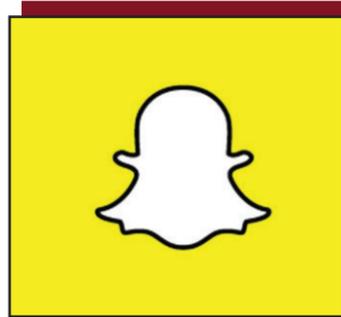




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# SBO elections garner high student involvement

## Plane crash claims two ISU admin lives

BY SAMANTHA PALLINI  
 Editor-in-Chief

Two Illinois State University athletic administrators were among seven men killed in a Tuesday morning plane crash.

Associate Men's Basketball Head Coach Torrey Ward and Athletic Department Deputy Director for External Relations Aaron Leetch were flying back from the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship Game in Indianapolis with some friends.

Authorities said the plane left the Indianapolis International Airport around 11:15 p.m. Monday night, headed to the Central Illinois Regional Airport in Bloomington. According to weather reports, there was heavy fog that night.

Peoria's air traffic control lost contact with the plane around 12:15 a.m. Tuesday, according to the Chicago Tribune, and a search was launched shortly after.

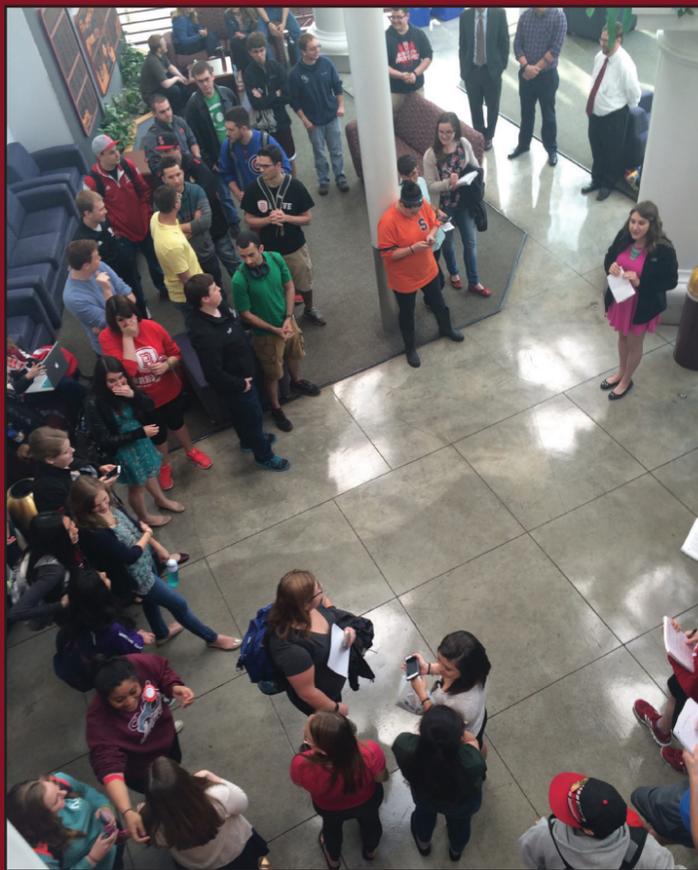
Around 3:15 a.m. Tuesday, the plane wreckage was found less than three miles from the Bloomington airport. There were no survivors.

The ISU community held a memorial service for the seven men on Wednesday evening.

"These guys are just father figures to us," men's basketball senior forward John Jones said to ABC 7 News. "Coach Ward, me and him had a personal relationship not only on the court, but [also] off the court."

The official investigation concerning the crash is approximated to take up to 18 months, according to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). The board's investigator Todd Fox said the investigation will focus on why the aircraft made a turn and missed the approach after it had been cleared for landing.

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Nearly 60 students gathered in the Student Center Atrium Wednesday afternoon to hear the results of the SBO elections.



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**Sarah Handler**  
 President



April 13 & 14

**Run-off Election**  
 Speaker of the Assembly



photo by Kari Allen

**Hunter Vaughn**  
 Secretary of the Finances



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**Allie Hoffman**  
 Secretary of the Assembly

BY TESSA ARMICH  
 Copy Editor

This year's Student Body Officer elections were more involved than last year's elections. Every position had multiple candidates, and the amount of student votes more than doubled last year's amount with a total of 1,393 ballots cast on Monday and Tuesday.

With nearly 30 percent of students voting, only three of the four races provided results at Wednesday's election announcement. Due to no candidates receiving a majority of votes, the position of Speaker of the Assembly will feature a run-off election between Sojourner White and Charles Cohen next week.

Student Body Officer elections feature a simple majority policy,

meaning that a candidate must win at least one more vote than 50 percent of the total ballots cast for that position.

It was also a close race for President of the Student Body, with Sarah Handler receiving 622 of the 1,322 votes, the exact minimum number of votes needed for a candidate to win the presidency.

Handler, a junior industrial engineering major, was elected by the narrow margin of 50.1 percent of the votes running against incumbent candidate Jason Blumenthal.

"In general, I believe I was selected for our platform, and one of our biggest things was diversity and inclusion, so we will absolutely be moving forward with working on those initiatives," Handler said. "It also depends on the results of the run-off election,

but [my running mate] Sojourner and I are so very, very committed to improving the diversity and inclusion on campus."

Handler said she is also looking forward to working with the new administrators and helping make that a smooth transition for students.

"[I feel] grateful of everyone who went out and made their voice heard," she said. "And [I'm] excited for the next year."

Hunter Vaughn won Secretary of the Finances and Allie Hoffman won Secretary of the Assembly.

Vaughn, a senior political science and accounting double major, ran against sophomore Brian Ivancich, winning 67 percent of 1,158 votes. He said he was going to continue working on several budgeting issues within Student

Senate as well as looking into the university financial aid process.

"I felt pretty confident coming in to it; I know I had a lot of support from the greek community," Vaughn said. "Obviously, doing this before has helped. Brian had a fantastic campaign, just the marketing materials he used: the posters and handouts. So, I was a little bit worried, but I've got to give him huge props."

Hoffman, a freshman criminal justice studies major, ran against junior Ashley Borja for Secretary of the Assembly. Hoffman won with 63 percent of 1,186 votes.

Next week's run-off election between Cohen and White will feature voting in the Student Center, via the Brave Life app or online April 13-14.

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## Editorial

### SBO elections: Another 'data breach'?

Student body officer elections brought a refreshing slew of campaigns to the contested races this year, with creativity and student interaction.

From news headline printed bubblegum packs encouraging students to "Burst the Bradley Bubble" to interactive graphics and Facebook pages asking students how candidates can be the "megaphone that gives a voice to [student] concerns," the work candidates put into their campaigns was commendable. And students noticed.

With 1,393 students casting ballots, the number of students showing up to the polls more than doubled from last year's student turnout. This was also apparent at the winner's announcement in Student Center Atrium, as last year's fewer than 10 students grew to nearly six times the size to support their respective candidates.

But, to the student body's dismay, the voting process was flawed, yet again.

On Tuesday, while elections were still open, The Scout was leaked information as early as 5 p.m. regarding the direction in which the voting numbers were trending. One of our sources received voting trend statistics as early as 1 p.m., and by Wednesday morning, we had already spoken with three different sources who had been informed of the same voting trends.

Now, The Scout is only claiming that multiple sources leaked this information directly to our

staff members. We have neither proof nor merit to accuse students of having such information. However, it does beg the question: if we knew who was winning and losing, were we the only ones?

We have confirmed with the voting process officials that not a single vote was tampered with once collected. But what about votes before they were collected? What if a student heard about the way votes were leaning and voted as a result of those trends?

As one of the voting process officials told The Scout, "Unless [the voting process] is controlled by someone that's not a student, you're going to have [the possibility of leaked information] happen. I'm sure of it."

So how are students still allowed to have any access at all to these results? And how do we know the officials that are aiding in this process are also maintaining confidentiality and fostering an environment of discretion?

The fault is on the Student Senate who did not bother to take such a key precaution.

The two Student Senators who had access to these results should not have been put in a situation where they are burdened with the responsibility of running a student voting process, especially not when all four of the current student body officers (their current Student Senate superiors) were running. And especially not when races for President of the Student Body and Speaker of the Assembly were within the most miniscule

percentage of each other.

And although the Student Senate bylaws note that the director of Student Activities "shall officially inform appropriate University officials of election results immediately following the public announcement of the results," we know for a fact that this informing of officials happened nearly eight hours before the official announcement.

Furthermore, Student Senate's Vice President of Student Affairs was given the results two hours prior to the official announcement, upon signing a confidentiality agreement, so that she could "post the results on social media," according to the director of Student Activities. These results, as is evidenced on The Scout's social media, could have been obtained at the event, seeing as the Senate posted all results at the same time if not later than all Scout postings.

Therefore, as the Senate looks forward to next year, we urge the new Cabinet to put a system in place that removes all student access to election results, from the way votes are collected to the time they are announced, and to hold administrators accountable for how information is shared in accordance with the official Student Senate Bylaws.

If we're really going to institute "A Brave Change," we need to see strict adherence to policies and procedures that were written for these very reasons.

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### BRIEF

#### Women's studies teaches wage negotiation

Bradley's Women's Studies Program and the Smith Career Center are partnering to host the "\$tart \$mart Workshop" in the Garrett Cultural Center from 5 to 8 p.m. April 15.

The workshop will teach women about salary negotiation procedures and inform students about the wage gap between males and females in light of Equal Pay Day on April 14.

Statistics show females make 82 percent less money than males in comparable jobs with the same degree and experience, according to the Office of Public Relations.

For more information on this topic, visit [www.dol.gov/equalpay](http://www.dol.gov/equalpay).

## POLICE REPORTS

• Officers were dispatched to the 800 block of Frink Street due to two males fighting at 11:27 p.m. April 4.

When officers arrived, a male non-student was on top of a male student punching his face.

The males said they were arguing over the rules of a drinking game and went outside to fight.

The non-student said he possibly fractured his leg and was transported to OSF. According to officers, there were no obvious injuries from the fight.

The student was transported to BUPD for questioning, but he refused to take a breathalyzer test and was uncooperative.

The student was issued citations for underage possession and consumption of alcohol and for use of a false ID. The student said he would not press charges against the non-student. The non-student was banned from Bradley property.

• An officer was dispatched to a residence located on the 1300 block of Fredonia Avenue about property damage at noon April 3.

A male student said the flagpole located in the front yard of the residence had been damaged between 11:30 p.m. April 2 and 8:15 a.m. April 3.

There are no suspects.

• A male student filed a report at 4:24 p.m. April 7 about a stolen coat.

The student said he hung his coat on a rack when he was at a party at a residence located in the 1300 block of Fredonia Avenue between 10:30 p.m. April 7 and 1 a.m. April 8.

The male's wallet and room key were in the coat. The student later found the wallet with \$7 missing. The coat and room key are still missing.

There are no suspects.

• Officers stopped two males for being loud while walking on the 1600 block of Main Street at 10:11 p.m. April 4.

The two males were identified as non-student juveniles. As the officers were speaking with them, one of the males dropped his jacket on the ground. An officer picked it up and noticed a cigar package, which smelled like cannabis, in a pocket.

The officers discovered two clear bags containing a substance that tested positive for cannabis.

The males were banned from Bradley property.

• An officer responded to a fire alarm in Westlake Hall at 2:44 p.m. April 1.

The building was evacuated. The officer located a burnt bag of popcorn on a second floor table.

The Fire Department allowed re-entry once the alarm was reset.

It is unknown who burned the bag of popcorn.

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## Sorority hosts variety show for sister

BY MARYANNE BARTELLO  
Off-staff Reporter

Six months ago, sophomore advertising major Rebecca Tomsik received news that she had been diagnosed with cancer. When she shared the news with her sorority sisters in Kappa Delta, several of them stepped up to plan "No One Fights Alone."

The event, held Monday night in Markin Performance Court, was a variety show featuring performers from across the campus community.

"This evening affair was to raise money, so it was decided to hold a variety show because Rebecca is a performer, and this is where she shines," senior business management major and event coordinator Holly Alguire said.

Tomsik, also a member of the on-campus dance crew Vitality, said she never expected the diagnosis.

"I was experiencing major leg pain from June, but being a dancer, I thought it was pain from dancing," Tomsik said.

However, blood tests and biopsies led to a diagnosis of 3e Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma, a fast-growing, common type of blood cancer in people over the age of 60. Tomsik said the healing process has been difficult but is near its end.

"I just finished the sixth and final chemotherapy," she said. "When I get home, I have three to four weeks of radiation over the summer."

During the event, Bradley performers such as junior international business major James Ghareeb, Ocean Glass, Orchesis, Vitality



photo by Dan Smith

Sophomore sports communication major Pablo Iglesias played the guitar as one of several acts in a variety show benefiting cancer research.

and the Oceanographers were a part of the show. However, many students said the highlight of the show was a family affair.

"The best was seeing Rebecca and her sister dance together," junior psychology major Jessica Paulish said.

More than 100 people were in attendance, and the event raised just over \$1,500, all of which will be donated to the American Cancer

Society and Lymphoma Research Foundation, according to Alguire.

Tomsik said she, along with her family and her friends, never failed to keep a positive attitude.

"[This experience] has opened my eyes as to what is important," she said. "I value things more and have a positive outlook on life. Positivity gets you through it. Stay positive."

## My battle with cancer



photo provided by Rebecca Tomsik

Sophomore Rebecca Tomsik rings the "Celebration Bell" at Edward Cancer Center in Naperville upon the completion of her final chemotherapy treatment.

BY REBECCA TOMSIK  
Cancer Survivor

On the morning of November 12, 2014, I was in one of my advertising classes when my phone would not stop ringing. My dad kept calling me over and over.

He then texted me saying that the test results of my recent leg biopsy had come back from the hospital, as we had been trying to figure out what was wrong from many doctors since June.

When I came back from class, he had to tell me that I had cancer. It was probably the hardest phone call of his life. No parent should have to tell their child that, especially when they can't hold them in their arms and tell them that it is going to be okay. But he had to.

I was so confused. We thought I had an infection, not a life-threatening disease. We thought that after being to five different doctors over a five-month time period that something so severe would have been detected sooner.

I didn't know what to do at first. I was in shock. I couldn't really cry much, and at that time, I wasn't sure what was in store. I was just afraid of the unknown.

But once I got my head on straight, I knew with every ounce of my being that I was going to be okay. I was not going to let a bunch of cells take over my life. My life's motto before this was to "Be Brave" no matter what life throws at you, and that wasn't about to change, only be amplified.

After getting another open biopsy to confirm my diagnosis, a bone marrow biopsy, a PET scan, surgery to get a port in my chest for chemo and endless blood tests, I was able to begin my treatment process and begin the road to recovery.

I started chemotherapy treatments in December, and I just had my last session of six at the end of March. I will move on to radiation therapy on my tibia as soon as I am home for the summer to help prevent relapse. The type of cancer I was diagnosed with is a type of Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, the most

common type of blood cancer. I had stage 3e Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma, which is an aggressive, fast-growing Lymphoma.

The "e" in 3e stands for extranodal, meaning that the cancer had spread farther than just my lymph nodes. It was in my tibia, lymph nodes behind my knee and the lymph nodes in my pelvis.

This type of lymphoma is not common in people my age. In fact, it usually occurs in people over the age of 60 and only is present in less than two percent of people my age. It also rarely occurs in the bone, much less the tibia, which is why it was so difficult to diagnose me.

The hardest part of having cancer, though, and I feel that other cancer patients would agree, is having to tell the ones you love that you have this disease and seeing them become so upset over it. Cancer, whatever type it may be, is an awful, vicious disease, and when you have cancer, you're not the only one fighting it. Your loved ones are fighting it too.

Though it has not been fun to feel the effects of cancer and its nasty treatments, I have to say that having this disease has really changed me for the better. I have learned, even more so than before, that family is everything, friends will always be by your side, and with strength and positivity, you can get through anything. It made me stop and listen to what was truly important.

What I would say to anyone who is currently fighting, or has a loved one fighting, is that no matter what the prognosis is, positivity is key. The times I was positive after one of my chemo treatments are the times that I felt the best. Whenever I was negative, it got harder.

I feel that if I was not so positive throughout this process, I may not have made it through. Your attitude and strength is everything.

Although cancer is awful, in every way, shape and form, if you are positive, you will soar leaps and bounds past the negativity surrounding you. Be brave, and there is nothing that you cannot conquer.

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# Google Chrome plug-in rates professors

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screenshot captured via Google Chrome

Sophomore Alexander Castor created a free plug-in that links class offerings with professor ratings.

**MARKIST BOOKER**  
Off-staff Reporter

Have no fear. Excessive tabs be gone.

Sophomore computer science major Alexander Castor created "RateMyBradley," a new Google Chrome extension to the professor ranking site RateMyProfessors.com.

RateMyProfessors.com allows students searching for classes to look at and create evaluations of professors in a virtual forum.

However, Castor said RateMyBradley extends the functionality of Google Chrome and Bradley's schedule site.

"I was using RateMyProfessors.com to choose between sections, and at one point realized I had around 15 tabs open and thought there had to be a better way to do this,"

Castor said.

According to Castor, RateMyBradley ratings are the exact ratings from RateMyProfessors.com that Bradley students have submitted. The difference is that RateMyBradley is a new, more efficient method of accessing those RateMyProfessor ratings when viewing Bradley's schedule of classes.

"So the primary difference between using RateMyBradley and just using RateMyProfessors.com is the time RateMyBradley saves you by taking the hassle out of looking up professors on RateMyProfessors.com, especially when comparing two professors teaching the same course," Castor said.

Rather than going through the trouble of navigating RateMyProfessors.com and then searching for Bradley University

and a given professor, users simply click the "Show Rating" button under the professor's name, and those ratings are displayed on a popup on the screen by RateMyBradley, along with the number of ratings and a link to that professor's ratings page on RateMyProfessors.com.

"Hopefully this extension leads to more Bradley students rating their professors on RateMyProfessors.com, as this will only make the extension more accurate and valuable, improving the Bradley scheduling experience by allowing students to make informed course selections," Castor said.

Students can add the extension at [tinyurl.com/ratemybradley](http://tinyurl.com/ratemybradley) or by searching for RateMyBradley in the Google Chrome Web Store.

# New fraternity hosts first charity week

**MICHAEL ECHEVERRI**  
Off-staff Reporter

Bradley's newest fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi, hosted its first philanthropy week to raise funds in support of the Red Cross.

Fraternity members sold doughnuts and coffee outside Bradley Hall on Monday, partnered with the Campustown Subway on Tuesday and hosted the semester's last blood drive on Wednesday. Their week will finish this Saturday with a relay race at the Markin Recreation Center from 6-8 p.m.

"Our motto is 'Better men. Better Lives,' and what that means is that we believe that we can always better ourselves and better our community," Delta Sigma Phi's Philanthropy and Community Service Chair Jeremy Lee said. "It is this belief that fuels philanthropy week and all our other service projects."

As of Wednesday, they have raised \$250 from selling donuts and T-shirts. However, their proceeds from the Subway night have not yet been tallied.

"Our goal is to raise between \$300 and \$500, although no matter what we get, we'll consider it a success because we're so new; we're just trying to get our feet wet," Lee said. "In fact, in addition to raising money, we're also hoping to raise campus awareness for ourselves and show that we can positively affect the community."

Delta Sigma Phi also created a new point system that tracks which sororities and fraternities are participating in the philanthropy week. If a fraternity or sorority

member bought doughnuts on Monday, they'd sign a sheet of paper and earn five points for whatever organization they support.

Different events have varying amounts of points available, and Delta Sigma Phi keeps track of all these points on their Facebook and Twitter pages, ranking the organizations each day. Whoever has the most points at the end of the week wins a trophy and \$100.

"The point system is there to create a friendly competition between the organizations on campus," Lee said. "For example, donating blood would count as 20 points. Participating in events will earn a certain number of points depending on that event."

Delta Sigma Phi was established in the spring 2014 semester, and Lee said that it has been a tricky beginning.

"It's tough, man," Lee said. "We're dealing with a lot of paperwork, a lot of bureaucracy, and issues with low participation and low recruitment. But I'm confident about Delta Sigma Phi's future. I'm confident that all the brothers will step up and that our 365 recruitment policy, which means we recruit all year-long, will help us expand."

Despite the difficulties that come with being a new fraternity on campus, it is not without its benefits.

"I actually joined because of Sigma's newness," senior sociology major Sam Sherwood said. "I saw it as a great opportunity to stand out and decide the direction of the organization. I saw it as a great way to leave an impact and a legacy."

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ISU President Larry Dietz said Ward and Leetch will be missed dearly.

"Words cannot fully express the grief that is felt in the wake of such a tragedy," Dietz said. "We move between shock and profound sadness. At times like these, we may even question our deeply held beliefs and wonder what the future will hold. It is important to remember that we are never alone in our grief."

Bradley University President Joanne Glasser offered condolences to the ISU community in a statement.

"The entire Bradley University [community] sends its heartfelt sympathy and prayers on the loss of the beloved members of the Illinois State community," Glasser said. "The tragedy is incomprehensible and no doubt will leave a void on ISU's campus and community. We send strength and courage as they move forward in the healing process."

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# Campaign tells students to 'make your move'

BY MELODY MERCADO  
Off-staff Reporter

The Wellness Program has launched a social media campaign entitled "Make Your Move Bradley" in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April.

Organizations such as Bradley Help, Empower and Teach (HEAT), Body Project and Student Activities Budget Review Committee have partnered to promote the campaign with posters, events and social media in order to bring awareness and educate students on the topic of sexual assault.

"Unfortunately, sexual assault, sexual violence, harassment and stalking is too common," Interim Director of Wellness Lyndsey Hawkins said. "It's too common in general and especially thinking that this is a college campus where students live every moment of their life. For this to be part of the dialogue that we have is unfortunate, but we need to have the conversation."

Bradley's Panhellenic Council hosted the month's first event, Take Back The Night, April 6 on Olin Quad. Guest speaker Julie Boland of the Center for Prevention of Abuse advocated for women to speak out against sexual violence.

"It is extremely important for college students to be educated

on sexual assault because it is so prominent on campuses with everyone being in such close proximity, along with the common use of alcohol on campus," sophomore nursing major and HEAT member Jenelle Euliano said. "It is also important because the statistics are way too high of men and women getting assaulted. Statistically, walking among a group of your girl friends greater than three people, one or more of you have been assaulted. That is alarming."

On April 6 and 7, members of HEAT asked students how they would end sexual assault on campus by writing their answers on dry erase boards with the hashtag #makeyourmovebradley.

"The response from the students has been pretty shocked and oblivious," Euliano said. "When presenting them with the information and the reason why the event was taking place, they looked puzzled as if they never thought once of this being a problem on our campus. Once the information was given, their responses were more concerned and involved."

HEAT will host the "Can I Give You a Kiss?" event on April 14 and 15, which aims to educate students on the importance of consent with any type of sexual activity.

Shades of Her Story will take place in the Student Center

Ballroom on April 17 and will feature monologues meant to inspire and encourage people who have been victims of sexual assault.

The Marty Theater will show a screening of the documentary "The Hunting Ground" at 6:30 p.m. in Marty Theater, which focuses on the struggles of sexual assault victims on college campuses and exposes the lies and cover-ups of large universities involved with numerous sexual assault cases.

The campaign will conclude on April 23 with a poetry slam and open mic in Lydia's Lounge.

"We would love for the topic to be somewhat related to sexual assault, but really we want people to express themselves in any way," Hawkins said. "This is our big ending event, and there will be tons of free food and hopefully there will be a lot of participation."

If anyone has been a victim of sexual assault or knows of one, there are many resources available on Bradley's campus and in the Peoria community including the Center for Prevention of Abuse's 24-hour hotline and Bradley's Center for Student Support Services. If a student wishes to remain anonymous, Health Services in Markin Recreational Center or the counseling offices in the basement of Markin are always available alternatives.

# Senior featured by graphic design society

BY TORI MOSES  
News Editor

Callie Lack, a senior graphic design major, received recognition as the April member of the month for the American Institute of Graphic Arts in St. Louis at its annual student conference Feb. 21.

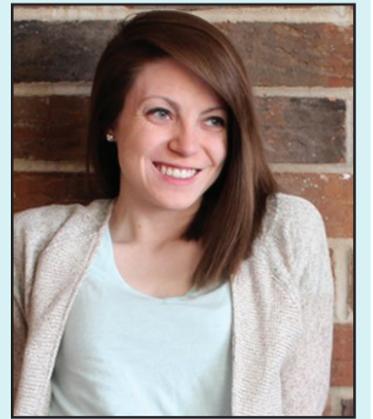
Lack joined the association last year by becoming involved with Bradley's chapter, and she is now the group's co-president. As a native of the city, Lack has also been an active member with AIGA's St. Louis chapter.

"It's an association for anyone who wants to learn more or do more with design," Lack said. "Bradley's chapter involves students, but a lot of professionals are part of the St. Louis chapter, so there's networking involved."

Not only was Lack recognized as member of the month, but she also was one of two recipients of a \$500 design scholarship at the conference.

Lack said she had a feeling she would win the scholarship.

"The main reason I was confident in receiving the scholarship was my essay," Lack said. "I mentioned that I'm really passionate with design and that I'm also interested in social crime



Callie Lack

and how we can help communities."

Lack knew she wanted to be a graphic design major before coming to the Hilltop.

"[Graphic design] started out as a hobby in middle school," Lack said. "I developed the passion throughout high school, and I discovered I could translate it into a career."

After completing her time at Bradley, Lack said she wants to expand her graphic design experience at a big agency before working at a smaller agency.

"I want to end up doing my own thing after getting that experience first," Lack said.

# The Edge to bring talent, show

BY PATRICK AVOGNON  
Off-staff Reporter

The Edge, Bradley University's student-run radio station, will host its first talent competition Saturday on Olin Quad from 6 to 8 p.m.

"This will be my first time debuting any of my music on campus, so I'm super excited about performing," junior history major Ryan Hoskins said.

Hoskins and about 10 other contestants will perform various musical selections for the audience. The array of acts span from original rap selections to acoustic duets.

At the end of the competition, a combination of a panel of judges as well as crowd responses will decide which of the acts will take home \$50 for first place and \$25 for second and third.

Freshman theater major Rebekah Farr will be singing and playing the ukulele for her performance, while Hoskins is one of two rappers performing that evening. In addition to student performances, Bradley faculty members will also treat the audience to some special performances.

"I'm thankful for the opportunity," Farr said. "It should be really fun."

Auditions for the talent com-

petition were held March 31 in Marty Theater, and performers were asked to prepare sets no longer than five minutes for the showcase.

To attract an audience and encourage attendance, The Edge is offering prizes to audience members as well as contestants.

In a short trailer promoting the competition, senior electrical engineering major and station manager for The Edge Ethan Hoerr told viewers that audience members could be picked to receive tickets to Life in Color, a popular electronic dance music festival in Chicago taking place the following weekend.

However, not all of the performers are in it for the prize.

"I'm not really interested in winning," Hoskins said. "I just want people to know what I can do."

Admission is free for students, and The Edge's staff will be on Olin Quad passing out stickers, buttons and other small items. In the event of rain, the show will move to the Garrett Cultural Center.

"All sorts of different genres are being represented, so it'd be a really good opportunity to see what kind of talent is out there that you might not otherwise have heard before," Hoerr said.

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## Senior Column

# From a Brave to a Buckeye



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When I came to Bradley my freshman year, I had no idea what

I was getting into. In high school, I was most actively involved in avoiding slow walkers in hallways crammed with 3,000 students and calculating how many hours of homework I would have a night.

The road to high school graduation felt like a four-year-long marathon I was forced to crawl, but I left knowing I wanted to be an English major—which is really just saying I knew I wanted to be unemployed but (hopefully) happy. After the sweltering Activities Fair and the first week of classes, I knew that Bradley was something more.

To say that Bradley changed my life would be an understatement. As an English major, I originally wanted to work in publishing

because (why else) I was a book nerd. After reading some of my writing, my professor placed me into his intermediate creative writing class. Now, instead of serving coffee to editors at Penguin, I'll be working toward a Master of Fine Arts in poetry in hopes of becoming a professor as demanding and inspiring as the ones I've had here.

Bradley has also given me an excuse to get involved outside of dodging potential human collisions. Here, all of my interests have a home: I became a dancing, writing, photographer! More impressively, the clubs I joined (Orchosis, Broadside and The Scout) were not simply leadership opportunities and résumé builders. The

friends I've made have been some of the most supportive and passionate (even liking and awarding me in spite of my absence) and have become the backbone of my time at Bradley.

To thank everyone who has made this experience worthwhile and meaningful would probably result in a misty-eyed, 3-minute-too-long, Oscar-like acceptance speech. To thank The Scout, though, for their confidence in hiring a mousy freshman and keeping her around, is not only necessary, but welcome.

To all who have made this marathon fly by with a new personal record, thank you.

## Senior Column

# Remembering college (sort of)



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I'd like to preface this by saying I am not the best writer in the world by any means, but I'll do my best. If it gets boring and you stop reading, I won't be offended because I don't know how far I'd make it through this either. This is a short summary of my story here at Bradley— or at least some of it. My freshman year was three concussions (I think) and many beers

ago, which may make it difficult for me to recall everything.

I would best describe my time on the Hilltop as an adventure, and those who know me well would probably agree with that statement. From the classroom to the ice rink, every day was something to look forward to. I've had my fair share of challenges, and hopefully they've prepared me for the real world. Time will tell, but I feel the future is bright. Civil engineering was a great challenge, and I know that I chose the right career path for me.

Club hockey took up a great portion of my time here. Being able to continue playing competitively for another four years was a great experience, and I wouldn't have given it up for anything. From being on the ice with my teammates to playing in front of my family and best friends, senior night was something I won't forget. The people who came out to support the team made home games enjoyable, and it's definitely something I'll miss.

Photography has also been a

long time passion of mine, and being able to continue that at The Scout has been a joy. The Scout has been a pleasure to work for, and I truly wish I would have started working here from the beginning.

I've come to realize that while it's great to enjoy the things you do, what ultimately makes everything worth it is the people you surround yourself with. With that, I want to take the time to thank some of the people who have made my time here memorable.

To my professors, thank you for all of your guidance and helping me graduate with decent grades. I'm not totally sure if I'm graduating in four years because of your generosity in grading or you just wanting to get rid of me. Regardless, you were all very kind, and for that, I am both grateful and lucky.

To my acquaintances, thank you for acknowledging me around campus. Hopefully by now, at least some of you have realized my actual name isn't

Stan, although I'll probably continue to respond to it for quite some time.

To my hockey teammates, past and present, thank you for tolerating my unique personality and being my friends or at least doing a good job of pretending. It was an honor to play beside all of you for four years, and I wouldn't have wanted it to be with any other group of guys. The hockey world is a small one, and I'm sure at some point our paths will cross again.

To my roommates and close friends, thank you for putting up with me on a daily basis. I wouldn't have been able to do it, so I'm not sure how you guys have been able to.

To my family, thank you for allowing me to pursue a dream here; it wouldn't have been possible without everything you've done for me.

And finally, thank you to The Scout staff for being a second family to me. In a short time, you guys have made me wish I didn't have to leave.

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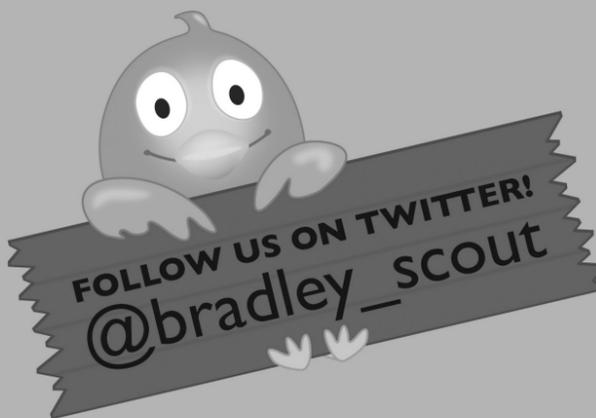
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# “RELIGIOUS FREEDOM” ACT: SHIELD OR SWORD? LISA STEMMONS



America is known as the land of the free, but as with all things in life, it comes with some loopholes. With “The Crossroads of America” as their slogan, Indiana has, frankly, always been a forgettable state. However, they have now put themselves on the map for all the wrong reasons.

Arkansas and Indiana each passed a bill in March to supplement the 1993 Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA). The recent controversy, however, stems from the question of whether the new bill’s purpose is to protect religious freedom or serves as an opportunity to discriminate.

The act was originally intended to protect Native Americans who were failing drug tests after using peyote, a drug used for their sacred, ceremonial purposes. However, the act led to bills, which allowed corporations to discriminate based on their own religious beliefs and reasons. How ironic.

Democrats have, mostly, spoken out about how they believe businesses and individuals are only justifying their discriminatory actions as religious freedom; whereas Republicans have been more in support of exercising religious freedom, be it a business or an individual.

“There has been a lot of misunderstanding about this bill,” Indiana Governor Mike Pence said March 26. “This bill is not about discrimination, and if I thought it legalized discrimination in any way, I would’ve vetoed it.”

The public didn’t buy it, as their responses were predominately negative. Boycotts on Indiana began immediately after the bill was signed, moving businesses and individuals across America to cut ties with the state.

Due to the immense uproar, Governor Pence modified the law, ultimately undermining it, on April 2. He said he still strongly believes that the criticism was due to a “perception problem,” but with the state’s economy and reputation at risk, measures had to be taken to stop the boycotts.

The amendment he signed included anti-discrimination safeguards. The revisions included the nullifying of the clause that would allow businesses to refuse services to people based on religious belief, but it did not add specific protection for the LGBT community.

The backlash is more significant toward Indiana due in part to Governor Pence’s nonchalant

attitude toward the issue. However, many citizens are unaware of Arkansas’s nearly identical policies and even more are completely oblivious to the other 21 states that have some degree of religious freedom laws. Maybe it’s ignorance, or maybe they are just uneducated on the extent and history of the issue.

The question America is now facing is whether or not it is possible to formulate a religious freedom law that satisfies all sides and is able to help rather than hinder both sets of individuals: the people with strong religious backgrounds as well as the discriminated against minorities.

Several prominent, iconic figures have voiced their opinions on the debacle, and all of them felt very strongly about the issue. Chief Executive of Apple Tim Cook wrote an opinion column in the Washington Post expressing the dangers of the new law.

“This isn’t a political issue,” Cook said. “It isn’t a religious issue. This is about how we treat each other as human beings. Opposing discrimination takes courage. With the lives and dignity of so many people at stake, it’s time for all of us to be courageous.”

Criticism toward Senator Tom Cotton was spurred because of previous statements made implying that the critics of Indiana’s actions should be thankful that the state doesn’t execute gays.

“I think it’s important we have a sense of perspective,” Cotton said. “In Iran, they hang you for the crime of being gay.”

Miley Cyrus was slightly less professional with her means of emphasizing her apparent distaste and took to Twitter to encourage her fans to harass Cotton.

“Let’s stir some sh\*t up! Senator Cotton (202) 224-2353!!!! Happy Hippies call & express why freedom is important to us & our country!” Cyrus tweeted.

Although unconventional, Cyrus’s efforts were successful in getting young people involved. The same can be said about Rihanna, who took time at her concert in Indiana to discuss the matter before beginning her hit song “Live Your Life”.

“Who’s feeling these new bullsh\*t laws that they’re trying to pass over here?” she said. “I said, ‘F\*ck that sh\*t!’ I wanna hear you say, ‘F\*ck that sh\*t!’”

Perhaps one of the most surprising outspoken personalities was Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger. He said he was furious and concerned for the future of the Republican Party’s next generation of voters. He said he believes that the party should focus on ideas and solutions to real problems.

It seems that the original bill was purposefully phrased to stir up inequality, yet politicians tried to minimize concern by claiming that nothing new has been implemented.

The distress experienced by those being refused service is far worse and mentally debilitating than any slight discomfort felt by the religious person who is obligated to open their business to all. We are called the melting pot for a reason, people.

If anything positive can be taken away from the series of events, it is the impact of the media and how every small voice in America can easily become a large shout in uniting and fighting an unfair issue.

It was clear where the majority of vocal social media users stood on the issue when #BoycottIndiana far surpassed #StandWithIndiana in trending on Twitter.

## TIDAL MAKES WAVES IN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY JAYLYN COOK

Aside from being a “business, man,” Jay Z has once again made it known that he’s still a prominent businessman with his latest endeavor, a “high fidelity” music streaming service called Tidal.

Jay Z and his squad of famous friends that support the service, including Madonna, Rihanna and Chris Martin, hope that it will serve as a major rival to Spotify, the unprecedented leader in music streaming. However, unlike Spotify, Tidal comes with a price.

Monthly subscriptions for Tidal currently ring in at \$19.99, which is \$10 more than the cost of a Spotify Premium subscription. Now, I don’t know about you, but to me that sounds like a rather steep fee for a streaming platform. Jay Z, on the other hand, doesn’t seem to have a problem with that and is certain that there’s a good reason behind the cost.

“People are not respecting the music, and [are] devaluing it and devaluing what it really means,” he said during an interview with Billboard. “People really feel like music is free but will pay \$6 for water.”

He’s not wrong; some listeners do feel as if they’re entitled to free music, even with the large sums of money it takes to produce a majority of the tracks that artists release. Despite that, is the “value” of music really the fuel behind Tidal’s fire, or is this simply an issue concerning money?

According to a Business Insider article released shortly after Taylor Swift, a fellow Tidal supporter, removed all of her music from Spotify, the streaming service reported that 70 percent of

its revenue goes to record labels, after which, the artists are paid a certain amount in royalties depending on what label they’re under contract with.

If Spotify regularly pays artists for their catalogues, in what way is their music being devalued? If anything, the recording industry should be thanking Spotify for providing listeners with a free, legal alternative to piracy, which still remains the biggest threat to art as a whole.

To me, Tidal just seems like another way for millionaires like Jay Z and T-Swift to generate more revenue off of their listeners. A true artist knows that money, while important, isn’t what really defines how much others value their work. The fact that they even have an audience in the first place is what should determine how much their music is worth to the public, not a price tag.

Maybe Jay Z will realize that once again in the future, but at this point, it’s highly unlikely. After all, he is a business, man.

# THE END IS NEAR FOR MAD MEN

## JAYLYN COOK

As the final season of "Mad Men" resumed April 4, the staff of Sterling Cooper & Partners said goodbye to the turbulent '60s and were introduced to the new challenges that the '70s will soon hold for them. AMC advertised the remaining episodes of the series as "The End of an Era," which perfectly describes the impending finale in more ways than one.

When the series debuted in 2007, it brought an enormous amount of success to a cable network that was mainly known for showing classic movies and The Three Stooges around the clock. Audiences immediately fell in love with (or at least were entertained by) the show's portrayal of the inner workings of an advertising agency in New York.

However, if we're going to be completely honest, the show was never really about advertising; it just happened to be the profession of the main characters. The true focus of "Mad Men" revolves around what a terrible person Don Draper (Jon Hamm) is and how his past actions are eventually going to come back and bite him on his well-toned butt.

I'll spare you the sordid details in case you're in the process of binge-watching the show on Netflix, but let's just say Don's personal life involved an egregious amount of sex, alcohol, lying, cheating, manipulating and more sex. Yet, despite his philandering and borderline alcoholism, he always managed to be one of the best at his job and a loving father at home.

The thing is, Don's the kind of guy that we shouldn't root for or want to succeed in any way, shape or form, but we still found ourselves cheering whenever he won over the big client with his pitch or had a nice heart-to-heart moment with his kids or even when he successfully slept with another woman without his wife's knowledge. It's all so wrong, but it just feels so right.

Maybe that's the appeal of "Mad Men": watching someone who has everything he could ever want in life struggle with the fact that he really has nothing at all, or at least nothing of true worth. It's sad to think of, but it's also a realization that many others make about themselves in our society, and that realism is what draws viewers in week after week.

Don knows that he can't continue down the path he's on, as it has cost him a lot up to this point. The question is, will he be willing to change his ways and start fresh? And if he is willing to change, can he truly go through with it? Nobody really knows at this point, but with the end in sight, the answer will reveal itself in due time.

## Snapchat gets Emoji-onal *Kristin DiMaggio*

Earlier this week, Snapchat unveiled its latest update that (somewhat) brought back a few features the previous update removed. Although this update is shiny and new, it begs the question that every social media update brings about: do we need it?

When Snapchat got rid of its original best friends rankings, people took notice. Plenty of memes circulated the web about not knowing who your man/woman's side lover was anymore, but the world seemed to be at rest. So why all of the sudden is the app bringing it back in another form?

Perhaps it's because as a culture, we're pretty nosy—that's part of the point of social media. Sure, we can stay connected to our friends and family, but there's something about being able to know at all times what a person is up to that brings us joy. It's also why we feel the need to block that ex, so that we don't end up wrecking ourselves when we go looking for that information.

There's nothing wrong with a little bit of nosiness, but save that for Facebook and Twitter. The new update is definitely interesting to take note of, but it brings back that sort of competitive feeling that being a person's top friend on MySpace brought, which completely defeats the point of the app.

As avid users of social media, we are all too familiar with random updates and changes to design; it's amazing that we're able to catch on so quickly to these changes. However easy it is to navigate new changes, it is still incredibly tiresome to be graced with new additions whose purposes are completely ambiguous.

Usually, the folks at Snapchat HQ send out some sort of incredibly long promo about the app's newest addition (remember the SnapCash video?), but this time, no such snap came. For you folks who didn't bother to do a quick Google search, here's what you missed.

The Snapchat update 2K15 may seem a little ridiculous, but hey, as long as you and your bff have a heart next to both of your names, that's all that matters, right?

💖 - you're each others #1 BF

😏 - your #1 BF is their #1 BF

😊 - another BF of yours

😎 - one of your BF's is one of their BF's

😬 - you're their BF... but they're not yours

🔥 - you're on a snap streak (you've snapped back & forth for consecutive days)

# WHAT TINA CAN TEACH US

## KRISTIN DIMAGGIO



As of late, it seems that television characters, who by classical definition have been designated as nerdy or overall “less than the ideal person,” have embodied a new self-love mentality that would never have been a thought a decade ago—and audiences love them. The first example that comes to mind is Tina Belcher from “Bob’s Burgers.”

Tina is by no means the most popular girl in school and isn’t by society’s standards (even though she’s a cartoon) the most attractive. She’s an

awkward teenager who hasn’t yet “blossomed” and probably never will. Regardless, Tina owns who she is and defines herself as a “smart, strong, sensual woman.” That kind of confidence carries over to the viewers and, in turn, makes us love this character.

On the whole, we have entered a golden era for self-image. We’ve become more outwardly critical of television shows, movies and songs that build up the unrealistic ideal for both men and women, more than our parents’ generation ever seemed to.

While this new mindfulness is becoming easier to find, our

individual self-esteem may not be following suit as quickly, and understandably so. It’s easier to vocalize another person’s inner and outer awesomeness than it is to vocalize our own.

There is a secret to finding and really believing that you are truly and utterly amazing, and it’s a lot easier than you think: fake it ‘til you make it.

Now, that sounds kind of vague and somewhat silly, but it’s a self-talk technique that can actually help improve your view of yourself and, even more so, improve your views of others.

Telling yourself everyday that you basically are the most incredible person on the planet and that others are privileged to even know you may be hard to say seriously. However, over time, this kind of thinking (so long as it doesn’t turn into outward arrogance) can become a reality rather than just a silly mantra you say to yourself.

After you read this, give yourself a pat on the back and a “yas queen” (males included), because you really are a gem and a half, and you need to believe it.

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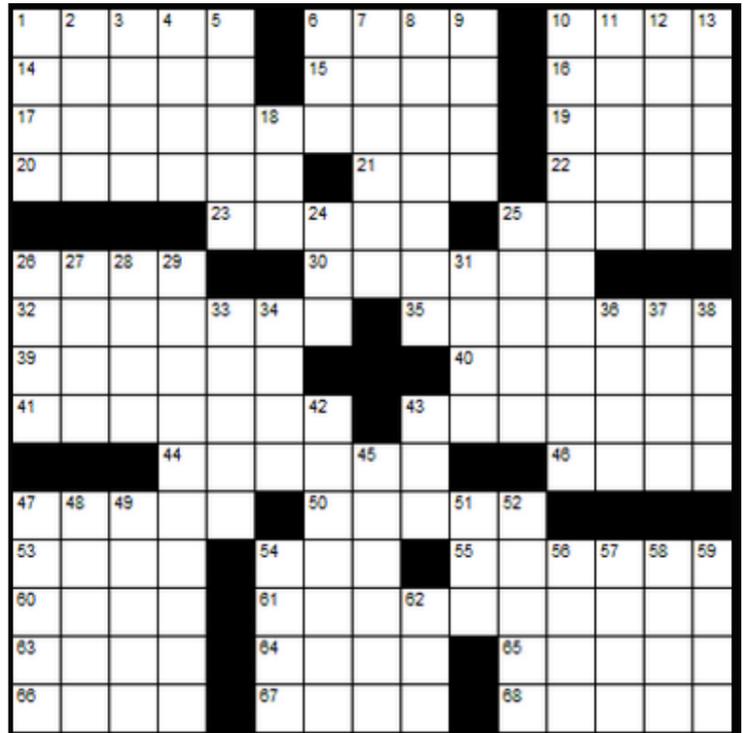
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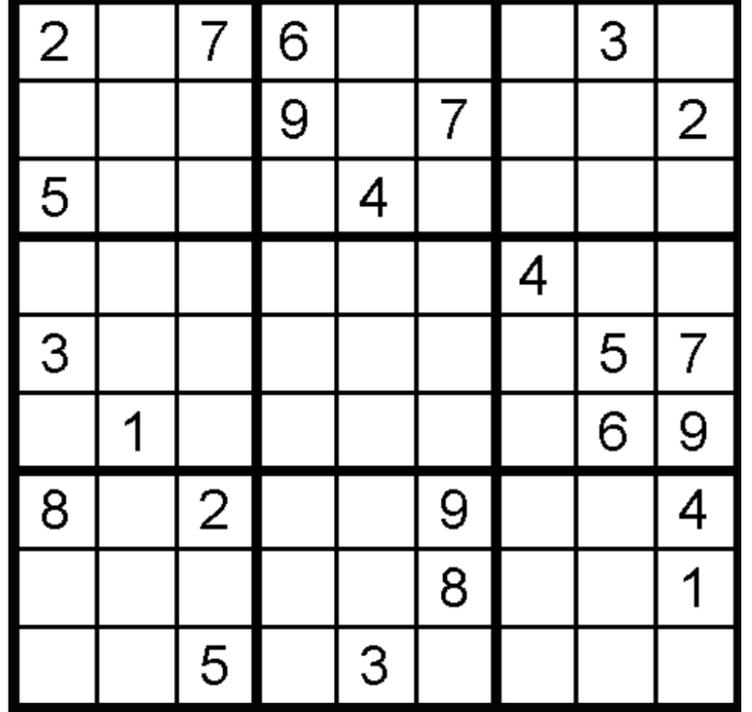
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## Students ready to roll with NPHC

BY TORI MOSES AND  
ALLISON APPELBAUM  
News Editor, Off-staff Reporter

National Panhellenic Council is inviting students to its first "Rolling with NPHC" at the Peoria Palace Skating Rink at 9:30 p.m. April 10.

NPHC is comprised of five historically African-American greek chapters, and its president Bonnie Conner said she hopes the event will provide a way for students to get to know the group's members.

"[We want] students of Bradley University to engage with and enjoy the company of each other, but also to interact and have fun with the members of NPHC," the senior criminal justice studies major said.

Conner said over 60 students signed up in the first hour and a half of their advertising of the

event in the Michel Student Center.

"Many people that we have spoken to stated that they have not been skating in a long time, so we are expecting people to experience a night of fun and music with their friends and the members of NPHC," Conner said.

The event is free, and transportation is provided to the first 100 students. However, 110 students have already signed up.

Students may still sign up, but there will be a \$5 entrance fee, and they need to find their own transportation.

According to Conner, NPHC hopes to keep the ball, or skates, rolling for years to come.

"The goal is definitely for this event to become an annual event," Conner said.

Students should contact Conner at blconner@mail.bradley.edu to sign up.

## Comedian talks depression

BY LISA STEMMONS  
Staff Reporter

Mental health awareness and comedy are two things that you wouldn't think to pair together, but 21-year-old stand-up comedian Kevin Brel makes it work.

On Wednesday, nearly 80 students gathered in Marty Theater to listen to Brel talk about his struggles with depression with a quirky, comedic twist.

Brel said his story began in an unstable home environment with an alcoholic father. He said he felt that the enormity of his pain and suffering officially began the summer before high school when his best friend died in a car accident.

"The paradoxical thing is that I was doing more acting in real life than on stage with my improv and theater groups in high school," Brel said. "I tried to run away from pain and leave it in the past, but it caught up to me. I couldn't wrestle with the lies anymore."

On Feb. 26, 2011, Brel said he reached a sense of hopelessness that resulted in him writing a suicide note. He said he knew he had two options: to end his life or begin a new one where he was honest with himself and the people around him.

Brel said he chose the latter and began seeing a therapist on a weekly basis. However, his world was rocked again when a local high school senior took her life. He said it opened his eyes to the stigma associated with mental health and how it is a topic that is widely documented but often ignored in daily conversation.

At 19, Brel started sharing his story and was overwhelmed with the number of responses and messages he received with people expressing experiences similar to his. He partnered with To Write Love On Her Arms, a non-profit based in Melbourne, Florida, in order to have assistance in responding to those seeking help.

To Write Love On Her Arms aims to help people struggling with depression, addiction, self-injury and thoughts of suicide by investing in treatment and recovery.

Bradley's To Write Love On Her Arms chapter was established in 2010, and current president Alex Giordano got involved his freshman year.

"I was familiar with the organization from high school and what it did, and that was an organization that meant a lot to me," the senior health science major said. "[Brel] did a great blend of mixing humor with the message we were trying to promote."

According to Brel, the misconception with mental health is that someone struggling internally believes that reaching out for help signifies weakness, whereas if someone physically broke their arm, they wouldn't be afraid to go to a doctor.

"I thought the presentation was really eye opening because he talked about something I never really ever thought about before," sophomore electrical engineering major Brian Roskuszka said. "So many people actually struggle with depression, and all they really need to know is that they're not alone."

Brel lives in Canada and has made quite a name for himself there. His TED talk "Confessions of a Depressed Comic" went viral and now stands as one of the most watched TED talks ever. Additionally, he's a national spokesperson for the Bell Let's Talk Campaign, which has raised over \$70 million for mental health services.

Brel's influence does not stop there. He has been featured on NBC, MTV, CBC, CBS, The Wall Street Journal, Mashable and The Huffington Post.

Brel's debut book with Random House will be in stores this September.

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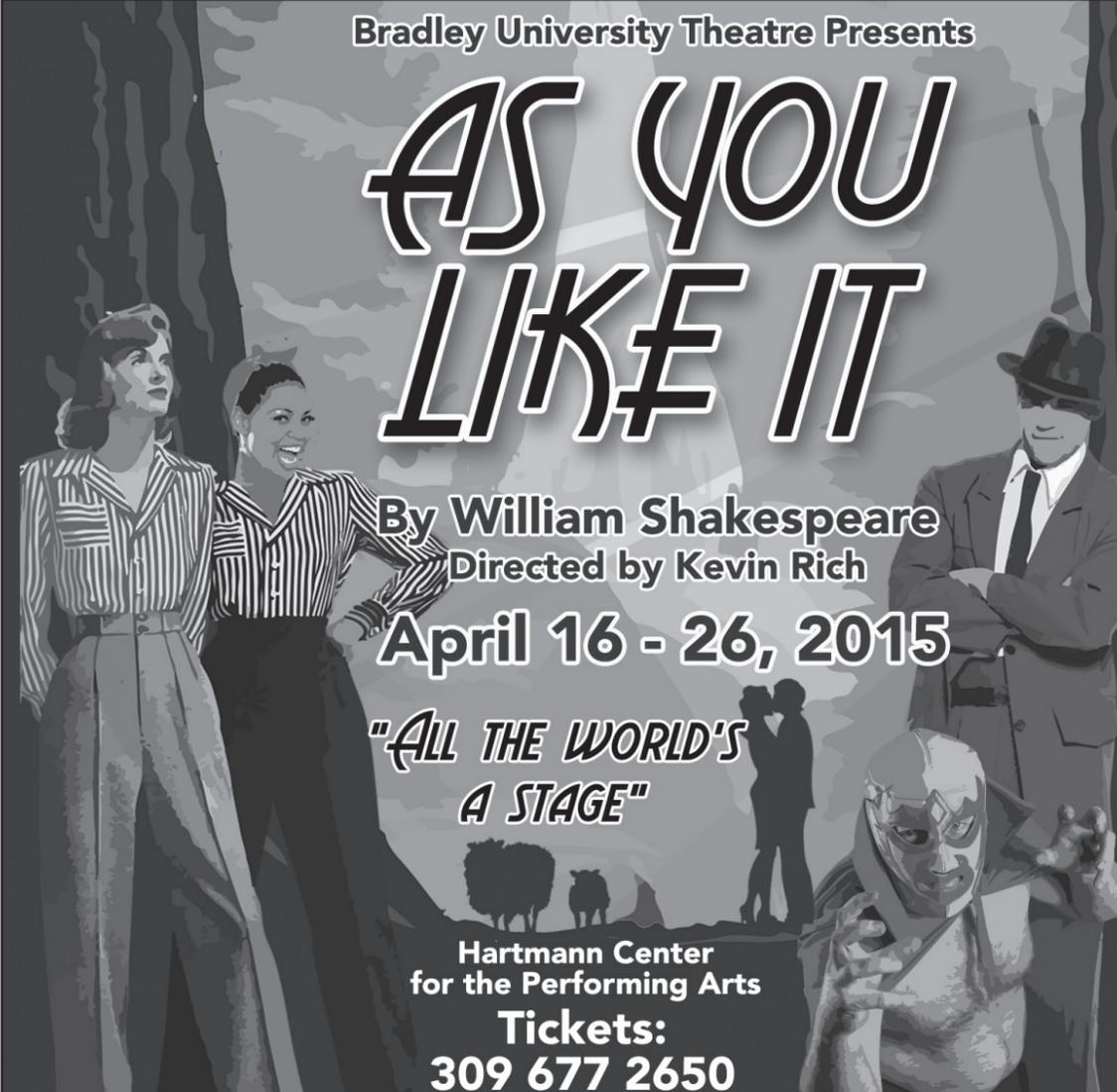
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## Online Courses for May Interims and Summer Sessions 2015\*

### May Interim I

Course . . . .	Course Name	Gen Ed
CHM 112 . . . . .	Engineering Chemistry	✓
CIS 300 . . . . .	Computers & Society	✓
CIS 698 . . . . .	Directed Ind Studies in CIS	
CJS 110 . . . . .	Intro to the Criminal Justice System	
COM 399 . . . . .	Comm in Computer-Mediated Env't	
CS 593 . . . . .	Web & Mobile Software Systems	
CS 697 . . . . .	Adv Topics in CS	
CS 698 . . . . .	Directed Ind Studies in CS	
ENG 115 . . . . .	Intro to Literature	✓
ENG 130 . . . . .	Intro to Native American Literature	✓
ENG 301 . . . . .	Adv Writing - Argumentative Writing	✓
ENG 306 . . . . .	Adv Writing - Business Communication	✓
ENG 570 . . . . .	Contemporary Literary Criticism	
ENT 280 . . . . .	Entrepreneurial Creativity	
ETE 116 . . . . .	Field Experience - Schools & Schooling in America	
ETE 234 . . . . .	Language Development	
ETE 395 . . . . .	Secondary Special Education	
ETE 632 . . . . .	Reading in the Content Area	
FCS 300 . . . . .	Consumer Issues in America	✓
FCS 301 . . . . .	Nutrition Today	✓
FCS 303 . . . . .	Nutrition	
HIS 201 . . . . .	Violence, Crime, & Punishment in US History	
HIS 309 . . . . .	History of US Law Enforcement	
HIS 336 . . . . .	Early Non-Western History & Geography	✓
ML 350 . . . . .	Managing for Results in Organizations	
MTG 315 . . . . .	Principles of Marketing	
NUR 221 . . . . .	Substance Abuse	
PSY 321 . . . . .	Industrial & Organizational Psychology	
RLS 332 . . . . .	Religions of the World II	✓
SW 260 . . . . .	Research Methods	
SOC 100 . . . . .	Sociological Perspective	✓

### Summer Session I - continued

Course . . . .	Course Name	Gen Ed
ENG 130 . . . . .	Intro to Native American Literature	✓
ENG 306 . . . . .	Adv Writing - Business Communication	✓
ETE 100 . . . . .	Technology Applications	
ETE 230 . . . . .	Adapting Curriculum to Support Inclusive Environments	
ETE 291 . . . . .	Assistive Technology for Individuals with Special Needs	
ETE 425 . . . . .	Life Planning for Learners with Exceptionalities	
ETE 630 . . . . .	Critical Foundations of Literacy Instruction	
ETE 663 . . . . .	Schooling in a Diverse World	
FCS 220 . . . . .	Consumer Issues in Health Care	
FCS 375 . . . . .	Hospitality Practicum I	
FCS 475 . . . . .	Hospitality Practicum II	
HIS 337 . . . . .	Modern Non-Western History & Geography	✓
IM 250 . . . . .	Intro to New Media Theory	
IME 302 . . . . .	Intro to Quality Engineering	
ML 353 . . . . .	Operations Management in Organizations	
ML 356 . . . . .	Human Capital in Organizations	
ML 357 . . . . .	Leading Organizations	
ML 498 . . . . .	Independent Studies	
ML 602 . . . . .	Organizational Behavior	
ML 608 . . . . .	Open Book Management	
MIS 613 . . . . .	Advanced Algorithms for Business	
MTG 346 . . . . .	International Marketing	
PSY 299 . . . . .	Special Topics - Forensic Psychology	
PSY 309 . . . . .	Human Sexuality	
PSY 420 . . . . .	Psychology of Addiction	
QM 262 . . . . .	Quantitative Analysis I	
RLS 332 . . . . .	Religions of the World II	✓
SW 356 . . . . .	Topics in SW	
SOC 100 . . . . .	Sociological Perspective	✓
SOC 333 . . . . .	Sociology of Violence	

### May Interim II

Course . . . .	Course Name	Gen Ed
BIO 420 . . . . .	Ecosystem Ecology	
CIS 573 . . . . .	Quality Management in Computing	
CS 531 . . . . .	Web Development Technologies	
CS 690 . . . . .	Advanced Topics in Software Engineering	
ETE 210 . . . . .	Human Dev - Birth to Young Adulthood	
ETE 211 . . . . .	Human Dev - Birth to Young Adult & Effective Teaching Field Exp	
ETE 228 . . . . .	Strategies for Middle School	
ETE 270 . . . . .	Physical Development & Health	
ETE 335 . . . . .	Methods of Teaching Social Studies K-8	
ETE 402 . . . . .	Educational Methods, Strategies, & Evaluation Techniques	

### Summer Session II

Course . . . .	Course Name	Gen Ed
ART 131 . . . . .	Art Appreciation	✓
BIO 300 . . . . .	Population, Resources, & Environment	✓
CHM 250 . . . . .	Concepts in Organic Chemistry	
CHM 300 . . . . .	Chemistry & Civilization	✓
CIS 573 . . . . .	Quality Management in Computing	
CIS 697 . . . . .	Adv Topics in CIS - Agile Methods Comp Mgt	
CJS 360 . . . . .	Drugs & Crime	
COM 491 . . . . .	Topics in Communication - Ldrshp in Popular Film	
ECO 222 . . . . .	Principles in Macroeconomics	✓
EHC 604 . . . . .	Research Methodology & Applications	
ENG 301 . . . . .	Advanced Writing - Argumentative Writing	✓
ENG 305 . . . . .	Advanced Writing - Technical Writing	✓
ENG 306 . . . . .	Adv Writing - Business Communication	✓
ETE 100 . . . . .	Technology Applications	
ETE 215 . . . . .	Strategies for Effective Teaching	
ETE 515 . . . . .	Mathematics Methods for the Middle School	
ETE 653 . . . . .	Instructional Strategies & Designs (Hybrid)	
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HIS 336 . . . . .	Early Non-Western History & Geography	✓
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SW 310 . . . . .	Child Welfare I	
THE 131 . . . . .	Introduction to Theatre	✓

### Summer Session I

Course . . . .	Course Name	Gen Ed
ART 228 . . . . .	Basic Digital Photographic Imaging	
BIO 101 . . . . .	Life Sciences I	✓
CIS 300 . . . . .	Computers & Society	✓
CIS 697 . . . . .	Adv Topics in CIS - Six Sigma Comp & Mgt	
CIV 100 . . . . .	Western Civilization	✓
CJS 225 . . . . .	Criminal Law	
CJS 380 . . . . .	Topics in Crime, Law, & Justice - Criminal Profiling	
COM 491 . . . . .	Topics in Communication - Strategic Comm	
CS 532 . . . . .	Advanced Java Computing	
CS 593 . . . . .	Web & Mobile Software Systems	
CS 698 . . . . .	Directed Ind Studies in CS	
ECO 221 . . . . .	Principles of Microeconomics	✓
EHC 540 . . . . .	Human Growth & Development	

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# Track records fall at Stanford Invitational

BY NATHALY TRUJILLO  
Off-Staff Reporter

At the sound of the starter pistol, the Bradley University track and field team was off to break personal and university records at Stanford University. It was a successful day out for both the men and women's track and field team.

For the men, sophomore Daniel Gagne started off the domino effect by breaking the men's 5,000 meters school record from 1986 by Mark Oberle by eight seconds for a time of 14:30.48.

Fellow sophomores, Caleb Beck and Mike Bianchina ran alongside Gagne in the men's 5,000 meters. Beck broke his personal record by making a career-best time of 14:33.00, landing him 16th place.

Shortly following the previous record-breaking events from that day, freshman Michael Ward matched up to his fellow teammates.

Ward was able to beat Gagne's 5,000-meter record after his first attempt of running it in his college career later that day. He beat Gagne's previously set record by 30 seconds, placing him in 13th with a time of 13:58.21.

"[I ran a] 13:58.21 [which] was a 38 second PR (personal record) for me. It will likely be good enough to qualify for regionals, and it was

the qualification standard for the U23 European Championships for British Athletic," Ward said.

Head coach, Willie Wood was pleased with the men's performances.

"I was not surprised by our performances in the men's 5,000 meters. These guys are training at a very high level and will continue to improve," Wood said.

Not only was the men's team able to break records, but so did the women's team.

Junior Emily Delvo recorded the second fastest time in the women's 5,000 meters, joining Mary Ellen Hill in Bradley's Hall of Fame. She took 13th place and placed a top time this season in the Missouri Valley Conference.

In the program's history, Junior Kristen Busch placed in the top 10,000-meter four times after having her third best career performance with a time of 34:17.83.

Busch's twin, Caitlin Busch first time competing in the 10,000 meters led to her clocking in a 34:30.78, which is the second fastest time in the program's history behind her sister's school record set the previous year.

Overall, Friday night was full of turning heads and jaws dropping as both the men and women's track and field team broke multiple personal and school records.



photo by Garth Shanklin

Caleb Beck runs his heat during the NCAA Regional meet last semester. Beck broke a personal record in California last week.

"I was very pleased with our performances at Stanford. Each runner we took either qualified to the NCAA National Championships or established a new personal best time," Wood said.

The season has a lot of potential still left for the men and women's team.

"Higher-level performance is a process and cannot be rushed. If

they continue to work hard and dedicate themselves to the task at hand, we will be very, very good," Wood said.

Both the men's and women's track teams head to Macomb, Illinois to participate in the Lee Calhoun Memorial race tomorrow. The meet kicks off at 11:30 a.m. for both squads.

# Lemek, Burns win individual titles at WeaverRidge

BY MATT CRUSEN  
Off-Staff Reporter

A busy weekend at WeaverRidge found both Bradley golf teams in action while they hosted the Bradley Invitational. Both the men's and women's golf teams fared well at their home event, with juniors Danielle Lemek and Lyle Burns winning individual titles.

Burns broke the school record for the lowest 54-hole score in program history to win the individual medalist honors, while the men's team tied for second in the team standings.

"Usually going into the spring you're trying to play your way into good form since it's tough to get outdoors," men's golf coach Jeff Roche said. "We didn't play too well in Phoenix but we played much better at Pinehurst and are starting to get into the form we want to be in."

Senior Seth Troia tied for seventh at 222 to turn in his team-best fourth top-10 finish of the year. Troia's final round 76 pushed his career total for sub-80 rounds to 97 as he gets closer and closer to the school record of 100.

The South Dakota pair of Samuel Matthew and Cody Seal combined to finish second and third individually, leading the Coyotes to a team title by 12 shots.

"Lyle [was] phenomenal, which was a huge bright spot, and Seth's top-10 finished was big as well," Roche said. "We have some good opportunities ahead of us this weekend at Indiana that we will look to build on."

Junior Danielle Lemek claimed her third individual title of the 2014-2015 season and earned her school record ninth career medalist honor, and the women's team finished third in the overall standings.

"The conditions were very challenging this weekend, especially compared to Arizona and Florida, which is where we had been recently," women's golf coach Mary Swanson said. "But that isn't something you can prepare for and I was happy with how the team responded."

Bradley was four shots better in Saturday's final round at 318 that Friday's second round of 322 but slipped to third in the final team standings. Indiana State claimed the team title with a three-round total of 944.

Freshman Ally Scaccia earned the first top-10 finish of her career by tying for fifth overall at 231 after matching Lemek's 78 in Saturday's round. Junior Allison Walsh also tallied a final round of 78 and finished tied for 16th.

"It's definitely been a lot different than high school," Scaccia said. "Tournaments are longer and the competition is steeper, but that is nothing that was unexpected. I just want to keep building bonds with my teammates and Coach Swanson and getting better each day."

## BASEBALL

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"That's definitely gotta give us a little bit of a boost," Dominguez said. "He hits two or three in the lineup, so obviously having Godinez, Smith and Gaa at the top of the lineup gives us a big boost offensively."

Gaa said the time off the field was difficult for him, as missing games due to injury is not something he is used to doing.

"It's been extremely tough coming off my freshman year in which I played in every single game," Gaa said. "I've made the best of it and have tried to be the best teammate I can be."

The Braves hope to get that big boost this weekend as they travel south to play Missouri Valley Conference foe Dallas

Baptist, who is ranked in the top-20 nationally. This will be the biggest test for the men so far.

"We cannot beat ourselves," Dominguez said. "When we get the opportunities, we have to manufacture runs and we have to be able to score when given those opportunities because they're a very solid club."

Bradley will start their three-game set tonight against the Patriots in Dallas, where they have not lost a game yet this season.

"The key to success down at DBU is to put together a complete game," Gaa said. "From our pitching to our defense as well as our plate approach, if we put all the pieces of the puzzle together we can compete with anyone."



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Freshman third baseman Allen Beer throws to first base earlier this season. Beer filled in for an injured Spencer Gaa for the Braves.

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# Softball breaks out bats for two weekend wins

BY GARTH SHANKLIN  
Sports Editor

Bradley's softball team wrapped up its season-long 10 game homestand with an offensive explosion against the Indiana State Sycamores last weekend.

The team crushed five home runs in a doubleheader Saturday, including a grand slam in the first inning by senior second baseman Shannon King. The blast gave the Braves a 4-0 lead in the first inning and was the first of three homers Bradley would hit in the game.

Senior Lexi Cremeens and freshman Maria Schroeder also connected for home runs for the Braves, with Cremeens' blast being the third one she had hit in Bradley's previous four games. Schroeder's two-run shot in the fourth inning gave the Braves an 11-2 lead, which triggered the Missouri Valley Conference run rule.

Bradley had entered the weekend with 13 home runs in 937 at-bats, and adding seven more to that total seemed to back up head coach Amy Hayes, who noted the team had a penchant for the long-ball.

"I think we're a power team; I just think it hadn't shown up yet," Hayes said. "It's the style of hitting

that we have, and if you look at the numbers we put up last year, it's just kind of what we do. Losing [senior] Aly Clemente was a pretty big shot to the middle of the lineup as far as power, so you're asking some kids to do a little bit more."

Clemente led the team in runs, RBIs and putouts as a junior last season, but she suffered an injury during an offseason workout and will be redshirted this season.

Fellow senior Alyson Spinass-Valainis picked up the win for the Braves in game one against the Sycamores, tossing all five innings of the game while allowing just two unearned runs. However, she walked three batters in the game, bringing her season total to 51 walks in 129.2 innings.

Hayes said there were a couple different factors that explain Spinass-Valainis' recent issues with walks.

"She has good movement on her ball, and I think we're just not placing quite as well as we need to be," Hayes said. "She threw a lot of innings early in the season, and it kind of caught up to her. We're kind of backing off practice, and I think that has caused her to not be as sharp and that's why her walks are up."

In the second game, Bradley launched two more home runs.

Tied at two in the bottom of the fifth, sophomore Caitlin McCarron followed up a walk to freshman Erika Hansen by lining a two-run home run to right field. Two batters later, junior Kendall Duffy smacked a three-run home run to put the Braves up by five. Bradley would win the game 7-3.

Every Bradley starter reached base at least once Saturday, with five of the nine hitters hitting home runs. Hayes said she was happy to see the team produce offensively from the top of the order to the bottom.

"It's joyous; it's a fantastic moment," Hayes said. "It really was, in those games we put a lot of things together really, really well. We had kind of been building up to that and to see that come through was great, which is why Sunday was such a disappointment in the end."

Bradley jumped out to a 6-1 lead Sunday, but three errors led to eight straight runs for Indiana State and Bradley lost 9-6.

The Braves finish their homestand with a 7-3 record, with six of those seven wins coming in their last seven games. The team begins a five-game road trip tomorrow at noon against Northern Iowa.



photo by Dan Smith

Freshman Erika Hansen prepares to drive the ball in the Braves' sweep of Loyloa last month. Hansen homered for Bradley Sunday.

## Opinion

### Upon further review, replay needs fixed

BY ALEX KRYAH  
Sports Reporter

Once again, the Final Four was marvelous. Good ol' Indianapolis, the heart of basketball country, hosted the climax of the best tournament in college sports.

The games were truly played at a high level. Frank Kaminsky stole the show on and off the court (please watch the Vine of him dancing if you haven't yet), and the guard play by Duke all weekend was stellar.

However, all of this great play was overshadowed by the men dressed in the black and white and the NCAA.

The referees were miserable all tournament, but their ineptitude reached the pinnacle in Indianapolis.

Of course, the referees mis-called charges and blocks all weekend; that's to be expected in college basketball.

What upsets me is that they have the technology to review any play in the game, yet they refuse to.

When Nigel Hayes grabbed his own rebound against Kentucky and put it back after the shot clock clearly expired, the refs weren't allowed to review the play because it's "not a reviewable play."

That's unbelievable. So while the rest of the country knows what the right play is, the referees are clueless. The game was unfairly swayed in favor of Wisconsin, and they went on to

ruin the only chance at perfection college basketball has seen since UNLV in 1992.

I think the solution to this is to just allow coaches to have two challenges per game like in the NFL. It's easy, it's fast and it's a good way to get the calls right (thanks to my girlfriend for this brilliant idea).

The most ridiculous moments that came from the weekend came when the referees were actually able to review plays and blatantly got them wrong.

However, the missed out-of-bounds call in the championship game did. Duke was awarded the ball in real time, but, after further review, video replay showed Justise Winslow clearly got a finger on a ball that went out on the Wisconsin baseline. Yet, somehow, the referees went with their initial call.

I just don't know how they got those calls wrong. That call easily could've cost Wisconsin the game.

The replay system is broken. The refs operating the broken system are also broken. Two wrongs don't make a right, NCAA. Fix this. Now.

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## Tennis served in opening MVC matches



photo by Dan Smith

The Bradley women's tennis team huddles during a match against IPFW March 7. The Braves lost 5-2.

BY BRANDON WALLACE  
Sports Reporter

Bradley's women's tennis team picked up two consecutive Missouri Valley Conference losses this weekend. The Braves were defeated by Northern Iowa 4-3 on Friday and by Drake 7-0 Saturday on Senior Day.

Against Northern Iowa, the duo of sophomore Ashley Thai and freshman Alexa Brandt took the first doubles match. However, Northern Iowa won the next two matches to receive the doubles point.

In singles play, two-seed sophomore Ariel Dechter, five-seed sophomore Ashley Thai and six-seed senior Cassia Wojtalik all won their matches. It was the most points the Braves scored in a MVC match since 2008, but it wasn't enough to earn the win, as UNI's three singles points combined with doubles to take the match 4-3.

"We haven't beat Northern Iowa in over 25 years," head coach Matt Tyler said. "So to be right there and lose by only one point was heartbreaking. We played a great match but it just didn't go our way. However, we gained a lot of experience from this and some confidence going forward."

The results weren't any bet-

ter when Bradley took on Drake the next day, with the Bulldogs sweeping the Braves 7-0. Senior Irinka Toidze wasn't able to play on Saturday, as she had been battling an injury all season, according to Tyler. Her absence caused some shuffling of the seeds.

"We knew it would be an uphill battle going in, and taking Toidze out the lineup made it even more challenging," Tyler said. "But I couldn't have been more proud of how we fought against one of the conference's best teams. The score was not reflective of the way we played. We competed all the way through."

Bradley is now 9-9 overall this

season. Tyler said that playing MVC teams will be a tough transition from the team's out-of-conference schedule.

"The Valley is a strong tennis conference," Tyler said. "The teams we played this weekend have beaten some Big 10 and SEC teams, so I would put them up against any other teams in the country. The whole conference is solid top to bottom. We have to be focused and on point every single weekend."

The Bradley women will hit the road next weekend for MVC matches against Missouri State on Saturday and Wichita State on Sunday.

### UNI 4, Bradley 3

#### Singles

Medlin (UNI) d. Brandt (B) 6-2, 6-0  
Dechter (B) d. Lopez (UNI) 7-5, 6-3  
Stroobant (UNI) d. Manfredo (B) 6-1, 6-4  
Santos (UNI) d. Toidze (B) 6-4, 6-2  
Thai (B) d. Wolfe (UNI) 6-2, 6-3  
Wojtalik (B) d. Hunt (UNI) 6-0, 6-3

#### Doubles

Brandt/Thai (B) d. Lopez/Medlin (UNI) 8-4  
Santos/Stroobant (UNI) d. Dechter/Toidze (B) - 8-4  
Hunt/Wolfe (UNI) d. Manfredo/Przystawski (B) 8-7 (7-3)

### Drake 7, Bradley 0

#### Singles

Ante (D) d. Brandt (B) 6-3, 6-1  
Johnson (D) d. Dechter (B) 6-1, 7-5  
Brills (D) d. Manfredo (B) 6-4, 6-1  
Boyd (D) d. Thai (B) 6-1, 6-2  
Jensen (D) d. Wojtalik (B) 6-0, 6-0  
Kozulic (D) d. Przystawski (B) 6-0, 7-5

#### Doubles

Ante/Jensen (B) d. Brandt/Thai (B) 8-6  
Boyd/Johnson (D) d. Dechter/Przystawski (B) - 8-0  
Eggleston/Herder (D) d. Przystawski/Wojtalik (B) 8-3

# The Scout Sports Desk's 2015 MLB Preview

## American League

BY ALEX KRYAH  
Sports Reporter

The American League Central is going to be one of the most competitive divisions in baseball. The top three teams in the division made important moves in the offseason to compete this year. The team that's going to win is going to be the one that has the best balance of both.

That's why I'm going with Cleveland. They have a really solid pitching staff and the addition of Brandon Moss gives Cleveland a real power threat they haven't had since Travis Hafner.

Next will be Detroit. I would pick them to win the division if Cleveland didn't have Terry Francona as their manager. It's tough to bet against him. Detroit still has Miguel Cabrera and David Price, so they'll probably earn a Wild Card spot.

The White Sox will be in third. As popular as they became this offseason, they still have a ton of places to improve. The backside of their rotation leaves a bit to be desired, they're missing a couple more hitters to complement Abreu and Eaton and their

bullpen still stinks like the Southside.

Kansas City will be in fourth. It's tough to contend when you lose your ace in the offseason. Minnesota will finish last, again. But they'll show some promise. They're a year away from contending because of their farm system.

In the AL East, I think it'll be a two horse race between Boston and Baltimore. Toronto and New York will look good at times, but I think they lack depth to contend all year. Tampa Bay lost every good piece they had aside from Longoria, so they're going to finish last.

In the AL West, I honestly think this is the year Seattle pulls through. They were so close to the playoffs last year and I think they added great guys in Austin Jackson and Nelson Cruz. Los Angeles will finish in a close second with Oakland right behind them and Houston will be in last.

In the end, I think the champ is going to come from the National League. The Cardinals are going to take down the Mariners in five or six games. St. Louis is the most complete team in baseball and they simply know how to get it done in October.

### Alex's Pick: St. Louis Cardinals

## National League

BY GARTH SHANKLIN  
Sports Editor

There are questions everywhere in the National League Central this season. Clearly the Cardinals are at the top. Sure, they lost Shelby Miller, but is that really all that big a loss? Getting a bat like Jason Heyward in that lineup makes a scary offense that much scarier.

The Cubs got better, but will the spending off the field translate to wins on it? I don't think Jon Lester is going to have as bad a year as his first start would suggest, but Chicago has some offensive issues and need Chris Bryant to do well. If he can provide a spark offensively and the back end of the Cubs' rotation doesn't completely implode, they should make a run at the title.

The Pirates didn't really do anything in the offseason to improve much. Losing Martin could be a blow to the team's pitching staff, as his ERA was nearly a half-run lower than Chris Stewart, the Pirates' backup last season.

The Reds are going to make me sad this year, and I've accepted that. I'm not expecting all that much out of a team that thinks it's a good idea to let Kevin Gregg anywhere near the eighth

inning.

Milwaukee traded away Yovani Gallardo in the offseason and I don't think they have enough starting pitching to replace him, even if Mike Fiers is as good as he was last year.

Meanwhile, the NL West looks to be the Dodgers' race to lose. The Padres have gotten much, much better this offseason by adding Matt Kemp and Craig Kimbrel and the Giants are always finding ways to be involved in the postseason. I wouldn't be stunned if any of those three teams win the division, but I give it to the Dodgers thanks to their pitching staff (not the bullpen though) and their lineup.

The NL East is Washington's to lose. It's not really even close. The Braves traded away most of their important pieces in the offseason as did the Phillies. The Mets have a couple talented young pitchers but I don't trust their offense. And the Marlins can't close a roof correctly, so I'm not keen on them in general.

It'll be an interesting year in the National League, but in the end there can only be one winner. I think the Dodgers will face off against the Blue Jays in the World Series with the Dodgers coming out on top.

### Garth's Pick: Los Angeles Dodgers

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## Bats lead Braves to two home wins

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The Braves finished off their first homestand of the year with two wins against non-Division I opponents. Bradley knocked off Robert Morris-Peoria at home last Friday and then run-ruled Illinois College the next day.

Bradley threw its ace, junior Elliot Ashbeck, in Friday's start, but he didn't quite have all of his pitches working. He "didn't come out sharp" early in the game, according to head coach Elvis Dominguez, but he was able to settle down quickly.

The Braves would scatter eight runs throughout the game en route to a 8-2 win. Ashbeck gave up a run in five innings while striking out four and walking three. Senior David Koll was extremely effective as he struck out six in the innings while only yielding one run.

Freshman Allen Beer carried the team offensively, as he drove in three runs on two hits against the Golden Eagles.

The pitching performance of the weekend came the next day from junior Steve Adkins, who pitched five innings and struck out seven. The highlight of the day came in the fourth inning when Adkins struck out the side on just nine pitches, otherwise known as an "immaculate inning."

"Steve was really special," Dominguez said. "He was pretty good. He really did a wonderful job."

Dominguez stressed that the pitching over the weekend was "a total team effort," and he was extremely pleased with the way they threw. However, Dominguez also expressed his concerns with the offense.

"Our offense is non-existent," Dominguez said. "It has been for about two or three games."

Dominguez said that the struggles at the plate are a result of many different causes.

"You have to remember, this is a grind," Dominguez said. "We're halfway into our season...and guys are playing two, three games in a week plus school plus travel. The body has a bit of a breakdown."

However, with sophomore Spencer Gaa finally returning last Saturday after missing significant time with a hamstring injury, Bradley's offense could get a boost. Gaa is certainly one of the best bats in the lineup, as he was hitting at a .417 clip before the

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## Pitching in: Bradley baseball raises money for Children's cancer research

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On Monday afternoon, the Bradley baseball team traveled to downtown Peoria, but this trip was a little different than the one the club normally takes to Dozer Park.

Instead of a baseball diamond, the team packed into a playroom on the sixth floor of the Children's Hospital of Illinois.

This visit comes as a part of the team's efforts to combat childhood cancer, efforts that so far have raised more than \$13,000 through Vs. Cancer Foundation.

While the Vs. Cancer Foundation was started by former University of North Carolina (UNC) baseball player Chase Jones, Bradley's endeavors are headed by junior pitcher Steve Adkins.

"[Chase Jones] was diagnosed with stage four brain cancer," Adkins said. "He started this founda-

tion after he beat cancer."

Adkins also said Bradley isn't the only club that's participating through the Vs. Cancer Foundation.

"A bunch of different college ball teams across the country are going through this as well," Adkins said. "We raise a bunch of money, [and] half of it goes locally to that team's community, and the other half goes to substantial research."

Head coach Elvis Dominguez said that he approached Adkins about the opportunity to lead the fight against childhood cancer, and Adkins ran with it from there.

"[Adkins] really took the bull by the horn and decided that this was a great cause," Dominguez said. "It's a small token but any time we can use our position [to] bring awareness and obviously do something good, I think it needs to be done."

Along with Bradley, there are 53 other colleges that are raising money through Vs. Cancer, including Texas A&M, UCLA, UNC and Duke University.

According to Adkins, the team originally set a goal to raise \$5,000 for Vs. Cancer, but they eclipsed that goal in very little time and have raised over \$13,000. Now, Adkins said that while they no longer have a specific monetary goal in mind, their new objective is to contribute as much as possible.

"I don't know if we necessarily set a new goal, but until the season's over we're going keep trying to get donations pouring in," Adkins said.

Dominguez said even though they don't get tangible rewards in return, the feeling that comes with helping those in need is satisfactory enough.

"Each individual guy here can now know that they've done a good deed," Dominguez said. "It's not about them; it's about helping others."

Back on the sixth floor of the Children's Hospital, the Bradley baseball team is using an origami fortune teller to tell the fortune of one of the children the team's profits is benefiting. She asks the fortune teller if she will find a dollar in her future, and

magically, her fortune comes true by the graces of the Bradley baseball team.

Adkins said the team wanted to visit the hospital since part of the money raised would have an effect locally.

"Since half of the money we raised is going, right here, to the Children's Hospital of Illinois, we just wanted to get in touch with some of these kids," Adkins said. "I think a big reason we wanted to do this was to try and get in touch with these kids and show them we got their back."



Graig Weber (right) and the Bradley baseball team met with children at the Children's Hospital of Illinois earlier this week.  
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