards:

Kristin Kreher: Advertisement (less than full page), Hon. Mention
Travis Kelso & Chris Walls: Classifieds Section, 3rd Place
Travis Kelso & Chris Walls: Classifieds Section, Hon. Mention
Jaylyn Cook & Bahnt Freiburger: Critical Review (film), 1st place
Jacob Wulf: Critical Review (other than film), Hon. Mention

New contact for tech crew

The Tech Crew has recently changed its contact information. Event coordinators should now submit tech requests to butechcrew@mail.bradley.edu.

Tech Crew provides audio and lighting services, but not projectors, screens or musical instruments. Applications must be sent at least two weeks before the event.

If students have sent a form to the old email and received a reply, they do not need to re-send their request.

The request form can be found on the Tech Crew webpage.

Peer mentors needed

The Office of Multicultural Student Services is accepting applications for the fall 2015 Peer Mentor program.

The program is open to all racially diverse upperclassmen that want to help mentor and forge an incoming freshman's college experience. Applicants must be well rounded in both academics and extracurricular involvement.

Accepted students will go through mentor training and be assigned a mentee in the fall.

Incoming students who wish to be mentees can fill out an application on the Multicultural Student Services website.

For more information about the program and application, email Norris Chase at nchase@mail.bradley.edu.

Bradley's Got Talent

Lambda Chi Alpha is hosting its first talent show, Bradley's Got Talent, March 5 to help raise money for the Children's Hospital of Illinois.

Tickets to the event will be \$3 and the show starts at 7 p.m. in Neumiller Hall.

Audience members will judge the contestants and decide a winner at the end of the show. First place will receive \$50, while the crowd favorite gets \$25.

If you have any questions email bjjohnson2@mail.bradley.edu.

POLICE REPORTS

- Officers and Peoria Firefighters were dispatched to the 1500 block of W. Callender at 10:19 p.m. Feb. 18 due to a suspicious smell.

The female student smelled something burning in her residence. Upon arrival, officers discovered the smell was coming from a rubber glove left on the heating coil of the dishwasher.

There was no smoke or fire, so no additional assistance was needed.

- Bradley officers and Peoria police were dispatched to the 1000 block of W. Bradley Ave. at 1:28 a.m. Feb. 18.

A female student reported noises in her apartment even though she was home alone. She thought it was an intruder and called the police.

Officers searched the apartment with negative results and were unable to identify the noise.

- Officers were dispatched to Harper Hall to collect items found in a dormitory room search at 11:47 p.m. Feb. 20.

Residential staff found drug paraphernalia and 1.5 grams of marijuana in the dorm room. The female resident had a female non-student and two male non-students in their room. Staff said they were very cooperative during the search.

The three non-students were banned from Bradley property.

- Officers saw a male student stumbling around on the 900 block of Elmwood Ave. at 2:43 a.m. Feb. 21.

When officers questioned the underage male, he admitted to drinking vodka and rum at a residence on the 1500 block of W. Bradley Ave. The male registered a .184 BAC and signed a refusal of treatment.

Officers escorted the student home.

- Officers were on patrol when they smelled cannabis on the 800 block of Frink St. at 10:32 p.m. Feb. 21.

Officers entered the apartment and spoke to a male student resident. The student said no one was smoking in the apartment.

No signs of marijuana were found in the apartment, and the residents were given warnings and released.

Prof. offers enthusiasm, global perspective

BY TESSA ARMICH
Copy Editor

The Midwest might seem like a strange, mundane place for someone who has visited several countries to settle down in, but for Jacqueline Hogan, sociology professor and department chair of the Asian Studies Department at Bradley, that place was just the right fit.

"I consider myself really lucky because I get to teach upper division general education classes and the non-western civilization area," Hogan said. "I love teaching all the classes I [have] because I get to talk about cultures all over the world."

Hogan didn't originally come to Peoria to stay. She initially came to Bradley in 2000 for a year-long teaching assignment to replace a professor on sabbatical. Hogan said she liked teaching here and that she fit well within the department, so she decided to stay.

"I had never even seen Peoria before I moved here from Australia," Hogan said. "I had never visited Bradley, but just came here for the one year and ended up staying."

Hogan received her master's degree in Iowa for linguistic anthropology. She then traveled to Japan for her master's degree fieldwork research.

"When I went back [to Japan, the language] came back pretty

quickly, like within about a week," Hogan said. "Sometimes I still dream actually in Japanese and when I'm dreaming in Japanese my dream self is always struggling, is always asking, 'oh, how do you say such and such.'"

In Japan, she met her husband and later moved to his home country of Australia. In Tasmania, she received her Ph.D. in sociology.

"It is a beautiful, beautiful place, Tasmania," Hogan said. "It's an island about the size of Ohio, very mountainous and lots of really remote areas. Just one of the most beautiful places in the world."

Hogan values international travel, and said it has the potential to change students' lives. It forces people out of their comfort zones and challenges them to see different perspectives from other parts of the world.

"As you meet people from other countries, you also develop an awareness of the ways America is perceived around the world," Hogan said. "In the US, we don't have much exposure to the media, politics and cultures of other societies. So travel is a crucial part of better understanding the world we live in."

According to Hogan, one of her favorite aspects about teaching is introducing students to new cultures.

"It is so fun to introduce students to these cultures," Hogan

HUMANS OF THE HILLTOP



JACQUELINE HOGAN

photo by Tessa Armich

Sociology professor and department chair of the Asian Studies Department, Hogan met her husband in Japan, lived in Australia and received her Ph.D. in sociology in Tasmania, before coming to Bradley in 2000.

said "Lots of times cultures they've never even heard of and help them see the world in a different way. I think Bradley students are so interested in what we're talking about and they ask such thought-provoking questions that almost every day I come away

from class with something new to think about."

Hogan said that this is special because not all students are this way. She said she loves being in the classroom every day and loves being challenged by the students.

New club drives for commuter benefits

BY ALLISON APPELBAUM
Off-staff Reporter

For commuting students, a new club could be a welcome relief.

The Commuter Connection Club officially arrives at Bradley on Saturday Feb. 28. The first informational meeting will take place at noon in the Student Center room 202 and will include details about the club as well as how to get involved.

The club is only open to students that travel daily between campus and home.

"The purpose of the club is to make the Bradley campus feel like a second home to commuter students," club president Caitie Crowley said.

The club is in the process of securing a lounge in Heitz Hall that will act as a place for commuter students to go when they want to relax on campus.

According to Crowley, the lounge may include lockers that commuter students can use to hold their belongings while on campus.

Gregory Haines, faculty advisor for the Commuter Connections

Club, said that this convenience is going to help get commuter students more involved in big school events such as Welcome Week.

"One of the things we can do during Welcome Week is make the lounge a hub," Haines said. "It is important to have a place where commuter students can go during down times, in between programs."

The club is also currently looking to create group workshops.

"The lounge is open to all Bradley students but is being directly marketed toward transfer, commuter and military students," Haines said.

The club will also provide commuter students leadership, social and volunteer opportunities to help them become more involved in activities on campus and meet students.

"Primarily, commuter students in their first and second year at Bradley don't have the natural built-in means of getting connected with other students," Haines said.

Haines said he hopes this club will help with retention at Bradley

in regard to commuter students.

"If students find a connection here on campus, hopefully they are more likely to stay on campus," Haines said.

According to Crowley, the club is different from others on campus because it will help students stay connected with each other throughout the entire year by hosting events and planning outings during the summer as well.

"We need to give commuter students the same opportunities as students that live on campus in a way that entices them to participate in events at Bradley," Haines said. "The Commuter Connections Club is really about helping students form connections to campus by creating relationships with people that are living a similar type of college experience."

For more information about the Commuter Connections Club, students can email Crowley at ccrowley@mail.bradley.edu

BU in search of 'Webster Warrior'

BY SAMANTHA PALLINI
Editor-in-Chief

With the restructuring of the general education criteria making its way to the Hilltop, one of the final pieces of the puzzle presents itself in the form of a staff member: the Registrar.

Following a 16-year tenure, Kathie Beaty retired as Registrar in December. Her exit calls for a quick turnaround, as the roles and responsibilities of a Registrar are central to the function of the university with regard to record keeping, graduation applications and approvals, student and faculty course scheduling, academic reporting, transcripts and the Academic Review Board policy and petitions.

General Education Program Review Steering Committee Co-Chair Kelly McConnaughay said the Registrar is a vital part of the general education program, especially with a refined and reworked system having just passed University Senate Feb. 19 and set to be implemented fall 2016 (See A1 for details).

"The new registrar is going to have to oversee an awful lot of changes to business as usual," McConnaughay said. "For a period of time, we're going to maintain two Gen Ed programs because there will be people who will be wanting to stick with [the current program because they came to Bradley in 2014 or 2015]. At the same time, we have to start with [new students] coming in at some point, so our new start date is 2016."

Beyond maintaining two sets of codes for general education programming, head of the Registrar Search Committee Sandy Bury said in a candidate open forum Feb. 16 that working alongside Instructional Technology and Media Services (IRT) is an important part of the job as well.

"Those two sets of codes are going to call for patience and collaboration," Bury, the executive director of computing, said.

The search committee has narrowed the applicant pool to two candidates: one external and one internal.

As Registrar and Records Manager at East-West University in downtown Chicago, Misha Starks put an emphasis on her philosophy of the customer's need being a priority.

She said it is important when working alongside others that it is "not what you say, but how you say it."

Prior to her position as Registrar, Starks worked in sales for 15 years and said it strongly influenced her perception of how to deal with people and problems.

Starks currently oversees the entire Registrar's Office at East-West, much of which includes work that was self-taught. The student body, which is less than 800 students, accounts for one-sixth of the workload of student

schedules and academic reporting that Starks would see at Bradley.

Starks said she has one goal that she hopes will allow her to be successful in a new environment such as Bradley.

"I think there needs to be an establishing of common ground," she said. "I will work to build relationships...My management style is transformational leadership. I want to find what motivates [people]."

Additionally, Starks said although she is unfamiliar with both Webster and the Bradley Degree Audit Requirement System (DARS), the online academic records that outline requirements to graduate, she said she is ready and willing to learn.

"I have not [had a chance to look at Webster], but I am ready to learn, and I think a lot of what I do now will carry over," she said. "But if something is working, and it doesn't need [to be] fixed, we shouldn't fix it."

Internal candidate and current Associate Registrar Andy Kindler said this position is one he has been wanting for some time. In 2003, when Kindler interviewed for the associate registrar position, he said he was asked what his next step would be in his professional life.

"I said, at some point, I would like to become the Registrar; not only the Registrar, but the Bradley University Registrar," he said. "I said it because I really believed in it. I really believe I would be a Registrar that would be facilitating the needs of everybody who works on campus besides outside entities such as the federal and state government."

Kindler has been in a Registrar's office since receiving his master's degree in 1997, having been the Registrar and financial aid director at the Institute for the International Education of Students in Chicago from 1998-2002 and the Office Manager for Trivalent Communications in Peoria from 2002-2003, prior to his arrival at Bradley in 2004.

Kindler said the two items he wants to begin with, if chosen, are DARS reports and acquiring campus community data.

"I think the degree audit, nowadays, is outdated," he said.

Kindler proposed the introduction of the Achieve system that is "more modern, more efficient...and more affordable."

Bury said the candidate campus interviews are completed and feedback from campus constituent groups will be reviewed prior to making a recommendation.

"This is a key position, as the Registrar has primary responsibility for academic records and works closely with many groups on campus," she said. "Our hope would be to find someone who is committed to a long-term tenure at Bradley, has considerable experience in a Registrar's Office and had a customer focus."

For more information, visit bradley.edu/sites/registrarsearch.

Linking leaders at LINCS conference

BY DANEALLE KHAIMSKIY
News Editor

Leadership hopefuls have the chance to rub shoulders with CEOs in Renaissance Coliseum on Saturday as Leaders Instilling Knowledge through Cooperative Service hosts their annual leadership conference.

A senior capstone program, LINCS is comprised of 10 members that work to foster leadership among students.

"Our goal is to basically, with the 10 of us LINCS, provide other students with information and different tactics about leadership," senior finance major Amira Arvia said.

According to Arvia, the team talks to Education Teacher Education classes at Bradley and at events around Peoria to teach people about leadership, time management and effective communication.

"Our big project is to organize the leadership project coming up this Saturday," senior psychology major Brian Deal said. "We've been organizing it for a couple months now."

Arvia said this is the first time LINCS has had their conference on campus.

"It's been kind of like an

overnight stay or an off-campus getaway," she said. "It's been an expense type travel. So, [if] people wanted to go to leadership conferences, it would cost them money."

With the move to the Hilltop, the event has 70 students registered to attend, which Arvia said is one of the largest LINCS events in the organization's history.

Starting with a continental breakfast at 9 a.m., students will have the opportunity to mingle with each other, meet the members of LINCS and learn their stories of leadership.

After breakfast, students will be able to move around five different small group discussions.

"The five stations involve every day leadership, conflict management, time management, team development and communication," Arvia said.

The students go through all the discussions, but are asked to pick their top two and focus on those, according to Arvia.

The keynote speaker between sessions will be Tom Bailey, a former CEO of TCF Bank.

Deal said Bailey will talk to students about his background and the journey he took to

LINCS leaders:

Alyssa Adams
Amira Arvia
Brittany Burns
Kate Carroll
Brian Deal
Mary Cate Eklund
Ryan Gutchewsky
Spencer Keck
Madison Kamp
Courtney Minner

become a leader and ultimately a CEO.

Although registration for the seminar is closed, students who are interested can still email LINCS advisor Jessica Chandler at jchandler@fsmail.bradley.edu before Saturday.

"We will accept [walk-ins], but it would be more beneficial if they signed up in advance," Arvia said.

Those interested to join LINCS next year as a senior should also email Chandler or a current LINCS member with any questions.

Marshmallow Man revealed



photo by Samantha Pallini

The recruiting committee of Residential Life plotted to attract new members by launching a marketing scheme involving an inside joke and inflatable suit.

BY TESSA ARMICH
Copy Editor

As a result of lower staff recruitment numbers last semester for Residential Life and an excess in marketing budget, a mysterious figure appeared last Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Marshmallow Man, a puffy-suited mascot, debuted by making surprise appearances in various locations around campus. Shortly after his physical appearance, Mellow Man showed up with Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Mellow Man began as an inside joke at a staff meeting.

"I think a couple of years ago [Rosh Thomas, a community hall director in Harper Wyckoff] made this thing during a meeting," resident advisor (RA) and recruitment committee member Aditya Sreekumar said. "Jay Mehta, who's the director in Williams is like, 'Yo Rosh, I think we should use this character.' It just started spit-balling from there."

What Sreekumar said began as a joke became a way to gather interest in ResLife on campus. The identity of Mellow Man and his affiliation was kept a secret until the recruitment event Saturday in the Garrett Multicultural Center. Officially, Mellow Man is the mascot for

ResLife, though it is unsure whether he will be used as a one-time mascot or for further recruitment efforts.

The new mascot is also a way to spread information about ResLife, according to Sreekumar.

"There's always that misconception that RAs are like the police, and they always have that kind of thing about them, but they don't really tend to see the fun side of staff as much," Sreekumar said. "[Also], we didn't really do much with recruitment last semester."

After a recruiting event at Meinen Field fell through last semester, their main source of recruitment was from information sessions, according to Sreekumar.

Mellow Man is now being used to garner buzz about ResLife and to spark student interest.

"[I became an RA] definitely to be a resource," Sreekumar said. "It's a leadership opportunity: it develops responsibility, [and] it's helped me with time management. Overall, it takes you out of your comfort zone because of the different things you see on a day-to-day basis."

Students interested in becoming an RA can complete the application on the ResLife webpage by March 6.

Backpacking club ventures out

BY TESSA ARMICH
Copy Editor

As a step in reviving its organization, the Backpacking Club recently held a fundraiser to collect extra resources for its trips.

Last Friday and Saturday, members offered a cookie delivery service to dorms and certain off-campus locations. According to club president Michael Chang the fundraiser went very well.

"We were surprised by the support that campus provided," sophomore club secretary Amanda Fuller said.

The money from the fundraiser will go toward club trips and equipment expenses, in addition to the money they received from Club Sports Budget Review Committee. Two big trips are planned in April, one to Devil's Lake, Wisconsin and another to Starved Rock State Park.

"I think being able to pair outdoors with our hobbies is something that backpacking really provides for a lot of our members," Chang, a senior mechanical engineering major, said.

Potential members don't have to be experienced campers or have hiked in the past.

"We are really open to inviting all members of all skills to our club," Chang said. "It's really cool because we do have all of these experienced members, but we also have those people who haven't been camping before. We had someone who had never slept in a tent before coming with us, and she loved it and is coming back and is involved in the club now, too."

Members are also willing to share equipment, helping others who don't have as much gear.

"We're just looking to expand as many things as possible because

a lot of clubs on campus provide the opportunity to learn something new or meet new people," Chang said. "Going on these trips with these students, you're bonding with them over two nights: camping, hiking, eating, shivering in the cold."

According to Chang, the club hopes to expand and establish its presence on campus. The club meets every two weeks.

"Going into this next semester, our goal is to provide affordable trips for students on Bradley's campus so that we can get everyone involved in going outdoors," Fuller said. "It's something that isn't really heavily offered here at Bradley, and we want to bring that aspect to the university."

Looking to the future, the Backpacking Club wants to focus on offering affordable trips to students and cementing trip dates for better advertising opportunities.

Diversity discussion goes downhill

BY LISA STEMMONS
Staff Reporter

The Dialogues on Diversity event aimed to talk about the 'tough stuff' Thursday night, but reviews from students and audience members were tougher than the topics.

The Activities Council of Bradley University (ACBU) hosted Ron Jones, a leader in the world of improvisation.

Most notable is Jones' Black-Jew Dialogues, a cultural awareness program laced with comedy.

Less than 50 students partook in the conversation, where bribes of Cap'n Crunch, Pop-Tarts and Pringles greeted participants' remarks. Yet, while Jones' presentation presented bits of history, the humorous elements were overshadowed by vulgar language.

"Here we are at the tail end of Black History Month," Jones said. "How many of you have heard someone say 'why do we give them a month?' I'll tell you why; y'all got the other f***ing 11."

Many students said they felt the program had an opportunity to dive into difficult issues but fell short and left many relevant matters untouched.

"He really didn't talk about enough for people to really take something from it," freshman public relations major Amir Mitchell said. "He just scratched the surface, he told us everything that we already know... With the time he was allotted, he could have run to the hills with it and made people understand problems about the oppressed groups."

Other attendees said the program could have tied issues of the past to today's issues by drawing connections and providing solutions, but it did not.

"What about now?" sophomore biology major Marissa



photo by Moira Nolan

Improv speaker Ron Jones addressed students at "Dialogues on Diversity" hosted by ACBU Thursday night in the Student Center Ballroom. Student reactions indicated disappointment in the event.

Bacon said. "Let's talk about things that are actually happening in the news. I care about our boys being killed in the streets. I care about walking down the street being discriminated because of my skin color. I don't care about no f***ing kids working in the factories because they don't work there no more."

Despite the negative student feedback, however, Jones' said his main message is that it is "not just what you think, it's what you do; and it's not just what you do, it's why you do it in order to make

the change."

Jones said his inspiration is drawn from Bayard Rustin, the "architect of the March on Washington," who believes people must put their bodies where the problems lie until they are solved.

Jones has been featured with an improv troupe on Comedy Central, taught classes at institutions such as Harvard University and Curry College and founded his own improv program that won an EMMY award in 2002.

For more information, visit the-blackjewdialogues.com.

Students aim to colonize pre-health society

BY TORI MOSES
Copy Editor

Alpha Epsilon Delta, a pre-professional health honor society, will soon join the masses of Hilltop organizations.

Two sophomore students, psychology major Nikki Pearl and biochemistry major Brandon McFarlin, separately approached the Director of Pre-Professional Health Valerie Bennett with the idea of creating a pre-health society a couple of weeks ago. The students are now leading the formation of the society.

"Ironically, we didn't plan it, but we both ended up mentioning something [to Bennett], so [she] said we should work together," Pearl said.

The international society will welcome students interested in health care to join its chapter.

"We have a lot of students interested in health professions, and we have a lot of really bright and talented students," Bennett said. "This is a nice way to recognize them and create an organization to bring them together."

Pearl said she and McFarlin want to create a campus organi-

zation that focuses on bringing together all pre-health professions instead of focusing on one.

"In the health care system, everyone works together ... doctors are communicating with physical therapists who are communicating with athletic trainers," Pearl said. "It makes sense to have something like that on campus."

According to Bennett, who will serve as the chapter's advisor, the students liked the idea of creating a chapter of a national organization because it provides a connection to a larger pre-health community, with more than 150 Alpha Epsilon Delta chapters already in existence at other universities.

According to McFarlin, students are required to meet some set standards, such as having a minimum 3.2 science and overall GPA as well as completing a certain number of service hours.

"Part of their mission is service, so I'll be looking into doing some community service projects," Bennett said.

Bennett said they want the society to be something more than another point to write on a

résumé.

"We want [the society] to be active and engaging, whether we bring in speakers or [host] discussions on current issues in health care," Bennett said. "We want to have it be something that's meaningful and challenging to students beyond just their classroom coursework."

According to Bennett, they are in the early stages of forming the society. Before the chapter is official, there is an application process, which includes letters of support from Bennett as the advisor, other science faculty and an existing Alpha Epsilon Delta chapter.

Bennett said she hopes the chapter will launch next fall.

There will be an organizational meeting 7 p.m. March 30, where students can express interest in joining the society.

To be added to the email list to receive further information about Alpha Epsilon Delta, students can contact Bennett at vbennett@fsmail.bradley.edu, Pearl at npearl@mail.bradley.edu or McFarlin at bmcfarlin@mail.bradley.edu.

Engineering trio wins competition

BY MARKIST BOOKER
Off-staff Reporter

Judges were a(maze)d by three Bradley engineering students.

Bradley's engineering team won first place in a robot competition Feb. 7 at the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Region 4 Student Leadership Conference. The University of Wisconsin competition involved robots moving throughout a maze.

Senior electrical and computer engineering students Alex Berian, Jair Robinson and Brian Roskuszka competed against seven other teams from Midwestern universities. Four students were allowed per team, but Bradley topped the competition with only three students.

"The competition was intense and very competitive," Robinson said. "The process itself was mentally demanding, causing us to work continuously without taking any breaks all [while] under pressure. We had to direct all our focus into programming the best possible robot we could in the limited amount of time."

Each team was given a Pololu 3pi robot, a small programmable circular robot and the challenge of navigating the course of the maze better and faster than all the other robots. But, there was a catch. The students were only allowed three hours to program the robot.

"One thing we did was go through some basic online tutorials of how to use the Atmel Studio 6.2 programming software," Roskuszka said. "We also jammed out to some pump up music right before we entered the competition room."

Although none of the teams solved the maze completely, Bradley's robot managed to get the farthest faster than any other team.

Robinson said he is proudest of being able to represent the engineering department and place at this year's competition with only three team members.

Our engineering department may be small in numbers, but as our advisor Dr. Sanchez said, good engineering will always beat numbers," Robinson said.

The Body Project promotes positive self-esteem

BY TORI MOSES
Copy Editor

In an effort to educate students about keeping a positive body image, Body Project interns are hosting campus events for Eating Disorder Awareness Week Feb. 23 to 27.

According to senior Body Project intern Emma Walser, the awareness week is important because the topic of eating disorders is not widely discussed on campus, but it is something students should be more comfortable discussing.

"I know for a lot of people, they will see a friend going down a path, and it's really freaking them out, but it can be a hard discussion to have," Walser, a dietetics major, said. "We don't want people to be so afraid of having that conversation, so letting people know that it is still happening at the college level and is still something that needs to be addressed is important."

According to counselor Lisa Fix-Griffin, since she started at Bradley in 2008, the counseling office has received fewer calls from students with eating disorders.

"It seems like I'm seeing fewer people with eating disorders, in a way that concerns me," she said. "I'm sure they're out there. We

would even get more calls from concerned friends in the past asking for us to do an outreach, and we are not even getting too many of those."

Fix-Griffin said students also don't understand how eating disorders develop.

"If you don't like to eat food, but you eat it anyway, you have that mentality but you don't physically act on it," senior Body Project intern Melissa Wroblewski said.

Wroblewski, a business management and administration and history double major, said the national theme for the week is "I Had No Idea" because a major problem is a student could have an eating disorder or be developing one and not be aware of it.

"There's a misunderstanding of what puts a person at risk," she said. "If you restrict your food intake, that increases your chances of developing [an eating disorder]. That in and of itself doesn't do it, but it sort of pulls the trigger if you have those genes or certain personality traits that predispose you to that."

To help this problem, Fix-Griffin said she hopes the awareness week will reveal the dangers of dieting.

"I think it's such a diet obsessed world and thinness obsessed that people dabble in those behaviors

not realizing that that's where it could lead," she said.

While the Body Project interns said eating disorders affect both males and females and the awareness week is aimed at both groups, Fix-Griffin said females are more subject to developing an eating disorder and tend to bond around dieting.

"It's not helpful, but we fall right into [bonding over diet trends], and we need to stop doing that because it's not helpful to us," she said. "We can all take responsibility and pay attention to how we are talking and change our sisterhood to where we are really more there for each other. It takes a lot of work though, it's a whole culture change."

Students could wear blue or green, the National Eating Disorder Association's colors, to support the awareness week. The Body Project interns distributed informational cards during the week to students they see wearing the colors.

The interns are ending the awareness week with a trivia game today in Michel Student Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be prizes for the winners.

For help or more information, call Health Services at (309) 677-2700.



photos submitted by Shelby Taluc

Sophomore Shelby Taluc spent multiple years working to overcome the challenges of anorexia.

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medications and a lot of time, I have gotten so much better. It was definitely a slow process that wasn't without relapse, but I have come so far from where I was. I still have certain habits from my eating disorder and still get those thoughts sometimes, but I know not to listen. I've learned to be forgiving with my body, to realize how amazing it is – how healthy it is.

Anorexia is not easily defined. It's not always obvious. You can be a normal weight or overweight or underweight. You can

be a boy or a girl. It's easy to not even know you have it. It's also easy to hide and can come out of nowhere. But it can be treated.

I hope that my story helps someone in some way, that this shows someone how possible recovery is. So to all of those who are suffering, know that it will be OK. It will get better.

Shelby is a junior accounting and Spanish double major from Morton, Illinois.

If you or someone you know are struggling with an eating disorder, call Health Services at (309) 677-2700 for help or more information.

Editorial

Changes offer chance to realign with values

The Scout has said it many times before: change is coming. But this time, it seems like it is going to be a dramatic shift.

For the first time since 1982, we have a new general education curriculum that will be implemented by fall 2016.

Our president of eight years is moving on, and our athletic director has resigned.

A new registrar will take on the position that will involve running two codes of general education courses.

Students of color, commuter students and transfer students are getting more attention now, as enrollment management trends are changing.

Finally, the provost, the engineering dean and the business dean have all been seeking employment elsewhere.

This is not a comprehensive list, and according to the 2012-2017 five-year Strategic Plan of Bradley University, there are still a lot of things on the list to do.

The groundbreaking of the Business and Engineering Convergence Center, the conducting of a study on the practicability of a law school, exploration of the feasibility of a doctorate in nursing practice [for the nursing administered anesthesia major] and an increase in a more diverse student body are just a few of the tasks we have yet to complete.

With all of these huge changes coming our way, it may appear as if the Hilltop is drowning in a sea of uncertainty. However, there is no time more perfect than the present to voice your opinion and get involved.

Regardless of pay grade, title, department, tenure or background, when everything is uncertain, the playing field is equal, and the goal is simple: focus on the future of the students.

Bradley got a physical facelift over the course of the last five years, but these next five should now be focused on the internal. Gen Eds are new. The leadership will be new. The athletics approach will be new.

During this time of widespread changes, we must look to the future and align our goals with the original intentions of our founder.

The best way to do this is to keep in mind the conclusion of the Strategic Plan, which states the challenge Lydia Moss Bradley posed to Board of Trustee Chairman O. J. Bailey on Oct. 8, 1897, as she handed him the keys to the university.

"I hope the trustees will carry out my will when I give into their possession these buildings," she said. "I trust the learning imparted here will be of great benefit to the young people of Peoria and the vicinity."

Opinion

Stop saying apathy: We actually do care



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Apathy.

Bradley students hear that word used almost as much as the phrase, "university of national distinction."

But these two are contradicting to me. How can we be recognized as such a great university when everyone—faculty, students, administrators and yes, even The

Scout—often said we are a body of apathetic students?

Frankly, I disagree.

Sure, I'm one of the four students at women's basketball games, and I see the lonely student section at men's soccer games. In the traditional aspect of athletics attendance, we are fairly apathetic. Perhaps, however this doesn't come from a lack of caring, but rather a lack of time.

This lack of time often stems from students being busy passionately pursuing their other interests.

As someone fortunate to be actively involved in many aspects of this university, I see students all across the board without a single drop of apathy in their blood.

I see students on executive committees of multiple organizations, ones working several internships, ones standing up for what they believe and ones going out of their way to help others.

At The Scout, there are six staff members that are presidents of other organizations. Some of

them put in more than 30 hours a week for a mere \$15 paycheck.

As president of SONOR, I get 7 a.m. phone calls from other members that are excited to share an idea. Committee chairpersons send me emails with detailed plans for events that are still months away.

In my role with the Student Activities Budget Review Committee, I see student organizations trying to grow their clubs and bring events to campus that meet the needs of other students. Whether it's a speaker about homosexuality or an opportunity for students to read their own works of poetry, the events take a lot of work and help students expand their interests.

Apathetic students don't do these things.

And that's not the end of it. Outside of my own organizations, I see other passionate students.

More than 50 students participated in last semester's die-in protest about police brutality. Students Today, Leaders Forever

members are giving up the opportunity for a wild and crazy spring break to take a trip across the country serving others. Members of greek houses raised more than \$86,000 for philanthropic causes last year. And members of club sports teams are donating their time and money to play the sports they love and help others improve their own skills.

It may be a cliché phrase, but times really are changing. Although athletic attendance used to be the main indicator of passion, that's not the case anymore.

Open your eyes, people. Look around, and actually recognize just how driven our student body is. It truly is amazing, and even more than that, it's inspiring.

We need to stop using the label of "apathetic" when referring to a group of extremely motivated and involved students. Honestly, I doubt Bradley students have ever been farther from being apathetic than they are now.

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You can thank me after you read this By Kristin DiMaggio

I'm going to share a secret with you, because I know what kind of person you are. I see you, doing those projects last minute because you were Netflixing too much the night before. You were probably doing a "Breaking Bad" round three marathon, weren't you?

Or perhaps you were trying to find your favorite movie, only to realize that Netflix only has it on DVD. This is where I'm going to help you out, so listen up and listen good because I'm going to teach you how to get around this small flaw in order to stream to your heart's desire.

Google Chrome is a handy tool. This isn't simply because it gives us instant access to all the cute dog pictures we could ever need, but also because of the add-ons that can be utilized. One in particular is most important for this little Netflix "hack" (if you want to call it that), and

it's called "Hola." Speaking somewhat vaguely, this app is a virtual privacy network that makes your Internet experience faster and will unblock certain sites if used in a country where the Internet is regulated.

In order for this to work, users simply download the app, choose which country they want to browse from and boom—access to a (somewhat) different browsing experience.

You're probably thinking to yourself, "Hey, this isn't helping me watch that episode of [insert TV show title here], why does this matter?"

Well, you beautiful tropical fish, let me tell you. Pairing the use of "Hola" with a website called Moreflicks.com will help you to find that perfect movie that isn't available to stream here in the good ol' U. S. of Slay. With Moreflicks,

you simply search the name of the movie or show you want to watch and then click the option for Netflix. You are then presented with a list of where those movies are available to stream.

So essentially, you are bypassing your home country's streaming blockades, so to speak. Mind you, this isn't the same as torrenting or using illegal websites for your viewing pleasure; you'll still need a Netflix account.

This may not be the most crucial piece of information, but it is most definitely helpful when it comes to procrastination. And let's be honest, we're all guilty of that.

So the next time Netflix (or most other streaming websites) don't have what you're looking for, say "Hola" to Moreflicks and be on your merry movie-watching way.

Emoji 101 By Lisa Stemmons

Emojis: helping awkward people spice up their conversations since 2011. Emoticons quickly became too plain and boring, so when the Emoji keyboard app was released, people were naturally thrilled.

The majority of the public, however, still heavily criticizes the array of options Emojis offers. If I had a dime for every time people have said they wish there was a middle finger Emoji, I would be rich.

Luckily, Emojis have finally stepped up their game. New, more diverse options are rumored to appear in Apple's upcoming software, iOS 8.3. The concept is, by pressing down on any pre-existing human Emoji, there will then be the option of six different skin tones, one of which is apparently yellow.

In addition to more diverse options, the leak of what's to come in the Emoji world

revealed same-sex families and a wider range of country flags.

As for the problem of more worthwhile and commonplace Emoji characters, that is still without a solution.

Emojis originated in Japan, and it actually translates to "picture letter" in Japanese. A lot of the unrecognizable ones and Chinese/Japanese writing may be meaningful and useful in their countries, but Americans are in desperate need for a revamp of the Emoji keyboard.

Despite the lack of variety in Emojis, the bigger disappointment is the absence of moving icons. The App store does have apps where you can send large GIFs, but the need for a new keyboard entirely with strictly moving symbols is necessary and way over due.



Maybe call them "Emovejis;" it is these sort of monumental possibilities that help me get up in the morning.

Match.com polled more than 5,600 people from an assortment of demographics in order to discover the role of Emojis in sexual health. If you need a reason to incorporate these fun little icons into your texts, a recent study proves that Emoji users have more sex than users who prefer plain text.

Looking to get laid? Just drop some "heart eyes" on your significant other, and that small gesture may just be the key for you getting lucky. Also, women who use any of the kiss Emojis also reported being able to achieve an orgasm more easily.

Be careful world, your Emojis may be saying more about you than you mean to let on. And remember: always practice safe Emoji'ing.

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The Necessary Evolution of Parks and Rec

By Jaylyn Cook

Tuesday, Feb. 24, marked the end of NBC's fan-favorite series "Parks and Recreation," as its loyal fans said goodbye to Leslie Knope and all of the other eccentric residents of Pawnee, Indiana who graced the small screen for seven seasons.

"Parks" was a one-of-a-kind series that always managed to perfectly balance unabashed silliness with sweet sentimentality, forcing us to fall in love with the characters not only because they're hilariously quirky, yet relatable.

Contrary to popular belief, the show wasn't always that way; those who stuck with it since it debuted can probably testify to that. Since it was originally written as a spin-off of "The Office," the first season of "Parks" worked hard to replicate the dry satire of that series with less than stellar results.

Many of the jokes fell flat, and the characters were more mean-spirited and incompetent than humorously misguided. Honestly, it was painful to watch, mainly because of the wasted potential and the fact that, quite frankly, it just wasn't a good show.

However, by the second season, life within the corridors of Pawnee City Hall was very different, proving once again that change can be a good thing. Leslie became less of a Michael Scott clone and blossomed into the confident, waffle-loving politician that we've grown to know and love. Other characters, ranging from major to minor, adopted their own personalities and banded together to create one of the funniest ensemble casts in sitcom history.

It's weird to think what "Parks" could have been if it continued to go down the path that was set during the first six episodes. The show was never considered a massive rating success, but its enthusiastic fan base repeatedly convinced NBC to keep it alive after frequent threats of cancellation during season one.

Besides, I can't imagine a world without the music of Mouse Rat (formerly Scarecrow Boat), the dope fragrance of Tommy Fresh cologne and everyone's favorite miniature horse, Lil' Sebastian. Where would we be if we were never introduced to "FBI agent Burt Macklin," "Janet Snakehole" or Jean-Ralphio?

These memories that we shared with the characters wouldn't have been possible if the cast and crew behind "Parks" didn't loosen up the reins and allow the show to become what it was always meant to be: a sometimes odd, but ever optimistic slice of life in the American Midwest.

It may not have a plethora of Emmys or accolades to its name, but it will forever have the hearts of the fans that faithfully tuned in week after week, and that's as "awesome sauce" as it could get.



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was established in 1982. The program needs to be comprehensively reevaluated in the context of our changing society and workplace expectations. Appropriate changes should be implemented as necessary to address the needs of future students.”

The university wasted no time getting started, as the Steering Committee, the heart of the general education review committees, was formed during the summer of 2012 and began collecting data, feedback and populating the “daisy wheel,” as McConnaughay called it, by the fall semester.

The wheel, shown on A7, outlined six subcommittees of the general education review program, which were composed of faculty, staff and some students who would report back to the Steering Committee.

Each subcommittee was given a task to complete that played a role in the revamping of the current general education system.

Subcommittee 6, for example, was charged with resource needs, professional development and implementation, which are the final pieces needed to turn the Core Curriculum document into a reality, according to McConnaughay and her Co-Chair Jennifer Gruening.

The passed document also cites an additional \$150,000-\$200,000 total will be needed to implement programming for the first three-year period, and a subsequent \$45,000 will be needed each year after. McConnaughay said this is initially due to professional development, especially with the newer emphasis on writing intensive courses.

“People, like me, have students write a ton,” she said. “They write lab reports and mini papers all the time, but I’m not trained to know how to help them do that. I’m a good writer and a good editor, but I don’t really have the same tools that a professor in the English Department would have to be able to explain to a student, ‘No, this is what you’re doing systematically.’ All I’ve got is a red pen.”

McConnaughay said new professors will not be added to the

Core Practices	
Required: 2 Writing Intensive (WI) tags	
Recommended: 2 Integrative Learning (IL) tags	
Areas of Inquiry	
Take 1 course from each of the following 10 areas	hours
Communication - Writing 1 (W1)	3
Communication - Writing 2 (W2)	3
Communication - Speech (OC)	3
Fine Arts (FA)	3
Global Perspectives (GP)	3
Humanities (HU)	3
Knowledge & Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (NS)	3
Knowledge & Reasoning in the Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB)	3
Multidisciplinary Integration (MI)	3
Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3
Take 2 additional courses from 2 different areas below	hours
Global Perspectives (GP)	3
Humanities (HU)	3
Knowledge & Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (NS)	3
Knowledge & Reasoning in the Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB)	3
Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3
total hours	36
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Left: The Core Curriculum model that passed University Senate on Feb. 16 detailed a new general education system composed of 36 credit hours and new areas of inquiry. Newest to the model is the greater emphasis on writing intensive courses and the Multidisciplinary Integration category. Right: Six subcommittees, stemming from the central Steering Committee, were charged with specific tasks for the design of the new program.

university; rather, current faculty will be provided resources and developmental opportunities by English department faculty to better aid their students in compositional techniques.

“The writing intensive courses

“Hopefully this focus on cooperation can elevate Bradley students to a level befitting a university of national distinction.”

- Hunter Vaughn
Senior accounting and political science major

are not being taught by composition faculty,” she said. “[That is why] there is professional development needed for [people], like me, to be able to do this in the most helpful way for students.”

In addition to professional development, McConnaughay said with an increase in writing intensive courses comes an increased need for the Writing Center. The Core Curriculum implementation

plan calls for increased staffing for the center to offer students more time and attention.

Two other budget increases include approximately \$40,000 during a three-year phase for the development of courses and innovation, available possibly as early as this semester, as well as approximately \$5,000-\$10,000 per year for assessment of student work and projects.

All of these budgetary additions have been planned for the year and will continue to be evaluated, according to McConnaughay.

“This is all above and beyond what we currently spend [in the general education budget],” she said. “[This budget] is approved in principle, but with any budget, as you move forward, if you need more or if you need less, [it is adjusted].”

Outside of the budget, the newest piece of the general education system is the Multidisciplinary



graphs provided by Steering Committee

Integration (MI) category. The MI courses will be comparable to that of a current Capstone course, where students of all majors can work together on issues and projects to find common ground and explore multiple areas of study without having to be a major in that area.

The Core Curriculum model calls for three credit hours from the selection of MI classes, which can range from a first-year seminar to a senior year Capstone project. Lower level courses will discuss themes and topics surrounding issues that “bridge two or more disparate fields of study,” and upper level courses will “tackle complex issues requiring some background knowledge in one or more fields of study that are being integrated,” according to the Core Curriculum model.

“I think it’s great that we are undergoing such a huge rethinking of the general education program; it has been thirty years since it was substantively changed,” senior accounting and political science major Hunter Vaughn said.

“In those 30 years, the level of integration both digitally and globally has exploded, and the old model of a broad liberal arts educational program seems insufficient.”

Vaughn said he fully expects this model to provide a more comprehensive education for future students.

“The new model targets communication and reasoning across different areas of study,” he said. “Hopefully, this focus on cooperation can elevate Bradley students to a level befitting a university of national distinction.”

The six subcommittees involved have all completed their charges and been disbanded, according to McConnaughay. She said the Steering Committee will remain until the implementation phase is seen through, and then further details will be directed to the General Education Committee (now the Core Curriculum Committee) of the University Senate.

CAT

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with Caterpillar as a senior in high school, agreed with Carroll.

“They provide jobs obviously, but they [also] put Peoria on the map,” Lessard said.

A study at Caterpillar’s headquarters began two years ago with the intent to determine whether moving the company to a different state would be beneficial to the company, especially in terms of finances. However, upon determining that Peoria remained the best economic option, CEO Doug Oberhelman announced Caterpillar will expand its downtown headquarters by 31 acres.

“As a university, part of our goal is to forge strong relationships

with our local employers,” Director of Employer Services and Career Advisor Sandy McDermott said. “With Caterpillar obviously being a large local employer, the fact they are staying here in the area is a positive for our students.”

As far back as the 1950s, Caterpillar has been involved in some way with Bradley’s campus community, from providing experiential learning opportunities to donating money for scholarships, grants and other projects.

“Being a corporate headquarters location, [Caterpillar] provides opportunities for all kinds of students in terms of backgrounds,” McDermott said. “They recruit from accounting to finance to com-

puter [science] to engineers to communications.”

Many students have reported having a good experience with Caterpillar, according to McDermott.

“[Caterpillar has] a formal internship program, so they work hard to expose students to more than just their direct work assignment,” McDermott said.

Carroll echoed McDermott, saying Caterpillar works to professionally develop the students who intern for them.

“I think Caterpillar does an excellent job developing their employees into young leaders [by] developing them and placing them so they are put in the correct expe-

riences that will help them be better employees in the future and really grow and develop with the company,” Carroll said.

Beyond employment opportunities, Caterpillar has been involved with Bradley through its support and financial backing for various initiatives. These include, but are not limited to, the establishment of the Caterpillar Global Communications Center and Caterpillar College of Engineering.

Oberhelman said in a statement company’s new headquarters the new building will consolidate local employees into one location, covering approximately six blocks, but he said construction would not begin this year.

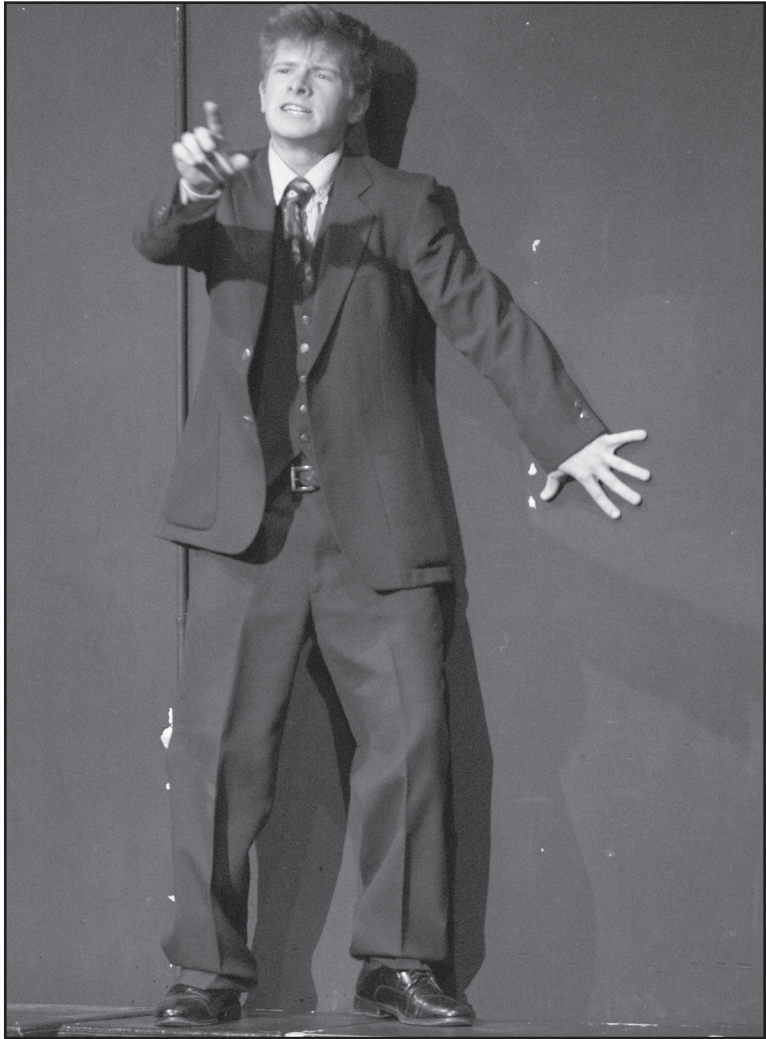
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Students direct one act plays



Senior Derek Yeghiazarian starred in one of the student-directed plays, "Ledge, Ledger and The Legend," as part of "Two Nights of One Acts" presented by MET.

BY SCOUT STAFF

Students filled the Hartmann Performing Arts Center Feb. 23 and 24 to enjoy "Two Nights of One Acts," presented by the Ministry of Experimental Theatre.

Senior advertising major Cassandra Cooper and senior theatre arts performance major Cedric Knuth directed two plays, where a storyline usually split in two by an intermission would instead begin and end within a single act.

"Last semester I was approached by the MET, and they asked me if I'd like to direct a play," Cooper said. "I was excited to, so I submitted an application and hoped for the best."

Knuth said he and Cooper were given guidelines from the MET, requiring the acts to include a meaningful message.

"[The acts] had to have a small cast, be no longer than 45 minutes [and] be relevant to college students," Knuth said.

Knuth took a serious message and put humor in it with his selection "Ledge, Ledger and The Legend" by Paul Elliot.

"[The act is] about a young man named Pete who crawls out onto a ledge to end it all, when he is interrupted by a suicide counselor whose business is to help suicides 'go out in style,'" Knuth said. "They're interrupted by a rival counselor, and Pete must decide who to give his business of 'going out in style' to."

According to Knuth, Pete does not end his life but instead realizes

his future holds a purpose he still wants to explore.

Senior computer science major Jake Siegers, senior political science and theatre arts double major Derek Yeghiazarian and freshman theatre arts performance major Cassy Lillwitz performed the play.

Cooper chose a different theatrical message with her selection titled "Parallel Lines," by Mo Gaffney and Kathy Najimy, which opened with two goddesses creating the universe. The show portrayed the struggles of a modern life: romantic relationships, death, gender 'norms' and religion.

The audience was laughing as the cast of senior English major Akilah Brown, sophomore industrial engineering major Rachel Bisch, freshman theatre arts performance major Rebekah Farr and freshman journalism major Noelle Mefford provided the crowd with humor and wit. "Parallel Lines" depicted the quest to find parity and love within life, according to Cooper.

"They did a phenomenal job shedding [some humor on a serious topic]," freshman communication major Aimee Tiberi said.

Cooper said it was a privilege to have been able to direct a play, but she cannot take all of the credit.

"I feel like the heart of the play was in my cast," she said. "They motivated me, and they did such a great job. It would not have been the success that it was without them."

Siblings Weekend magician amazes, amuses audience

BY MICHAEL ECHEVERRI
Off-staff Reporter

Magician Norman Ng opened his show "The Norman Magic Experience" by turning a doodle of a bowling ball into an actual bowling ball and dropping it onto the stage with a loud thud. What followed was a plethora of illusions that ranged from mind reading to spoon bending to card and rope tricks.

"I'm primarily a sleight of hand artist," Ng said. "So my show is more about misdirection than it is about spectacle. I try to make up for that by injecting it with a lot of personality and jokes."

The audience, which filled most of the Student Center Ballroom, did not seem to mind the lack of "spectacle," loudly applauding and cheering throughout the show.

"I laughed; I was amazed," junior interactive media major A.J. Hambly said. "I particularly enjoyed the part with the phone."

In the middle of the show, Ng requested the cellphone of an audience member and then smashed it to pieces with a baseball bat. The cellphone later reappeared, in perfect condition, inside of an unopened can of Pringles.

"It was a pretty interesting show," sophomore nursing major Dakota Zamora said. "Not only that, but it was also pretty funny. I really wasn't expecting to laugh that much at a magic show."

In between tricks, Ng would riff on himself and the audience. Before his mind reading segment,



photo by Maggie Cipriano

Norman Ng entertained students and their siblings with visual deception Saturday night in the Student Center Ballroom.

Ng asked the audience if they've ever known who was calling before they answered the phone. A couple of people raised their hands.

"For some of you, that's ESP, or extra-sensory perception," Ng said. "But for others that's just caller ID."

Ng's jokes seemed to win the audience over as much as his tricks

did. Ng said that perhaps that's because there isn't a big difference between the two.

"Magic and comedy have the same formula," Ng said. "You have to carefully take your audience down a path and then surprise them, either with a good punch line or a conjured bowling ball."

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Bradley's lone senior hopes to leave a legacy

BY ALEX KRYAH
Sports Reporter

The Bradley women's basketball team is full of young talent, which is evident during some of their games. Although sometimes the talent is emphasized, at other times, the team looks more young than talented. One of the few constants this season has come from the team's lone senior: Michelle Young.

As a complete player who anchors the defensive end for the Braves, Young offers dynamic offensive prowess. Women's head coach Michael Brooks said he believes she has the biggest impact on the defensive end on the court, where she is described as the "defensive catalyst."

"As a freshman, she went through her struggles," Brooks said. "She really wasn't a major player. Once I took over the program, I really put an emphasis on her changing our defensive culture."

Last season, Young became the fifth player in Bradley history to score more than 400 points and total 55 steals in a season. She has also amassed more than 1,000 points in her career at Bradley, which is an impressive feat considering she only averaged 2.0 points

per game as a freshman.

"My offensive game has grown a little bit since my freshman year," Young said. "I've been able to develop some kind of jump shot and three-point shot, but I've also become more of a communicator and stepping up in that sense."

Brooks acknowledged Young's improved offensive game, even expressing his desire for her to shoot a little more from beyond the arc.

Her biggest impact on the team hasn't come on the court but off of it.

"I've just wanted to be a mentor for these girls," Young said. "It's a very young team, and they have a lot going for them, and it was tough at the beginning of the year because freshmen get frustrated. There's such a huge learning curve. Being able to hand that confidence down to the freshmen has been big for me."

Her excellence in the classroom has also aided her leadership abilities. Brooks said that Young, an elementary education major, is "consistently the hardest worker in the classroom." Young said that the experience of being a teacher on the court has set the stage for her future.

"[Being the only senior] is difficult at times," Young said. "But it's



photo by Maggie Cipriano

Michelle Young, the only senior on Bradley's women's basketball team, plays defense in a game against Eureka College in November.

a position that I like to be in. I'm going to be an elementary school teacher someday, so this kind of prepares me to be a role model and have people look up to you."

Young said it can be a burden being the only senior on the team and she sometimes has her bad days, but she has to stay positive for the rest of the team.

"I know, as a senior, if I have a

rough day or if I have no energy, it does kind of flow through the freshmen and [we do] not have a good practice," Young said. "It's tough sometimes when I'm having those days, but it's more important to be there for someone else."

Young said the favorite part of her Bradley career has been the relationships she has built with her team.

"Even if you don't get the wins, that's eventually not going to matter," Young said. "What you did with these girls... Is what's really important."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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contest at 50 apiece. The first overtime featured the Braves hold a three-point lead with 3:30 left, but clutch shots by guards Christian Kirk and Austin Ruder sent the game into a second overtime.

In the second overtime, Bradley led by seven with 2:34 to play when they were victimized by the Bears' Austin Ruder again.

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Freshman Josh Cunningham looks to pass against Augustana in November. Cunningham totaled 20 rebounds for Bradley.

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Softball swept in Georgia after schedule changes

BY GARTH SHANKLIN
Sports Editor

After winter weather forced the cancellation of Bradley softball's scheduled tournament in Tennessee, the team scrambled to find a place to play last weekend. Eventually, the Braves went down to Georgia, looking for a win to steal.

But, they didn't find one. Bradley lost all four games in Statesboro, Georgia, dropping the team's record to 2-12 on the season.

The Braves started the tournament by dropping the first game to Eastern Kentucky University 9-8. Bradley trailed most of the game but rallied thanks to a two-out single off the bat of freshman Erika Hansen to tie the game at 7. The Colonels would plate two more runs to break the tie, and Bradley's rally in the bottom of the sixth came up short.

Senior Alyson Spinass-Valainis pitched the final 1 2/3 innings of game one for Bradley, allowing one hit.

The senior would start the second game of the day for the Braves, tossing a career-high 8 1/3 innings before being removed from the game. Bradley would lose the game to Georgia Southern 3-2 in extra innings.

The two outings by Spinass-Valainis last Saturday illustrated the point head coach Amy Hayes made when she noted that the Braves' win-loss record is deceiving.

"There's clearly progression upward, but if people just look at wins and losses, they're not going to see that," Hayes said. "If all we care about were wins and losses, then our team would be done at this point. When you're playing

at this level, it can't just be about that. You have to look at the progress that the team is making."

That progress failed to translate into victories Sunday, with Bradley blowing a four-run lead against North Carolina before falling in another extra-inning contest to Dayton.

As good as Bradley's pitching was Saturday, the hitting was better Sunday. Sophomore outfielder Kelly Kapp went 3-for-5 while freshman catcher Maria Schroeder picked up a pair of hits in five at-bats against North Carolina while Hansen tallied two hits and an RBI against the Flyers.

Bradley's top three hitters in batting average so far this season are freshmen or sophomores, followed by junior Kathryn Spenn.

Specifically, Hayes noted Schroeder's performance, considering the freshman started the season with a less-than-significant role.

"Maria started off as a part-time player that first weekend and did well," Hayes said. "She was 2-for-3, and that obviously got her more playing time in weekend two, and she hit .600. This last weekend she fell off a little bit but still hit .267 and had four RBIs. That's a lot to be said for a freshman who suddenly not only entered the starting lineup but entered the starting lineup as a catcher."

Schroeder replaced Spenn in the Braves' starting order, allowing Spenn to be the team's designated player and focus on her hitting. She entered the weekend sporting a mere .148 average but had raised it nearly 100 points by the end of the tournament.

"I was just trying to keep a positive attitude about it," Spenn said. "You know the game itself is inconsistent, but that's the thing



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Junior Kathryn Spenn stands in the batter's box for the Braves. Spenn raised her average by more than 100 points in Bradley's four games last weekend.

that never really should change is your attitude and your effort. I think I just really focused on that pretty much this whole season. I know the good things are going to come if I keep working."

Hayes said defense is something the team needs to work on, noting that improving Bradley defensively could benefit the team in other aspects. Bradley has collected 26 errors in 83 innings so far this season, the most in the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC), and the team's .928 fielding percentage is the lowest in the conference.

"I think that if we just tweak some things defensively, that'll help," Hayes said. "We are only returning two starters to our infield; [Alyson] Clemente was a pretty big loss. We've gone from that first weekend where there

wasn't anything to be fielded because we were giving up some pretty big shots to more ground balls and stuff. I think we were a little bit exposed."

Despite the poor start, Hayes said she still believes the team could compete for another MVC title.

"We knew that this season was going to be a process; we probably weren't going to come out guns a 'blazin' for various reasons, but we still feel pretty strongly about what we can do in the Valley," Hayes said.

Bradley softball will play in the Sand Dollar Invitational in Gulf Shores, Alabama after the team's scheduled tournament in Knoxville, Tennessee was cancelled. The team will face Belmont twice along with Eastern Kentucky and Murray State.

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pitching staff felt like they had a chip on their shoulder despite trying to focus on the positives.

"We did win two out of three while we were in Phoenix," Dominguez said. "The week for them leading up to that, they felt like they had something to prove, and boy, did they ever."

Although the Braves looked almost flawless against McNeese State, they did not come out of the weekend unscathed. Even with players like outfielder Isaac Smith and catcher Drew Carlile suffering injuries in the previous week, third baseman Stephen Gaa injured his hamstring in Friday's win against McNeese State.

Dominguez said that these injuries are the kind that need to be treated with caution.

"It's all lower extremities," Dominguez said. "You've got to go on a day-to-day basis, and hopefully they can bounce back and be ready to go for at least one of the games."

This weekend, the Braves travel plans saw change when inclement weather forced the series at Southeast Missouri State (SEMO) to move to Louisiana in order to avoid the incoming snow.

This extends a six-hour bus ride into a 13-hour one, but Dominguez said he knows that these are the kinds of changes he needs to accommodate.

"It is what it is," Dominguez said. "We'll do whatever we have to do to try and get the games in."

The Braves series against SEMO begins today at 11 a.m. and concludes with a double-header that begins tomorrow at 1 p.m.



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mile; and junior Elizabeth Duchter ran the 60 meter hurdles and threw shot put.

Coach Wood said that this weekend succeeded in preparing the team for the MVC Championships this upcoming weekend in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

"We feel good going into the championships," Wood said. "Everyone is confident, everyone is healthy, everyone is fit, and we haven't had any interruptions in the training. Everyone is anticipating doing well."

Senior Kyela Sprecht for the women and junior Evan Tuisl for the men both ran the 800 meter;

junior Marshall Moyer, sophomore Patrick Campbell, and freshman Jennifer Luksan ran the 3,000 meter; sophomore Lauren Cunningham ran the women's mile; and junior Elizabeth Duchter ran the 60-meter hurdles and threw shot put.

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Opinion

NFL has major issues

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

Oh my gosh, what a mess. I mean, really, a mess cannot even begin to describe the kind of season the NFL just had. I may have a bias here, but there was nothing even remotely positive about this last NFL season that I want to remember. The Bears were beyond wretched. I had to watch the Packers go to the NFC title game. Worst of all, I had to endure the pain of Seattle handing Tom Brady another Super Bowl title. But what really gets me about the 2014-2015 NFL season, is the complete disregard for moral codes and the shameful way commissioner Roger Goodell carried the NFL brand. To put this in perspective, let's hit the rewind button, and take a return trip to September 2014. The video tape of Ray Rice knocking out his fiancé with a haymaker had just surfaced on the Internet. A two-game suspension for Rice was handed down, which shocked football and non-football fans across the country. Almost immediately after, Goodell had him suspended indefinitely to try and save some face. However, the NFL still had a

hand in mucking up the investigation after the Associated Press claimed the league had received the aforementioned video of Rice knocking out his fiancé before it was even leaked online. There was no masking the NFL's true feelings. Following Rice's act of debauchery, the disturbing case of Adrian Peterson's child abuse arose, and the NFL took advantage of it. By assuming there was a way to right their wrongs, the NFL suspended Peterson for the rest of the season. Although it was clearly wrong for Peterson to beat his child, it became a scheme by Goodell to exploit this case by bringing down the hammer on Peterson after the fact, using his newfound ideals on domestic violence to pound in the nail. Even with the news of Peterson's suspension being overturned earlier this week, it cannot undo that damage. However, it was when the New England Patriots got caught in "deflategate" that Goodell took any bit of credibility the NFL had left and burned it. When that investigation began, it was clear there was something fishy about the Patriots, especially after their press conference. No amount of Belichick talking about the science of balls, or

Brady nervously fibbing through his teeth, could convince me there wasn't anything dirty about that organization. But the fact of the matter is the Patriots owner, Robert Kraft, used his higher standing over Goodell to halt the investigation before it even began. Would that investigation have brought something incredibly game-changing to light? Probably not, but we'll never know for sure. To top it all off, the Patriots went on to win the Super Bowl. I can't be the only one that found it monumentally ironic that, on top of everything else that happened this season, a team that was accused of cheating ultimately won the Super Bowl, can I? Even if I am the only one, it doesn't change the fact that the NFL has become rotten. Obviously firing Goodell would be a good start. But regardless, the mess of the NFL is one of the worst in professional sports, and it's going to take a lot more than indefinite suspensions and "I'm sorry" press conferences to convince me otherwise.

Women's basketball rallies past Loyola

BY ALEX KRYAH
Sports Reporter

The women's basketball team earned its fifth win of the year last Friday at home against the Loyola Ramblers. After falling in two consecutive contests, the Braves used their week of practice to prepare for the Ramblers, who the Braves had already beaten once this year. The Braves were ice cold early in the game and worked themselves into a 12-3 hole. However, redshirt junior Whitney Tinjum came off the bench and sparked a rally. The women outscored Loyola 26-10 the rest of the half, giving them a 29-22 lead at halftime. In the second half, Tinjum and freshman Tamyia Sims took over. The Braves went on a 13-0 run to break the game open early in the second half thanks to a couple of three-pointers by Tinjum and dominant post play by Sims. "It was great to have two young kids in Sims and Tinjum play really well," head coach Michael Brooks said. "I thought Tamyia really carried us. We had a good inside presence from her. To have two inside players play really well against that team was great." Sims nearly had a double-double with a career high 16 points and nine rebounds, while Tinjum was able to earn a double-double with 14 points and 10 boards. Sims and Tinjum weren't the only players to have an impact, though. "I thought we had some big contributions from freshman Sharece



photo by Maggie Cipriano

Freshman Tamyia Sims defends against Indiana State earlier this month. Sims finished one rebound shy of a double-double against the Ramblers. Burrell, coming in and playing really tough," Brooks said. "Also to get [junior] Sameia Kendall back from injury [was great]. It took all 11 to win that game." The Bears 66-57 win was their second largest margin of victory on the year, and it also completed a sweep of the Ramblers. The Braves are entering the end of the year with a more relaxed schedule. The win over Loyola marked the only game played in an 11-day stretch for the Braves. "We were able to take two days off of our legs [after the win],

which is great for us during this stretch," Brooks said. "We're coming into the brutal time right now and I think we got lucky in our calendar in our schedule that the [Missouri Valley Conference] drew up for us to have our off time right now." The women have four games left in the regular season, two of those being at home. They host Southern Illinois tonight at 7 p.m. in Renaissance Coliseum and will play their final home game Sunday against Illinois State.

One-on-One

Who will win the Stanley Cup?

Nashville Predators	Pittsburgh Penguins
<p>As much as I would like to pick the Chicago Blackhawks to win the Stanley Cup, I can't go with my hometown heroes. Instead, I think that the Nashville Predators will be taking home the Cup. For starters, they are ranked at the top of the Western Conference and first overall in the NHL. I also love their goalie, Pekka Rinne. His name is a gift from the gods, and he actually is a really good goalie. He has a win/loss ratio of 35 to eight, which is the best in the league, and has the second best save percentage among goalies. Even high-scoring teams like St. Louis and Tampa have a hard time getting through to Rinne. However, goalies can't win games alone. For that, the Predators have players like Filip Forsberg, Colin Wilson and James Neal to give them the points they need to win. The key factor why I think they are going to win the Cup, however, is because their team is one of the most complete in the NHL. The team's history is short (being founded in 1998) and, with no Stanley Cup to date, it would be nice to see a team that has made more than five playoff appearances finally take home the Cup.</p> <p>-Chris Walls</p>	<p>The Pittsburgh Penguins is always a standout regular season team. However, I feel that thanks to a new head coach, a relatively healthy roster, and a solid goaltender they will win the Stanley Cup. The main question about Pittsburgh is whether or not Fleury is capable of breaking his playoff slump and regaining his 2009 form. Well, he currently leads the league in shutouts with eight and is seventh in total wins with 28. Sidney Crosby can bring out the best of his team in a long playoff run, but can the star-studded roster of the Penguins withstand the tight checking game in every playoff series? I believe so. Defensively, the Penguins have managed to fill the voids left by offseason departures including Brooks Orpik and others. It will not be easy, but I have confidence in the chances of the Pittsburgh Penguins to win the cup this year. Although I like in the talent of the Nashville Predators, the Penguins are a team that has been there before. The veteran leadership and talent they have is exactly what it takes to win a Stanley Cup again.</p> <p>-Dan Smith</p>

Tennis doubles up at home

BY CULLEN BEGELY
Off-staff Reporter

The women's tennis team bounced back last weekend after a loss to Ball State the week prior. In a dual match on Saturday, the Braves cruised to a 7-0 victory against Western Illinois. The Braves continued the hot streak with another 7-0 victory against University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. The Braves were able to improve last year's win total of four with their fifth and sixth wins on Saturday. Head coach Matt Tyler said the team made improvements this week following the loss to Ball State. "Our focus was much better," Tyler said. "We had a great week of practice and really came out energized." Bradley had the challenge of

playing two matches in one day. The team took on Western Illinois at 9 a.m. with a break before taking on Green Bay at 3 p.m. The break did not stop them as Bradley's hot hand continued. "The three doubleheaders we have had have prepared us very well for upcoming matches," Tyler said. "Having the physical stamina and mental ability to refocus for two long matches is important." The Braves had the home court in both matches and used that to their advantage. "Being at home and being in your own bed definitely contributed to feeling better on the court," Tyler said. Bradley returns to action tomorrow with a dual match against UMKC and Omaha-Nebraska.

Bradley 7, WIU 0

Singles

Brandt (B) def. Lubbers (WIU) 6-2, 6-0
Dechter (B) def. Wallace (WIU) 6-1, 6-0
Manfredo (B) def. Demos (WIU) 7-6, 6-0
Thai (B) def. Jones (WIU) 6-0, 6-0
Toidze (B) def. Johnson (WIU) 6-0, 6-1
Przystawski (B) def. Hale (WIU) 6-0, 6-1

Doubles

Brandt/Thai (B) def. Wallace/Lubbers (WIU) 6-4
Demos/Jones (WIU) v. Dechter/Toidze (B) - No result
Manfredo/Przystawski (B) def. Hale/Johnson (WIU) 6-1

Bradley 7, UWGB 0

Singles

Brandt (B) def. Londre (GB) 6-2, 6-0
Dechter (B) def. Headford (GB) 6-2, 6-0
Manfredo (B) def. Miketinac (GB) 6-2, 6-0
Thai (B) def. Pedersen (GB) 6-2, 6-0
Toidze (B) def. Nuff (GB) 6-2, 6-0
Wojtalik (B) def. Van Nuland (GB) 6-0, 6-1

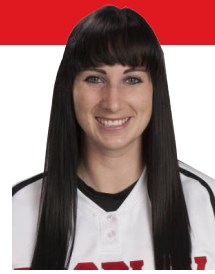
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SPORTS



Softball drops four road games
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Baseball shuts out McNeese State



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Junior Elliot Ashbeck delivers a pitch against Indiana State last May. Ashbeck was named MVC Pitcher of the Week for his work against MSU.

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

One week after Bradley's baseball team surrendered 30 runs in a loss to Grand Canyon, Bradley's pitchers re-wrote the history books again. This time, however, in a good way.

In a three-game series this past weekend, the Braves did not allow a run to an opponent for three consecutive games for the first time since 1993.

They also shutout the same team in three consecutive games

for the first time since completing a sweep of Wheaton College in 1961.

Head coach Elvis Dominguez said the extremely different outcomes from both weekends are simply part of the sport.

"That's just baseball," Dominguez said. "Here we are a weekend later, and we don't give up a run in three games."

The first game of the series featured junior pitcher Elliot Ashbeck, who threw eight scoreless innings while allowing one hit in a 5-0 victory. That performance

garnered him the title of Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) pitcher of the week.

"Ashbeck was just dominating," Dominguez said. "He threw a one-hitter, which in some cases is unheard of in college baseball."

Following a win on Friday, junior Steven Atkins got the start for the Braves. Atkins threw six scoreless innings, while Cameron Roegner and Matt Dennis finished the final three innings, protecting a one-run lead to win 1-0.

On the final game Sunday, Ashbeck got the offense started

from the other side of the plate, where he scored the game's first run on an RBI single in the second. Sophomore Carson Weber continued the offensive attack with a fourth inning RBI double that drove in two runs. Starter Brent Strong would pitch eight innings, and senior Stephen Toma earned the save as the Braves went on to win on Sunday 5-0 to complete the sweep.

Dominguez said that after the debacle against Grand Canyon the

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Men's basketball falls in triple overtime

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

One free throw.

A single free throw was all that Bradley needed to snap a 35-game losing streak to teams west of the Mississippi River.

Instead, the Braves fell to the Missouri State Bears in triple overtime 80-77, in a game which featured Bradley holding leads in the first two overtime periods.

"We have an innate ability to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory," Bradley head coach Geno Ford said. "We had two free throws to salt it away, [and] we missed both."

Four days after the Braves were dismantled by Northern Iowa 56-39 in Cedar Falls, Iowa, Ford and his team traveled to

Springfield, Missouri for their second to last game of the year against Missouri State.

Bradley rallied from a nine point halftime deficit to tie the game with 2:25 left in regulation, when junior guard Tramique Sutherland sent the game into its first extra period with two of his career high 20 points to knot the contest at 50 a piece.

The first overtime featured the Braves hold a three-point lead with 3:30 left, but clutch shots by guards Christian Kirk and Austin Ruder sent the game into a second overtime.

In the second overtime, Bradley led by seven with 2:34 to play when they were victimized by the Bears' Austin Ruder again.

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Bradley point guard Tramique Sutherland scored a career-high 20 points to lead the Braves.

Track prepping for indoor championship

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For the third straight week, Bradley's men and women's track teams broke a school record.

Bradley only sent four athletes to South Bend, Indiana for the Alex Wilson Invitational, which was hosted by Notre Dame and entertained some of the top track athletes nationwide

Others travelled to Champaign for the Orange & Blue Classic, which was hosted by the University of Illinois.

At the Alex Wilson Invitational, freshman Michael Ward took the top spot in the mile run by a half-second in a close finish. Ward clocked a 4:06.35 for the win and beat his own school record by two seconds.

"[Ward] was a phenomenal athlete coming in," head coach Willy Wood said. "Now he's in great shape and getting used to racing over in the American system rather than the English system. What he's been able to do so far is wonderful, but it's only the beginning of what he's capable of."

Although Ward was the winner, the other men who travelled to Notre Dame weren't just an afterthought. Sophomore Daniel Gagne came in right after Ward at 4:09:46, and freshman Haran Dunderdale followed Gagne with a time of 4:12:01, for the third-best and fifth-best times in school history.

"All of the top teams in the country were at Notre Dame," Ward said. "It was the best meet in the country that was going on during that weekend. It was encouraging to see our runners go there and run the best times of their lives. This is the second week in a row that this group lined up against such great competition. Although they're really young, they're maturing fast."

Junior Emily Delvo was the only representative for the women's team at Notre Dame. She clocked a career-best time of 2:09.98 in the 800 meter, which is the second-best time in school history.

Wood described the Orange & Blue Classic as a "tuneup" to get the runners ready for the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) Championships.

Senior Kyela Sprecht for the women and junior Evan Tuisl for the men both ran the 800 meter; junior Marshall Moyer, sophomore Patrick Campbell and freshman Jennifer Luksan ran the 3,000 meter; sophomore Lauren Cunningham ran the women's

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