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Heitz lounge space revamped for students

BY MICHAEL ECHEVERRI
Copy Editor

After two years' worth of dialogue with the university, Bradley's student veterans have finally secured a space in the Heitz Hall lounge.

"The lounge was widely underused by the residents of Heitz Hall last year," Assistant Director of Orientation and Advisement Gregory Haines said. "With it being such a nice space, we decided to re-purpose it for specific groups of students on campus who could benefit from the particular resources a lounge like that could provide."

Haines said veteran students were a "catalyst" for the lounge, although he emphasized it's not only for veterans.

"The lounge has been established as a shared area that is being primarily marketed to transitioning students, commuter students and our veteran pop-

ulation," President of Student Veterans Support Services Dan Smith said. "It's not an exclusive lounge, but it's specifically marketed towards those students and they get priority when they reserve the space."

Smith said the Heitz lounge was chosen for a multitude of reasons.

"A lot of other options were considered, but I felt Heitz was the best one," Smith said. "It is a very user-friendly space that has access for people with disabilities. The lounge's close proximity to Haines' office, which often services veteran students, is another bonus."

Haines said the lounge is not at an "end point" and changes are being planned.

"We're looking to secure microwaves, coffee pots and other food-oriented appliances for the lounge," Haines said. "Most commuting students, a category which transfers and veterans usu-

ally fall under, don't have meal plans, and so the lounge can be a space for them to bring their food and escape the hustle and bustle of lunch hour."

Smith said veteran students are very grateful for the lounge.

"It's a welcoming environment for the veterans, especially with the military plaques on the walls," Smith said. "They really deeply appreciate the university taking the first step to making the college a more veteran friendly institution. It shows the veterans that they're welcome and that they have a place to go."

Smith was very dedicated to the project during the process, according to Haines.

Dan Smith was pivotal in this lounge project and so I think he deserves a lot of kudos and recognition," Haines said. "To me, the lounge is emblematic of what determined students can accomplish."



photo by Tessa Armich

The previously unused space in Heitz Hall has been transformed into a lounge for students, marketed primarily toward transferring, commuter and veteran students.

Bradley cleans up with new laundry service



photo by Ryan Valentine

These washers and dryers in the St. James Complex are just one of the sets replaced on campus. All residence halls will soon be similarly outfitted.

New facilities improve student residence halls

BY RYAN VALENTINE
Copy Editor

Bradley students are in luck; new laundry facilities are being installed throughout the St. James apartment complex and residence halls.

According to Vice President for Student Affairs Nathan Thomas, every washer and dryer will be replaced with brand new machines. Williams Hall, University Hall and Geisert Hall have already received new washers and dryers. More will be installed throughout the week.

Thomas said the changes stemmed primarily from a change in contract.

"We entered into a new contract with our laundry vendor and as a part of this agreement, all machines across campus were to be replaced," Thomas said.

In the past some machines faced challenges due to their age and inability for them to be repaired, according to Thomas. "They [old washing machines] took forever. It would say one minute but it would take forever and they were just really gross,"

sophomore sport communication major Gracie Cobb said. "There was mold in them."

According to Thomas, new machines will be connected to the LaundryView service just like the previous ones.

"The timing is a little more difficult to answer, but it is anticipated within the next two to three weeks," Thomas said. "Some will be online sooner, [but] others will require a bit more infrastructure work to be up and running."

Currently, laundry services are free because the machines are not yet synced to the system. Thomas said he is unsure how long this will last as new washers and dryers are still making the transition into residence halls, but students will soon have to pay the regular price.

The price of these new washers and dryers will increase from \$1 to \$1.25, but Thomas said they are still below market costs.

Bob Cooling, a senior finance major and current resident of St. James, has done a couple loads of

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Team registration open for Homecoming Games

Registration for the Homecoming Games is now open to all Bradley students. The competition will include the Student Bowl, tug-of-war and a scavenger hunt. A point system will be used to determine scoring for each team, and teams can also receive points for attending other Homecoming events throughout the week. Teams are made up of eight people. Each team must have at least two members of the opposite sex. Groups of less than eight people are encouraged to sign up and will be matched up with other groups to make eight person teams. The winner will be announced during the Homecoming soccer game Sept. 25, and each member on the team will receive a \$50 gift card to the Bradley Bookstore. Students can visit ACBU.org to register their team.

Caterpillar-BU Case Competition accepting applications

Students interested in working with Caterpillar employees as well as business and engineering peers can attend the final information session for the Caterpillar-BU Case Competition from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 23 in Baker Hall room B52. The competition involves teams working together to present solutions to real business cases, and results will be presented to members of Caterpillar's senior management. The application deadline is Sept. 25. For more details, students can attend the final information session or email Jeron Sanders at Sanders_Jeron_S@cat.com, Jason Garrett at kjgarrett@bradley.edu or John Engdahl at jengdahl@bradley.edu.

Lighting of the B returns

The annual Lighting of the B ceremony will be held 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 23 at Founder's Circle. The ceremony will include a social pre-event from 7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., live performances starting at 8 p.m. and fireworks at 9 p.m. Free food will also be available. This year the budget has been increased for fireworks. After the fireworks, the annual school spirit T-shirt swap will occur at a secret location announced at the end of Lighting of the B. T-shirts from colleges and high schools can be swapped out for a Bradley Homecoming T-shirt. There will around 900 shirts to give out. For more information about the Lighting of the B ceremony and Homecoming Week, visit www.bradley.edu/campuslife/sao/events/homecoming/.

POLICE REPORTS

- Police received a report of damage to property on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 1 a.m. A male student reported that his car, parked at the 1500 block of W. Bradley Ave., had been egged. There are no suspects.
- Officers responded to a male student stuck in an elevator in Dingleline Music Center Sunday, Sept. 13 at 1:41 p.m. The student injured himself while the elevator was inoperative, and officers and the Peoria Fire Department responded to the emergency call. The victim refused treatment and the elevator was shut down for maintenance.
- Officers received a report of criminal damage to property Monday, Sept. 14. The male student who filed the report stated that dog feces had been spread on the front door of a residence located on the 1500 block of W. Bradley Avenue between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. The male student stated that he saw an unknown person doing this, but he was not able to get a description. There are no suspects at this time.
- Officers identified a male student attempting to gain entry to a private residence on the 1500 block of Fredonia Ave. on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 1:13 a.m. The student was highly intoxicated, registering a .236 blood alcohol level and was transported by medics to OSF.
- At 12 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11, police received a report of theft from a female staff member. The complainant stated that a poster hanging outside of her office had been taken sometime between Sept. 4 and Sept. 7. There are no suspects.
- Police observed a car that failed to stop at the intersection of Underhill St. and Russell St. on Sunday, Sept. 13 at 5:57 p.m. The car was pulled over and given an IVC (Illinois Vehicle Code) citation for driving without a license.
- A smoke alarm went off at 2:42 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 10 in Williams Hall. Officers arrived at the scene and determined it to be a faulty smoke detector. It was replaced with a new one.



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Homecoming hopes run high

BY TESSA ARMICH
Editor-in-Chief

Homecoming recently hit a growth spurt, growing from three days to a full week from Sept. 21-26.

The Activities Council of Bradley University (ACBU) planned the week, lead by homecoming coordinators Quincy Keck, Will Gracik and Olivia Carrizales.

"Of course it's overwhelming [going from three days to a week] but at the same time really exciting because now more spirit is drawn when you have an entire week," Gracik, a junior FCS hospitality leadership major, said.

Keck said one of the main programs for students will be the Homecoming Games, which are comprised of three different events: the Student Bowl, tug-of-war and a scavenger hunt. Students can participate in these events by creating co-ed teams, racking up points by competing in the games and attending homecoming events.

The winning team at the Student Bowl, which is a flag football game, will go on to play the faculty team in the Bradley Bowl on Thursday, Sept. 24. The qualifying game for students will be held at noon, Sept. 20.

"The teams will also be getting points throughout the week when they come to different events like the Lighting of the B and things like that," Keck, a junior FCS hospitality leadership and public relations major, said. "At the end of the week at the soccer game, we'll be announcing the winner and each member of the team will get a \$50 gift card to the bookstore."

Gracik said the homecoming games were switched out for last year's unsuccessful Lydias vs. Kaboom! event.

"It didn't do that well, so we're trying to reach out to organizations," Gracik said. "It's a big way so we can try to target the freshmen who aren't involved yet, so they can sign up."

One event that has been a signature of homecoming is Lighting of the B, according to Assistant Director of Student Activities Lauren Smetana.

Gracik said the event will be bigger than ever with an increased fireworks budget.

"It's going to be huge this year because after seeing the speakers that Tech Crew has out, Lighting of the B is going to be crazy," Gracik said.

Keck pointed out another part of the Lighting of the B she said she was looking forward to.

"I think another really cool aspect is Coach Wardle, the men's basketball coach, is going to be there," Keck said. From what I've heard he's a super good speaker, and he really, really wants to be involved with the students and wants to get Bradley basketball out there."

Smetana also said the Lighting of the B was an important aspect to Bradley's homecoming.

"If you were to boil it [down], although all of our events are fabulous, I feel like Lighting of the B is just our signature event that really sums up what the spirit and what the significance of homecoming is," Smetana said. "You have all these different types of organizations across campus-you have athletics, you have all the students

on campus supporting all these groups and, we're all here together to celebrate them."

Another returning event will be the Painting of the Lydias, where student organizations decorate a Lydia Moss Bradley cutout to represent their groups. However, 16 of the decorated wooden cutouts were stolen from the quad last year.

Gracik and Keck said they worked with the engineering department to make changes to the cutout design, so the Lydia's would not be as easily stolen.

"[The cutouts are] going to be free-standing so we don't have to stake them in the ground," Keck said.

Gracik said the decentralized locations will make it less likely for them to be stolen and will incorporate more spirit across campus. Further, Gracik said student organizations will be responsible for keeping their Lydia inside for the night.

According to Gracik, there is more to homecoming than the events themselves.

"[Homecoming is about] promoting spirit and bringing the Bradley community together," he said. "I think it's about coming together and showing people why we are Braves. I really think that's what it's about, representing the campus well through spirit."

Students can find out more about events and the homecoming pageant by visiting ACBU's website at acbu.org.



Homecoming Court 2015

The Homecoming Court Pageant will be held Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Students can vote for homecoming king and queen at the end of the event.

WOMEN:

Sara Buchanan

Senior nursing major

Mary Kavanaugh

Senior chemistry pre-professional major

Sumayya Qudrat

Senior English education major

Josephine Bonnie Mallari

Senior public relations major

MEN:

Brandon Johnson

Senior public relations major

Colin Carville

Senior criminal justice studies major

Mitch Kuldell

Senior business management and administration and marketing double major

Garrett Sprutta

Junior industrial engineering major

Bradley Bowl Faculty/Staff Roster

The Bradley Bowl is the student versus faculty and staff flag football tournament taking place Thursday, Sept. 24 at 5 p.m. in the Alumni Quad. The student team will include winners of the student-only flag football tournament and a group of student leaders nominated to play on the team.

Brian Wardle
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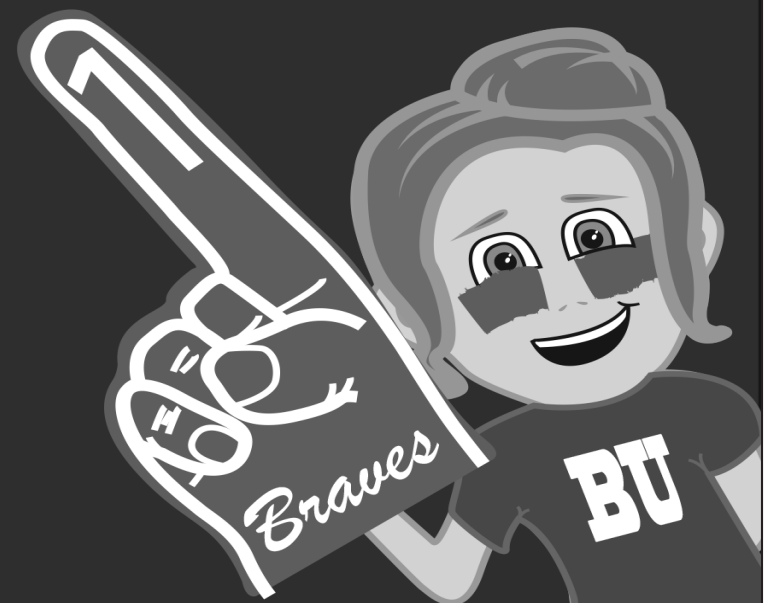
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Quad cultivates campus diversity

BY MADDIE GEHLING
News Editor

Student Senate's second annual Culture on the Quad took place yesterday on Olin Quad.

The event ran from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and featured several campus organizations, foods from around the world and cultural demonstrations.

"On top of the food, there [was] a variety of performances," Ileana Ruiz, Student Senate vice president of diversity and inclusion, said. "[There was] a violinist, flamenco dancers, a mariachi [band] and a henna tattoo artist."

The event featured an array of campus organizations, including the Black Student Alliance, Association of Latin American Students, Indian Students Association and the Asian American Association.

"[The organizations] had their own tables, giving [students] the opportunity to interact with campus and speak about culture," Ruiz said.

At last year's event, students in attendance were given tickets to get stamped at each station they visited. Stamped tickets went into a raffle that was drawn at the end of the event. This year, however,

the event was different.

"This year, it's first-come, first-serve," Ruiz said. "There aren't any tickets. We just wanted people to go to the stations they wanted to go to and mingle around. It's a different approach."

This change seemed to be received well by students.

"I went last year and I felt like there weren't any opportunities to learn more about the different cultures other than the food," junior sociology and criminal justice major Jhoanna Vega-Rocha said.

Vega-Rocha, Student Senate vice president of city & local affairs, said different organizations were located throughout Olin Quad this year.

"As people were in line for food, different cultural organizations were in the general area to talk to them," Vega-Rocha said. "That way, [the organizations] weren't ignored."

Senior mechanical engineering major Dennis Gessert said he thought the event had a positive impact on students that attended.

"It's a positive thing to advertise culture to the student body as a way for students to gain a bit more insight on different cultural backgrounds," Gessert, president of the



photo by Christopher Noonan

Mariachi band members perform for students at the Culture on the Quad event, held by Student Senate. Students could also get free food from different cultures and learn more about those cultures.

Asian American Association, said. "Another positive thing is making sure students of different backgrounds find other students they can relate to in a cultural manner."

Sophomore political science major Sean Faron said he was interested in seeing the performances that took place at the event.

"I really like the different cultures and kinds of foods," Faron said. "The event is awesome."

We the people...

Constitution Day gets social

NIKKI DURAN
Off-staff Reporter

On Sept. 17, 1787, the U.S. Constitution was signed. This year on Sept. 17, 2015, Bradley University is celebrating Constitution Day with its students.

"Because Bradley receives funding from the government, federal law dictates that we must acknowledge Constitution Day," Student Affairs intern Kristin Kreher said. "Our celebrations are aimed to increase awareness about the Constitution and our rights that it protects."

Bradley University, similar to many other colleges, receives federal funding through grant programs and student loans. This fact requires Bradley to hold a Constitution Day program of some sort the week prior or afterwards, if the day falls on a weekend.

Many students aren't aware of Constitution Day and what it represents.

"This is a program of value that goes beyond just the minimum requirements, however," Kreher said. "When Nathan [Thomas] came to me with this project, I'll admit that I didn't know when Constitution Day is, which is something I think can be said for the majority of Americans."

Previous celebrations for Constitution Day included events on the quad, but Kreher and Vice President for Student Affairs Nathan Thomas saw potential to engage students even further.

"In this, she [Kreher] is building off

some work [for Constitution Day] previously done by a Student Affairs intern and is actively working on this year's activities, which will be focused on a social media campaign about the Constitution itself," Thomas said.

Thomas and Kreher also said they incorporated two video elements to this year's Constitution Day celebrations.

One video featured various student organizations and Bradley employees, including Interim President Stan Liberty and Director of Athletics Chris Reynolds, reciting the Preamble to the Constitution. This video was posted to Bradley's official Facebook and Twitter accounts.

The other video component is a series of "take-it-to-the-streets" videos, which featured students attempting to recite the Preamble from memory. These are posted on Bradley's Snapchat.

"Many of us had to do this in grade school or remember the School House Rock song about it, so it's neat to see how many people still remember it," Kreher said.

Once this year's campaign is finished, Kreher said its success will be evaluated to prepare for Bradley's future celebrations. Thomas said future years are likely to involve more active participation.

"This campaign shares Constitution fun facts through a variety of platforms, including fliers, Hilltop Happenings, Twitter and Facebook," Kreher said.

Students can access these electronic fun facts with #ConstitutionDay.

Author's Day encourages students to keep writing

BY ALLISON APPELBAUM
Off-staff Reporter

The Wyckoff room is booked tonight by the National Novel Writing Club for the second annual Author's Day.

Author's Day is an event hosted by the club, nicknamed NaNoWriMo, during Family Weekend. The evening will consist of five student authors introducing their original novel or short story by reading sections of their writing.

It will be held in the Cullom-Davis Library from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Free food and refreshments will be provided.

"It's a nice activity for people interested in writing to attend because it is a good way to meet people with similar interests," NaNoWriMo club president Samantha Strom said.

According to Strom, the primary objective of this program is to give pre-published authors an outlet to share their work.

"Everyone can benefit from Author's Day," English professor Celine Bourhis stated. "Not only does this event encourage people to show appreciation for literature, it encourages students to write and develop their creative skills as well."

Many students who are presenting their pieces at the event are planning on publishing their stories.

"This program can be compared to a test run," Strom, a senior public relations major, said. "It gives them feedback from a small audience before they publicly release their novels or short stories."

Strom said most of the written work that will be presented was created last year during National Novel Writing Month, an annual writing project in November that brings together professional and amateur writers. The NaNoWriMo challenge requires competitors to write 50,000 words, a typical novel length, in 30 days.

"My one piece of advice for those sharing their work at the event is to be confident," Bourhis stated. "Writing a short fictional work is an accomplishment students should be proud to share."

Student authors are also available after their presentations to discuss the writing and publishing process afterwards.

"At this event the student authors want the people attending the event to ask questions and be curious about their work," Strom stated. "However, above all they want to inspire others by sharing their passion for writing."

Newly elected student senators learn the ropes

BY MICHAEL ECHEVERRI
Copy Editor

Student Senate's first general assembly meeting of the year was Monday, where newly elected senators were officially sworn in and introduced to the basics of student governance.

"I thought the GA meeting was a lot of fun," freshman accounting major Anna LaHood said. "It was a lot more laid back than I thought it would be."

LaHood is one of the representatives of Williams Hall. The first order of business was introducing the new senators to the student body officers and the executive cabinet, explaining their functions, jurisdictions and office hours.

"The executive cabinet is pretty intimidating," LaHood said. "They're all upperclassmen, and they've done this before and they know what they're doing. And I'm just here like, 'I don't know what I'm doing,' but hopefully I'll be there someday."

The meeting then moved into resolutions dealing with the closure of Wyckoff Hall, which is empty due to low enrollment.

"The resolution declared that when a hall is shut down that hall's senate seats are frozen until it's reopened," freshman chemistry major Sharron Clark said. "There were some dissenting opinions about the resolution, but I think that was just because they

wanted the language of the resolution clarified."

All but one of the senators voted to pass the resolution.

The meeting concluded with a brief PowerPoint about Robert's Rules of Order, which is a set of guidelines for group discussion and decision-making. It was published in 1876 and is loosely based on the United States House of Representatives methodology.

"Before the meeting I had never heard of Robert's Rules," Clark, a representative for University Hall, said. "I intend to look into it further, but it's pretty cool that we're drawing from a governing text that's like 200 years old."

Clark said she was really excited for her senator term.

"I'm all about changing the world and the Student Senate makes changes to campus, so I think it's a good start," Clark said. "I was involved in my high school's student council, and I thought Senate was going to be something like that but it's not. It's more like the U.S. Congress and that's really cool."

LaHood had slightly different reasons for running for senate.

"I wasn't really involved in my high school, so when I saw Student Senate at the activities fair I thought it would be an opportunity to change that and be involved in my new college," LaHood said. "I think it's going to be a lot of fun, and I'll do a lot of good work for my constituents."

Late nights on campus explored

BY JOSE HERRERA
Off-staff Reporter

With the moon out and students in bed, nightshift workers get to experience a completely different side of Bradley University.

"I like the night hours – I'm a night owl," dining service worker Audrey Netter said. "During the daytime people are more uptight. At night people are looser."

Night workers, from Cullom-Davis Library desk assistants to Markin Recreational Center receptionists, normally run through a typical shift without any hitches, but occasionally deal with the unexpected.

Throughout the week, night shifts at Markin are slow. Regular nights for employees in Markin include monitoring access to the building, providing sport equipment for students, overseeing events and occasionally calling the police.

"I'd have to call the police for intruders, it's a normal thing to see," senior community wellness major Dakota Bullard said. "If a person steals an ID and tries to come in, we call the police because it's technically fraud."

At the Cullom-Davis Library, the night is silent as students listen to their iPods or lecture videos, and the three library assistants on duty stand by patiently for signs of distress from students.

Andrew Silbaugh takes charge with the help of two other assistants. Silbaugh began working the 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. night shift at the library six months ago, describing the shift as quiet and tranquil.

"I'd be surprised if it [something outrageous] did occur, but I'm trained to handle whatever comes my way," Silbaugh said.

While there might not be much going on at the library, the Michel Student Center awaits hungry students coming back from Markin Center or those crawling out of the resident halls for a midnight snack.

Dining service employee Kierra Nunn has worked at Bradley for over three years, working at the P.O.D., Geisert and Williams dining halls and other various locations across campus. She said she wipes down tables and chairs, makes sure the floor is presentable and greets customers. The night shifts vary, as it could be slow

with three customers, or it could be 300 customers.

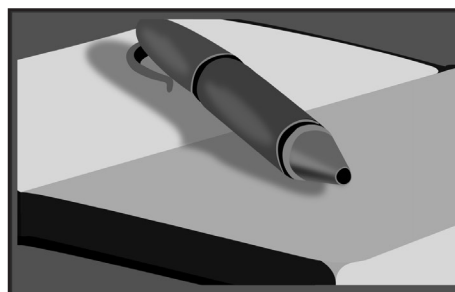
"I've had a lot of nights here," Nunn said. "Recently, there've been lots of black-outs, everybody drunk. One-night students were parading around throwing guac, queso and playing Tupac all night. They were rapping it, singing it, so yeah that's a typical crazy night for me but at the end of the night I make sure customers are happy entering and happy leaving."

On the other end of the job spectrum, custodians can be found cleaning the academic buildings from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. in their respective areas.

Custodian Randy Johnson has worked for Bradley for two years. Johnson said things like to go bump in the night.

"One night we were sitting down in a room and heard footsteps through the hall, we went to go see if anyone was there, but no one was there," Johnson said. "This wasn't the first time, we heard that happen a few times from other people as well."

Whether or not students know it, Bradley has its share of late night tales to tell.



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Students play a game at the LXA Watermelon Bash. The Watermelon Bash is just one of the events included in Lambda Chi's Crescent Week.

LXA Crescent Week exceeds last year's numbers

BY TORI MOSES
Managing Editor

From Saturday's Watermelon Bash to yesterday's Lambda Chi Bash, Lambda Chi Alpha has been able to raise significantly more money for its philanthropy, the Peoria Area Food Bank, than last year.

Lambda Chi Alpha Vice President Brandon Johnson, who organized the events, said the Watermelon Bash kickoff event raised nearly \$1,000, which was the total amount raised from last year's week of events.

Johnson said he attributes the success of the week to students getting excited about participating in the events.

"I saw some things that I wanted to tweak and change from last year, so there's that, and I also wanted to get people really excited about the week and make it more of an experience thing," Johnson, a senior public relations major, said. "I feel like that's why people got really involved in it."

Johnson said he first made

changes to the Watermelon Bash, where students participated in various activities that included watermelons.

"I wanted to amp it up a little bit, so we had a radio station there and I opened it up to the entire campus [instead of having just greek teams participate], so that helped a lot of people really get into it," Johnson said.

Johnson also changed Lambda Chi's traditional Tuesday night event from a Subway or Fieldhouse fundraiser to "Taco Tuesday" with Los Jimadores.

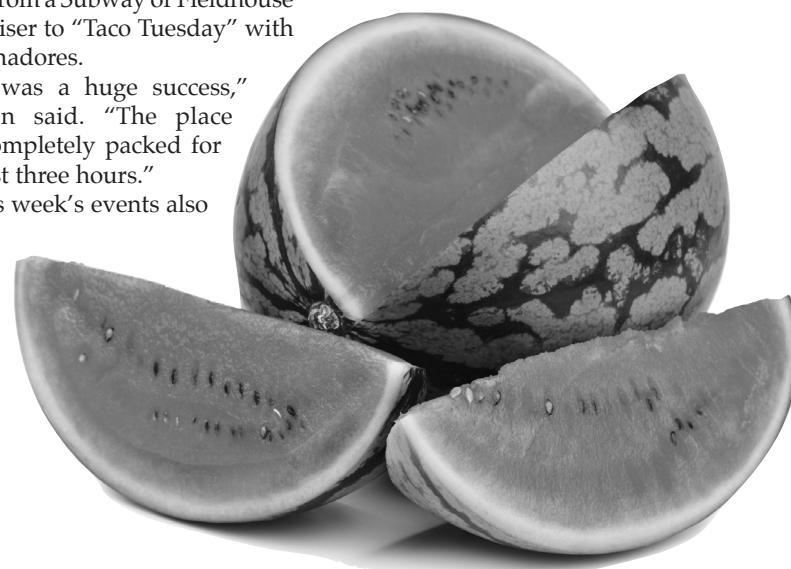
"It was a huge success," Johnson said. "The place was completely packed for the first three hours."

This week's events also

included a volleyball tournament, bake sale and Lambda Chi Bash.

"Seeing that this was my second year with Lambda Chi and first year planning all these new events, the week was a huge success," Johnson said.

The philanthropy week concludes tonight with the Crescent Queen Pageant at 7 p.m. in Neumiller Lecture Hall.



Editorial

Don't keep us in the dark

Since the first email in early February from the Presidential Search Committee, the campus and Peoria community have been included in the presidential search process.

The committee hosted two open forums at the beginning stages of its search in an effort to discover the opinions of faculty, staff, students and community members in regards to the qualities they thought the new president should possess.

The campus community also received four emails throughout the 2015 spring semester and sum-

mer to keep updated on the committee's progress.

The last email update was released July 30 and informed recipients the fairly large pool of candidates was narrowed to four after two days of in-person interviews, and they would be recommended to the Board of Trustees.

The committee stated in the campus update, "The Trustees will meet and interview the four 'finalists' in the near future and will select the person they feel can best lead our University at this time."

Since then, it has been over a month and a half with no new

information released.

This isn't a request for an accelerated process. Choosing a president for the university is not something to be taken lightly or to be rushed.

However, as it was stated several times in the presidential search forums, campus members desire transparency.

This editorial board isn't disparaging Interim President Stan Liberty, either. He has reached out to faculty, students and community members since day one of his induction. He is a visible presence on campus and has been working

to show that.

That being said, Liberty made it clear in his initial press release announcing his position as interim president that he would not "set a vision or change strategic plans for the university."

This silence on the committee's part is troubling, partly because decisions need to be made, and the campus community is left in the dark, meanwhile.

The committee needs to keep to its decision to include the campus community in this process, wherever it goes.

Column

Be a fan, not a jerk

In case you haven't heard by now, the "Fantastic Four" reboot that came out in August was a complete disaster. From what I've read, most fans and professional critics agree that the poor writing and direction were the icebergs behind its titanic failure.

I don't know about you, but those sound like fairly straightforward attributes of a bad movie to me (example: "Pearl Harbor"). However, as with any general consensus, there are always a few outliers. One particular dissenter, username "Pr0gram," claims that the blame for the fantastic flop of "Fantastic Four" lies squarely on the shoulders of Michael B. Jordan, who portrayed the Human Torch.

"The film failed because [20th Century Fox] thought they were too cool for the room and needed to add PC casting and having a black Human Torch," Pr0gram said in the comment section of a Cinema Blend article concerning the movie. "Well, where are all those black people that you pandered to by casting Mikey B.

Jordan? They sure didn't go see your movie, now did they?"

That's right, folks. Pr0gram, the smartest guy in the forum, says the reason the movie failed is because Jordan is black. I can honestly tell you that after reading that comment, my brain felt like a fried egg due to the amount of stupidity I was unable to process.

How does casting a black man in the role of a white superhero equate to political correctness? To be PC, one must put forth a strong effort to avoid offending or marginalizing certain groups of people within our society.

Is Pr0gram trying to say that hiring Jordan was a move motivated by fear of offending black people? Well, I'm black, and if anything is offensive to me about this whole situation, it's how narrow-minded this particular user (and many others) can be about diversity in the world of fandoms.

News flash, our society is not just one big episode of "Leave it to Beaver." We live in a country that allows us to interact with all kinds of people from various

racess, religions and walks of life. Despite this common fact, people still have the nerve to act like it's a cardinal sin to portray what life looks like in modern-day America.

Some fans need to understand that other people besides white males like to read comic books and watch movies that are based off of them. If anything, casting Jordan was an attempt to reach out to a demographic that rarely gets any love when it comes to big budget films like this. Granted, it didn't work out the way anyone had planned, but it was a noble attempt nonetheless.

I hope to one day live in a world where people don't dismiss the possibility of a black James Bond, or make nasty comments about a group of funny female Ghostbusters, or even decry the attempts of many writers and artists to make comics appealing for both boys and girls.

The faster that day comes, the better. But until then, we should support the media for wanting to represent those outside of the



majority. After all, is it really worth it to live in a world with no diversity? We'd probably be better off as a society of gray blobs like that episode of "The Fairly OddParents," which truthfully didn't look like a whole lot of fun, either.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

After reviewing the two most recent editions of your award-winning publication (2014-2015 Organization of the Year), I am disappointed to see the omission of an important part of any newspaper: the crossword.

A test of human wit and mental flexibility, this mere "puzzle" has, since 1913, challenged readers of all ages to explore our history, culture and knowledge of this incredible planet. Will Shortz, the New York Times crossword

guru and vaunted puzzlemaster, had this to say:

"[I believe] crosswords should embrace everything in the world, and yes, it includes the classical subjects, but it should include what's going on in the world today. So I try to edit the crosswords to be timeless."

Besides their cultural significance, numerous studies have also confirmed tangible benefits of regular crossword completion. Of note: improved communication skills, pattern identification, and problem solving

ability. Of greater import, mental degenerative diseases including Alzheimer's can be combatted by the active use of your mind.

It is not just the elderly who suffer from these afflictions; I have heard many professors say students these days are brain-dead. A solution to this puzzler has crossed our paths.

I leave you with one more Shortz quote on the creation of a crossword puzzle, "You can't please everyone at once." I thank the entire Scout staff for their time and dedication to good

journalism and good production value. It takes no mental acrobatics to know why your paper has existed for over 115 years at Bradley University. But we need a call to action: Bring Back My Crossword!

Your attentive reader,

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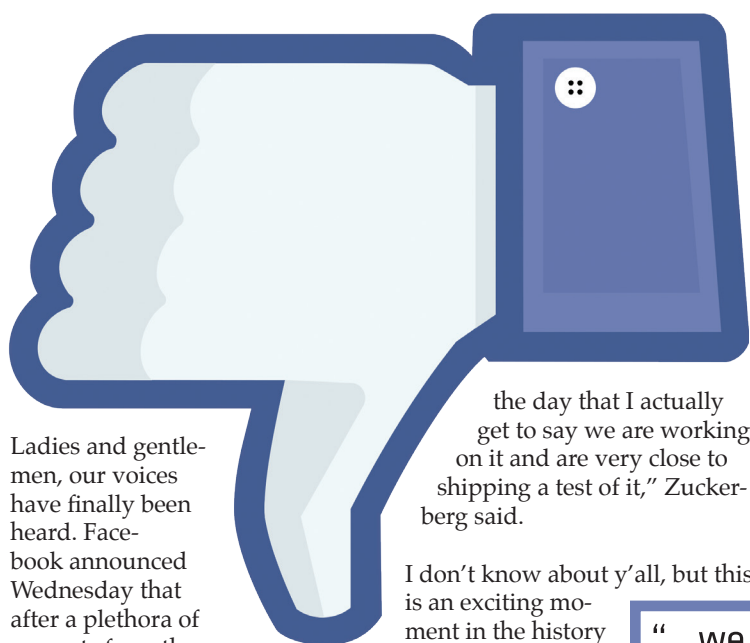
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Facebook likes the idea of disliking

By Jaylyn Cook

Ladies and gentlemen, our voices have finally been heard. Facebook announced Wednesday that after a plethora of requests from the public, a dislike button will soon appear on the social media site.

Facebook CEO and Jesse Eisenberg look-alike Mark Zuckerberg announced the change during a Q-and-A session at the company's headquarters, during which he said users would be able to try out the button themselves soon.

"Probably hundreds of people have asked about this, and today is a special day because today is

the day that I actually get to say we are working on it and are very close to shipping a test of it," Zuckerberg said.

I don't know about y'all, but this is an exciting moment in the history of social media. Not just because this is a Facebook feature that actually sounds useful, but because of all of the different ways it changes the way we interact with our "friends" and family.

Have you ever seen a post that pops up on your wall that's extremely sad, yet has a bunch of likes? Like when a family member dies or someone flunks their math test? To me, it always

seemed weird to "like" those kinds of statuses because it seemed insensitive, even if the "like" is out of sympathy.

In fact, Zuckerberg's reasoning for toying with the idea of the

"...we are working on [a dislike button] and are very close to shipping a test of it"

- Mark Zuckerberg

dislike button is mainly for that purpose: to avoid seeming ingenuine on Facebook. Then again, genuineness is something that's rare to see these days within any social medium, but that's a topic for someone else to write a term paper on.

The thing about the dislike button that seems the most intriguing and potentially incendiary is the freedom that users now have to express negative emotions with the click of a button. If you truly disagree with a post, or flat-out just don't like the individual who posted it, you now have the ability to make them aware of that.

For example, what if a distant cousin posts what's possibly the millionth photo of their baby gawking at the camera? Click! Dislike. Or say someone writes a status update in some gobble-dy-gook cluster of misspelled run-on sentences that they call "English?" Dislike. Or how about when your crush posts their Man Crush Monday / Woman Crush Wednesday post and it's not you? Dislike.

I'm not saying these are ways that everyone will undoubtedly use and abuse the dislike button but the point is, the possibility to do so will soon exist. Currently, there's no timetable for when the button will make its debut, but until then, one can only wonder what other user requests Facebook may consider embracing.

Personally, I think it would be cool if they put an end to the whole "harvesting our personal information for the sake of advertisements" aspect of the site, but I'd also be okay if we didn't have to download the Messenger app to chat anymore. At this point, only time will tell.

The screenshot shows the 'thefacebook' website. At the top, there's a header with the site name and links for 'login', 'register', and 'about'. Below this is a login/register section with fields for 'Email' and 'Password', and buttons for 'register' and 'login'. The main content area has a 'Welcome to Thefacebook!' message, followed by a description: 'Thefacebook is an online directory that connects people through social networks at colleges. We have opened up Thefacebook for popular consumption at Harvard University.' Below this, it lists 'You can use Thefacebook to:' followed by a bulleted list: 'Search for people at your school', 'Find out who are in your classes', 'Look up your friends' friends', and 'See a visualization of your social network'.

The screenshot shows a chat window titled 'Chat'. It has tabs for 'Friend Lists' and 'Options'. Under 'Friend Lists', there are several lists of friends with status indicators (green dots for online, grey for offline). The lists include 'Invisible', 'Real Friends', 'Adam Imam', 'Wahid Mahmood Khan', 'Indrit Brana', 'Neta Sani', 'Sahil Chandra', 'Fayouf Khan', 'Online Friends', 'Other Friends', 'Kishuk Sani', and 'Saffar Saffar'. At the bottom, there's a search bar for 'Friends on Chat' and a button for 'Chat (8)'.

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FLASHBACK FRIDAY

STICK-ON EARRINGS

By Lisa Stemmons

Accessories of the '90s were innovative and irreplaceable. It's normal for what seemed to be an exclusive fashion style to make reappearances, but I can't imagine a day where stick-on earrings make a comeback.

The concept had good intentions. Many of us weren't ready to commit to big girl earrings after hearing the wails from Claire's echoing throughout the mall and the alternative clip-on earrings were too painful.

The more appealing option was the sheet of colorful hearts, diamonds, squares and moons, with a pair for every day of the month. If only they could have stayed on for longer than half a millisecond...

It's a shame that they couldn't figure this one out. They either ended up tangled in my hair or intertwined in the carpet, much to my mother's dismay.

Kids of the 2000s will never understand the struggle of wanting to hold up my hair (with a scrunchie) in order to show off my stick-on earrings, only to have them fall off. If only we had the luxury of simpler problems back in the day, like no Wi-Fi.

SATURDAY MORNING CARTOONS

By Zachary Dixon

I want you to journey back to Saturday mornings as a kid, and imagine yourself getting your bowl of cereal and plopping down in front of the TV to watch cartoons.

We all had our fix. From the journey of Ash Ketchum to become a Pokémon master to the Digides-tined trying to save the world with their digital friends. Some of us went so far as to don colored suits, summon our robot dinosaur and fight giant monsters as Power Rangers.

The cartoon selection didn't matter. What did matter was that we had them. For years, various cartoons would play in the early mornings of Saturdays, making way for lazy afternoons.

Nothing could beat watching a Batman/Superman team-up episode after a hard week of learning multiplication tables in school. Even as a college student, I will tune in online every once in a while to relive those easier days.

Sadly, those moments are gone, as stations like KidsWB, Fox Kids and Vortexx have gone the way of the Western. I guess that's part of getting older. However, no matter how old I get, I'll always have fond memories of Saturday mornings.

"NA NA NA NA NANA
GETTIN JIGGY WIT IT"
-WILL SMITH

HEELYS

By Hannah Wolkowitz

Remember when you could choose to skate or walk at any given moment? Flashback 15 years ago when Heelys were introduced: Kids and teens across the world enjoyed rolling by in their new kicks, so what could possibly go wrong?

In high school, I had a friend that still believed Heelys were an appropriate choice of style. He wore them everywhere just to get places a few seconds faster. One day, he forgot to take out the wheels before departing from the school bus. As he stepped off, his wheel slipped on the step, and down he went.

When I saw people rolling in Heelys, I wasn't hating. I was simply hoping that they would not have to experience any of the pain other victims had.

Heelys are still on the market, but the trend has died down. For anyone considering these shoes as a suitable choice of footwear, be warned that you are risking not just a mild injury, but possibly your life.

WEBKINZ

By Hannah Snidman

As an elementary school kid, you don't have much control over your life. Your parents hold the reins in almost every aspect of your life, including pets and toys.

However, if you were lucky enough, they just might have bought you your very own Webkinz pets (or Lil' Kinz, the smaller version). They could be found in stores as plush stuffed animals, but each came with a secret code to play an online game.

This access code allowed you to set up an account and add all of your Webkinz. The account gave you the freedom to name your animals, choose what to feed them, set up play-dates, design their house, etc.

Truthfully, I was never an animal lover growing up,

but I adored my Webkinz. I had a variety of pets, nine total, including a pink poodle named Lacey and a Lil' Kinz pink poodle named Macey. I tried to be a fair pet owner and not pick favorites, but I secretly preferred Macey and Lacey over the others (shh, don't tell).

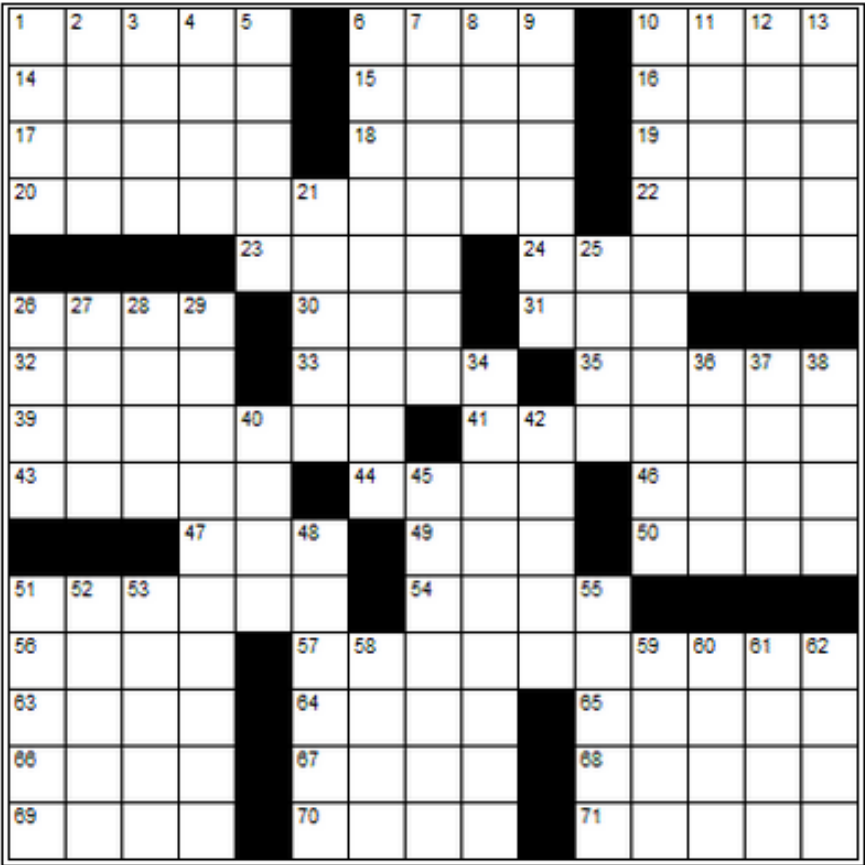
Having to take care of these pets instilled a sense of responsibility in everyone who played. The pets could feel a range of emotions and notified you when they desired food or needed to be loved. It was up to you to fulfill their needs and be a diligent caretaker.

Participating in the Webkinz online game doubled as a fun pastime for kids and as a first step in learning how to act as a responsible adult.

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- 33. Liturgy
- 35. Deduce
- 39. Average weather conditions
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- 44. Defeat decisively
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- 50. Anagram of "Lyme"
- 51. Dependable
- 54. Fog
- 56. Lean
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- 63. Decorative case
- 64. Diva's solo
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- 36. Offensively malodorous
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LAUNDRY

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laundry with the new machines.

"They seem a lot easier to load and you can fit a lot more clothes in them too," Cooling said. "The thing I noticed most with the dryers is that the lint collectors are more modern and effective. What makes them better than previous washers is how you can customize each wash by choosing to mix between hold and cold water with the different

materials of fabric."

Thomas said the new washers and dryers should have a positive affect on students.

"We should see better service and usability for the students based on the new equipment," Thomas said. "Additionally, the high efficiency machines will allow us to enhance some of our sustainability efforts on campus.



photo by Ryan Valentine

All residence halls will be updated with new washing and drying machines in the near future.

Bradley Showcase funds student musicians

BY MADDIE GEHLING
News Editor

The Bradley Showcase, the first show in an eight-part concert series, is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sept. 20 in the Dingledine Music Center.

The Bradley Showcase is part of the annual Music Scholarship Concert Series. Money from ticket sales funds scholarships for Bradley's music students.

"The Music Scholarship series is our major fundraising event for music scholarship funds," professor of music business and director of jazz ensemble Todd Kelly said. "Many of our music majors at Bradley have benefited and continue to benefit from these music scholarships."

The Bradley Showcase will feature professor, alumni and student performers.

"I finished composing [a piece] called 'Blues for B and P' about a week ago," Kelly said. "I wrote it

especially for this concert, and it is scored for a jazz quintet consisting of myself on trumpet, Dr. Steve Heinemann on saxophone, Dr. John Orfe on piano, Bradley alumnus Andy Greiner on bass and Bradley alumnus Jeremy Clark on drums."

Senior music performance and education major Clara Capriotti will also be performing at the concert.

"Dr. Dzapu and I are playing a flute duet, with Dr. Orfe on piano," Capriotti said. "It's just one small segment of the stellar program Dr. Orfe has coordinated."

Assistant professor of music theory and composition Orfe has been an instrumental component in not only planning, but also participating in the event.

"I have undertaken a brass arrangement for [a] quintet," Orfe said. "We're rehearsing this week, but it's all going to come together [for the] show."

Orfe said this was the first showcase concert of its kind

to appear as part of the Music Scholarship Concert Series.

"There used to be a faculty showcase," Orfe said. "I thought, 'Maybe we could expand this idea and feature some students and ensembles.' I made [the event] open invitation. I began with full-time faculty and everyone got back to me on what they wanted to do. Then, I talked to performance faculty for [student performer] recommendations."

Musical pieces from around the world and of varying time periods will be performed, according to Orfe.

"There is a little bit of everything," Orfe said. "Vocal, choral, instrumental, solo, ensemble... It is truly a showcase."

Tickets for the Bradley Showcase are \$10, but a package to all eight performances of the Music Scholarship Concert Series can be purchased for \$50. Students will be admitted free of charge with a Bradley ID.



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Family Weekend revitalized with new events

BY RYAN VALENTINE
Copy Editor

Bradley's Student Activities hopes to improve attendance for this year's Family Weekend with a plethora of revamped activities.

New on the scene this year are the Farmer's Market and Student Organization Bazaar, Cram the Coliseum, Dueling Pianos, a Pep Rally with Director of Athletics Chris Reynolds, Fraternity and Sorority Open Houses and the Sunday Family Weekend send-off.

According to Director of Student Activities Tom Coy, Family Weekend will be focused on hosting events on Bradley's campus compared to hosting community events. Coy said last year's attendees said they wanted more on-campus events, so they worked to accommodate that.

Student Activities plans Family Weekend in conjunction with student organizations, according to Coy. Both parties discuss the changes they wish to see made for the upcoming events.

"Changes are presented to the Student Advisory Committee for their feedback," Coy said. "We always try to balance a variety of events that will appeal to a variety of different families. This year we are excited to add the Petting Zoo and Inflatables at Farmer's Market, while also adding some slightly more adult events like Delta Tau Delta's Dueling Pianos on Friday Night and the Tailgate-Barbecue and Pep Rally on Saturday."

In addition to all the new

events this year, some old favorites are making a return as well. Coy said the Haunted Peoria Bus Tour, which sold out last year, has already been sold out again. Other events such as the Fellows Pancake Breakfast, ACBU movie screening and comedy balloon artist John Cassidy are all returning for this year's Family Weekend.

"We try to mix new and old events to provide a mix of opportunities for families who might have attended in the past," Coy said.

Senior hospitality leadership major Abby Craft said the new activities seem exciting.

"I can't even believe this is my last official family weekend," Craft said. "My parents and I look forward to it every year. Bradley has become my home so being able to share that with my family is the best. It's a year full of lasts and it's all very bittersweet."

Many undergrads have also registered with their parents for family weekend events.

Freshman music business major Kelsey Chapman said she and her family are going to the Fellows Pancake Breakfast, the volleyball game and a concert at Dingledine. "I'm really excited to get to show them all the things I've gotten to do since I got here," Chapman said.

For more information and a full list of the Family Weekend schedule, students can visit www.bradley.edu/familyweekend.

BBQ Kitten hosts paw-some first show

BY MADDIE GEHLING
News Editor

Students laughed their tails off as Bradley's improv group, Barbeque Kitten, put on its first show of the school year Saturday.

Barbeque Kitten is an improv and sketch comedy troupe.

Troupe president Peyton McDermott said they schedule four shows per semester.

Saturday night's show featured musical activities, guessing games and audience participation. To prepare for shows like this, the troupe hosts weekly open practices.

"We meet each week to learn improv, teach people how to play improv, make jokes and have a good time," McDermott, a senior theater performance and television arts major, said.

Barbeque Kitten has been a creative presence on campus since it was founded in 2004.

"[The troupe] has been around for quite some time, actually," Lorelei Volpe, senior psychology major and troupe recruiter, said. "A lot of the founding members created it to have an improv group on campus, but I really think that throughout the years, it's evolved."

While each show features the troupe's members (called "kittens"), any student can participate in the improv games that are played at open practices.

"Every Wednesday night out in front of Bradley Hall from 10:30 p.m. to midnight, we have open practice," McDermott said. "Anyone can come, anyone can play. That's our motto."

Volpe said the group tries to create a good environment for creativity.

"The more that we teach the lessons, the better it is for every-



photo by Maddie Gehling

BBQ Kitten troupe members improvise at their performance Saturday. The show included several games focused on engaging their audience.

one," Volpe said. "We want to foster a great environment for people to learn, blow off some steam, and have fun."

While playing improv games, troupe members also get the chance to practice real-life skills and apply them in a safe environment.

"Improv is all about coming up with ideas and solving dilemmas in short spans of time," sophomore public relations major and new recruit Chris Dolphin said. "It's all about thinking on your feet. You learn when to stick to your guns and when to adapt. It hones in on many critical thinking skills."

During the troupe's Monday night closed rehearsals, student

members receive constructive criticism from each other and practice playing new games.

"Basically, everyone in the troupe looks out for each other," Dolphin said. "You receive criticism from members of the troupe on how to keep working towards playing the game as best you can. It's a big family, and that's so critical."

Barbeque Kitten's next show is scheduled for Oct. 17.

"It will be a themed show, so stay tuned for that," McDermott said.

More information on the troupe can be found at bbqkitten.com or their Facebook page.

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A.L.A.S. hosts Tomborazo on the Quad



photo by Anna Foley

The Association of Latin American Students gathered Wednesday at its Tomborazo event on Olin Quad. They had games, music and a piñata.

Soccer gets blown away by Utah Valley, UNLV

BY ALEX KRYAH
Assistant Sports Editor

The men's soccer team saw its three-game win streak come to an abrupt halt over the weekend. The Braves traveled to Utah Valley and UNLV only to suffer consecutive 4-1 losses, both of which caused the team to take a step back.

"Though we're young right now, to be honest, for what we've accomplished over the last 20 years, two 4-1 losing performances is something that can't happen to us," head coach Jim DeRose said. "Our kids are aware of the challenge we face every time we play. We're going to get everyone's best shot."

Before the game, DeRose expressed his excitement to play at Utah Valley, noting the electric atmosphere of the opposing teams' crowd.

"The atmosphere was awesome," DeRose said. "They had a record crowd. We were one of the biggest names to come through there ever. It was definitely one of the top five environments I've ever played in."

Undefeated Utah Valley gave the Braves its best shot on Friday night. The game was played even for the first 30 minutes until a "bizarre" turn of events occurred, according to DeRose. In the 30th minute, a ball found its way out from a scrum of players in the Bradley box and fell to a Utah Valley player, who put the ball in the back of the net.

After the second goal was scored near the end of the first half, the Braves were put on their heels and were never able to bounce back.

"We were our own worst enemy," freshman forward Frank Bak said. "We had a bunch of opportunities like they did, but they put them in the back of the net and we just didn't execute."

The Braves were then 3-2 on the year and found themselves pitted against a formidable foe again in UNLV two days later. The Rebels proved to be too much to handle for the Braves early on and dealt the men their second loss in three days.

"I love playing UNLV," DeRose said. "West Coast soccer is a lot different than Midwest soccer. Those kids grow up their whole lives

playing soccer, and it's just different than what we see here."

DeRose said he learned when the Braves can't impose their "identity" on teams, they can't win. Their identity, he said, is defending collectively, taking away other team's attacking options and executing in their scoring chances.

One of the few bright spots from the weekend came from Bak, who scored his third goal of the season. As a freshman, he has taken on a big role early in his career, and his performance is having a big

Bradley Soccer

Vs. Utah Valley

Utah Valley: 4 Bradley: 1

Goals: BU - Taylor
UVU - Buxton (2)
Karson
Milne

Vs. UNLV

UNLV: 4 Bradley: 1

Goals: BU - Bak
Saves: UNLV - Ackley
Rodriguez
Musovski
Kamdem

impact.

"It's been nice coming in as a forward and just being able to fill my role," Bak said. "I have confidence in myself, and lately it's been going good."

DeRose lauded his freshman for his play, even as he was thrown into the fire from the beginning of the season.

"Frank is willing to play on both sides of the ball," DeRose said. "It's difficult for freshmen to come in and do what people [expect] you to do, but he's been living up to expectations."

The men play another road game tonight at Omaha.



photo by Adam Rubinberg

Senior midfielder Alex Garcia plays a ball over a Houston Baptist player during the Braves 1-0 win over the Cougars on Aug. 30.

Volleyball bounced at Kangaroo Klassic

BY BRANDON WALLACE
Sports Reporter

After a promising start to the season, Bradley's volleyball team experienced its first rough patch. The Braves travelled to Kansas City, Mo for the Kangaroo Klassic tournament and went 0-3.

The Braves weren't at full strength, according to head coach Jenny Maurer. With Missouri Valley Conference play getting closer, Maurer decided to give some players rest for various reasons. But she said that it wasn't an excuse.

"We chose to rest a few players that had nagging injuries," Maurer said. "We played the best competition to date, and making the adjustments we had to make to our team, we had to adapt. We weren't able to do that, and our opponents weren't forgiving. We just couldn't get a rhythm going."

In the first match of the tournament, Bradley lost to the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) in straight sets 25-16, 25-16, 25-23.

The Kangaroos dominated the first two sets of the match as the scores indicated. However, the third set was a battle, featuring 10 ties before UMKC pulled away late.

Senior Lea Sack had a match-high 21 digs, one dig short of the Bradley record in a three-set match. Freshman Raegen Jackson hit .385 and had a team-best six kills.

The second match of the tournament played out just like the first for the Braves. They were defeated in consecutive sets by Omaha 25-16, 26-24, 25-13.

Omaha took the first set by a decisive margin. The Braves led for most of the second set and were in position to win at 24-23, but the Mavericks pulled out three straight kills to take the set. Omaha then ran away with the third set.

Sack had six digs which put her at 1,006 digs for her career, making her the 15th player in Bradley history to reach 1,000 career digs. Senior Jessica Teel notched her first double-double of the season, with 12 digs and 11 assists. Sophomore Jamie Livaudais had nine kills and freshman Allison Turner added another eight kills.

Bradley's third match of the tournament saw the same results as the first two: a loss in consecutive sets. This time the victor was SIU-Edwardsville with a score of 25-19, 25-23, 25-23.

Although the Cougars took the first set definitively, the second and third sets were closer. The second set saw 14 ties and two lead changes. Knotted at 23-23, the Cougars were able to take the final two points. The Braves seemed to be in position to win the third set with a 23-17 lead, but an 8-0 run from the Cougars sealed the sweep.

Sophomore Taylor Thiele was a bright spot for the Braves, posting a team-best nine kills and 12 digs. Freshman Erica Haslag added eight kills and six digs, while Turner provided a team-best three blocks to go with seven kills. Sack, who earned a spot on the Kangaroo Klassic All-Tournament team, had nine digs, four assists and an ace.

Maurer was able to draw some positives from the experience.

"For a young team like us, it was part of the growing pains," Maurer said. "[There were] more teachable moments and more learning opportunities came out of this weekend than just the score."

Bradley returns to the Renaissance Coliseum for the Bradley Invitational, kicking off a five-match home stand tonight against Southeast Missouri State.

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Bradley Volleyball

Vs. UMKC

	1	2	3
BU	15	16	23
UMKC	25	25	25

Vs. Omaha

	1	2	3
BU	16	24	13
OM	25	26	25

Vs. SIUE

	1	2	3
BU	19	23	23
SIUE	25	25	25



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Men's Soccer		Omaha Omaha, NE 7 PM		
Women's Golf		UIC Fall Shootout Iowa City, Iowa 8:30 AM		

Men's and women's golf struggle in weekend invitationals

BY SAMMANTHA DELLARIA
Off-staff Reporter

The Bradley university men's and women's golf teams had an eventful weekend as they traveled to compete in their respective tournaments.

The women's golf team participated in its second invitational of the season on Sept. 12 and 13 at the Diane Thomason Invitational in Iowa City, Iowa. On the first day of the tournament, the team finished in ninth place with an overall team score of 994. After all rounds had concluded on Sunday, the women's golf team finished 10th in the tournament.

"We didn't do that great," head coach Mary Swanson said. "We had some individual reasonable rounds, but we didn't really string anything solid together. In the grand scheme of things, its only going to help us get better."

Senior Danielle Lemek placed

13th overall at the invitational as she finished the final round of the tournament with a score of 78 and a cumulative tournament score of 228.

The women's golf team will head to the UIC Fall Shootout at Lemont, Illinois, on Sept. 19.

"It's just a one-day event," Swanson said of the UIC Fall Shootout. "Its a little more casual in the sense that I don't think a lot of people are going to get practice rounds."

The men's golf team competed Sept. 13 and 14 at the D.A. Weibring Intercollegiate tournament in Normal, IL.



Drake Bushong

This was the first tournament the men's golf team has competed in as they opened their season with a nice performance. After 36 holes, the team finished its rounds on Sunday taking fourth place. By the end of the tournament on Monday, the team finished 5th overall among the 18 teams that participated.

In the individual standings, Bradley freshman Drake Bushong finished second place overall in the tournament with a score of 214 through the end of his rounds.

Seniors Garrett Cox and Lyle Burns finished tied for 17th and 47th place, respectively, as the team shot a combined total of 893 for the tournament.

The men will continue their season as they compete Sept. 28 and 29 at the Derek Dolenc Invitational in Edwardsville, IL.

Tennis comes up a winner in the Windy City, Manfredo White Flight champ

BY NATHALY TRUJILLO
Off-staff Reporter

The first serve of the women's tennis team's fall season took place at Chicago State's Cougar Invitational this past weekend.

"[There were] a lot of new faces for us, and it was good to kind of see where people line up and how they do under pressure," head coach Matt Tyler said.

With a roster of 10 girls in comparison to the eight from the previous year, there wasn't a set lineup. This was an opportunity for the tennis team to play top competitors and themselves, but also to understand each player's strengths and weaknesses that can later determine their desired lineup.

"As far as lineup is concerned, things pretty much fell into place the way we expected," Tyler said. "We have a great problem in really that all of our girls could beat each other on a given day."

Sophomore Aimee Manfredo

whizzed by in straight sets against teammate freshman Malini Wejesinghe to win the singles White Flight championship, leaving a lasting mark for Bradley on the last day of the invitational.

However, Bradley didn't just come home with one championship. The doubles duo junior Ariel Dechter and senior Irinka Toidze finished the weekend with a 3-0 record. They won the flight championship with a 6-3 victory against the Bowling Green combo of Radeva and Witt on Sunday.

"While it cleared a few things up for us, there are still a lot of unknowns as far as where people are going to play," Tyler said.

The Braves had a combined 7-8 record from Sunday's six flights of final matches. Sophomores Alejandra de Lasa and Ashley Thai had a 6-4 win in the 7th place doubles match against Oakland.

Dechter won the Green Flight 3rd place match 6-0, surpassing

freshman Emma Sodergren who won her match 6-1. Also placing in the Green Flight was Brandt, winning a 7th place match 6-2. Freshman Julie Martin placed 7th in the Black Flight match at 6-3 against Chicago State's Leshia Gadacz.

"I felt that we played well, but we can get better," Tyler said. "I think a lot of it was just first tournament jitters and working through some of those nerves."

From this opening tournament, Bradley's 10-woman roster has a combined 16-13 record in singles and a 6-8 record in double. The annual three-day Bradley Invitational will begin Sept. 25, taking place at the David Markin Courts. Times are to be determined.

"The great news is that I think we're playing really high-level tennis," Tyler said. "I think, hopefully, we carry that same momentum into our home invitational."

One-on-One

Who will win the Heisman Trophy?

Cody Kessler	Trevon Boykin
<p>As the 2014 college football season came to a close the two past Heisman Trophy winners, Jameis Winston of Florida State and Marcus Mariota of Oregon, announced their intentions to forgo their next year of eligibility and go to the NFL.</p> <p>This season, many of the favorites include Ohio State Buckeyes and pocket passers. I'm picking one of the candidates from the latter: USC QB Cody Kessler.</p> <p>Although the Ohio State candidates, most notably running back Ezekiel Elliott and quarterback Cardale Jones, intrigue me, Kessler is the optimal candidate.</p> <p>Kessler had a huge season last year that ultimately went under the radar, throwing 39 touchdowns opposed to a measly five interceptions. In two games this season, Kessler has already thrown seven touchdown passes with no interceptions.</p> <p>Not only have Kessler's stats been incredible, but his mechanics are great and his character is sharp.</p> <p>Although the Trojans were 9-4 last season and ended as No. 20, the prospect of him being teamed up with a dramatically improved offense and a cleaned up, efficient head coach will not only make for a Heisman Trophy for Kessler.</p> <p>It'll also put the Trojans in contention to make it to the four-team playoff.</p> <p>- Nick Todd</p>	<p>The Heisman Trophy debate always looms large at the start of every college football season.</p> <p>The past five Heisman winners have been quarterbacks, so don't expect the pattern to change this year.</p> <p>Although running backs like OSU's Ezekiel Elliott, LSU's Leonard Fournette and Georgia's Nick Chubb are all strong candidates, there's one dual-threat quarterback down in Fort Worth, Texas that stands out above the strong field of running backs.</p> <p>Senior Trevone Boykin is coming off the best season a TCU quarterback has ever had, leading the Horned Frogs to a 12-1 record capped off by a statement win against Ole Miss in the Peach Bowl.</p> <p>Boykin accounted for 4,608 yards of total offense, throwing for a school record of 3,901 yards with 33 touchdowns.</p> <p>Originally recruited as a receiver, Boykin was converted to QB. What a rewarding decision that has been for Coach Gary Patterson and the Horned Frogs. Boykin has already accounted for 531 yards and five touchdowns through two games of the young 2015 season.</p> <p>TCU will finally earn the respect they deserve from both the playoff committee for the team, and the Heisman voters for Boykin when he takes the award in New York.</p> <p>- Austin Shone</p>



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Sophomore Aimee Manfredo winds up for a backhand. She won the singles White Flight championship at the Cougar Invitational.

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Opinion

#StopNewEngland2K15

BY MATT CRUSEN
Off-staff Reporter

Bill Belichick became the head coach of the New England Patriots in the year 2000. In his 15 seasons leading the Patriots, he has won more than 10 games in all but two of those years. New England has won the AFC Championship six times and the Super Bowl four times. His coaching statistics would suggest that he is one of, if not the best, football coach of all time.

However, along with all of the success New England has achieved comes a significant number of asterisks that can be placed next to its name as the years have gone by. Belichick and the Patriots have been involved in numerous scandals, and they

always seem to skate by with just a slap on the wrist.

My question for the NFL and Commissioner Roger Goodell is how many more times will it take the organization in New England to embarrass him before he finally puts a stop to the best cheaters in sports history?

The first time the Patriots were caught at their line-crossing behaviors came in 2007 in a case known as "Spygate." On Sept. 9, 2007, the Patriots were disciplined for videotaping a regular-season game against the New York Jets from an unapproved sideline location instead of from an approved indoor location.

According to the 2007 NFL Game Operations Manual, legal game videotaping locations "must be enclosed on all sides with a

roof overhead." Commissioner Goodell fined Belichick \$500,000 and the Patriots \$250,000, and he docked the team its original first-round selection in the 2008 NFL Draft. Some people consider this to be the biggest cheating scandal in the history of the NFL.

Next of course is the "Deflategate." Since it happened last year, there's no need to go into too much detail. Commissioner Goodell attempted to punish the Patriots, but due to his lack of caution while investigating the case, the judge found more loopholes in his procedural process than a basketball net. Ultimately, Brady was reinstated and his suspension was reversed.

Just when we all thought there would be another five years or so before the next time the Patriots

got caught cheating again, there were complaints from the Steelers about something happening in the season opener last week.

Pittsburgh head coach Mike Tomlin passive-aggressively accused the Patriots of cheating by screwing up his coach-to-coach headsets. Not much other information on this issue has been released and it appears the accusations will go to the wayside, but once again the Patriots found themselves amidst another potential scandal. Who knows? Maybe it will turn into something bigger in the next couple of weeks, and if so, I'm sure Goodell will take it easy on their "punishment".

It's clear Belichick and the Patriots bend the rules as far as they can until they get caught,

and in multiple cases they broke the rules until they were caught. But with the lack of severity in the punishments handed to the Patriots from the NFL, New England will continue to find every gray area known to man until Goodell puts a permanent stop to it.

#Stop__(insert name)___2k15 has become a popular hashtag on Twitter that people use as a joke with their friends. This, however, is no joking matter. Belichick has been abusing the NFL ever since he took over in New England and will continue to do so until the commissioner stops him. The next time the Patriots are caught cheating it should be the absolute last time, but it undoubtedly will not be.

Competitive nature drives Dechter to the top of the MVC

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI
Sports Editor

During the second day of the Chicago State Cougar Invitational singles play, tension was high on the Chicago State University tennis courts.

As the singles bracket progressed into the semifinals, all schools invited were treated to what may have been the best match of the entire weekend.

Bradley junior Ariel Dechter faced off against sophomore teammate Alejandra de Lasa in a tie break during the third and final set.

Head coach Matt Tyler could only watch as the transfer from Virginia Commonwealth University took on Dechter, the most decorated player in Bradley tennis history.

"It's kind of a tough thing, for the players and the coaching staff as well," Tyler said. "We as a coaching staff try to watch and stay away and not have too much input."

Dechter, a Mundelein Illinois native, wasn't interested in playing her teammates, but she was stuck doing so in two of her three matches during the Cougar Invitational.

be named All-Missouri Valley Conference (MVC).

While this honor subsequently makes her one of the best tennis players in Bradley history, her start at Bradley began in an unconventional way.

"Coach Tyler isn't the one that recruited me," Dechter said. "A month before I got here, [the previous coach] went to a different school, so I didn't even know what to expect. Freshman year was a little difficult."

After her freshman year, she said Tyler had her focus on her serve and her doubles play, which was crucial in helping her succeed in her sophomore campaign.

However, Dechter credited her competitive personality as one of the main reasons for propelling her to the top ranks of the MVC.

"I don't care who I'm playing," Dechter said. "Like Wichita; They win conference. In the past, my teammates... didn't think they could win, they were like 'There's no way.' Why would you think that? You have to compete."

Dechter said her contesting nature was influenced by her childhood.

"That's how I was brought up," Dechter said. "I have a younger



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have a person like that show up day in and day out not only with a smile on her face, but ready to work hard, it just brings the entire energy of the program up," Tyler said. "She's got that winning mentality. It doesn't really matter who she's competing against, you know she's going to be in the mix and has a chance to win."

As for this season, Dechter said being named All-MVC accomplished one of her career goals. The honor was also monumental

for the tennis program as a whole.

"I think it sets more of a tone," Dechter said. "They should be your goals, that should be something you're striving to get. I feel like [before] it was an outside dream that no one was ever going to get it."

Tyler also noted how big Dechter's achievement was for the program.

"It's a critical first step," Tyler said. "To put our name up there in the same group of people is really important for everybody... A lot of times, once you break that barrier, then the flood gates may open too."

As Dechter's junior year begins, she noted her list of goals has realigned to fit last year's accomplishments, and she'd rather go

one step higher.

"Be proud, but never satisfied, that's what my coach from back home says," Dechter said. "A goal of mine has always been to be Missouri Valley Player of the Year."

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"Be proud, but never satisfied, that's what my coach from back home says,"

-Ariel Dechter
Junior women's tennis player

brother, [and] we'd always compete with each other [in tennis]."

From her childhood competitions to NCAA Division I tennis matches, Tyler said her ambitious nature is invaluable to the team.

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Ariel Dechter, who is reshaping the tennis program, enters her third year at Bradley as the most decorated tennis player ever.

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Spaghetti Supper makes triumphant return

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI
Sports Editor

Bradley fans and supporters alike gathered at the Itoo Hall on Farmington Road Thursday for the Bradley Spaghetti Supper.

The classic preseason event, which returned after a one-year hiatus, made a comeback to the Itoo Hall for the first time since 2009 and gave all attendees a chance to meet and mingle with players on both the men's and women's basketball team.

Director of Athletics Chris Reynolds noted the importance of the event to Bradley Athletics, citing how it united Bradley fans under one roof and yet, just how easy it was to coordinate.

"When I came back to Peoria and to Bradley University, I was told it was a tradition that we should restart again," Reynolds said. "For me, it was something that was easy to do and was something that the people in this community wanted."

In recent years, the Spaghetti Supper was held in Renaissance Coliseum. This was an act that frustrated the Bradley faithful who embraced the Spaghetti Supper at the Itoo Hall as tradition.

When Reynolds announced June 2 the Spaghetti Supper was returning to the Itoo Hall, he was met with a very enthusiastic reception. When Reynolds was introduced at the event, he received a standing ovation from the crowd of 464.

Reynolds even promised that next year they would be having the Spaghetti Supper at the Itoo Hall again.

Reynolds said the Spaghetti Supper was crucial in garnering the support needed for the Bradley Basketball teams, who are beginning their seasons in a month and a half.

"We need support," Reynolds

said. "We need the people in this community to come out and watch us play. It's important that we reach out to the community and let them know how important they are to Bradley Athletics."

While 464 fans ate dinner at the event, others came simple to see the team, bringing the crowd total to around 500 people.

Both the men's and women's basketball teams were introduced, with each coach asking for ample support from those who attended.

"We want you, we need you on our team," men's basketball head coach Brian Wardle said. "You will see [good basketball] this year."

One attendee, a Bradley graduate, said the Spaghetti Supper returning to the Itoo Hall had a nostalgic feeling, and the previous Spaghetti Suppers held at the Renaissance Coliseum never lacked a sense of intimacy.

That same nostalgic feeling was also another one of the reasons why Reynolds brought the Spaghetti Supper back to the Itoo Hall.

"The theme for this year for Bradley men's basketball is 'Tradition plays in Peoria,'" Reynolds said. "Spaghetti dinners at the Itoo Hall are the tradition of Bradley basketball."

While the Spaghetti Supper was a huge success, Reynolds did not say whether or not there would be a Red/White scrimmage, which is another preseason tradition that was held on the Peoria Riverfront prior to last season.

"We're still exploring ideas of what we might want to do before the season starts," Reynolds said. "We haven't made any definitive decisions yet."

Bradley men's basketball opens up their season Nov. 4 against Edgewood College, while the women begin the season Nov. 1 against McKendree College.



photo by Chris Kwiecinski

First year men's basketball head coach Brian Wardle introduces his team at the Itoo Spaghetti Supper on Thursday.

Road Blues



photos (left) by Ann Schnabel and (right) via Scout Archives

Bradley volleyball and soccer look to regroup after a winless weekend on the road: **Page A9**

Cross country dominates individuals and sweeps duals at Bradley Intercollegiate

BY ALEX KRYAH
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The men's and women's cross country teams were the host of the 29th annual Bradley Intercollegiate last Friday, and they didn't allow either of the visiting teams to spoil their party.

The men swept the top six in their heat, all finishing within a second of each other. Finishing first was junior Caleb Beck, checking in at a career-best time of 25:04. Sophomores Taylor Floyd Mews and Michael Ward, juniors Mike Bianchina and Patrick Campbell and senior Marshall Moyer all finished at 25:04.7 or faster.

"Our men's goal was to get out and get in a good position in a pack together," head coach Darren Gauson said. "Our top seven ran together for the most part, but obviously there was a pretty small margin of victory. I'm very happy

for the guys, there were a lot of [personal records] on that course."

The girls finished in an even more impressive fashion, as 10 of the top 11 finishers in the women's race were Bradley runners. Clocking in with the fastest times were Caitlin and Kristen Busch, who tied for first at 16:49.8. The effort earned the twin sisters MVC Athletes of the Week honors.

Gauson said both the men's and women's teams have started off their seasons hot, and they want to carry that momentum through the rest of the season when the competition gets more difficult.

"We just want to try to manage our energy levels and training so we can continue to progress," Gauson said. "This weekend was a good stepping stone towards that, and Notre Dame will be a week [from today], so that'll be another big test for us there."

He also noted that the key to

continuing to improve lies within the team's work ethic and camaraderie.

"This is my fifth week as a head coach, and I haven't been working with them long...and I think our 1-16 runners are all invested in each other," Gauson said. "They're a good group and I'm very fortunate to have the athletes that we have here."

Gauson said he still believes there is room for improvement throughout the team, but overall, he's pleased with what he's seen.

Both cross country teams compete today in the Bradley Invitational at 3 p.m. in Donovan Park.

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- @KirkWessler, Peoria Journal Star Executive Sports Editor

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