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Catholic community welcomes seminarians

BY TORI MOSES
Copy Editor

The Catholic Braves invited seminarians with the New Evangelization Team from Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Maryland to share their message on campus Feb. 3 to 5.

The main event of the week involved standing on the quad and talking with students who were willing to stop and have a conversation with the seminarians and Catholic Braves.

"If you are walking down the quad and you see 30 to 40 seminarians as well as students, you're going to ask questions and you're going to think, 'What is that?'" Joe Muting, president of the St. Joseph Newman Center, said.

The seminarians are required to take an evangelization trip to a campus at some time during their six years at the seminary, according to seminarian Adam Cesarek.

"Evangelization is the idea of going out and helping people to see the faith— never imposing but always proposing," Cesarek said.

Cesarek said the trip is essential because some of the seminarians do not have much experience preaching to students.

"They find [talking to students] a little intimidating at first, but after [they] start diving in and start talking to people, I think

what they find is that people are much more inclined to talk about their faith than they actually think," Cesarek said.

Cesarek said it is important to evangelize on college campuses because academic reason complements the Catholic faith.

"Often people think that faith is completely blind, but actually there is a great deal of reason," Cesarek said. "Faith and reason can't exist without one other. If God is true and science is true, then those things have to come together."

Muting said the seminarians were able to have conversations with many students and created a buzz on social media.

Senior political science major Jacob Knobbe said he was eating in the Michel Student Center when three seminarians approached him and his friend.

"After some small talk, they asked us what our faith life was like growing up and now at Bradley," Knobbe said. "They became really curious once me and my friend said we don't have an active faith life."

Knobbe said the conversation lasted about 30 minutes.

"[The conversation] was a little uncomfortable, but only because it's hard to talk to anyone about religion, especially someone you've just met," Knobbe said. "[The seminarians] seemed gen-



photo by Dan Smith

More than 35 seminarians traveled from Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Maryland to join Bradley's Catholic community for a week of evangelization on campus. Tuesday night, the group processed through campus with the Eucharist.

uinely curious about our viewpoints on faith and religion."

The seminarians and students also held a procession with songs and prayer through campus. A total of about 50 students participated.

"We [took] what looks like a piece of bread, but is really the

true body of Christ and [walked] around to allow the Lord to be present in a very powerful way on the campus," Cesarek said. "[It allowed] people to experience [Christ] in a way they've maybe never experienced him before."

According to junior Amanda Nobis, chairperson of the New

Evangelization Team movement, Catholic Braves was on a waiting list for the evangelization team for four or five years. They were pleased the seminarians could come now, with the loss

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Provost accepts new position at EIU

BY DANEALLE KHAIMSKIY,
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Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs David Glassman announced Monday at a press conference in Charleston that he will leave his post at Bradley University to become the president of Eastern Illinois University, effective June 1.

"It has been a wonderful honor

and privilege to have been given the opportunity to serve as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Bradley," Glassman said in an interview with The Scout. "I was fortunate to work with an incredibly outstanding faculty and academic leadership team, as well as having received continuous and full support for my efforts

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Univ: We messed up Ice covers campus, classes continue

BY KRISTIN KREHER
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After a Monday night winter storm left the Peoria area covered in ice, Vice President for Business Affairs Gary Anna said the decision to host classes as scheduled was a mistake.

"Most people would say that we should have, at least, delayed opening until 10:00 [a.m.] or later, and I would certainly agree with

that," Anna said. "That was an error in judgment as a result of an incomplete assessment, and I'll take responsibility for that. Major roads and thoroughfares were very navigable; driveways and side streets were obviously not."

Although the university's assessment and communication routine for inclement weather conditions were followed, Anna said this procedure was incomplete for Tuesday's conditions, resulting in the misjudgment.

"That judgment was further compounded by a failure of equipment that resulted in our campus walks and some streets not being salted according to our standards [and] expectations," Anna said. "This was through no fault or failure of our grounds crew who have performed admirably again this season."

Junior actuarial science major

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Students take Lydia on vacation

The Agency, Bradley’s advertising club, is hosting a “Go far, go Lydia” contest in which students can take university founder Lydia Moss Bradley with them on vacation and win a prize. Contestants may take paper cutouts of Lydia with them on their spring break trips and tweet pictures of themselves with her and the hashtag #bringLydia. After break, The Agency will review all of the submitted photos and pick a first, second and third place winner to receive prizes. Students can pick up their Lydia cutouts March 11 from the Student Center or print off their own from The Agency’s website. Students can email club president Matt Iannacco at miannacco@mail.bradley.edu.

Parent’s Association accepting funding applications

The Parent’s Association is accepting proposals for campus projects. Students, faculty and staff may apply to receive funding. The Parent’s Association has funded projects since the 1980s to better the lives of Bradley students. Some past projects funded were a career search program, the Center for Learning Assistance tutoring program and landscaping the campus entryway. About \$30,000 in funds is available, with a maximum of \$10,000 awarded per project. The deadline to apply is March 25. The application can be found on the Bradley website. For more information, call 309-677-3091 or email ss@bradley.edu.

STARs seeking applicants

Bradley currently has more than 80 STARs, but with the graduating seniors, they are looking for applicants for the 2015 fall semester. STARs are paid student tour guides and recruiters for the university. The Office of Admissions is flexible with student schedules to ensure that tours and office work do not interfere with class and homework. Applications can be picked up from the admissions office front desk and are due April 1 to Sara Gauwitz.

Director of Diversity and Inclusion

University administrators are asking student leaders to share their opinions of who the next Executive Director of Diversity and Inclusion should be at upcoming forums. A search committee has narrowed the search to two applicants: external candidate Monique Jernigan and internal candidate Norris Chase. Each candidate will partake in an open forum as part of his or her on-campus interview process. Jernigan’s session will be Monday, March 9 from 2:15-3:15 p.m. in Markin room 38, and Norris’s session will be Tuesday, March 10 from 3:45-4:45 p.m. in Markin room 38. To read more on each of the candidates, visit www.bradleyscout.com to view their résumés.

POLICE REPORTS

- Officers pulled over a car near St. Joseph’s Cemetery at 8:40 p.m. March 3. The car had a male non-student driver and female non-student passenger. Officers said the car smelled like burnt marijuana. Both passengers were handcuffed and searched, but no illegal substances were found. When officers searched the car, they found four white pills in a phone case, which were later determined to be narcotic pain-relievers. The male also turned over a pipe and a bag of marijuana. He was later released to his father, and the female was released to her mother. No citations were issued.
- Officers were dispatched to Markin Recreational Center when a former male student tried to use his frozen ID to gain entry at 5:31 p.m. Feb. 27. When front desk employees turned the male away, he later returned with a friend’s ID and tried to get in. Officers issued a ticket for criminal trespass.
- Officers were dispatched to the 1500 block of Fredonia Ave. at 8:20 p.m. Feb. 26. A male resident said an unknown person shot a paintball gun at his front door. The resident was able to clean off the pink and purple paint, and there was no damage. No suspects were found.
- Officers observed a male student stumbling on the 1500 block of Bradley Ave. at 3:42 a.m. Feb. 27.
- The male was of the legal drinking age and admitted to consuming alcohol. He agreed to a breathalyzer and registered a .235 BAC. The male was transported to OSF via ambulance and was later escorted home.
- Officers responded to a car accident on the 1400 block of Main St. at 8:30 p.m. Feb. 25. A male non-student lost control of his vehicle and hit a female student’s car. The male non-student’s car sustained damage to its passenger side quarter panel and rear right window, but he was able to drive away. The female student’s car received damage to the rear driver’s side quarter panel and had to be towed. A report was filed with the BUPD.
- Officers responded to a car crash on the 800 block of Elmwood Ave. at 2:10 p.m. Feb. 25. A male student backed out of a parking spot into an illegally parked female student’s car. The female’s car sustained minor damage, but the male had a broken back taillight. A report was filed and the two drove away.
- Officers were dispatched to Feelin’ Groovy in Campustown on reports of a male panhandler at 5 p.m. Feb. 24. When officers arrived the male was standing by CVS. He was already on the Campustown banned list and was arrested, then taken to Peoria County Jail.

ROTC hosts Soldier Dash obstacle course

BY SAMANTHA PALLINI
Editor-in-Chief

Bradley might be in the land of the free and serve as the home of the Braves, but it is also a training ground for 10 students preparing to become second lieutenants in the U.S. Army. The Army ROTC program, or Reserve Officers’ Training Corps, is a program in which students are trained and prepared to enter into the Army at an entry-level position where they will lead as officers right from the start. “There are two different avenues in which to join the army,” cadet and senior industrial engineering major Christopher Spadafora said. “One side is the enlisted side, one is the officer

side. What ROTC prepares you for is the officer side.” Last year, Bradley’s Army ROTC cadets hosted the Soldier Dash, an obstacle-course style relay run in Laura Bradley Park. They had more than 150 Bradley and Peoria area participants, raising nearly \$2,500. Spadafora said the race is an opportunity to make Bradley’s program more well known, but also allows for the funding of Bradley’s programming as well as a large donation to a charity. “We’re going to donate 50 percent of all the proceeds to the Disabled Veterans National Foundation, and the rest is going to go to Bradley’s ROTC fund, which we use for training...because nothing we get from the Army is going to be funded,” Spadafora said. “We fund everything outside of the core curriculum.” The Dash is a 3-mile course with obstacles such as low crawls, body weight exercises and rope bridges. Spadafora said it can take anywhere from 25 to 40 minutes to complete the course, but, when completed with friends or family, it seems like no time at all. “We really want to promote signing up as a team because it’s more fun to compete in an obstacle course with a team rather than just by yourself,” he said. According to Spadafora, the ROTC cadets will preview five of the 11 obstacles at Late Night BU March 27 in an effort to give a sneak peek of this year’s event. April 25 at 10 a.m. will kick off

the first wave of participants, as there are several heats of racers. From individual runners to sorority or fraternity teams, Spadafora said there is a little bit of something for everyone. “We have a new and improved course this year,” Spadafora said. “We surveyed a lot of the participants at the end of last year’s race to see what they liked and what could be better, and we used that to make this year’s course and obstacles.” Three different team divisions are available: fraternity, sorority and open. It is \$125 for teams to sign up with five people. The winning fraternity team and sorority team will receive \$150 each for their respective philanthropies. Individual registration costs \$30.

Registration will be open until April 17. “I was a part of the [Delta Upsilon] team that won the first place fraternity trophy,” junior criminal justice major Ryan Lacerna said. “Bradley Army ROTC did a great job organizing, planning and executing the event. It was very impressive to see the number of Bradley students along with local runners participating in the race. For those looking to run the race this year, strength and endurance are key to navigating the obstacles and completing the [race].” For more information, or to register, visit: thesoldierdash.wix.com/thesoldierdash.

Monologues introduce new character

BY LISA STEMMONS
Staff Reporter

This past weekend, students and community members alike gathered to express wonders and frustrations concerning the female anatomy.

Bradley's annual production of Eve Ensler's "Vagina Monologues" took place Feb. 27 and 28, with the ticket proceeds going to the Center for Prevention and Abuse.

This year's performance was the first year that featured a boy in a transgender woman role: an opportunity that was granted to freshman theatre performance and communications major Derek Baunach.

Baunach said he knew he wanted to be a part of the Vagina Monologues when he visited Bradley's campus in 2013 to watch his friend perform in the production.

"It was just really empowering to see something like that, and it really took me out of my comfort zone," Baunach said. "From that moment, I just knew that I really wanted to get involved in something like this."

Baunach said he was concerned after the auditions about whether or not the directors were willing to take the risk with him yet. When he received the e-mail, he said he was thrilled that, as a performer, he could help an amazing cause.

"It means the world to me to be able to represent the transgender community even though I myself



photo provided by Vagina Monologues

Freshman Derek Baunach joined the cast of Vagina Monologues as the first person to represent a transgender woman role. The show used female anatomy to highlight important issues.

am gender fluid," Baunach said. "I feel it is important, especially around this area, where they may not get their voices heard as much, to get the word out about what they experience with transitioning."

This year also marked the 10-year anniversary of Bradley's support of V-day. Per usual, the cast donned black and red dresses and took the stage to entertain

and inform by striking a balance between serious content and humorous stories.

The monologues featured women covering a variety of demographics. Some of the stories included a woman who found her vagina at 72, a vagina workshop attendee and a rape victim.

Food waste tree sprouts at Geisert

BY MICHAEL ECHEVERRI
Off-staff Reporter

A cutout of a tree has sprung up at the entrance of the Geisert cafeteria, with a series of numbers running up its trunk that mark the amount of food wasted on a weekly basis.

Currently, these numbers range between 900 and 1,000 pounds a week.

This Food Waste Tree is the latest program to come out of the annual food waste awareness campaign hosted by Dining Services.

"It all started in the spring of 2014, a few weeks before Earth Day, when we began to measure how much food was wasted in the dining halls," Director of Dining Services Gayle Hanson said. "What we found was that, at least on the consumer side of things, around 268 pounds was wasted each day."

In an effort to reduce this waste, Dining Services initiated the Clean Pledge Program, an educational initiative that encouraged students to embrace more sustainable eating habits. Dining Services considered it a great success.

"By the end of the program, we saw a drop of about 200 pounds a day, which is just huge," Hanson said.

The Food Waste Tree follows last year's Clean Plate Pledge

program.

"I generally don't pay much attention to it," junior computer science major Eric Santos said. "I mean people are rushing to get food, so it's not like I have much time to look at it while I'm walking in."

However, some students said they are more affected by the program.

"I was shocked to see we wasted that much," sophomore English major Zachary Dixon said. "But I guess when I really think about it, I'm not too surprised. Often when I drop off my plate, I see some of the other plates there, and I think to myself, 'Did you just take one bite and finish?'"

Although the tree's main function is to act as a public record of the university's food waste, Hanson said she sees it as something more than just a measuring stick.

"Yes, the tree is a tracking mechanism, but it's also a symbol of where we want to be, of the sustainable future we want to live in," Hanson said. "The ultimate goal is to make students more aware of how their small choices can have a really big impact and of the responsibility that comes with that."

The Food Waste Tree program will continue throughout the rest of the semester.

Applications open for SBO positions

BY TESSA ARMICH
Copy Editor

As Student Body Officer elections approach, students are readying themselves to campaign.

Student candidates received petitions at a Monday meeting from Election Sub-Committee Chairperson Jenna Dellaria. The four available positions are Student Body President, Speaker of the Assembly, Secretary of Finance and Secretary of the Assembly.

To be eligible to run, petitions with at least 150 student signatures must be turned in at the mandatory meeting March 11 at 7 p.m. in the Student Center basement. Any student with a 2.5 GPA can run for a SBO position.

Dellaria and Student Senate Vice President of Student Affairs Jen Swenson are in charge of the elections process.

"Personally, in my mind, I think someone has to have good communication skills," Dellaria said. "They need to be able to talk to people and communicate with them well. Also, [they should have] leadership qualities; not

necessarily being in command of things, but also having the ability to make change and want to make change."

Swenson said candidates should not only have ideas but also be able to execute them.

"[A SBO is] not just someone who talks about wanting change but someone who goes out and does it, which you can see in our SBOs this year," Swenson said.

Ideal SBOs work to make their ideas reality and are dedicated to the betterment of Bradley University, according to Swenson.

"Actions speak louder than words, and I think a lot of the SBOs right now have it," Dellaria said. "I really believe future SBOs will have it as well."

Candidates must refrain from campaigning until they turn in their petitions March 11 and voting will be held via a Google Doc April 6 and 7. Any student can vote.

Students looking for more information can look at the Student Senate Facebook or contact Dellaria at jdellaria@mail.bradley.edu.

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The Conversation Continues: Recruiting, maintaining diversity

BY MELODY MERCADO
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multicultural students to visit campus and attend specialized events that display the different multicultural organizations and services Bradley has to offer.

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"It would be great if some of the STARs were not only diverse in

color but diverse in the stuff they do on campus," Mathews said. "Get somebody from A.L.A.S. or ESA who are in touch with the multicultural community. Just because they are black or another race does not mean they are in touch with the multicultural services."

In response, Ball said efforts are being made to hire more STARs.

"I can't hire you if you don't apply, and I can't say that enough," he said.

Mock trial places, advances

BY TORI MOSES
Copy Editor

The Bradley Mock Trial team will advance to the second round of the national tournament, the Opening Round Championship Series, after placing eighth at their regional tournament Feb. 22.

According to mock trial team coach Nicole Meyer, less than 200 of the 600 national teams advance to the next round from regionals, and Bradley's team has not achieved this since ORCS was created about eight years ago.

Teams must win at least five of eight rounds at regionals in order to advance. Last year, six teams qualified, with Bradley's team finishing in seventh place.

"We were so close," captain Eileen Prescott said. "This year, people on our team have really been putting in a lot of work and have been wanting to improve."

There are eight students on Bradley's team and teammates meet for three hours each week during class time.

"In addition to class, we've been meeting for three to five hour blocks of time as often as

we can," Prescott, a senior philosophy and international studies double major, said. "It hasn't been a matter of the captains and the coach needing to force people to practice. Everyone has been really enthusiastic."

According to Prescott, the team learns fictional principles for court that are based on the United States' Federal Rules of Evidence.

"When you go to law school, there is a class called evidence where all you learn is what we've already learned here," Prescott said. "Not only is [mock trial] practice for us to be litigators, but it is also practice for an actual law school class."

Prescott said the team will compete at ORCS in Anoka, Minnesota March 20-22 in the hopes of advancing to nationals.

"I'm just happy we have the opportunity to go," Prescott said. "I would love to see us take first place, but you never know how well prepared the other teams are going to be. So, I always just say we will do our best."

Overall, 48 teams will advance from ORCS to nation-

Recycling reaches greek life

BY TESSA ARMICH
Copy Editor

Through the continuing efforts of the Sustainability Committee in cooperation with the Fraternity and Sorority Life Office, a recycling program has reached Bradley's greek chapters.

According to Sustainability Committee member Sarah Handler, the plan is now in effect, although it will continue in increments. Only paper will be recycled for the first week, with plastic and metal in the following weeks.

Handler, a senior industrial engineering major, said she has always had the concept of including greek life in recycling efforts, but administration said it didn't have funds for the project.

With help from the Sustainability Committee, Handler contacted the Peoria Disposal Company and arranged to get a reduced rate for the chapters as a whole. Currently, there are four chapters signed up for the recycling program: Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Delta, Phi Kappa Tau and Delta Tau Delta.

However, when curiosity was polled in December, 16 of the 20 said they wanted to participate.

"It's really exciting," Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life Nancy Schwartz said. "I'm really proud of our students."

Handler said she hopes more sororities and fraternities will sign up. According to Handler, obstacles faced by sororities when signing up are their house corporations, some of which are hesitant to commit the funds.

"I think right now, greek life is the single biggest untapped source of potential recycling on campus," Handler said. "We've never had a comprehensive recycling in fraternity [and] sorority housing ever, and we do have it through the rest of campus."

Although there is a fee associated with the recycling program, there is an incentive included besides caring for the environment. For each month of recycling with no cross-contamination issues, chapters are eligible for a \$10 donation to its philanthropy.

"Actually, I think it's just another great step for the university as a part of an awareness for the students," Planning Supervisor and Sustainability Coordinator Kim Green said. "The students are actually the ones that had brought this to the attention of the administration, so I think that the students are helping the students to be more aware."

According to Green, this arrangement is great in terms of students being responsible adults, reserving campus resources and

reducing waste.

"We have several different areas we look at for sustainability," Green said. "One of [the areas that is] the most visible [is recycling], and most students and staff are aware of recycling. So, we continue to try to improve on the recycling."

This program ties in with the new Dining Services venture to increase awareness about campus waste.

"It's that idea of sustainability [that] may take a little different attitude in terms of our approach to our daily life," Green said. "However, that extra effort is also paying us back."

With the greater concern over Dining Services waste and recycling efforts on campus, there has been a push for sustainability on campus in the last few years.

"We didn't really have much sustainability on campus when I came here my freshman year, and since then, there's been considerable change," Handler said.

According to Handler, finding creative ways to fund this project is one of the biggest challenges.

Earth Day is the Sustainability Committee's next big project, and Handler said they hope to work with other university offices to highlight the importance of sustainability.

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color but diverse in the stuff they do on campus," Mathews said. "Get somebody from A.L.A.S. or ESA who are in touch with the multicultural community. Just because they are black or another race does not mean they are in touch with the multicultural services."

In response, Ball said efforts are being made to hire more STARs.

"I can't hire you if you don't apply, and I can't say that enough," he said.

Mock trial places, advances

BY TORI MOSES
Copy Editor

The Bradley Mock Trial team will advance to the second round of the national tournament, the Opening Round Championship Series, after placing eighth at their regional tournament Feb. 22.

According to mock trial team coach Nicole Meyer, less than 200 of the 600 national teams advance to the next round from regionals, and Bradley's team has not achieved this since ORCS was created about eight years ago.

Teams must win at least five of eight rounds at regionals in order to advance. Last year, six teams qualified, with Bradley's team finishing in seventh place.

"We were so close," captain Eileen Prescott said. "This year, people on our team have really been putting in a lot of work and have been wanting to improve."

There are eight students on Bradley's team and teammates meet for three hours each week during class time.

"In addition to class, we've been meeting for three to five hour blocks of time as often as

we can," Prescott, a senior philosophy and international studies double major, said. "It hasn't been a matter of the captains and the coach needing to force people to practice. Everyone has been really enthusiastic."

According to Prescott, the team learns fictional principles for court that are based on the United States' Federal Rules of Evidence.

"When you go to law school, there is a class called evidence where all you learn is what we've already learned here," Prescott said. "Not only is [mock trial] practice for us to be litigators, but it is also practice for an actual law school class."

Prescott said the team will compete at ORCS in Anoka, Minnesota March 20-22 in the hopes of advancing to nationals.

"I'm just happy we have the opportunity to go," Prescott said. "I would love to see us take first place, but you never know how well prepared the other teams are going to be. So, I always just say we will do our best."

Overall, 48 teams will advance from ORCS to nation-

Recycling reaches greek life

BY TESSA ARMICH
Copy Editor

Through the continuing efforts of the Sustainability Committee in cooperation with the Fraternity and Sorority Life Office, a recycling program has reached Bradley's greek chapters.

According to Sustainability Committee member Sarah Handler, the plan is now in effect, although it will continue in increments. Only paper will be recycled for the first week, with plastic and metal in the following weeks.

Handler, a senior industrial engineering major, said she has always had the concept of including greek life in recycling efforts, but administration said it didn't have funds for the project.

With help from the Sustainability Committee, Handler contacted the Peoria Disposal Company and arranged to get a reduced rate for the chapters as a whole. Currently, there are four chapters signed up for the recycling program: Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Delta, Phi Kappa Tau and Delta Tau Delta.

However, when curiosity was polled in December, 16 of the 20 said they wanted to participate.

"It's really exciting," Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life Nancy Schwartz said. "I'm really proud of our students."

Handler said she hopes more sororities and fraternities will sign up. According to Handler, obstacles faced by sororities when signing up are their house corporations, some of which are hesitant to commit the funds.

"I think right now, greek life is the single biggest untapped source of potential recycling on campus," Handler said. "We've never had a comprehensive recycling in fraternity [and] sorority housing ever, and we do have it through the rest of campus."

Although there is a fee associated with the recycling program, there is an incentive included besides caring for the environment. For each month of recycling with no cross-contamination issues, chapters are eligible for a \$10 donation to its philanthropy.

"Actually, I think it's just another great step for the university as a part of an awareness for the students," Planning Supervisor and Sustainability Coordinator Kim Green said. "The students are actually the ones that had brought this to the attention of the administration, so I think that the students are helping the students to be more aware."

According to Green, this arrangement is great in terms of students being responsible adults, reserving campus resources and

reducing waste.

"We have several different areas we look at for sustainability," Green said. "One of [the areas that is] the most visible [is recycling], and most students and staff are aware of recycling. So, we continue to try to improve on the recycling."

This program ties in with the new Dining Services venture to increase awareness about campus waste.

"It's that idea of sustainability [that] may take a little different attitude in terms of our approach to our daily life," Green said. "However, that extra effort is also paying us back."

With the greater concern over Dining Services waste and recycling efforts on campus, there has been a push for sustainability on campus in the last few years.

"We didn't really have much sustainability on campus when I came here my freshman year, and since then, there's been considerable change," Handler said.

According to Handler, finding creative ways to fund this project is one of the biggest challenges.

Earth Day is the Sustainability Committee's next big project, and Handler said they hope to work with other university offices to highlight the importance of sustainability.

MTV comedian weighs in on fat jokes

BY MARKIST BOOKER
Off-staff Reporter

Comedian Nicole Byer joked about being drunk, sitting in fast food restaurant bathrooms eating a cheeseburger and fries and singing "Over the Rainbow" to make herself feel better; and that was only the beginning.

The actress and comedian best known for her contributions to MTV's "Girl Code" performed Feb. 27 in the Student Center Ballroom.

More than 350 audience members shared in the laughs and shock that sprang from Byer's showcase, which consisted of jokes about her being a "big girl" and the challenges she faces in the industry.

These topics weren't the only comedic content, though. Hiding inside her curly wig were props Byer used during her performance, one of which was a McDonald's commercial script of the Shamrock Shake.

Yet, beyond the comedy, there were a few instances in which Byer's jokes may have extended their comedic reach a bit too far, according to students.

"Her joke about abortion was offensive and kind of in bad taste," freshman health science major Meghan Taylor said. "I understand

that comedians have to push the envelope and sometimes be offensive, but it was too much."

Activities Council of Bradley University (ACBU) event co-coordinator Imani Hayes said ACBU members thought she did a great job despite some crude jokes.

"We thought Byer's performance was amazing," Hayes said. "Although at times a little raunchy, she stayed true to herself and showed comfortability on stage."

As for the rest of her act, Byer revealed her struggles of dating as a heavier woman and how she has found a way to embrace her "curves" regardless of mean criticisms or comments.

"I can relate to Byer's topics because we've all been criticized at some point and will continue to be criticized later in life," sophomore journalism major Denzel Washington said. "Byer sent a message that regardless of your criticism, you must continue to be you."

Girl Code is a TV show focused on millennial viewers that provides women with a "hilarious how-to manual full of over the top tips to push the envelope and open the dialogue about the wonders and woes of womanhood," according to MTV.com.

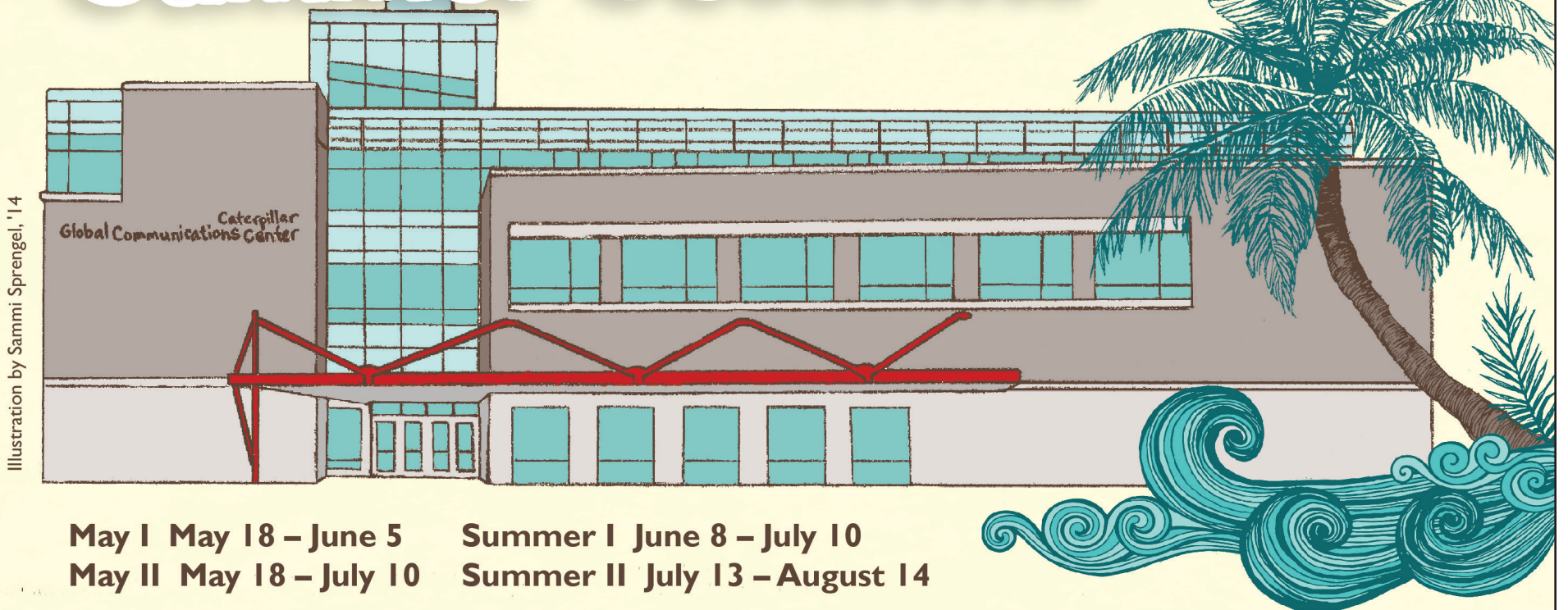


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MTV's "Girl Code" comedian Nicole Byer elicited laughter from attendees at her performance Feb. 27 in the Student Center Ballroom. More than 350 audience members were treated to her remarks about topics ranging from the challenges of being a "big girl" to McDonald's moments.

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Editorial

Clearer communication
should be a priority

“Campus is open and classes are in session today (3/3/2015). Due to icy conditions please use caution while traveling on and off campus.”

This statement, posted on the Bradley University Facebook and Twitter accounts, served as the university’s single official notification to students about the inclement weather that left campus sidewalks and roads covered in ice on Tuesday.

Many students spent the morning on social media, sharing stories of ice-related incidents, criticizing the university and offering their best sarcasm or wit to satirize the situation.

The university remained silent amidst students modifying the school’s tagline to say, “Go fall, go Bradley,” inviting friends to go skating on the “Hilltop’s new ice rink.”

The university remained silent as students shared concerns about tumbles that landed them or their friends in the hospital with broken bones or, in one case, a head injury.

The university remained silent while students, faculty and staff drove to campus from across the greater Peoria area, resulting in some minor vehicle collisions.

Yet, while the university remained silent, their actions resonated across campus.

Of course, as when any inclement weather strikes campus, administrators are faced with deciphering at what point safety is threatened enough to justify canceling a day of classes.

This time, the wrong decision was made, as admitted by Vice President for Business Affairs Gary Anna to The Scout.

Tuesday’s problem, however, extended beyond the university’s

maintenance and decision-making. The key issue was the lack of communication during the day.

In any situation similar to this one, organizations should work to not only address the physical issues presented but also acknowledge concerns from those involved.

Responses to student comments via social media could have assured them the university cares, but no such responses were made.

A campus-wide email could have explained groundskeeping equipment failures, but no attempt to inform students was made.

Even a notification on the home page of the website could have advised the Bradley community of on and off-campus conditions, but no such alert was made.

Anna’s comments as printed in The Scout have been the only public communication from the

university to students concerning Tuesday’s icy conditions.

Thankfully, Anna, whose office plays a key role in making these decisions, took full responsibility for the misjudgment, and his honesty is appreciated.

But today’s article acknowledging an error in decision-making does not solve the problems, heal the injuries or repair vehicles from the collisions of Tuesday.

With the extreme simplicity that accompanies the sending of a tweet, Facebook post or even a picture on Instagram, administrators owe it to the students, faculty and staff to maintain clear and consistent communication when opportunities for injury present themselves.

You may not have said anything, Bradley, but we heard you loud and clear.

Opinion

Finding your happy medium



Lisa Stemmons
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Staff Reporter

I’ve always had a problem with balance. My mother is constantly reminding me how moderation is key in all aspects of life, but I find myself attracted to extremes.

It’s an impossible feat to describe myself in adjectives. I’m immaturely mature. I have an old soul with a spontaneous side. I’m confident in my façade and secretly self-conscious.

For example, I love little kids and old people, but struggle to form connections with kids my age.

There is an unexplainable beauty that children possess with their innocent nature and naïve social cues. The same beauty is present in the elderly but for the opposite reason. Their worldly experiences and endless wisdom are intriguing and endearing, making my heart melt.

My generation is full of judgmental, condescending and Internet-obsessed fiends, whereas both young and old are very humorous and carefree.

It’s easy to engage in conversation with either age group, but

small talk with fellow 18-year-olds is a struggle. Older folks are so appreciative to hear any mundane detail of your life, and kids are easily amused and curious to learn.

For the most part, if you try to chat with a teenager, their angsty mood and superior tone lead you to feeling like a nuisance.

Another struggle in my contradicting way of life is my weekend habits. Some nights I’m free spirited and ready to be the life of the party. The people that I associate with on those nights are convinced that I’m always wildly foolish and crazy.

It’s quite the contrary. I’m perfectly content with snuggling up with a good book, discovering some good tunes or watching a “Harry Potter” marathon all night on Friday or Saturday.

I’ve always been told that college is a great opportunity to

find yourself and solidify your identity. My family and lifelong friends believe that my personality hasn’t changed much since the third grade, and I find that problematic.

My first year at Bradley is close to completion and although I still haven’t “found” myself or know the answer to life’s greatest questions, I did have an epiphany of sorts.

I don’t have to restrict myself to one label. My Myers-Briggs personality test may claim that I am an ENFP, but the nature of my ways shouldn’t be altered based on the belief that I must confine myself to one type of person.

I’m a firm believer of having to love yourself before you love others. The first step in accepting all of life’s beautiful opportunities and experiences is to accept who you are. I know I have, and now it’s only up the Hilltop from here.

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VOICE

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'BIRDMAN' TAKES AUDIENCES ON A WILD FLIGHT BY JAYLYN COOK

Despite winning multiple Academy Awards, the sheer existence of "Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)" wasn't a known fact to everyone, which isn't all that surprising if you think about it.

The latest film by Alejandro G. Iñárritu is far from a sound example of mainstream cinema, as evidenced by the fact that it began with a shot of Michael Keaton floating in his tightly-whites. On top of this, the film's marketing campaign appeared to rely more on positive word of mouth than elaborate advertising, so its under-the-radar status is understandable.

The real question when it comes to "Birdman" is whether or not it stays true to the hype that was bestowed upon it by both critics and audiences. The answer: it does without effort, proving

that its Best Picture win was everything but a fluke.

"Birdman" can be most accurately described as a two hour fugue state, putting the audience within the fragile mindset of a man whose own ego is engaging him in fierce psychological warfare. We follow him as he struggles to put on a Broadway play as a last-ditch effort to prove he isn't an irrelevant, washed-up actor not only to everyone around him, but most importantly, to himself.

The entire movie boasts a self-referential vibe throughout, as it offers commentary on the film industry, the pitfalls of success and even Keaton's own career, as both he and his character Riggan portrayed superheroes at the peaks of their respective popularity.

"Birdman" has its funny

moments, along with its darker ones to counteract, but the true framework of the movie relies on its ability to make the audience re-evaluate their psyches once the credits begin to roll.

Everything from the uninterrupted camera sequences to the frenetic, free-form drumming that accompanies many of the scenes drips with insanity, but in the best possible way. By the time it's all over, your heart will be pumping, excitement will flow through your veins and you'll be asking for more, while feeling completely satisfied at the same time.

If you weren't aware of "Birdman" until recently and still don't know much about it, keep it that way until you decide to see it. The less you know, the more you'll realize that sometimes ignorance does have its virtues.



the joys of life without facebook

by kristin dimaggio

Over the past few years, the term “FoMO” has become both a part of our vernacular as well as an actual, albeit self-induced, psychological problem. The term is an acronym for “fear of missing out,” and it’s become a new sort of norm due to our constant presence on social media.

If you’ve ever given up Facebook, you may have found that parting with your social media is much harder than you expected. The question of what you may be missing out on can transcend your thoughts, and the almost automatic logging on to the site every time you open your Internet browser can leave you shocked that your actions

are so controlled.

That in itself may be the hardest aspect of parting with the beloved social media site. Nothing grounds you more than the realization that you are a slave to something subconsciously.

Getting rid of Facebook may seem like something that can induce this fear of missing out, but in many cases, cleansing yourself of this overuse can actually lead to “JoMO,” which is described as the joy of missing out. It’s kind of like when your phone dies and you are far from home without a charger; you’re not connected, so you’re stressing about the possible

incoming texts and calls, but you also feel a sense of peace from your inability to respond.

There are plenty of articles on the web that define the different kinds of Facebook users. There are the folks who are fishing for likes; the lurkers, who don’t really do anything except watch as life unfolds on their newsfeed; those who have more friends than they know what to do with; and, of course, the over-sharers. These are only just a few of the different types, but I’ll leave additional research up to you.

I deleted Facebook in mid-November, and I can say that it was one of my best

decisions. Yes, it was hard to suddenly stop sharing articles I thought my friends would appreciate, and it’s gotten difficult staying up to date with things both on and off campus, but I feel more present than ever.

Although it may seem tough and sometimes unnecessary to practice abstinence from certain things, remember that whether it’s for religious purposes (like Lent) or not, you realize more about yourself and your willpower during the journey. You’re much stronger than you think, and there are plenty of things you may be better off without.

The Real Problem With The Dress *By Kristin DiMaggio*

If you’ve logged on the Internet in the past week or have friends who are apt to keeping up with social trends, then you’ve probably been dragged into the biggest debate since Kim Kardashian’s butt was rumored to be fake.

Yes, I’m talking about The Dress.

Caitlin McNeill posted the now infamous photo of the dress on her Tumblr page Feb. 25 with the caption “guys please help me - is this dress white and gold, or blue and black? Me and my friends can’t agree and we are freaking the f**k out.”

Like many Internet trends and viral content, everyone weighed in. Taylor Swift tweeted “I don’t understand this odd dress debate and I feel like it’s a trick somehow. I’m confused and scared. PS it’s OBVIOUSLY BLUE AND BLACK.” Kim and Kanye, Anna Kendrick, Ellen DeGeneres and pretty much everyone else on the Internet had something to say about this particular garment.

But the pandemonium over this less-than-beautiful dress went far beyond Twitter. One man, Daniel Howland of Austin, Texas, made the debate personal and permanent by tattooing the

dress (which was colored as blue and black) on his leg, with the words “WHITE AND GOLD?” surrounding it.

Some folks have taken to Vine with reaction videos in a crying, Chris Crocker (the “Leave Britney Alone” guy) manner. Others, who were likely tired of hearing about all this dress nonsense, debunked the whole thing with the use of their phone camera and a white light.

It’s always interesting to see what gets a society riled up, but of course, there is a breaking point for this. Along with tweets

debating the actual color of the dress, there was a flood of social commentary on the “scandal” as a whole.

One thought that resonated was a variation of Yik Yak posts and tweets said that this was the most engaged America has been about color in a long time. The irony of that sentiment is that Feb. 26 was one of the first days the dress caught fire on the Internet, but it was also the anniversary of the killing of Trayvon Martin. Yet, the only color people seemed to care about was that of the dress.

During the debate, news also

broke about a secret Chicago detainment area in Homan Square, comparable to the likes of Guantanamo Bay, where hundreds of detainees have been tortured, shackled and left for unknown amounts of time. Again, this was completely overlooked.

We don’t need to lose our ability to have fun with things that are trending in popular culture; that would make us sad and cynical. However, it is important to not get so swept up in these happenings that we lose sight of the bigger, more impactful news that is often overshadowed.



POP CULTURE SHOCKED BY JAYLYN COOK

Every now and then, I like to think about where popular culture will be when I'm the same age my grandparents are now. It's weird for me to believe that there will come a day when I educate my children and grandchildren about "old school" artists like Nicki Minaj and Drake, "classic" movies like "Space Jam" and the experience of being alive during the era when selfies were first taken.

It's a strange way of thinking, but that's the reality behind pop culture. Things can go out of style just as fast as they came into it, and unless we discover a way to predict the future, we're never going to know when the newest fad is going to burst onto the scene.

Like it or not, Twitter will eventually go the way of MySpace and a new social media platform will reign supreme. Some day, people won't try so hard to be "on fleek" and "based" and eventually, the Kardashians will realize society doesn't really want to keep up with them anymore.

When those days do come, we can do one of three things: accept the changes and adopt the latest trends, reject the consensus and live by our own standards of cool or keep ourselves firmly planted in days of pop culture past.

There's really no right or wrong way to deal with the twists and turns of pop culture, but the most important thing is to always respect each others likes, dislikes and ideologies, unless it's completely detrimental, like wearing Ed Hardy or listening to Creed.

Culture is meant to promote discussion and understanding within our society, and while not all of it is great or of high quality, keep in mind that not everything stays mainstream for long. There's no need to let repeated hearings of that "Little Einsteins" remix drive you too crazy.

It'll be exciting to see what will become the next big thing this year, and when it does, let's hope it gets us talking with each other instead of criticizing taste levels, no matter how "alternative" or "basic" they may be.

Gettin' Jiggy with Mary Jane By Lisa Stemmons

Weed, pot, green, grass, marijuana, dope, ganja, loud, kush and cannabis all mean the same thing: controversy.

Nineteen states, one of them being Illinois, have legalized medicinal marijuana, while Washington, Oregon, Alaska and Colorado have legalized recreational use.

The journal "Scientific Reports" released a study stating that marijuana is 114 times less deadly than alcohol. Earl Blumenauer, U.S. Representative for Oregon, is remembered from infamously ranting about marijuana saying, "How many people died from marijuana overdoses last year? Spoiler alert, it's zero."

According to the Washington Post, Colorado's marijuana industry racked in \$700 million in 2014, with \$63 million in tax revenue from the sales. The economic impact is even greater when you consider marijuana paraphernalia such as pipes and

bongs, as well as the increased tourist spending. The marijuana market has a surplus of money, and the excess is potentially going back to the citizens.

It's also important to acknowledge that crime is down in Denver and the surrounding area. How many more positive effects of legalization does one have to name before the United States decides marijuana should not be considered an unlawful drug?

Surprisingly enough, many conservatives support legalization more than ever before, as established from a recent poll stating 63 percent of Republican Millennials support it. There was also an informal poll done at the Conservative Political Action Conference that found that nearly 40 percent fully support marijuana legalization and another 25 percent would support medical marijuana.



Verbally supporting is one thing, but sales make it impossible to deny its popularity. Colorado's Marijuana Enforcement Division released its first annual report on the pot industry and found that nearly 75 tons of cannabis were purchased in 2014.

Additionally, 2.8 million edible products were sold and about one in eight residents are consuming the substance. That's a lot of high Colorado citizens, and yet the state appears to be functioning just fine, despite the

probable lazy inhabitants.

On a more humorous note, Ben and Jerry recently stated that they agree weed-infused ice cream is a great concept they wish they could make happen. Ben said, "Makes sense to me; combine your pleasures."

I'm not asking you to go light up and cheef all the time. I'm just being blunt; the outcome of marijuana use and legalization thus far will result in a 4/20 friendly union in the near future.

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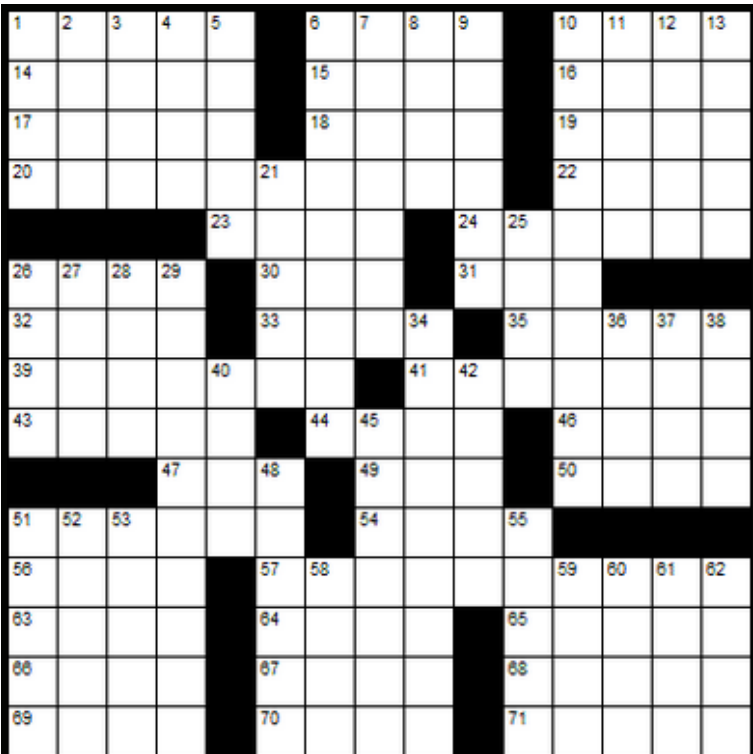
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Bradley grad finds his way home

BY KRISTIN KREHER
Managing Editor

Chris Marsh dug his roots deep into the Hilltop, making his way from the seat of a student to the front of the classroom as an instructor of advertising in the Department of Communication.

Although his third-floor office now sits alongside the offices of his former professors, Marsh's story starts long before his Bradley career.

"I grew up in East Peoria," Marsh said. "Growing up in Peoria: it is what it is. It's nice; it's kind of a small community, so you can't get in too much trouble."

As a student at East Peoria Community High School, Marsh said he got hooked on Bradley early on when he attended a Bradley speech camp the summer before his senior year.

Competing on his schools' speech teams played a large part in his high school and college years, helping him form friendships.

"My wife went to Richwoods [High School]," Marsh said, adding that two of his three kids are now students there. "When I was at East Peoria and on the speech team, we were actually introduced to each other at a speech tournament up in Park Ridge that both our schools were at. I needed a date for prom junior year, so I called her up, we went to prom, and we started dating."

As Marsh's now-wife Beth pursued her undergraduate degree at Syracuse University and the couple dated off and on throughout college, Marsh joined the Bradley student body as a speech communication major.

"Since I was always travelling with the speech team, I was able to talk my mom and dad into letting me live on campus," Marsh said. "It was really nice because when my friends from Chicago or St. Louis would say, 'I'm really excited to go home for the weekend,' I was like, 'Yeah, I'm going to go home for lunch and [to] do my laundry.'"

Marsh said he still keeps in touch with friends he met on the speech team, as they became his "extra family." He shared a story about spending time with team members.

"One time, I don't know where I was walking to, but I ran into my buddy from the speech team the night before my very first tournament," Marsh said. "We just started talking and walking down Main Street, and all of a sudden, we were walking down the hill. We took a right, and before you know it, we're crossing the river on the old Cedar Street bridge and went to Steak 'N' Shake for coffee and burgers... By the time we walked back home, the sun was starting to come up."

After graduating in 1993, Marsh headed to Omaha to attain a Master's degree in communication studies from the University of Nebraska.

"Moving from Peoria to Omaha was awesome because Omaha is really just a bigger Peoria but slightly better organized," Marsh said. "The streets are all north/south or east/west, and they're either numbered or lettered. Whereas I still couldn't find Sterling Avenue here in Peoria, if someone in Omaha said '100 8th and Q,' I'm all over it."

During graduate school, he fell in love with the media side of

advertising and laid the foundation for his career. After marrying Beth, Marsh moved to Chicago where he found work with advertising agencies DDB Needham and Hal Riney and Partners.

"There was such a glut of work because it was the first dot com boom," Marsh said. "It was a great time to be in advertising because [agencies] were dying for talent, and they would do everything they could to attract and keep you. But the work was crazy. It was wonderful for the time."

While working in Chicago, Marsh did some commercial acting on the side. After being cast in a commercial for the Kansas State Lottery, he flew out to Kansas City, where he met an older actor that had also grown up in Peoria and attended Bradley.

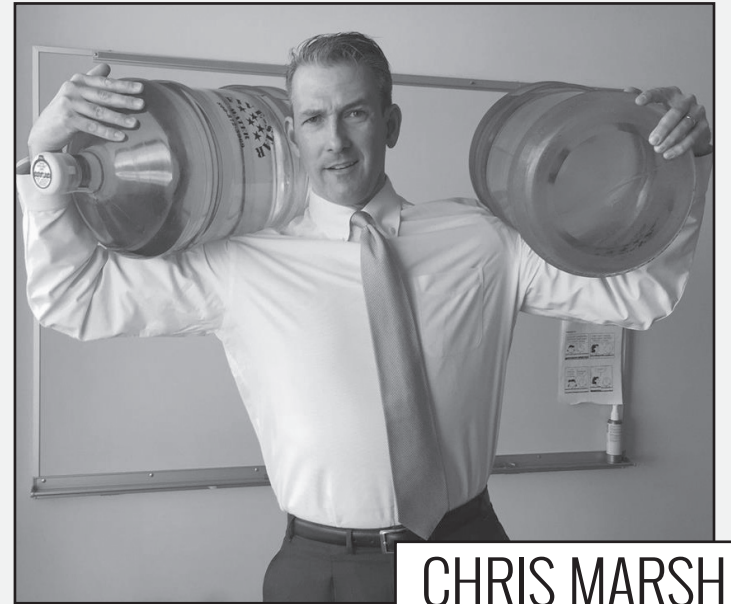
After five years in the Windy City, Marsh made his way back to Peoria.

"I was really happy to come back home because at the time, [my oldest child] Janie was a little baby girl, but probably two or three nights a week, I was working until 9 or 10 at night at a minimum," he said. "It was such a wild time that if you stayed past 7 p.m., they bought you dinner – a really good catered dinner. If you stayed past 9 p.m., you got a limo service to take you home instead of taking the train."

Back in Peoria, Marsh was a stay at home dad, helping to take care of three kids for 11 years, while his wife worked as a pathologist.

"It was a lot of fun; what I really liked was being involved in the kids' school," Marsh said. "I liked going and reading stories to the kids, reading things like

HUMANS OF THE HILLTOP



CHRIS MARSH

photo provided by Chris Marsh

Communication instructor Chris Marsh is known among Bradley faculty, staff and students for his wit, humor and exceptional ability to engage students.

Dr. Seuss to the kindergarteners and first graders. I really enjoyed volunteering, grocery shopping with two or three kids and just coordinating all of that."

Although he doesn't think students have changed all that much since he was a student, Marsh said he does believe the external environment has changed, making it much more competitive. For this, he offers advice that he learned as a student at Bradley.

"My band teacher, Russ Vroman, who was the dad of [Director of Bands] David Vroman, used to say, 'Practice

makes permanent,'" Marsh said. "You're time here at Bradley is your practice for the outside world. The most successful students will be the most successful outside because they've developed those habits of working hard and diligently, showing up early and never missing a class; those are the habits you won't even need to think about when you're out in the world."

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by President Glasser."

In his EIU presidential announcement press conference, Glassman said he is ready to take on this new and exciting challenge.

"I'm thrilled to have been chosen and am honored and thankful for the confidence shown in me by Eastern's Board of Trustees," he said. "I look forward to beginning my work on campus."

He also said he hopes to teach a class at EIU, even with the responsibilities of the presidency.

"If my schedule allows time to do so, I would like to teach maybe one course every other year or so," Glassman said. "In addition to helping me keep in touch with our students, teaching allows me to make better decisions relative to the faculty."

This is the third cabinet member to announce a departure from the Hilltop this semester, alongside Bradley University President Joanne Glasser and Athletic Director Michael Cross. Glassman will succeed EIU's retiring president Bill Perry.

Glassman is familiar with vying for the position of president, as he

was also a candidate for chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and the University of Michigan-Flint in 2014. Both universities selected other candidates.

During his five-year stint at Bradley, Glassman oversaw the revision of the general education program, which was passed by University Senate Feb. 16 and was an advocate for the undergraduate, graduate and continuing education programming.

"I am pleased to have had a leadership role in developing Bradley's 2012-2017 Strategic Plan and working to accomplish its many initiatives to advance academic excellence, revitalize the Graduate School, develop new academic programs, revise our general education curriculum and to achieve other objectives benefiting faculty development and student success," he said.

Glassman joined the Hilltop family July 2010 after serving as the dean of the Liberal Arts and Sciences College at the University of Southern Indiana for six years. Before USI, he spent 19 years as a faculty member, associate dean and chair of the Anthropology Department at Texas State University.

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Stacy Hoefert, who said she fell multiple times and was unable to stop her car that was going idle speed, expressed displeasure with the university's response.

"When I left my house at 8:15 [a.m.], they hadn't even started salting the roads around campus," Hoefert said. "They sell Bradley on the fact that they care about their students; that was not the message they sent with their actions today."

Student Senate Vice President of Campus Affairs Alex Estes was also dissatisfied with how the issues were handled, saying his department is working to better meet student needs.

"The University knew this ice storm was going to occur over the night; this could have been prevented with better communication to the grounds staff or even just delaying classes," Estes said. "Currently, the Department of Campus Affairs is working on a proposal for water and snow removal to present to the university so things like this past Tuesday can be avoided."

Estes' fellow cabinet member,

Vice President of Campus Safety Cody Lonigro, offered a different perspective.

"I think that the groundskeepers are doing a great job keeping the sidewalks cleared for us, and I think it is important for students to help them by reporting any bad spots they see around campus so more attention can be given to those areas," Lonigro, a senior criminal justice major, said.

Vice President for Student Affairs Nathan Thomas said in events like these, students should take it on a case-by-case basis and figure out what is safest for them as individuals.

"I think the most important thing here is that people need to make good decisions and do what they need to do in order to be safe, either walking to class or even if that means staying at home and figuring out ways to make up their work as it's appropriate," he said.

Some professors cancelled their own classes, allowing students to avoid the icy conditions.

"In certain cases, the faculty have the prerogative to adjust their classes; if someone was unable to travel safely to campus,

cancelling class was a responsible action," Anna said. "Obviously we can do better under similar conditions in the future – we will."

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of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) group last year.

FOCUS included a group of missionaries who lived on campus year-round.

"Their full-time job was to be a resource to students and be out on the quad trying to have conversations," Nobis said.

According to Muting, FOCUS was lost due to budget cuts by the Catholic Diocese of Peoria.

"Sometimes when you look at what FOCUS did, [student missionaries] were supposed to be doing that anyway," Muting said. "[Student missionaries] have kind of lagged on that because FOCUS held us more accountable, and the missionaries helped out."

Nobis said she hopes the seminarians with the New

Evangelization Team will inspire her and her peers to refocus on their student missionary responsibilities.

"A lot of times, I have so much schoolwork that [my job as a student missionary] gets pushed by the wayside with no one there to make sure I'm doing it," Nobis said. "Hopefully with this event, [us student missionaries] can get it in our heads that we really need to be on top of things."

Bradley will also lose both campus ministers at the end of the year, although at least one new minister will be hired, according to Nobis.

However, Nobis said she thinks the leaders of Catholic Braves are well equipped to take on the challenges ahead, and they will be able to grow together with the new campus minister.

Foreign language dept. gets updates

BY DANEALLE KHAIMSKIY
News Editor

Hola, bonjour and nín hảo to the foreign language department as they head into the fall 2015 school year with big changes in mind.

"Effective fall 2015, our department's new name will be the Department of World Languages and Cultures," Leslie Scconduto, foreign languages department chair, said.

In addition to the new name, Scconduto said the department will undergo construction to change the language laboratory into a world language resource center.

"The Provost [David Glassman] has given us some funds to get us started," Scconduto said. "We're very excited about this, as the WLRC will provide a meeting area for our minors and majors, as well as a space for collaborative learning, seminars, drop-in tutoring and informal study."

With the addition of a new lab comes the expansion of the foreign language program as a whole, specifically focused on Mandarin Chinese course offerings.

Last semester, Bradley offered Mandarin 201, but due to low student interest, the 202 level was removed from the spring 2015 semester.

After hearing complaints from students, the administration is working to remedy the problem.

"First of all, instead of [the course] being five credits with five contact hours a week, we are going to reduce it to four credits with three contact hours a week," Scconduto said. "One hour credit [will be] given for lab assignments, and this is in keeping with what we do with other foreign languages."

According to Scconduto, it was too hard for students to take a

five-credit course because that meant surpassing Bradley's 16-credit hour maximum. Scconduto said the change should help accommodate the students' financial needs.

The department will also offer Mandarin 101 every fall instead of every other, followed by 102 offered every spring.

"This will give students the opportunity to jump into the sequence every year instead of having to wait a full year," Scconduto said.

With that said, there is currently no Chinese placement test for incoming students with past experience.

"Incoming students will have to be evaluated by Professor Xiaotian Chen," Scconduto said.

Besides Mandarin Chinese, Scconduto said Bradley hopes to once again offer an Arabic program.

"We did have to abandon our Arabic program because we only had one student sign up for Arabic 101 this fall semester," Scconduto said.

According to Scconduto, the major obstacle to overcome is Bradley's budget cuts and student enrollment.

"Because of what Bradley pays the adjuncts, it's very difficult to find people who are able to teach a language and are willing to work for that low salary," she said.

Although the department is looking to make big changes in its course offerings, Scconduto said it might take some time before new languages are added. However, the department will offer three semester sequences of Mandarin Chinese this coming fall.

"It all depends on student enrollment," Scconduto said. "If we don't see the interest from the students, then it would be hard to justify expanding the program."

Bradley's got talent

BY TORI MOSES
Copy Editor

Lambda Chi Alpha hosted its first Bradley's Got Talent show yesterday to raise money for its philanthropy, the Children's Hospital of Illinois.

The fraternity's external vice president Brandon Johnson was in charge of planning the event.

"It was quite an ambitious goal for me, seeing as I was just elected into office in January, but I wanted to do something different," the junior public relations major said.

With seven total performances, acts ranged from a student poetry piece to a dance from Lost Soles,

Bradley's hip-hop team.

Although not a part of the competition, Bradley's male a capella group, The Midwestern Accents, performed at the show. Also during the night, some students found free Lambda Chi Alpha T-shirts and tank tops under their seats, which were placed there by fraternity members as attendance prizes.

Receiving \$50, senior music business and music performance double major Tracey Furling, senior music performance major Seth Johnson and senior music business major Kinza Hagerup took first place for their piece titled "Comic Duet for Two Cats," where

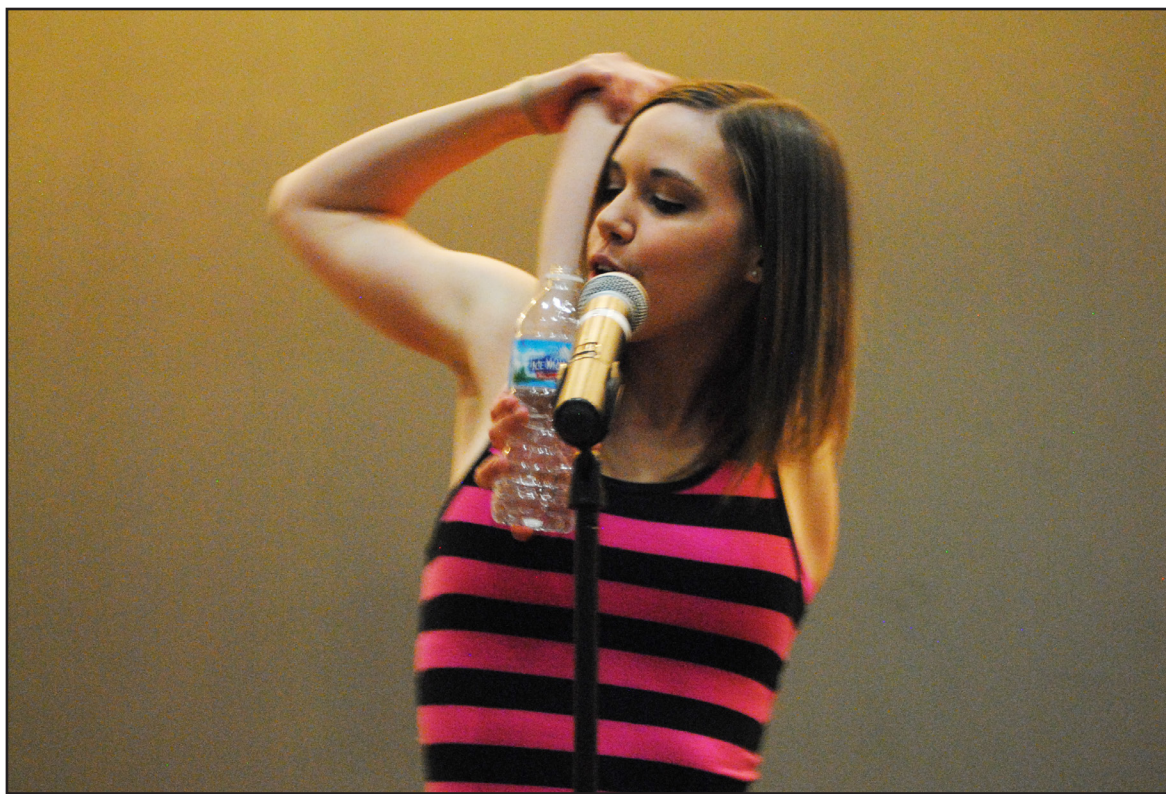
Hagerup played piano as the other two performers sang opera using only the word "meow."

Receiving \$25, sophomore family and consumer sciences education major Caroline Whiteside received acknowledgment as the crowd favorite for her contortion act.

Students were able to apply to be a part of the show, but not everyone was accepted.

"There were a lot of great applications, but [we accepted] nothing but the best for this show," Johnson said.

The talent show raised more \$700, all of which will benefit the Children's Hospital of Illinois.



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Sophomore Caroline Whiteside showed off her body contortion abilities Thursday night as part of an act in Lambda Chi Alpha's "Bradley's Got Talent" show.

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The best that never was



The 1981-1982 Bradley men's basketball team, pictured above, won 24 games but did not make the NCAA Tournament. The team would go on to win the NIT.

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

In March 1982, the madness of the 44th National Invitational Tournament was only 25 seconds away from coming to a close.

As the Braves battled Purdue, Bradley guard Barney Mines stood at the free throw line in Madison Square Garden in New York City, calmly swishing two free throws to extend the Braves' lead to six, 64-58. Those two free throws iced the game and the NIT championship for the Braves, which is the last national championship Bradley basketball has won.

The 1981-82 Bradley Braves team remains one of the most highly regarded teams in Bradley basketball history, with players including the likes of Mitchell "J.J." Anderson, David Thirdkill, Voise Winters, Donald Reese and Willie Scott, who all went on to play professional basketball.

In exclusive interviews with *The Scout*, point guard Scott and forward Anderson recounted their historic season.

"I would joke with [Jim Les] and tell him good point guards win, [and] great point guards win championships," Scott said. "I was the last point guard to win a championship at Bradley."

Scott, a former assistant coach under Les for the 2010-2011 season, wasn't one of the star players on the NIT champion team. Rather, he called his supporting role one of the decisive factors as to why the team won the title that year.

"The reason I chose Bradley with Mitchell Anderson and not DePaul with Mark Aguirre... was because I looked at Bradley's team, and I knew that I was the missing link," Scott said. "I knew I was the missing link, and I knew walking in there we were going to win a championship."

Scott stayed true to his contributory part, amassing 6.2 assists per game, while playing behind the main stars of the team in Anderson, Thirdkill and Reese.

"We had the team," Anderson said. "My role was to score points, and [Thirdkill's] role was defense, and that's all."

Anderson, the MVP of the 1982 NIT tournament, compiled a team-leading 16.4 points and 7.6 rebounds per game during the 1981-1982 season, where the Braves compiled a 26-10 record and won the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) regular season title.

Although they finished with the best regular season record in the MVC, the Braves struggled at the start of the regular season.

Heading into conference play against Indiana State, Bradley had a dismal 5-6 record and was returning from the Rainbow Classic in Hawaii, where the team dropped all three games of the tournament against San Francisco University, Hawaii University and Cal-State Fullerton.

"[The loss to] San Francisco, I think, was a bad call," Scott (above, with former Braves Walt Lemon Jr. and Dyrucus Simms-Edwards) said. "That's when [head coach] Dick [Versace] took the whistle out [of] the guy's mouth and threw it in the stands."

However, once in conference play, the Braves showed their dominance.

After the loss to Cal-State Fullerton, the Braves posted a

14-3 record through the final 17 games of the regular season. Included in those 14 wins are victories over second-ranked Wichita State, eighth-ranked Tulsa and a season sweep over I-74 rival Illinois State.

"We regrouped," Scott said. "I thought we had peaked at the perfect time but [we] lost in the [MVC] tournament."

That tournament loss came to Illinois State in the second round of the MVC tournament and ended up being the decisive reason that the Braves were left out of the NCAA tournament.

"We lost in the conference tournament because Thirdkill was hurt, and Willie [Scott] was hurt," Anderson said. "We deserved to be in there."

While conference winners automatically get bids into the NCAA tournament, the Braves were hoping for an at-large bid, which depended largely on their regular season results and strength of schedule.

This infamous decision by the NCAA that kept Bradley out of the tournament remains as one of the biggest snubs ever, not only in the eyes of Bradley fans, but especially to the team on the wrong side of the decision.

The week of the NCAA tournament selection Sunday was a week off for the players, and the team went home to spend time with their families. When it was time to return to campus, Anderson, Scott and a few other players who were Chicago natives, drove back to Bradley together.

It was during the ride back when Anderson and Scott said they decided to pull the team together, and put the focus on the upcoming NIT.

"We were riding back, and we were talking," Anderson said. "I said, 'We didn't get a bid into the NCAA [tournament], but we got a bid into the NIT.' [Then] Willie said, 'We're going to take the NIT,' and I said, 'Fine with me.'"

Instead of letting their misfortune at the hands of the NCAA ruin the season, the team used the snub as a battle cry going into the NIT.

"At that point, we were very mature," Scott said. "We accepted that there was some adversity, and we matured and took on the challenge of the NIT and just kind of murdered everybody."

Although the Braves took the challenge of the NIT, it did not prove to be a test for them.

On their way to the title, Bradley beat American University, Syracuse, Tulane, Oklahoma and Purdue by an average of 13 points per game.

"We were focused," Anderson said. "We played against Purdue, and we blew them out. We played against Oklahoma, and we blew them out."

Scott said the focus the team had evolved into a grudge to somehow prove they belonged.

"We had a chip on our shoulder, and we felt that, again, we had been mistreated," Scott said. "We took it out on every team that we played."

The Braves returned as champions, and etched their

names in athletic history on the Hilltop. Scott said the team won the game not only for themselves, but for Bradley as a whole as well.

"That was always our speech," Scott said. "Let's do it for Bradley. Let's do it for the fans. Let's do it for the community. This is not just about us; this is about everyone involved."

Scott also said the feeling of winning the title was one unlike any other, but some of the disappointment of missing the NCAA tournament still lingered.

"When you win a championship, it's the most gratifying moment of your life," Scott said. "[But] we wanted the big

one. We wanted to be in the NCAA that year, and I don't think anyone would've beat us."

Now, Anderson and Scott have both become coaches. Anderson is currently the head coach of the Chicago Steam semi-pro basketball team, and Scott is the assistant head coach of the basketball team of the American Institute of Business.

However, both said they would love to see themselves back on the Hilltop as head



coach of their alma mater.

"I want to coach college," Anderson (left) said. "I don't care where it's at. If possible, I would be more than honored to coach Bradley, because me and Bradley have something special."

Scott, who has already been an assistant coach at Bradley, left when Jim Les was fired in 2011. That split left a strained relationship between Scott and Bradley faithful.

"They hired Geno [Ford], and that was a very uncomfortable situation for me," Scott said. "A lot of people at Bradley thought I just kind of kicked them to the curb and let them down by leaving, but what they didn't understand was [how] I felt."

Scott said that, in the future, he would hope Bradley considers him for a head coaching position.

"I love Bradley," Scott said. "I love the Peoria community. I love the fans, [and] I miss them. I would come to Bradley in a heartbeat."

Being the last Bradley basketball team to win a title brings a type of honor to the '82 Braves that other Bradley teams lack.

Although other players have come through the Bradley program that were better statistically, such as Hersey Hawkins and Patrick O'Bryant, both Anderson and Scott believe their 1981-1982 championship team was not only better than those teams but also one of the best in Bradley basketball history.

"We didn't take s**t from nobody," Anderson said. "Donald would beat Mike Williams' butt, Thirdkill could beat Hersey Hawkins, and I don't know who could stop me."

"We were one of the greatest teams to ever play in the history of Bradley," Scott said. "I won't say the only one but one of them."

Photo Credits: Willie Scott and Mitchell Anderson photos via BradleyBraves.com. Team photo from Cullom-Davis Library Archive.



Baseball wins a pair

BY ALEX KRYAH
Sports Reporter

Weather may have forced the Bradley baseball team to move its series against Southeast Missouri State to New Orleans, but the trip to the "Big Easy" did little to stop Bradley's pitching from making baseball look easy.

The pitching staff led the Braves to two victories over the Redhawks last weekend, bringing Bradley's record on the year to 7-2.

The Braves took the series opener 6-3 Friday night with junior Elliot Ashbeck got the win for Bradley. The right hander went six scoreless innings, giving up only two hits. His effort extended Bradley's scoreless innings streak to 34 1/3 before SEMO scored in the next inning.

"Our pitching was darn good this weekend," Dominguez said. "Elliot was Elliot. I mean, he's going to be as good as anybody's Friday night guy in the league, so that really set the tone for the entire weekend. That was a pretty good ball club we faced in SEMO, but overall I was pleased."

The pitching faltered in the second game of the series, as SEMO plated runs early and often on their way to a 7-2 win. However, junior Brent Stong came out firing in the second game of the doubleheader and tossed his second straight shutout.

The southpaw tossed eight innings, yielding just four hits and a walk while fanning seven batters. His efforts on the mound netted him a Missouri Valley Conference pitcher of the week award, an accolade that did not go unnoticed by his coach.

"It's all about confidence, and he's starting to get his confidence

back," Dominguez said of Stong, who missed the entire regular season last year. "His first outing [this year] was rough. Now, he's starting to just get back into a routine, and he's been very dominant the last two outings."

Stong and Ashbeck are leading a rotation that has been highly effective against opposing hitters. Since the team's loss to Grand Canyon, Bradley pitching has allowed opposing teams to score in only four of a possible 54 innings.

"I think experience from some of the guys [is key]," Dominguez said. "I think the biggest reason has been our new pitching coach Larry Scully. He's brought a presence and an attitude to our pitching staff that has really set the tone for the entire year, and hopefully, they can continue to build upon that."

Although the pitching has been dazzling so far, the offense has the exact opposite, with the team is hitting .235 on the year. The Braves, however, have been able to find ways to win game in and game out.

"We're getting a lot of timely hits right now," Dominguez said. "We're getting somebody on, moving him to second...we're putting him in scoring position. It's been somebody different every single game that's been able to come through and just get that clutch hit to put us ahead."

Dominguez said he believes the team will start to hit better as the season progresses, noting that individual or team statistics are not necessarily what matters.

"It's all about winning, and I think they're doing a pretty good job," Dominguez said.

Bradley faces Quinnipiac and Belmont this weekend.

Braves split final two home games

BY ALEX KRYAH
Sports Reporter

The women's basketball team bid adieu to Renaissance Coliseum for the season last weekend as the Braves hosted Southern Illinois and rival Illinois State in the final home stand.

The women were looking to avenge a 16-point loss to the Salukis earlier in the month but fell short in their quest for revenge. The game was tied with five minutes left at 60, but the Braves fell into a scoring rut that lasted more than four minutes.

"[We] couldn't put the ball in the hole," head coach Michael Brooks said. "We executed decently, but we had point blank layups that we missed. I thought we went through a stretch where we got good shots, [but] we couldn't finish them and we started to press a little bit."

Despite the drought, the Braves cut the deficit to three with less than a minute remaining. However, Southern Illinois made their free throws at the end of the game when they had to and secured their victory over the Braves 66-72.

The story of the team's final home game was a bit different. The Braves hosted the Redbirds last Sunday in hopes of securing a sweep of the in-state rival.

The women started the game strong, going up by as much as 12 at one point early. However, foul trouble and an ISU press caused many problems for the Braves, as they were able to tie the game up at the half, 27-27.

"We were very handsy," Brooks said. "Sameiah Kendall, Dani Brewer, Whitney Tinjum and Tanya Sims all had two fouls, and that's four players that play predominant amount of minutes for

us. So when they're in foul trouble, we have a huge second line in there, and they didn't do a very good job of holding on to the ball."

ISU grabbed the early second half lead, but the Braves didn't give up when they were faced with adversity.

"Just staying persistent was key," Sims (right), a freshman, said. "The coaches were telling us we have to stay in the game, and we can't let them go on their run. Then we went on a little run of our own, which helped us a lot."

That "little run" Sims referred to was a 14-2 outburst that gave the Braves a lead they never relinquished. Bradley would hold the Redbirds to only two field goals in the final 12 minutes of the game, and grabbing their sixth win on the year, 60-50.

"I thought we did a great job defensively," Brooks said. "I thought we did a great job of getting to the free throw line in the second half, we took great shots. We had people who stepped and played big minutes, but I think defensively, we were able to limit what they were able to do and shots they were able to get."

Bradley was not able to repeat that defensive performance last night on the road against the Drake Bulldogs.

The Braves got 18 points from Tinjum, but the defense could not stop the Bulldogs in the second half. Drake shot 63 percent in the final 20 minutes and pulled away from Bradley for a 86-70 win.

Bradley's final regular season game will take place Saturday at 2 p.m. against Northern Iowa.



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Dan Smith

Softball picks up two wins at Sand Dollar Snow Classic

BY GARTH SHANKLIN
Sports Editor

Bradley softball dealt with yet another scrambled schedule last weekend, with snow and cold weather forcing the team to move their originally scheduled games in Tennessee down to Alabama for the Sand Dollar Snow Classic.

Facing off against Belmont, Murray State and Eastern Kentucky, the Braves played two of their best games of the season and two other games that did not.

The team started the tournament by defeating Belmont 12-1 in five innings. Sophomore Jaelen Hull pitched a complete game four-hitter, allowing just one run while striking out three to pick up her first win. Head coach Amy Hayes said Hull is getting close to returning to form after dealing with an elbow injury in the offseason.

"She looked pretty strong," Hayes said. "The bottom line for Jaelen is she's got to find that consistency, and she's not going to get it until she pitches more. She didn't start throwing until over Christmas break and did a great job but she's just trying to get that consistency. When you have 15-25 days of preseason before throwing

her into games it's going to take a while."

Offensively, Bradley got a three-run home run off the bat of second baseman Shannon King along with four RBIs from junior Kathryn Spenn.

The senior hit .302 for Bradley last year, good for third on the team, but in 2015 King's average sits at just .137. Hayes said stats can be misleading at times, noting that even if you square up a pitch it may not result in a hit.

"She's hit the ball really well, that's why stats are stats," Hayes said. "In New Mexico she connected on almost every single at-bat. She lined out to the left fielder who made a diving catch down the line, and she hit one over her head that [the left fielder] made a leaping grab on. She's been putting the ball in-play and squaring it up fairly decently; she just hasn't found the drop yet."

Bradley's next two games did not go as well. The team was outscored 19-8 in losses to Eastern Kentucky and Murray State, with Hull and senior Alyson Spinass-Valainis allowing 13 runs (eight earned) combined on 13 hits in six total innings of work. Hayes took the blame for Spinass-Valainis' bad outing, saying that the senior

pitched well but a poor strategic decision led to the blowup.

"She kept the ball down and had better spots," Hayes said. "Saturday was not [Spinass-Valainis'] fault, that's my fault as a coach. We're trying to work through [our pitching], and I left her in a little bit longer hoping she'd work through it, and she didn't."

A good day, indeed. Spinass-Valainis tossed a complete-game three hitter with four strikeouts for the Braves. She was backed up offensively by freshman Erika Hansen, who launched two-run home run in the bottom of the second for the only runs Bradley would need in their 2-1 victory.

The Braves will look to build on the team's performance last weekend at the UCF Knights Invitational in Orlando, Florida this weekend. Today, the team faces off against Kent State at noon and the Knights at 4:30 p.m. Bradley has another game against Kent State tomorrow and two games against Michigan State this weekend to finish out the tournament.

Hayes said she believes the teams in the tournament will be a good test for the Braves.

"Central Florida's ranked, [and] they're having a great year,"



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Sophomore Jaelen Hull delivers a pitch for Bradley against Loyola last year. Hull picked up the win in Bradley's first game last weekend by allowing just one run in five innings of work.

Hayes said. "Kent State has been snowed out a bit, and Michigan State is steadily increasing their game, so it's going to be a great test for us for sure."

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Opinion

Chicago baseball future looks bright

BY CULLEN BEGLEY
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The weather outside has been too cold for anything, period. For most of the last week, there has been a not-so-nice layer of snow on the ground, and it was like walking on an ice rink on my way to class. And, on top of all of that, the Bulls and Blackhawks are struggling.

Both teams were hit hard by big injuries and lack of winning. The Chicago sports world was dealt a few blows when Derrick Rose, Patrick Kane and, now, Jimmy Butler all went down with injuries. Butler will return in a few weeks and back to normal, but Kane won't be back until the Western Conference Finals, assuming the Blackhawks even get that far.

Rose is not out long, but may never be the same player again after having his third knee surgery in three years. As for the Bears, well, they are still the Bears. With the start of the season only a month away, it's time to look forward to baseball.

Baseball season is a great time of the year. When baseball comes around, you know spring has arrived and summer is on its way. Baseball is such a relaxing sport where you can sit outside soak up the sun and watch a game. I am excited every year for baseball season and this year especially.

Baseball in Chicago has not

been relevant in some years now, but the White Sox and Cubs made significant improvements this past offseason and both look like contenders.

The White Sox made the most improvements and are the most playoff ready team out of the two. The additions of Jeff Samardzija and David Robertson were huge. They have a legitimate No. 2 starter and maybe even an ace in Samardzija to go along with the nasty Chris Sale, and they fortified their bullpen with former Yankee closer David Robertson.

The Sox filled a gaping hole in their bullpen with the addition of Robertson, but another, minor addition in lefty Zach Duke is coming off his best year, posting a 2.45 ERA. The big pieces were huge additions, but it was the small pieces that make the difference.

The additions of lefty first baseman Adam LaRoche, veteran switch hitting outfielder Melky Cabrera and speedy utility man Emilio Bonafacio cannot be overstated. In LaRoche, the team gets a left-handed power bat who can DH or spell Abreu at first base. Cabrera is a hitting machine with a veteran point of view to the clubhouse, who in 2012 led the league in hitting before being found guilty of using steroids. Bonafacio then adds a versatile threat, as a player who can play any position.

The Cubs, meanwhile, caught

the big fish of the off-season in Jon Lester. The acquisition of Lester has pushed the Cubs to win now rather than later. Lester provides them with an ace that most teams don't have and his playoff experience is vital for a young team.

The team's future is bright with having two of the top five prospects in baseball in third baseman Kris Bryant and shortstop Addison Russell, who both could see some big league action this season. The additions of pitcher Jason Hammel who posted a 2.98 ERA with the Cubs last year before being traded, and power-hitting catcher Miguel Montero are great players to round out their team. What is exciting about the Cubs is that their young core has another year under their belt and more pieces will be added with Bryant and Russell.

The Sox and Cubs both have great chances to make the playoffs and both will do just that

Each team has added talent and the young players have grown from last year.

The Sox are built right now to make a deeper run in the playoffs, but it great to see that both teams are looking promising. The countdown to Opening Day begins.

Dechter breaks tennis record

BY MATTHEW CRUSEN
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The women's tennis team wrapped up February with a weekend split against Omaha and the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Bradley cruised to their third straight sweep, knocking off Omaha 7-0. The team had it's winning streak halted on Saturday as they lost to UMKC, 4-3.

"We lost to Omaha 4-3 last year, so playing a great match and earning the 7-0 was fantastic," head coach Matt Tyler said. "On the other hand, UMKC is a great team. I was happy with our performance even though we didn't get the result we wanted."

With a win on Friday, sophomore Ariel Dechter became the first player in Bradley's women's tennis history to win 20 singles matches in a season. She improved to 20-7 on the season, breaking Teri Chan's previous record of 19

singles victories. Chan won 19 matches for the Braves each season from 2005-2007.

However, one of Dechter's records could fall this season. Freshman Amy Manfredo tied Dechter's 2014 school record for singles wins by a freshman when she notched her 18th win of the season.

"Ariel is off to a great start," Tyler said. "She has 12 matches to go, and I expect her to win a lot of these matches left. Ashley Thai and Alexa Brandt are on pace to break the singles wins record as well. They have all put in the work and are very deserving."

UMKC ended the Braves' small winning streak on Saturday, but the Braves will look to start another this weekend.

Bradley takes on Chicago State today at noon with the match against IPFW on Saturday starting at 1:00 p.m. Both matches will be at the Clubs of River City in Peoria.

Bradley 7, Omaha 0

Singles

1. Brandt (B) def. Lo (O) 7-6, 7-6
2. Dechter (B) def. Baude (O) 6-1, 6-1
3. Manfredo (B) def. Matricardi (O) 6-2, 1-6, 3-0
4. Thai (B) def. Hill (O) 6-1, 6-0
5. Toidze (B) def. Stafford (O) 6-2, 6-2
6. Wojtalik (B) def. Johnson (O) 2-6, 6-4, 10-8

Doubles

1. Lo/Baude (O) def. Brandt/Thai (B) 6-2
2. Dechter/Toidze (B) def. Hill/Matricardi (O) - 6-2
3. Manfredo/Przystawski (B) def. Stafford/Holscher (O) 6-3

UMKC 4, Bradley 3

Singles

1. Brandt (B) def. Stavrianakou (UMKC) 6-2, 4-6, 6-3
2. Dechter (B) def. Schulte (UMKC) 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4)
3. Albert (UMKC) def. Manfredo (BRAD) 6-3, 6-3
4. Kurasbediani (UMKC) def. Thai (BRAD) 5-7, 6-2, 6-4
5. Argenal (UMKC) def. Toidze (BRAD) 7-6, 6-4
6. Przystawski (B) def. Amsallem (UMKC) 6-4, 6-3

Doubles

1. Stavrianakou/Schulte (UMKC) def. Brandt/Thai (BRAD) 6-2
2. Dechter/Toidze (BRAD) def. Amsallem/Allie (UMKC) 6-3
3. Ammar Mouhoub/Albert (UMKC) def. Manfredo/Przystawski (BRAD) 6-1

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Survive and Advance Braves win first MVC Tourney game since 2011

BY GARTH SHANKLIN
Sports Editor

The last time Bradley's men's basketball team won a Missouri Valley Conference tournament game, people believed Tim Tebow would be a legitimate NFL quarterback.

Four years have passed since Bradley's last victory in the Valley tournament in 2011, and all four of those years ended the same way: a loss in the play-in game on Thursday night.

Last night, Bradley snapped that streak by knocking off the Drake Bulldogs 52-50 in overtime.

Tied at 47 with little over a minute remaining, senior forward Auston Barnes hit a three-point shot to give Bradley the lead 50-47. Drake rallied to tie the game at 50 with 16 seconds left, but the Bulldogs fouled junior Tramique Sutherland. Sutherland hit both free-throws to provide the winning margin.

Barnes said head coach Geno Ford told him to be more aggressive, which is why he decided to take the long-distance shot.

"Coach Ford's been preaching to me about being more aggressive and playing with some confidence," Barnes said in a press conference. "I just toed the line, and I was open, so I put it up."

Barnes' 13 points led the team in scoring. He and junior Nate Wells were the only two Braves in double-digits. Wells chipped in 10 points and grabbed six rebounds to go along with four blocked shots, all of which tied his career-high marks in those categories.

The Braves, as a team, were able to hold Drake to a mere 23.1 percent (3-of-13) from behind the three-point line, well below the Bulldogs' season average of 41.3 percent.

"We do a good job mixing it up and keeping our opponents on their toes," Wells said. "I think the main thing that comes out of it

is communication. When we do a good job on the back line, Auston, Josh and I, that allows them to not only get through screens and such but also on the help-side defense."

Bradley ran a multitude of defenses during the game, but by the end of the contest the team reverted back to a simple one: man-to-man.

"To be honest, when we went up there, we showed some diamond and some triangle and some zone," Ford said. "We were just trying to keep them out of rhythm."

For the most part, Bradley's defense did just that. The Bulldogs shot just 37.2 percent as a team, but Jacob Enevold was able to hit five of his eight shots along with a perfect 14-of-14 from the free-throw line to tally 24 points.

"[Enevold] did a great job of getting to the line today," Barnes said. "The man can shoot free throws; the man proved that. He's so big and so good at using his body and getting angles, and it's really hard to guard him in the post. Nate did a great job in the first half."

The Braves move on to face the Northern Iowa Panthers later today. The game is expected to tip off at 6:05 p.m. Ford said the team is not ready to leave St. Louis just yet.

"I gave the guys Sunday and Monday off," Ford said. "Monday night at 10 o'clock, they came in and played pickup. They came in and organized it. I wanted them off their legs, and they wanted to play. They're not ready for it to be over."

Barnes agreed with his coach and noted Bradley's defense will have a challenge on its hands yet again.

"We've got one day to do it," Barnes said. "They're a great team, they've got the conference player of the year and a whole bunch of guys who can shoot. We're just going to come out here and play our hearts out."



photo by Dan Smith

Junior Nate Wells pulls down a rebound with one hand last weekend against Indiana State, a game the Braves lost 60-52. Wells tallied ten points for the Braves against Drake.

Track and field wraps up indoor season at MVC Championships

BY BRANDON WALLACE
Off-staff Reporter

The Bradley track and field teams wrapped up their indoor season last weekend at the Missouri Valley Conference championship in Northern Iowa.

Although the teams finished near the bottom of the field, there are signs of progress. The seventh place finish with 47 points for the women was a school record and the eighth place finish with 24 points for the men was the most amount of points since 1982.

"The way our program is structured, we only participated in five of the 20 events," head coach Willy Wood said. "It makes team goals very challenging. But I'm very pleased with how we competed individually."

Junior Busch twins ran the table in the women's 5,000 meter, finishing first and second. Caitlin Busch

took first at 16:47.40 and Kristin Busch followed her in second at 16:47.97. In the 3,000 meter, Kristin ran a personal-best time of 9:37.62 to grab third place, and Caitlin finished ten seconds later in fourth.

Senior Emily Delvo was another bright spot for the Braves. She placed second in the mile-run with a career-best time of 4:54.74, the fourth-best time in school history. In the 800 meter, an event that Delvo won last year, she took third with a time of 2:11.99. This is Delvo's fifth all-conference honor of her career.

Freshman Michael Ward led the charge for the men's team. Ward came three seconds away from grabbing a championship in his first ever conference championship tournament, but ultimately finished in second at 8:17.66 behind All-American John Mascari from Indiana State.

Ward, along with sophomore

Daniel Gagne, freshman Haran Dunderdale, and junior Thomas Razo, ran in the distance medley as a group that grabbed the top spot with a time of 10:04.09 for Bradley's first ever victory in this event. Sophomore Mike Bianchina finished sixth in the mile at career-best 4:17.16.

"Overall, I thought it was a successful indoor season," Wood said. "We've been creating intensity and they're handling it very well, and as a result I think it's going to propel them to greater heights for the outdoor season."

Bradley's men and women's indoor season begins March 27 and 28 in Nashville, Tennessee.

"We'll give them a few days to take a little break and then we'll start back up and train hard for the next three weeks to prepare for the new season," Wood said.



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Sophomore Caleb Beck finished two seconds shy of a Bradley record in the 5,000 meter event during the Missouri Valley Conference meet.