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Students show support for Planned Parenthood



photo by Ann Schnabel

Members of Feminists at Bradley and the community gathered at the corner of Main Street and University Street to show support for Planned Parenthood in the wake of the Colorado Springs shooting.

BY MICHAEL ECHEVERRI
Copy Editor

Members of Feminists at Bradley and other community members gathered Wednesday at the intersection of Main Street and University Street to show solidarity for Planned Parenthood. The event was held as a response to the recent Colorado Springs shooting.

"The demonstration is modeled after and inspired by another solidarity event going on in Chicago [Wednesday] hosted by Support Legal Abortion," FAB president Elizabeth Gum said. "We thought it important that Peoria also stand with Planned Parenthood and stand against abortion clinic terrorism."

The demonstrators held up signs with messages like "Honk to preserve pro-choice" and "Keep Abortion Safe + Legal."

"I feel that, especially in light of the shooting, women's control over their bodies and their health-care is under attack, and we are out here trying to reaffirm that

women do in fact have control over their bodies," political science and theatre arts double major Derek Yeghiazarian said.

FAB member Anjelica Velazquez emphasized the variety of roles Planned Parenthood fills beyond abortion.

"I come from a low income neighborhood, and I feel Planned Parenthood is vital to neighborhoods like mine and society as a whole," Velazquez, a freshman English education major, said. "Planned Parenthood does a lot more than just abortions. It also helps out with counseling, adoptions, sex education and cancer screening."

Members of Peorians also attended the solidarity event for Reproductive Health Care.

"Planned Parenthood needs our support because it is often misunderstood or misrepresented," Cherly Hofbaur, a member of PRHC, said. "I'm thinking specifically of that fictitious video released a couple of months ago that depicted a supposed Planned

Parenthood representative talking about the sale of baby parts."

Some passing motorists shouted insults and profanities at the protestors, and Hofbaur said she encouraged a levelheaded response to critics of pro-choice.

"The best approach to those who don't understand where we are coming from is to acknowledge what they're saying and their right to believe what they want to believe in," Hofbaur said. "Don't engage in a negative exchange with the person. You don't need to convince them, and they aren't going to convince you."

Hofbaur said she thought the demonstration was very important and was glad to see college students standing up for pro-choice despite the criticism they received.

"I grew up in a time when women didn't have a choice and Roe vs. Wade was not the law of the land," Hofbaur said. "The memories of friends who had illegal abortions haunt me, and I don't want to return to that time. We need to move forward."

Giving Tuesday kicks off with a splash

BY MADDIE GEHLING
News Editor

Bradley took part in the international Giving Tuesday event for the first time on campus Dec. 1, raising \$576,460 from 1,692 donors.

Giving Tuesday, which started in 2012, is a global celebration of gratitude. It takes place on the Tuesday after Black Friday and Cyber Monday, and it is intended to bring awareness to various philanthropies and not-for-profits.

"Lydia Moss Bradley, one of her big traditions was giving," university spokesperson and Executive Director of Public Relations Renee Charles said. "We wanted to get students thinking about how giving to Bradley — even if it's \$1, \$5, whatever — is that tradition of Bradley. That way, when you leave, you're thinking, 'I already made a difference at Bradley. I'm going to keep making a difference after I leave.'"

According to Charles, Bradley is considered a not-for-profit, as it is a private university.

"A good portion of our budget

comes from donors, and it makes for more scholarships and more opportunities," Charles said. "We have the Scholarship Luncheon, and it goes towards sustaining a lot of those. When people called in or made their donation online, they could designate it to a certain area they wanted to. There's a general fund, and most of it went into that and is dispersed and distributed as necessary, through scholarships and programs for the Bradley experience."

As part of Giving Tuesday festivities, university administrators and faculty members participated in incentive challenges to encourage students to donate.

Vice President for Student Affairs Nathan Thomas taught his class and attended campus meetings while wearing Batman pajamas, Interim President Stan Liberty created a video of his dance moves and Director of the Lewis J. Burger Center Jessica Chandler

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Study Abroad derails Paris plans

BY MADDIE GEHLING
News Editor

In light of the November Paris attacks, the International Programs Office has cancelled the January interim trip to Paris, France, due to safety concerns for Bradley students.

Many students attending the Paris interim were enrolled in a general education course, and other arrangements have been made to ensure they can fulfill their classes at another time.

"In terms of the cancelled courses, we worked very hard at making alternative academic arrangements for students in our high-priority group," Christine Blouch, assistant professor and director of international programs, said. "[That] means seniors with plans

to graduate in May who required one of the gen ed course categories that was offered in Paris."

Blouch said a number of students chose to sign up for a May interim study abroad trip in place of their January trip. Bradley is offering trips to Dublin, Rome and Madrid this May.

"I was able to sign up for the May term study abroad to Dublin [Ireland], and all of the money was transferred to that trip," junior history major Stormy Luna said. "The department really did their best to help me find another way to study abroad."

The International Programs Office was not able to refund the

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Body Project promotes Love Your Body Campaign with contest

The Bradley Body Project is hosting its annual poster contest to celebrate the Love Your Body Campaign. Students can submit a poster by noon Dec. 4. to Markin Room 50.

The Body Project was developed to challenge the current standards of beauty and fitness in order to promote positive body image.

A \$50 Visa gift card will be awarded for first place and \$25 for second place. The first place winner's poster will be sent to the national Love Your Body contest.

The National Organization for Women Foundation sponsors the poster contest, and the winning posters will be featured on its website to promote Love Your Body events.

For more information, students can visit the Body Project's Facebook page or email Emma Walser at ewalser@mail.bradley.edu. For contest guidelines, students can visit now.org.

Dietetics association holds food drive

The Dietetics Students Association is hosting its holiday food drive until Dec. 11. Students are collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to the Tinley Park Food Pantry.

The organization encourages students to learn and explore the role of food and nutrition as they relate to self-development. Members are given the opportunity to learn with professionals in the field of nutrition, while gaining practical experience in planning activities related to nutrition.

Students can find donation boxes in the Family and Consumer Sciences office located in the basement of Bradley Hall.

Late Night BU hosts dodgeball tournament

The final Late Night BU of the semester will feature a dodgeball tournament from 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Dec. 8. \$500 will be given to the winner of the tournament.

There is a maximum of 30 teams. Teams can consist of five to ten people. The \$20 entrance fee will be returned to teams upon elimination from the tournament.

Preregistration is required. Students can register by contacting Marshall Escue at wescue@mail.bradley.edu or (309) 453-8134.

The event will also feature an indoor ice-skating rink, holiday caricatures, awkward family photos and crafts like pinecone trees and ornament making.

POLICE REPORTS

- Officers responded to a report of arson at 3:56 p.m. Dec. 1. A female staff member reported that an inspection certificate of a south elevator of Geisert Hall was burned in two places. There are no suspects.

- Officers responded to a report of a burglary at 1:03 p.m. Nov. 28.

Two suspicious males were reportedly taking items from the garage of a residence located on the 1700 block of W. Bradley Avenue. Officers recorded license plate numbers and a suspect description from witnesses.

Later, both suspects were spotted in the vehicle reported from the witness and both non-students were taken to the Peoria County Jail.

- A male non-student reported stolen property at 9 a.m. Nov. 30.

A ladder and scaffolding had been stolen from his residence located on the 800 block of N. Cooper Street at noon that day.

The Peoria Police Detective Office has taken up the case.

- Police responded to a female student's report that her house on the 1600 block of Barker Street had been broken into at 12:15 p.m. Nov. 29.

A window was broken and the residence had been entered, but no belongings were stolen.

There are no suspects.

- Officers responded to a report of a possible domestic dispute at 8:54 p.m. Nov. 26.

Upon arriving on the 1600 block of Main Street, they found a non-student male in a car, who reported that his non-student girlfriend had gotten out of the car and walked away after a verbal argument.

- Officers observed a vehicle driving without headlights at 5:21 p.m. Nov. 25.

The vehicle was stopped, and the driver was found to be operating with a suspended, out-of-state license. Officers gave the driver a verbal warning.

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Unanswered Speak Up questions addressed

BY TORI MOSES
Managing Editor

The following questions were not answered at Student Senate's Speak Up event Nov. 16, but The Scout followed up on them with the appropriate departments this week for responses.

Q: Why is there a \$500 study abroad fee attached to students who are studying abroad for a semester? Why pay a student activities fee and a health fee when students who study abroad for a semester are not even on campus?

Director of International Programs Christine Blouch said the study abroad fee has been around since the early '90s.

"It has remained unchanged, which is strangest of all, and it is far, far lower than comparable fees that are attached to study abroad at each and every U.S. institution, private or public," Blouch said.

Blouch said she was unaware that the on-campus student activities and health center fees are charged while students are abroad because she hasn't received a student complaint before, and the study abroad office does not impose these fees. Blouch said she will speak to Financial Services about the issue.

Q: Do we have a way of getting earlier observation/novice placement to ensure we have the time to fulfill mandatory hours?

Dean Cantu, chairperson for the Department of Teacher Education, said the question doesn't give him

and Health Sciences' licensure officer and clinical coordinator.

Q: Doctors are double dosing and overdosing students with prescription medication needs. What controls are in place to pre-

any prescriptions that are questionable in their eyes and will call the office if they have concerns."

Higgs said the question may refer to the prescription of high dosages of amoxicillin, an antibiotic that treats sinusitis, an inflam-

faculty or retreats held by each college.

First-year faculty members are also assigned senior mentors for help throughout their time at Bradley.

Sattler another resource available is the Center for Teaching and Learning, directed by Jana Hunzicker, which hosts fall and spring forums for faculty. Hunzicker sends out emails with tips for teaching and times that groups meet up to talk about learning and research.

Q: Is there any way to cut down the basketball team's budget and reallocate it?

"Bradley is committed to a Division I-AAA Athletics Program and carefully benchmarks its sports spending of resources to comparable programs as well as competitors in the Missouri Valley Conference," Director of Athletics Chris Reynolds said.

If you missed last week's article covering Student Senate Speak Up Q-and-A, check it out at bradleyscout.com.

"The physician has to acknowledge the concern in order to continue prescribing ... In addition, the pharmacist reviews any prescriptions that are questionable in their eyes and will call the office if they have concerns."

- Jessica Higgs
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the information needed to adequately respond to this student's concerns.

In order to answer the question, Cantu said he needs to know what assignments the student is referring to, who the supervisor for the section of novice teaching is, how much time was allotted for the students to complete the assignment and if the student has brought the matter to their supervisor or Jane Cushing, the College of Education

vent this, and how can the system be improved moving forward?

Director of Health Services Jessica Higgs said the Health Center's electronic medical records flag any prescription that has an inappropriate dosage or that interacts with other medications the patient is taking.

"The physician has to acknowledge the concern in order to continue prescribing," Higgs said. "In addition, the pharmacist reviews

mation of the sinuses, but newer literature argues that a high dose is necessary to be effective.

Q: What is being done to retain the outstanding faculty the university is known for?

Interim Provost Joan Sattler said there is support for faculty through their departments, colleges and the university as a whole. This comes in forms such as orientation sessions for new

Bradley to offer online graduate counseling program

BY RYAN VALENTINE
Copy Editor

Bradley now offers an online counseling program with master's degrees in clinical mental health counseling and professional school counseling. The Master of Arts in Counseling program aims to prepare professional counselors to work with a diverse population of clients in a variety of educational and community settings.

Carlos Del Rio, director of the online counseling program. He said the online delivery of the program offers the exact same curriculum that is currently offered to campus-based students.

"My goal is to bring the academic excellence that distinguishes Bradley to students seeking a quality graduate education in counseling wherever they live," he said.

In addition to clinical mental health counseling and professional school counseling, Del Rio mentioned other possible certifications for the future, which include addiction counseling, career counseling, couples and family therapy counseling and any other counseling specialty that represents a division of the American Counseling Association. Currently, there are 20 professional divisions that represent the profession of counseling.

"The purpose has been to offer a quality of education that distinguishes Bradley to students

regardless of their location," Del Rio said.

According to Del Rio, the federal Department of Education issued a regulation in 2010 requiring all accredited institutions of higher education in the U.S. to seek for state authorization to offer their programs via distance learning technologies.

Bradley made an effort to gain authorization from all states in the country prior to launching its counseling program online. According to Del Rio, 47 states currently have authorization.

"Every state ensures in its own terms that any university offering academic degree programs via distance learning technologies satisfies the program integrity requisite; this includes proof of accreditation and payment of fees," Del Rio said. "As a result, some states may be cost prohibitive to grant their authorizations. Yet Bradley has been committed to make its program integrity available to all interested students regardless of where they live."

Del Rio said he believes the online counseling will be beneficial for any student wishing to pursue it.

"Our program is competitive because it is CACREP (Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs) accredited," Del Rio said. "We also have been authorized by the Higher Learning Commission to

offer our academic programs via distance learning technologies. Our academic concentrations have in counseling have a great demand in our society - across the states. And our faculty are very good at what they do."

The online degrees will also offer Bradley's neurocounseling and brain-based interventions courses as electives. The ACA approved the establishment of the Neurocounseling Interest Network this year, and Bradley's Lori Ann Russell Chapin, the dean of the College of Education and Health Sciences, is its national chair, Del Rio said.

Del Rio said he is very confident in the success this program will bring to students.

"Students who come to study counseling at Bradley commence as learners," Del Rio said. "But they leave Bradley as competent therapists who will meet the personal and developmental needs of the people who will come seeking services from them. Our program is experiential and it ensures a professional and personal transformation in each of our students."

Fall Forward into drama this weekend

BY BRIEN JACKSON
Off-staff Reporter

This weekend Bradley's theatre and performing arts department will host the Fall Forward Festival at the Hartmann Center Dec. 4 through 6. Previously known as New Faces, Fall Forward is a new event with three one-act plays lasting about 45 minutes each.

Fall Forward is a festival of student-directed plays featuring student actors. The plays are chosen by the student directors, and the actors are students who are either new to the department or have not participated in any main stage show during the semester.

The event's main coordinators are professor Sarah Salazar and theatre arts chair, Scott Kanoff.

Senior theatre performing arts major Hannah Williams will direct one of the plays featured in the Fall Forward Festival.

"The actors in these plays are all people who have never acted on Bradley's main stage before, primarily freshman theatre performance majors," Williams said. "We also have a few upperclassmen who enjoy acting and wanted to get into it."

Seniors performing arts and psychology double major Ali Pinkerton and performing arts major Kiayla Jackson will also be directing their own Fall Forward plays.

Following the Dec. 5 performance on will be Rockstar, a

show performed by students in the Acting 2 (THE 215) class. Rockstar will feature students as famous pop and rock stars, and will showcase performances by Bradley alumnus Josiah Williams and senior television arts major Meghan Grott.

Sarah Heilbronner, a junior advertising and theatre arts double major, performed in last year's Rockstar show and is the coach and emcee for this year's show.

"Rockstar is essentially a night where each student chooses a performer that brings out a side of themselves that is not usually seen," Heilbronner said. "It's a night where everybody is willing to suspend their disbelief and go crazy, screaming because they're seeing their favorite famous performers in front of them."

"I'm super stoked to be a part of this show," Williams said. "I really love directing and working with younger actors, both of which I've gotten to do here. This is my first time directing a comedy, and I chose a big, silly, goofball comedy that I really love."

The three performances slated for this weekend are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. The Rockstar show will take place at 10 p.m. following the Fall Forward performance on Dec. 5. For ticket information, students can contact Hartmann Center Box Office at (309) 677-2651.

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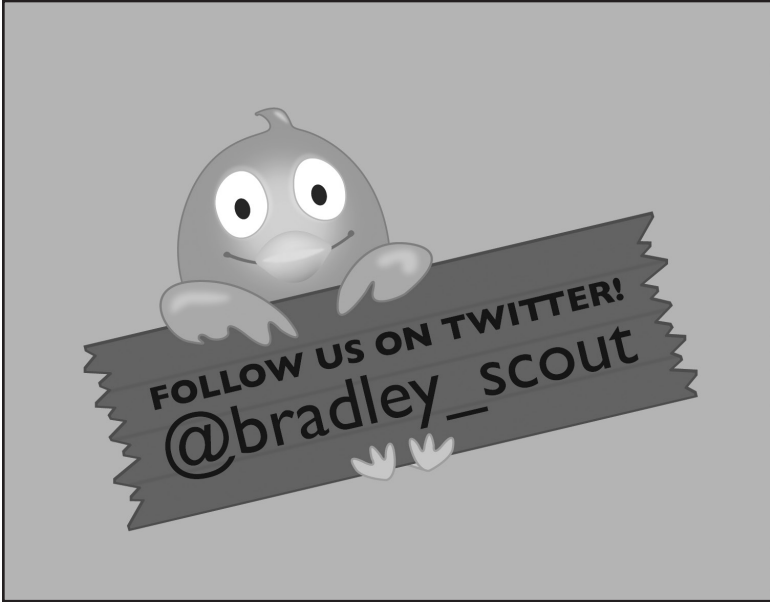
cost of airfare, as the tickets had been issued before the program was cancelled. However, the office was able to negotiate with the carrier, and students attending alternative study abroad trips will be able to use the value of their airline ticket for future travel endeavors.

"We are giving a full, 100 percent refund of all program costs except airfare," Blouch said. "This amount includes tuition as well as costs for accommodations, books, onsite activities and local travel and numerous other program costs. Please understand that this refund includes a significant amount that the university will not recover."

According to Blouch, the International Programs Office

keeps study abroad programs affordable by pre-paying many of the necessary costs; these are usually unable to be refunded. However, she said she believes the program cancellation will have little affect on students financially.

"I was very disappointed that the trip was cancelled, but I really believe the study abroad office handled the situation well," Luna said. "Although I would have still participated in the trip to Paris [if it hadn't been], I understand why the university cancelled the program. The office was awesome through the whole ordeal, and I really appreciate all the hard work that they did to help the students in any way they could."



Business professor to speak
at midyear commencement

BY TORI MOSES
Managing Editor

One of Bradley's own will speak at the midyear commencement ceremony at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 19 in Renaissance Coliseum.

Chuck Stoner has taught at Bradley for 35 years in the Foster College of Business's Management and Leadership Department.

"This has pretty much been the bulk of my career, and it's been great," Stoner said. "The university has been very supportive. I've had the chance to work with great students and tremendous colleagues."

Stoner said he chose to come to Bradley because he was impressed with the people he interviewed with.

"That was a long time ago, but I know exactly why [I chose Bradley]," Stoner said. "When I interviewed with the people here ... I had a good connection. My wife even told me after I had interviewed a whole number of schools that the one I talked about the most was Bradley, and I didn't even realize it."

Stoner completed his undergraduate, graduate and doctoral studies at Florida State University. He said it was a big shift for him and his wife, who is a Miami native, to move to the midwest.

"We made up our mind when



photo taken from bradley.edu
Chuck Stoner, a management and leadership professor, will deliver the midyear commencement speech at graduation this December.

we came to the midwest that we would jump into it," Stoner said. "We would love winter, and we did. We took up ice-skating and skiing ... I think that really made a big difference."

Stoner said he has not yet planned his commencement address.

"They asked me for a title ... and I think I called it, 'Another Side of the Story,'" Stoner said. "It will have to be a message that is

consistent with the way I teach, and I teach by using stories to kind of pull people into the points I make. The key thing is that it has to be brief, so the students can be assured that I know that. But I hope it can be engaging ... and I hope it's presented in a way that will be fun and uplifting."

Local Business Feature
Broken Tree Coffee

BY TORI MOSES
Managing Editor

Students can enjoy more than just a cup of joe and a Danish while studying, as one local coffee shop offers mixed drinks, pizza and more.

Broken Tree Coffee owners Jeremiah and Carrie Schmillen began selling coffee beans online in 2011 and moved into their location at 700 W. Main Street a year later.

"We started out as just coffee and pastries and then expanded after the first year and obtained a liquor license," Carrie said. "We then decided to do pizza [and calzones] ... so it just kind of built

from there."

Carrie said she and Jeremiah have seen such a good response from selling pizza and calzones that sandwiches, soups and salads will soon be added to the menu.

"We maintain a connection to the coffee origins, but we are kind of diversifying," Jeremiah said.

The Schmillen's said almost everything they sell is homemade.

"We make our own dough from scratch, we shred our own cheese and use our own fresh ingredients," Carrie said.

Jeremiah added that he makes the syrups used for drinks, and they are working on making in-house mustard, pickles and



photos by Tori Moses
Broken Tree Coffee offers a relaxed atmosphere for students who want to grab a bite to eat while studying not too far from campus. The owner is working on a mural, shown on the left, depicting a South American coffee harvest.

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Jeremiah said they try to support the Peoria art scene by hosting events for local musicians and rotating art pieces in and out of their venue.

"We're trying to create something different," Jeremiah said. "A lot of people comment that they

can't believe this kind of place is in Peoria, and it's something you expect to see in a big city."

Sophomore television arts major Gabriella Mastropaolo said she has been to Broken Tree a handful of times and recommends other students visit.

"[Broken Tree] has a unique

style and attracts different kinds of people, which is really cool," she said. "You don't have a lot of small coffee shops like that."

Broken Tree is open from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 3 p.m. to midnight Fridays and noon to midnight Saturdays.

Open forum for new Provost repeats themes

BY TESSA ARMICH
Editor-in-Chief

The two open forums held earlier this week covering the desired qualities and responsibilities of a new Provost rehashed many of the same issues brought up during the presidential search forums last spring.

As for a timeline until the search begins, University Senate President Jobie Skaggs said an official timeline hadn't been conveyed by Interim President Liberty or incoming President Gary Roberts. There's still an interest in getting an advertisement for the position out before winter break.

"I am quite confident we will be able to place an ad for the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs position prior to the holiday break," Interim President Stan Liberty stated in an email shared by University Spokesperson Renee Charles.

The forums were primarily faculty-dominated, with no student presence besides a Scout reporter, as the event was not advertised to students. The search committee members were still being selected at the time of the forums, and they will explore without the aid of an inspection firm.

The search committee is made up of 10 to 11 members, six faculty, two deans and an additional two individuals who can be nominated by the president. The departments of the university elect the faculty members on the committee.

Attendees said they want a candidate who has experience in universities comparable to Bradley and has a demonstrated record of consultative decision-making. There was also a call for increased transparency, communication and collaboration between higher-level administration and faculty.

Matt Timm, University Senate vice president, said faculty should support a candidate who would advocate for departments to have more control over the budget, and the room agreed.

"We should be investing in academics," Dean of the Graduate School Jeffrey Bakken said. "You can't be the Bradley we aspire to be when departments don't have what they need to be successful."

Ahmad Fakheri, a mechanical engineering professor, said the position of Provost needs to be changed at Bradley because the current system doesn't let a Provost do their job.

"The position is constrained as it is structured," Fakheri said. "The Provost really isn't able to change anything; you have to have a command of resources and the Provost at Bradley does not control that much resource."

The position of Provost doesn't have the funding or staffing it needs to succeed, according to Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Kelly McConaughay.

While these and other more structural issues came up during the forums, they also focused

on what general qualities a new Provost needs and what should be decided before the search begins.

"I think it's important the search committee be aware of how Gary [Roberts] intends to use the Provost," accounting department chairperson Simon Petravick said. "How this person will be used on campus and what this person will be asked to do will drive the skill-set that is needed."

Christopher Jones, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said the Provost also should have a comprehensive experience of a university, not just one department.

"I would like someone who has managed major change [and has] experience dealing with major change in an institution, because we're clearly going to face some major change," social work program director Wayne Evens said.

A repeated theme was the desire for a strong focus on academics.

"I would like to see someone who is an academic [and] understands and advocates effectively for academic standards," McConaughay said. "A lot of what's been already said – someone who understands where higher education has been, where it's going and where pressures are on it, someone who is transparent but also consultative in decision making, liberate in decision making, but not foot-dragging."

According to Skaggs, the feedback from these forums will be

shared with the newly formed search committee, along with the new president and interim president. She said during the forum she thought the content is an opportunity for faculty to get their voices heard, and they will help

the incoming president become more familiar with the issues campus is facing.

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was pushed into the Markin pool.

"The Lewis J. Burger Center is a recipient of donations for a lot of the programs we do, so it's a fun way to spread the word, and it's the least I can do when so many folks have helped the center out," Chandler said. "Plus, it's pretty cool to say my university president and vice president were willing to get a little silly and dance or wear their pajamas to work. Not many other schools can say that."

However, many students said they did not like the concept behind Giving Tuesday at Bradley.

"I thought it was really ironic that we got an email from Bradley about Giving Tuesday asking us to give them a donation when, if Giving Tuesday is about giving, why would you ask someone to donate to you?" Liz Gum, senior psychology major, said. "I think they're really desperate, at this point, in just reaching in the dark. It's a little bit embarrassing on their part."

While some students felt negatively about the way Giving

Tuesday was presented and advertised at Bradley, others said they felt the attitude would have been different if students knew more about the story behind Giving Tuesday.

"I think, in the future, students need to be educated on why donations, even from students, are important to the campus," Katelyn Schalk, a senior psychology major and Bradley Fund intern, said. "This is the very first year, and I think a lot of students were very negative about it."

Chandler said she was optimistic about the experience Giving Tuesday gave Bradley.

"I think it helped bridge the gap between administration and students, in a fun way," Chandler said.

According to Charles, the program at Bradley has only just begun, but Giving Tuesday will likely find its way to the Hilltop in the future.

New president is no stranger to campus

BY TESSA ARMICH
Editor-in-Chief

Bradley University has seen 10 presidents since its foundation in 1897, and alumnus Gary Roberts ('70) assumes responsibilities as our 11th president Jan. 1, making him the third alumni who returned to the Hilltop as president.

The other two alumni presidents, David B. Owen ('29) and Martin G. "Jerry" Abegg ('47), led the university through times of change; Owen's presidency oversaw Bradley's shift from a polytechnic institute to a university, and Abegg picked up the lead after Talman Van Arsdale Jr.'s sudden departure in 1970.

While information on their university days is not as easily available, Robert's is readily accessible through catalogued issues of The Scout. Roberts was heavily involved in the university speech team, the scholastic bowl team and the student Supreme Court.

B.J. Lawrence, associate dean of the Slane College of Communications and Fine Arts, said she remembered Roberts from when he was a student.

"I was a brand new faculty member at Bradley, and Gary was one of the first people I met on campus," Lawrence said. "He was a member of the Bradley speech team and I was hired as part of my responsibilities to work with Bradley's speech team, specifically with oratory persuasion. So, Gary

was one of our stars, [and] he was always eloquent."

Roberts was a student as well as a student leader in a time of controversy as well. More prominently during the '70s, Bradley's campus was host to many protests against the Vietnam War and against racial prejudice.

Students on campus were engaged and active in their environment, and Roberts showed this through his engagement in student organizations. He acted as president of his sophomore class, student body treasurer his junior year, and student Supreme Court member his senior year. He was also associate student Supreme Court justice during the voting injunction concerning student body presidential ballots.

Student Body President Sarah Handler said leadership experience prepares people to be leaders in their career-fields, as well.

"Leadership roles as a student prepare you for leadership roles as a professional and as someone in the real working world," Student Body President Sarah Handler said. "The skills you gain from being in leadership positions, especially where you have to work with a bunch of different people or organizing people are so transferable to any job you will ever have."

Handler and Lawrence agree that being an alumni can also assist in becoming a better leader on a university level.



Gary Roberts, pictured to the far right, in the Nov. 21, 1969, issue of The Scout receives a trophy with his team for winning five straight Scholastic Bowl games.

taken from the Scout archives

"I think any time you know and understand and have a background with the university as you're coming into it as the leader, then it enhances your skills at understanding the needs and developing effective goals to help it move forward," Lawrence said.

Roberts kept close ties with his alma mater before his arrival as newly chosen president. According to Lawrence, he has

been very involved on campus and he spoke during the midyear commencement ceremony in 2011.

"He came to campus on a regular basis to meet with our sports communication students as a sports lawyer," Lawrence said. "Roberts always gave back to the university, especially with our sports communication programs. He was here for the Steiner symposium and worked with some of

the students who were involved with that."

According to Handler, he seemed open to student feedback and involvement, something that will be important in the coming years.

Editorial

Students criticism is too harsh

Students’ emails and social media accounts were alight with notifications early this week; #GivingTuesday had begun.

During the campaign, Bradley was gifted \$576,460 from 1,692 donors, and all of the reward goals were completed. In addition to alumni, the university asked current students for donations, which received mostly negative feedback from those students. Yik Yak, as it usually is, was filled with pessimistic comments.

There are several possible reasons current students were upset. The first might come from a misunderstanding of what Giving Tuesday is truly meant to be. The movement was created four years ago to encourage an environment of giving and generosity among all sorts of organizations, not just charities. Other universities besides Bradley have been holding similar fundraising events for Giving Tuesday. Without background knowledge of what Giving Tuesday is, many people might see it as an improper promotion of something that was strictly meant for charity.

Money — and asking for it — is a sensitive issue. In recent years, student loan debt has risen along with college tuition. Many

students feel the looming pressure of debt on the horizon, and they feel attacked when asked for money while they’re shelling out so much for their education already.

Beyond that, there seems to be a serious lack of trust in the university among students and faculty. They don’t always trust the university to use their money in ways that will benefit them.

One way the university can alleviate some of this uncertainty is by continuing their social media campaign, which, as of now, shows thank-yous for donations. They can post pictures of

the equipment bought with donations or students’ stories of how these specific Giving Tuesday donations were used. If a nursing student gets a stethoscope or a classroom gets a new projector, the university should share those stories.

If students and Bradley community members are familiar with concrete examples of how these funds help real people, they might be more open and generous.

However, the hostile response from students wasn’t productive at all. These comments didn’t create a constructive environment or

promote any change, but simply focused on complaining. The university campaign was excellently marketed and designed, if one overlooks the over-saturation of email inboxes.

Students need to be constructive in their criticism. If they want something to improve, they need to suggest some solutions or express in person how it should be changed.

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Senior Column

The greatest crime of all

The first time I stole something was an accident. I had slipped a Now and Later in my pocket, forgot about it, and didn’t find it until after my mom and I were leaving the gas station. When I told her, she made me go back inside to pay for it. I was 4 years old.

Since then, there has been a slew of minor thefts. There’s the table number from a fancy-schmancy, \$100-per-plate political dinner that Sam dared me to take. And there’s the Homecoming yard sign that looked oh-so-tempting after a delightful evening at Jimmy’s.

But, as I prepare to graduate next week, I must confess my greatest act of thievery: my theft of time.

Looking back, it’s nearly impossible to believe that these seven short semesters could encompass so many experiences, so many people and so many stories.

The Harper 5 crew included all my first friends at Bradley. From playing hide and seek in a nearly deserted Harper to scoping out the scene that time a truck drove into Avanti’s, these guys were the ones who helped me transition to college and avoid the home-

sickness I was so sure would consume me.

When my best friend from freshman year became my roommate for the next two years, we didn’t realize what experiences awaited. We made it through a spur-of-the-moment Tuesday night road trip to Chicago, 21st birthday shenanigans and late-night life chats.

Bradley Serve introduced me to a group of generous, selfless leaders on a mission to help others, and SONOR showed me how to have fun, even with serious topics. From the first month of college to the very last, these organizations have made a difference to me each and every week.

On a day when my thievery of time was failing and I was in tears from stress, I interviewed at The Scout. Vickie and Gretchen’s job offer doubled as an invitation to the family, the most dysfunctional yet loving family I could have at Bradley.

I fell into leadership roles, met other student leaders and got to know a world where passion overcomes passiveness, helping others and hard work go hand-in-hand, and integrity is instilled in all that occurs.

I met a Nick to joke with, a

Mitch to have good conversations with, a Lisa to learn with and a Dan to be a best friend.

I met a girl so opposite from me yet so much aligned with my values, my goals, my approaches and my methods. Sam frustrated me beyond belief, constantly challenged me to be better, taught me life lessons nearly every day and made the perfect Clyde to my Bonnie.

I met a boy that annoyed the hell out of me, fueled my ambitions, earned my greatest respect and taught me the meaning of being a good person. Jason may still be wearing those over-the-ankle thick white socks, but I’m happy he’s wearing them by my side every day.

I met mentors that provided the guidance to discover who I am and who I want to be. Tom embodied the definition of “sassy,” Kaergard always had wisdom to share (whether it was wise advice or a wise-crack), Jessica taught me to listen and laugh and lead and Nathan empowered me to pursue both my career and personal goals.

It may have been my hardest crime of all. Regardless of grades earned or awards won, the theft of time to create experiences



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uncontainable by just 40 months is the best accomplishment of my college career.

But alas, this act of thievery would have been impossible without those I met along the way.

So, to all those that have made this journey with me:

Thank you for being my cohorts in crime.

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HELL'S KITCHEN'S BEST P.I.

ZACHARY DIXON

Recently, Marvel has dumped its newest Netflix original into our lives, and boy, is it a stark difference from its movies. Its previous series "Daredevil" (not the god-awful film) focused on Matt Murdock and his struggle to clean up Hell's Kitchen, a small section of New York rife with violence and corruption.

"Jessica Jones," set in the same location, takes that up to 11. Not holding back

any punches, Jessica slams onto the scene as a foul-mouthed, super-strong private investigator. Other than nursing a bottle and lurking in alleyways, her job consists of "exposing cheaters," as she so aptly puts it. Alongside Jessica is Trish, part best friend, part caretaker and part ass-kicker.

The plot takes off when Jessica takes on the case of Hope Shlottman, a woman

convicted of her parents' murder; she did shoot them, but she's not guilty.

Jessica is the only one who knows that Hope was under the mind control of a sociopathic monster who goes by the name Kilgrave. Kilgrave becomes the boogeyman and main antagonist throughout the series.

"Jessica Jones" feels like a cut-up movie more so than a TV series, which means the first few episodes have more of a slow-burn effect. However, once it revs up, the series moves like a steamroller with the momentum of a bullet train. The action is fast and gritty, more akin to a brawl than the heavy Kung Fu battles of "Daredevil."

In the same way that Jes-

sica doesn't pull punches in a fight, neither does the show's subject matter. Jessica and alcohol are tight throughout the series and sex is realistically displayed the way it should be — not slow and through soft-core lighting, but rather rough and not at all elegant.

Sex and alcohol are frequently covered topics, and you can get away with just tossing them around. But when it comes to abuse and rape, Jessica doesn't balk. The topics are handled tactfully, but they don't tiptoe around it. Jessica is blunt and to the point, being a former victim of both.

Being a Marvel show, it does often reference the wider Marvel Cinematic Universe. Although Captain America and the Hulk don't show up, there are

mentions of "the guy with the shield" and the "green monster" here and there.

Just like with "Daredevil," "Jessica Jones" does not disappoint in terms of doing justice to the source material, while also just being a great program. Great does not mean perfect, however. Some of the subplots, like Jessica's ally Jeri getting divorced, didn't have enough pay-off for the time that was dedicated towards it.

Some of the fighting felt uninspired, and apparently super-powered people are commonplace but someone with mind control is hard to swallow. At the end of the day, none of this takes away from the overall appeal of this modern day noir crime drama with a Marvel twist. Don't let this show pass you up.

SCANDAL SHATTERS

ABORTION STIGMA: SPOILER ALERT!

BY RACHEL ANDERS

In last week's "Scandal" winter finale, Olivia Pope has an abortion. The storyline is short and to the point, the first time we learn of Olivia's pregnancy is when a nurse is turning on the vacuum aspiration machine.

After the procedure, she ends her relationship with the president (who we presume is the father) without telling him about the choice she made. It is her choice, after all. The scene is all of two minutes long, but it is groundbreaking.

Despite the fact that abortion has been legal since

1973, it's rarely depicted on television. When the subject is broached, usually a woman considers having an abortion, but backs out at the last minute (see: Jane of "Melrose Place," Andrea of "Beverly Hills, 90210," Ruby of "Felicity," Miranda of "Sex and the City" and Jessa on "Girls").

In more recent years, there have been storylines depicting women who go through with abortions, but only if the character in question is sufficiently young, disadvantaged or desperate (see: Manny of "Degrassi: The Next Generation," Becky of "Friday Night Lights"

and Amy of "Parenthood"). There is a common, more widely accepted abortion narrative, and Olivia Pope does not fit it.

Olivia is powerful. She has an established career. If she chose to raise the child, she likely wouldn't have to do it alone (she has turned down marriage proposals from the president on multiple occasions). In fact, she has such phenomenal access to healthcare that she can apparently bribe an abortion provider to open just for her in the middle of the night. She is not young, disadvantaged or desperate, she simply does not

want to be pregnant.

In 1996, Bill Clinton gave a speech on women's health-care declaring, "Abortion should not only be safe and legal, it should be rare." In the years since, this safe, legal and rare mantra has become the rallying cry for moderates and has been echoed by both President Obama and Hillary Clinton.

But "rare" suggests abortion is something that should be avoided. That it's still somehow selfish or immoral. It implies that there are women who deserve to have abortions, and there are women who do not. By

right and law, this is a falsehood.

A 2008 study by the Guttmacher Institute estimates three in 10 women will have an abortion by the time they are 45 years old. For some women, making the choice is stressful. For others, it isn't.

For everyone, the choice is valid. Olivia's abortion is normal. It is moral. It is right. For decades, abortion has been a positive choice for many of the women seeking it. "Scandal" is one of the first television shows to say that truth out loud.

INTERNET SENSATIONS: THE CONDOM WHAT?



BY ELIZABETH DEGNAN

The Internet is home to many interesting, yet disturbing, things. Whether you're a YouTube fanatic or a celebrity crazed "wannabe," the Internet is a common ground for all cyber users around the globe. People are always finding ways to take Internet content to an new level.

One of the newest obsessions, known as "challenges," has swept social media sites. If you haven't heard of them – which I will be shocked if you haven't – they are videos of people pushing themselves to do an extreme act of some sort on the Internet.

I won't lie; I'm guilty of watching a few of these videos, and even at times trying them out myself (the "Saltine Challenge" did not end well for me). But what warrants this snowball effect? What drives someone to eat a spoon full of cinnamon while videotaping themselves?

New challenges are constantly surfacing, and for some reason, society is infatuated with the idea of watching someone else hurt themselves just to get a solid laugh. Sometimes I feel bombarded with the latest Internet fads and I struggle to keep up.

I recently stumbled upon one that has completely

changed my view on all Internet challenges: the "Condom Challenge." Yes, you read that correctly.

This challenge has gone viral since the original video gained thousands of retweets on Twitter, and ever since, new videos are being posted everywhere trying to imitate the original.

The original video consists of two men filming themselves dropping a condom filled with water over their heads. If the condom is dropped just right, it will form a bubble of water around the face, looking similar to a fish bowl. Seems hilarious enough, but it has the potential to be dangerous.

Just like every Internet challenge, it will come and go, raising some laughs and social media attention, but this particular asinine task is more serious than many believe it to be. The "Condom Challenge" has raised health concerns, especially after a 17-year-old girl was pronounced dead after attempting the challenge in her Texas home.

A condom is not a water balloon or a toy and should never be used as one. So please, let's stick to using condoms the old fashioned way. And no, that does not mean going back to the first version of this challenge where you snort the condom.





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KRAMPUS ONE-ON-ONE UBER PUPPIES



BY LISA STEMMONS

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Don't get me wrong, I love Christmas, but the holidays can get pretty repetitive. It's great to stick with traditions, but I also believe that something outside the usual remake of a classic Christmas film or rendition of a timeless holiday song is a breath of fresh air.

That being said, the comical-horror-Christmas flick "Krampus" (yes, it is possible for the movie to be all three) is definitely something that piqued my interest. It's so outside the realm of Christmastime, I'm certain it will do well in the box office, especially because we are the generation that continues to pay good money to see the atrocious "Paranormal Activity" franchise.

With a good mix of big name actors like Adam Scott ("Parks and Rec," "Step Brothers"), Toni Collette ("The Sixth Sense"), David Koechner ("The Office," "Anchor-man") and Conchata Ferrell ("Two and a Half Men"), there is sure to be a variety of elements from family to comedy and, of course, horror.

"Krampus" is a refreshing take on an old folklore legend, and it is the perfect movie for all the Grinches and Scrooges out there who are tired of the excessive joy associated with this time of year. It's time to bring on the havoc this holiday season!

CON ELIZABETH DEGNAN

The holiday season is upon us and personally I couldn't be more excited. I've been surrounding myself with Christmas music, decorations and the obvious, Christmas movies.

I recently ran into something so appalling that I couldn't believe my eyes. It was the new trailer for the Christmas film "Krampus" expected to hit theaters Dec. 4. The film doesn't focus on the cheer of Christmas; Oh no, this film is about the "shadow" of St. Nicholas, a creature who punishes misbehaved children around the holiday season.

Bringing negativity to something usually so cheerful is upsetting. The holidays should be a time of bliss and positivity, not death and horror. Trying to change the idea of Christmas and the good spirit that comes along with it is just plain wrong.

There is something about snuggling up by a fire with a good, warm Christmas movie that gets you in the mood for food, family and, of course, Santa. Why would anyone want to change that feeling?

I am anxious to see the ticket sales for the movie. But if there is one thing I know for sure, I will not be seeing this horrific film this holiday season.

As we watch the world become gray and the cold bitterness of winter sets in, it's not very difficult to sink into a depressive state. It's both fascinating and frightening to witness how dreary weather can have such a monumental effect on energy levels and moods.

Whether it's seasonal affective disorder (SAD), the "winter blues" or merely a funk, combatting the melancholy in your life has just become a helluva lot easier. One would have to have an extremely "ruff" life if the thought of puppies still threatens to put a damper on your holiday spirit.

Pet therapy is a helpful tool used professionally to help those with mental health problems. Bradley has the club Wags for Mags, and during finals week in the library you can check out the Peoria Humane Society Special Pals program.

Additionally, Uber has teamed up with local animal shelters to deliver puppies directly to one's door. Currently, it is only offering the service in select cities on select dates, and the high demand for those dates resulted in limited availability.

Which begs the question, why doesn't Uber expand this occasional service into a full time business? If it had more resources and profited, rather than donating it to shelters, it would have a solid increase in sales as well as improving its brand image. The going price is \$30 for 15 minutes of playtime with the pups,

which is fairly steep, but desperate times call for desperate measures.

There are other apps that incorporate similar ideas, such as BarkBuddy, which matches prospective dog owners to an adoptable pup. Unfortunately, this still does not account for the huge gap in the marketplace those who love dogs but aren't ready for the commitment.

Bark 'n' Borrow is the perfect medium between Uber Puppies and BarkBuddy. Many dog owners pay companies or friends to dog-sit, but there are plenty of people that would be more than willing to do it for free.

The app isn't just for dog watching, either. If someone enjoys runs and needs a companion, they can go on the app and find someone who thinks their dog could benefit from a little extra exercise.

The main problem

with this concept is the element of trust. Many people care for their pets like children and even with a surplus of borrowers, owners need to establish a relationship before they simply hand over their canine.

Liam Berkley, the founder of Bark 'n' Borrow, said he believes this issue has a potential solution in the near future in the form of a borrowers fee to help cover insurance and customer support.

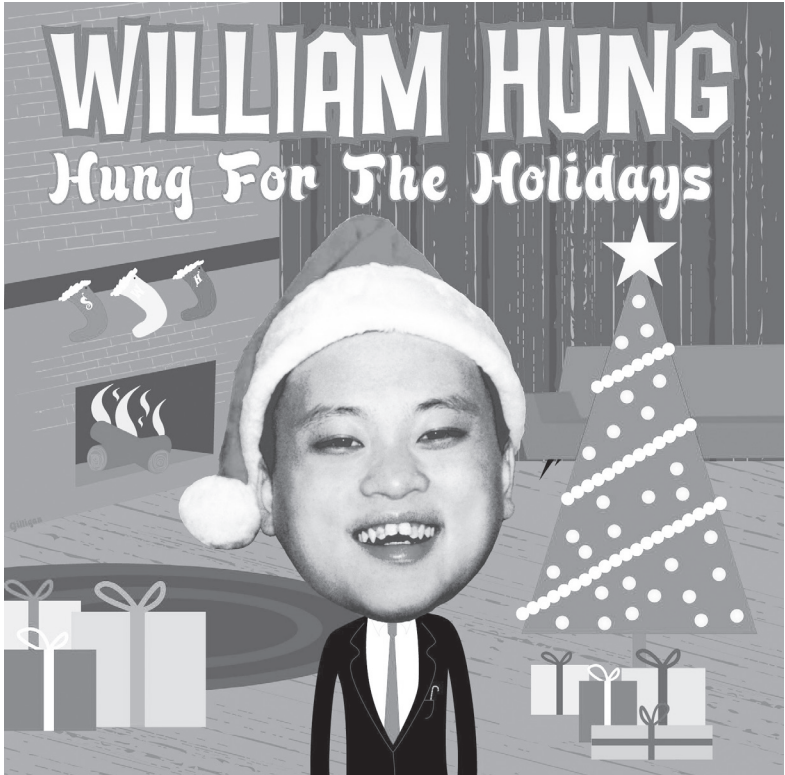
Other future initiatives include partnering with animal rescue shelters to connect people with foster dogs and if money becomes an element, providing the shelters with a portion of the profits. The company's objectives appear very promising.

I hope to see this business flourish, because if we are allowed to share cars, apartments and other valuable things via the Internet, adding puppies to that list seems like a no-brainer.



FLASHBACK FRIDAY

'HUNG FOR THE HOLIDAYS' CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTIONS POSTED ONLINE



BY JAYLYN COOK

I love Christmas music as much as anyone else, but it's no secret that hearing the same holiday hits can become as repetitive as watching Ralphie shoot his eye out for 24 hours. To combat this, record companies frequently release fresh interpretations of classic tunes in order to give listeners a little more variety when it comes to tradition.

Some are great, like the Temptations' version of "Silent Night" or Lady Gaga's cover of "O Christmas Tree." Others, like Justin Bieber's "All I Want For Christmas Is You" aren't as memorable, but are still a nice change in pace.

Then, there's whatever travesty upon music that William Hung managed to release to an unsuspecting public. The walking "American Idol" meme's Christmas album, "Hung for the Holidays" (gag), was released during the peak of his "popularity" in 2004, and still manages to make me nauseated to this day.

What did we do to deserve this? Hung's "Idol" audition was funny at the time, but signing him to a record deal is basically subjecting people to torture. I'd rather listen to Vanilla Ice and MC Hammer rap "Little Drummer Boy" than hear Hung's terribly tone-deaf rendition.

Thankfully, Hung's star fell not-too-long after this yuletide disaster hit the stores, but the fact remains that we can never allow something like this to happen again. You may complain about hearing the Chipmunks warble on repeat in department stores, but be thankful it's not William Hung.

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Senior Column

We gon' be alright

The great philosopher Ferris Bueller once said, "Life moves pretty fast; If you don't stop and look around every once and a while, you could miss it."

I love that quote, and I love that movie, but the reality behind Ferris' words never really meant anything to me until recently.

Graduation is only a matter of days away, y'all. It doesn't seem like four-and-a-half years have passed since I first began my collegiate journey at SIU-Edwardsville, which will now end here on the Hilltop.

Naturally, I'm excited for the moment to come, as it will lead to a new series of challenges to take on. But if I'm going to be completely honest – like I've always tried to be with you – I'm also petrified of leaving behind the comfort of a university that has become my

home away from home.

I'm broke, I have no full-time job waiting for me and I'm in so much debt, I'm asking Santa for student loan forgiveness this year. Plus, the real world is a scary place. These days, we can't turn on the nightly news without being reminded about the fragile nature of our existence. It sucks, but that's just the way it is.

Despite all of that, I can't stop now. I can't allow worry and doubt to derail this moment that I've spent the past few years working toward. After all, if post-grad life isn't the way I anticipated it to be right away, giving up is not an option; I'll just have to persevere.

If you ever catch yourself feeling the same way I do about the future, whether you're graduating now or later, I encourage you to give Kendrick Lamar's "Alright"

a listen when you have the time.

Its message is simple: no matter what trials or hardships you may endure, no matter how many times life kicks you down and no matter how often hope seems far and away, don't worry because "we gon' be alright."

If I could leave you with any worthwhile parting advice, it would be to always keep that in mind. We've all come too far to let anything get in the way of greatness, so why stop now? In fact, why stop ever?

So, before I completely become student newspaper nostalgia, I'd like to thank my family, friends and other positive influences for always supporting, encouraging and teaching me for as long as I can remember. I love you all dearly. Thanks for making me feel complete.

To the wonderful weirdo's known as The Scout staff, thanks for embracing my own weirdness and giving me the chance to be a part of the coolest group on campus for the past year and a half. I'll be visiting the office again in due time, so don't purge me from your memories just yet.

Finally, to you, the loyal reader, thanks for not bludgeoning me with a broomstick after I took the crossword puzzle out for those two fateful weeks this semester. That was my bad, and I'm sorry. You know I got love for you.

That's all he wrote. Until next time, keep pushing forward, Braves. You're going to be all right.



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Students lend helping hands for the holidays

BY RYAN VALENTINE
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It's the season of giving, and to assist those in need, the Lewis J. Burger Center for Student Leadership & Public Service and the Student Activities department are partnering with local school Trewyn K-8 to help provide students with new uniforms, hats and mittens.

Jessica Chandler, director of the Lewis J. Burger Center, and Tom Coy, director of Student Activities, sponsor the Adopt-A-Child program. According to Coy, more than 80 uniforms have been provided in the last two years. Chandler said that they have been able to branch out the program to more people around the university.

"The first year we really just reached to our little circle of friends within the university," Chandler said. "We didn't make it as big as we probably needed to do it. We kept the number of kids' uniforms that we would purchase small. Last year was the year that we kind of sent it large and sent it to all of campus, and this year we are building on that and trying to do more for the Trewyn kids than previous years."

According to Chandler, the initial goal for this year was to give uniforms to 50 kids. That goal has been surpassed, so they added another 15 to their goal, and said they hope to get that whole list done before the end date of the program. The kids who receive clothes are in a variety of grade levels.

Additionally, students, faculty and greek life members are participating in donating to Trewyn. Chandler said Alpha Chi Omega is adopting four student, Gamma Phi Beta has eight students participating, Panhellenic Council has four students, Sigma Kappa has four students and two EHS courses each have one student each.

Dani Teel, member of Sigma Kappa, talked about how rewarding donating to Trewyn is.

"We feel that students will have one less thing to worry about if we can pay for the uniforms," Teel said. "After we do this for them, they will have more confidence and be able to better focus on their school work."

Chandler said they reached out to the school in order to decide which student are most in need. They will then deliver the uniforms to the school office, which gives them to parents when they come pick up their children from school.

"Everything does get put in a gift bag and wrapped, so it's not like we're just handing it to the child," Chandler said. "We want to give it to the parent so it's almost like its coming from the parent, but its coming from us. It's just an addition to the gifts that the child receives at Christmas time."

Students can donate by dropping off gloves, mittens and hats to Sisson 141. One uniform, which includes pants and a shirt, costs between \$25 to \$30. Gloves and hats vary in cost. All items will be collected by 5 p.m. Dec. 15.

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S.M.I.L.E. raises money for nursery

BY HANNAH SNIDMAN
Off-staff Reporter

Dietra Kuester's ETE 445 class runs Project Students Making an Impact and Leading Education (S.M.I.L.E.) every year, where the class chooses one organization to donate money to.

This year's students chose the Crittenton Center Nursery. Crittenton is a non-profit for child abuse prevention services. Parents can drop off their infants and young children from birth to six years of age for up to 72 hours with no charge. The children receive formula, food, diaper changes and shelter.

"One of our first classes consisted of a group collaboration about which organization to focus our funds to," senior special education major Kally Kibitlewski said. "We discussed pros and cons of each option, and in the end, agreed that the Crittenton Center was the best choice."

Kuester gives each class \$150 as

seed money to host fundraisers for their chosen institution. Classes have done the project every fall since 2010 and donated to causes such as the tornado relief in Washington, as well as Joplin, Missouri. A class in the past raised \$1,300 and the students this year hope to exceed that amount.

"We have had a few fundraising events so far," senior mathematics major Claire Annes said. "We have had a continuous GoFundMe page online. We had a fundraiser night at Double A's in Peoria, where 10 percent of proceeds went to our event."

The group also held a bake sale Wednesday in the Michel Student Center where Bradley faculty and students had the opportunity to donate. None of the food or drinks were priced and all proceeds went directly to Crittenton.

"This was an important cause for us because we have been in so many of the Peoria area schools and have seen the need of many families," senior Spanish major

Christina Miller said. "The families and children that we teach may be the same ones who have benefited from the services of the Crittenton Center. We want all children to have the best chance at a quality education, and one of the first steps is making sure their basic needs are met."

In addition to donating to a worthwhile cause, the class teaches students how to work together toward a common goal, according to Kuester. The course provides real-world experience, because collaboration is a necessary skill in the teaching field.

"I couldn't be more proud of these future educators," Kuester said. "They continue to amaze me in how far they're willing to go above and beyond to continue giving back to the community. They absolutely rock."



photo by Anna Foley

Students from the ETE 445 class work a bake sale to raise money for Crittenton Center Nursery.

SHPE sets sail for proactive year with community outreach

JOSE HERRERA
Off-staff Reporter

When the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) isn't honing their skills and helping the community, they bring learning opportunities to campus. Recently, FBI special agent and recruiter Stephen Nass attended a meeting to speak about opportunities for scientists in the FBI.

The FBI needs engineers because criminal activity has changed to chemical and biological warfare and engineers know these weapons are employed, according to Nass.

"As the recruiter for this area, what we have found is that the FBI as an organization, which is 35,000 people, we need help," Nass said. "The help we need is literally in this room."

There are open positions within the organization, and Nass explained how there are internships with the FBI available to undergraduates and graduates.

"God has gifted you different than him, different than her, for a reason," Nass said. "You shouldn't try to decide what you want to do based on some external pressure to be this or do that. Rather, follow those natural giftings and talents that you have been given because that's how you'll excel."

As part of SHPE's outreach program, Manual Academy High School student Cameron Little was at the meeting to congratulate SHPE on their induction to the

national organization.

"Before I joined SHPE, I was somewhat struggling with school because I was mentally struggling because last year my grandfather passed away," Little said. "As time went on, I figured I take it off my mind and look for opportunities or programs to fulfill and accomplish my high school career."

The outreach program is one aspect of SHPE that they wish to expand and become more involved with. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning, members head to Manual Academy to help tutor students in math and science.

The students are also participating in two projects with high

school students. For the project entitled Bridge Pals, high school students come to campus to design bridges and then return to school to build and test them. The second project is making boats out of cardboard and duct tape and competing to see which of the boats ends up floating in Manual Academy's pool.

"Lots of high school students don't see college in their future," SHPE vice president Nayelli Sida said. "When we go to tutor we input our life at Bradley like what we are doing in classes, internships and projects. They don't see it until they hear us."



photo by Christopher Noonan

Stephen Nass, FBI special agent and recruiter, speaks at a meeting with the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers about careers.

Educational simulation explores healthcare, war

BY MICHAEL ECHEVERRI
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The Bradley International Humanitarian Law Action Campaign hosted "Save Our Services" as part of an annual series of interactive educational simulations in Bradley Hall last Saturday and Sunday.

The IHLA campaign is an American Red Cross youth program.

"This is our third campaign on campus, and our previous campaigns have dealt with topics like child soldiers and refugees and how international law intersects with those groups," IHLA campaign member Akshita Sankeppally said. "This year, we are trying to bring more awareness to the Bradley community about the rules of war and how healthcare is protected by international humanitarian law during times of conflict."

Attendees traveled through several rooms in small groups guided by a member of the IHLA campaign. Role-playing was a prominent part of the simulation and attendees were asked to take on the role of a doctor working in an area of conflict.

"In one scenario, we had to decide the correct order to treat five patients based on their symptoms and injuries," junior civil engineering major Antonio Aguirre said. "It was really tricky and made me appreciate how difficult it is to be a doctor having to work on the fly in a warzone."

Another room held a recreation of a shootout and quizzed attendees on the rules of neutrality in

regards to healthcare professionals.

"The quiz was pretty easy," Aguirre said. "A lot of it was just common sense. For example, it was really obvious that neutrality permits a doctor to use violence to defend himself and his patients, but neutrality does not allow a doctor to use violence offensively."

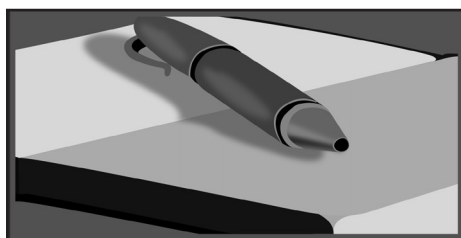
The simulation also included videos and articles and concluded with a Q-and-A session with Bob Wiltz, the lead volunteer for the Red Cross chapter of central and southern Illinois.

"It is important for everyone to think globally and to understand international law so that we can hold countries who transgress them accountable," Wiltz said. "This is especially true for us in America. The United States used drone strikes against a hospital in Afghanistan this October and killed several Doctors Without Borders staff members. As citizens, we have to hold our country accountable for this."

Wiltz said he hopes attendees absorbed some of the values of the Red Cross.

"The Red Cross has seven fundamental principles, and the first one is humanity," Wiltz said. "Humanity means that we must try to prevent and alleviate human suffering without discrimination, no matter how or where or when it occurs. I think this is a noble principle and one that we should all strive to uphold."

For more information about the Red Cross and international humanitarian law, students can visit www.redcross.org/what-we-do/international-services.



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Women's tennis is primed for best season in Bradley history

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI
Sports Editor

Last year, Bradley women's tennis shook off two dismal decades when they won two conference games, 11 total games and had Ariel Dechter earn all-conference honors.

This upcoming spring season, head coach Matt Tyler is looking to field the best women's tennis team Bradley has seen.

However, Tyler said the pressure to improve on, or even recreate, last season's success is nonexistent.

"Last year was a tremendous year for us, obviously," Tyler said. "But I think we can still build on the things we did last year. It was a great step forward, but I really think we're going to take another jump this year."

The Braves will get to enjoy their winter break, but at the same time the players will have to keep in shape.

"Girls are doing training on their own," Tyler said. "Everything's voluntary workouts and stuff. They'll go home for the Christmas break and train on their own a lot."

The Braves are coming off a fall in which they captured two doubles flight championships, one singles flight championship and two individual Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) championships, and optimism is abound on the tennis courts leading into the spring.

While Tyler raved about the talent his team boasts, he pointed to sophomores Alejandra de Lasa and Aimee Manfredo, who had successful fall seasons, as potential breakout players in the spring.

"[De Lasa] is really chomping at the bit to get back into dual match format, she hasn't played a dual match since January of last year," Tyler said. "Aimee Manfredo only lost one singles match all fall long, so hopefully she can continue that momentum and rhythm into the spring season she's had."

According to Tyler, another player who has the potential to produce on the courts is sophomore Alexa Brandt, who wasn't as fortunate as Manfredo or de Lasa.

"Alexa struggled a bit this fall, but I know she's going to get it back together," Tyler said.

Brandt said coming into the spring season, consistency is key for the team, which finished 11-13 last spring.

"My serve needs to be better," Brandt said. "When you have a good serve it creates better points."

While the Braves are focused on improving, Tyler said the MVC also improved competition for the team.

But the Braves didn't have to wait until April to get a glimpse at what the Valley has to offer.

"We're fortunate that we get to play the Missouri Valley in the

individual tournament in our fall season," Tyler said. "So we get a pretty good look at the teams we go up against in the Valley."

Specifically, the Braves got a good peek at what the conference has to offer at the MVC Individual Championships in early October.

Manfredo and the doubles duo Ariel Dechter and Irinka Toidze won the MVC Individual Championships, proving the Braves can put up a fight against the top of the conference.

"Wichita's going to be a really good team, as they always are, as well as Drake," Tyler said. "I see us really competing with anyone in the Valley ... The Valley's really gotten a lot better, all the way around, ourselves included. We've got to play well in every single one of those matches."

With Valley play beginning in April, Tyler's team can't afford to slack, as they play a nonconference schedule that includes the likes of power five teams Missouri and Iowa.

Still, Tyler said he has the utmost confidence his team has the talent to win come spring time.

"[We] play Mizzou right off the bat, which is going to be a tall order for us," he said. "I'm excited to see what we can do. If we play the kind of tennis that I know we're capable of playing, then that's certainly a match I think we can win."



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Sophomore Aimee Manfredo returns a ball during the Bradley Invitational in September. Manfredo only lost one singles match during the fall season.

Track looks to feed off cross country's success

BY SAMMANTHA DELLARIA
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With a successful cross country season in the books, head coach Darren Gauson looks to continue his first year at Bradley with a prosperous track season.

The Bradley men's and women's indoor track season will begin on Jan. 16 as they travel to Champaign for the Illini Classic.

Gauson says the cross country team's success will help the team get ready for the outset of the track and field season.

"For the majority of our athletes, we had cross country so that was a big part of the preparation from them," Gauson said. "Coming off of two cross country championships really enabled us to set a good base and prepares us effectively for the track indoor season."

Even the athletes that did not compete with the cross country team this past season have been able to rigorously train for their track season.

"We have some athletes who didn't compete during cross country, and they follow a treatment plan to prepare for the

indoor season," Gauson said. "They have been working out and will continue to work out over break to be ready to compete on Jan. 16 at Illinois."

Senior runner Kylie McKinney said her focus for the season will be on the process rather than the outcome, and to see consistent development in the team.

"I think that if you focus most of your energy on the process, which is the part you can control, the outcome you ultimately want will come to you," McKinney said.

McKinney said the athletes on the team have been hard at work already this semester to stay in shape, running through a training plan Gauson prepared for them.

"In terms of winter break training, coach Gauson has laid out a 10-week training plan for each individual athlete," McKinney said. "The plan includes weekly mileage goals as well as specific workouts and core strengthening exercises."

Beyond their physical preparation, the men's and women's track teams have been striving to perfect their mental state as well. Gauson often works with

his runners on visualization and race plans in order to achieve a good mental game.

With long gaps in practices due to winter break, mental preparation will be essential for the athletes to keep sharp during their time away from campus.

"When you don't have the team chemistry over break, that requires a lot of mental endurance to be diligent and do all of your workouts, runs, and weight training," Gauson said.

All of the team's physical and preparedness will be on for show only a month into the track and field season for the Missouri Valley Conference Indoor Championship on Feb. 27 and 28.

"Our goal is to have as many individual conference championships as possible at the Missouri Valley Championship," Gauson said. "I think we have got a lot of really good individuals that will compete there during the indoor season."

Gauson said he is looking for his athletes to compete well and remain engaged throughout the season in order to perform at a high level.

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Freshman factor: Suggs establishes himself as a premier offensive threat

BY AUSTIN SHONE
Off-Staff Reporter

After a long road filled with twists and turns, freshman combo-guard Ronnie Suggs has found a new home for himself at Bradley.

The 6 foot 6 inch, lefty sharp-shooter has shown great versatility playing guard and forward, which he displayed in his 17-point effort against No. 12 Arizona on the road, a breakout performance for Suggs.

Suggs' journey to Peoria began at Washington High School in Washington, Missouri. He led the Blue Jays to consecutive district championships in 2013 and 2014, while also earning All-State honors from the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association both years. Suggs said he always had aspirations of playing college basketball like his brother Scott, who played for the University of Washington.

However, Suggs delayed his college enrollment for an additional year and decided to attend college prep school Vermont Academy from 2014-2015.

"It was difficult being so far from home and having to trudge through 50 feet of snow all the time, but my time at Vermont Academy was a great experience for me," Suggs said.

Once at Vermont Academy, Suggs began gaining attention from various programs.

"At first, I only had offers from local schools, but the move to prep school opened up so many more opportunities," Suggs said. "I got the opportunity to play with and against a lot of Top 100 players, which was fun and really helped me improve my game."

At Vermont Academy, Suggs put up big numbers while lead-



Bradley guard Ronnie Suggs (center) drives to the hoop in a game against Ball St., No. 13. Suggs is averaging 5.8 points per game.

ing the team to a 26-2 record, averaging 18 points a gam, and shooting at about 40 percent from three-point range.

While at Washington, Suggs made a verbal commitment to play for coach Frank Haith at Mizzou, but after Haith was fired, Suggs decommitted and reopened his recruitment.

When he visited Bradley in April 2015, Suggs said he saw an opportunity to play for a school with a great basketball history.

"When I visited, I just felt that the coaching staff here was really bought in and committed to me," Suggs said. "I walked through and saw all the pictures and banners, and saw that Bradley had such a great history of fan support from from the students and the community."

In his first season, Suggs said he's concentrating on improving individually and as a part of the team. He is averaging 5.8

points per game in just over 25 minutes per game so far this season. The sweet-shooting lefty said he's focused on scoring as well as being committed to being a "glue-guy" on the defensive end of the floor.

"We haven't won a conference title since 1996, and as a team, we are working hard to get back to that level," Suggs said.

Off the court, Suggs is a sports communication major, and he is leaning toward minor-ing in advertising or marketing. Growing up, he said he always wanted to be one of the guys on SportCenter, and he said he still wants to continue pursuing a career in the sports industry, whether it be in broadcasting or journalism.

On a young Braves team, Suggs is concentrating on being a leader, staying talkative on the floor and doing his best to make the team better.

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However, once Bradley found its stride, the women took control and never looked back.

The Braves, who have struggled immensely with putting the ball through the hoop this year, put together a respectable performance from the field. They shot 44 percent as a team and 71 percent from the charity stripe.

Sophomore Anneke Schlueter was the leading scorer, finishing with 14 points while junior Leti Lerma recorded her second straight double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds.

"Our rebounding has really gotten a lot better throughout the year, and that can be attributed to Leti and what she's been able to do," Brooks said. "She's pretty much been a walking double-double."

Arguably the most intriguing takeaway from the game was how much better they executed on the

road than at home.

"For some reason, they like this identity that they're road warriors," Brooks said. "When we're on the road, I feel like we dive on loose balls that we have no business getting, and we get them. We fly out of bounds and over chairs."

Brooks wants to find a way to duplicate that kind of "focus on being killers" at home.

"They have a different approach on the road, and we have to learn to bring that approach to home," Brooks said. "They have to learn to play a little bit more angry, a little bit more ferocious at home."

The women hope to find that edge tomorrow night as they host Illinois-Chicago at 1 p.m. tomorrow afternoon at Renaissance Coliseum.

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Guard Kat Yelle (center) fights off an Oklahoma defender for a loose ball. The Braves recorded 19 turnovers in the game against the No. 17 Sooners, as they lost 79-46.

One-on-One

Who will win the Big Ten Championship?

Michigan State	Iowa
<p>No. 5 team Michigan State finished off the 2015-2016 college football regular season 11-1 and is playing for the Big Ten Championship and a shot at the college football playoff. With their amazing passing game and rush defense, Michigan State has the advantage over Iowa in this matchup.</p> <p>The passing offensive attack is led by fifth-year senior quarterback Connor Cook. Cook has completed 194 of 337 passes for 2,730 yards, with 24 TD passes on the season. The reason for his success is his excellent group of receivers in Aaron Burbridge, Macgarrett Kings Jr. and R.J. Shelton. Burbridge was the main target for Cook, catching 75 passes for 1,158 yards and seven touchdowns this season.</p> <p>Their rush defense is a collective team effort in which opponents average only 3.6 yards per carry.</p> <p>The Spartans' weakness is stopping the run, as they allow 110 yards per game on the ground. If Michigan State can contain the run game and make Iowa a one-dimensional passing team, it puts pressure on an inexperienced Iowa quarterback and his receivers on a big college football stage to perform at a really high level.</p> <p>Michigan State simply has too many offensive weapons and experience playing in Big Ten Championship games. A Big Ten title game win will definitely earn them a spot in the college football playoff.</p> <p>- Channing Whittaker</p>	<p>The college football season is wrapping up, and teams are scrambling to gain a playoff spot. This weekend, the conference champions will be crowned, finalizing the four playoff teams.</p> <p>The Big Ten Championship game between Michigan State and Iowa will be played Saturday with magnanimous postseason implications on the line. Undeclared Iowa takes on Michigan State in a Big Ten brawl. The Iowa Hawkeyes rank 4th in the AP polls, while the Spartans come in ranked 5th.</p> <p>Iowa will emerge victorious in the slugfest, continuing their perfect season. The winner guarantees themselves a spot in the playoffs.</p> <p>Iowa offers a balanced offense that features a strong running game with a complementary passing game. Running back Jordan Canzeri has 12 touchdowns on the season, while quarterback C.J. Beathard only has three interceptions on the campaign.</p> <p>Iowa's offense may be productive, but their suffocating defense will win them the game. Hawkeye defensive back Desmond King leads the country with eight interceptions. Linebacker Josey Jewell has wreaked havoc all season, notching 111 total tackles in just 12 games.</p> <p>In championship games, momentum can carry significant weight. Iowa positions themselves at 12-0, undefeated for the first time in school history. Iowa is on the edge of glory, eyeing not only the Big Ten Championship, but also a perfect season.</p> <p>- Kevin Lindgren</p>

Opinion

Can we figure out what a catch is, please?

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI
Sports Editor

On Sept. 12, the Chicago Bears played the Detroit Lions on the opening Sunday of the 2010 NFL season.

The Bears held a slim 19-14 lead, when the Lions' Shaun Hill drove down the field and tossed a perfect pass to star receiver Calvin Johnson.

Johnson caught, secured and went down with the ball and started celebrating what was an obvious touchdown. Right?

Well, the refs said otherwise, as Johnson left the pigskin on the ground as he came down with the catch, making the pass incomplete.

This would go on to be known as the "Calvin Johnson" rule, and the Bears went on to win due to the hazy ruling.

It's comforting to know that five years later, we still have no

idea what constitutes a catch.

The NFL's rules on how to make a catch are as follows:

1. Secure the football.
2. Have both feet on the ground.
3. Make a football move.

That's it, unless the NFL has a secret handbook they bust out for select games and the playoffs.

But the Texas-sized controversy lies in what the NFL calls a "football move."

Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant fell victim to this rule in last year's playoffs against the Green Bay Packers Jan. 11, 2015.

Bryant smothered the ball in his hands, got his feet on the snowy turf and lunged forward. Once he hit the ground, the football fell out of his paws ever so slightly, allowing the refs to rule the pass incomplete.

To this day, if you ask a Cowboy fan if Bryant caught the ball, you will be drowned with conspiracy

theories and sadness. But that's besides the point.

Following the Bryant debacle, the NFL removed the words "football move" from the official rulebook.

So, now, we may never know. Great.

The real crux of the matter here isn't lack of clarity; even the casual NFL fan can determine if an NFL player caught a football or not.

It means that NFL teams really are at the mercy of the officials who are refing that game.

More than halfway through the 2015 NFL season, we've already had our fair share of referee issues.

In a game against Washington Oct. 11, 2015, Atlanta Falcons running back Devonta Freeman caught a pass over the middle, had his feet on the turf and dove into the endzone for a touchdown.

Right? No.

Apparently not, as Freeman

supposedly lost control of the ball as he was falling to the ground.

Granted, the stakes weren't as high as Bryant's faux catch was in the playoffs, but nonetheless, it's still idiotic.

The NFL, which prides itself on the most exciting product, the biggest crowds and the highest TV ratings of any sport, has become extremely boring.

An incomplete pass is the most mundane thing in football, and the refs are showing they prefer that over a catch.

Obviously, if a catch isn't a catch, then it should be ruled as such.

But when it comes to the nitty-gritty stuff, they've been willing to make the game slow and uninteresting for the sake of a controversial rule that no one understands.

If there's one thing we can take from this head-scratching wreck, at least we've come full circle.

On Oct. 18, 2015, the Bears played the Lions, and Lions' quarterback Matthew Stafford threw a pass to receiver Golden Tate around the goal line.

Tate hypothetically caught the ball, had his feet down and crossed into the endzone. But, lo and behold, he lost the football in the air, and it was promptly intercepted by Bears linebacker Jonathan Anderson.

The refs said he caught the football and scored, overruling everything the referee ruled during that fateful game in 2010.

It's interesting to note the head referees were different for those two games.

I'm not trying to start any conspiracy theories here, but this system encourages dishonesty and needs to be revised.

We really don't want anymore fan bases to end up like Dallas'.

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But then things went downhill.

The Braves got cold and the Rebels got hot to close out the first half. After squandering their lead with two turnovers and missed shots, Bradley found themselves down 33-29 at halftime. The Ole Miss momentum carried into the second half, as did as the Braves' struggles. About halfway through the second half, the Rebels built their lead up to 20, at 54-34. Ole Miss went on to take the victory 67-54.

The shooting was pretty similar for both teams. Bradley shot

40.4 percent from the field and 6-19 (31.6 percent) from three while Ole Miss shot 40.7 percent from the field and 40.7 percent from three. The difference was in the turnovers. Bradley had 25 and Ole Miss had 18, but Ole Miss outscored Bradley 20-8 in points off turnovers, which was the main difference in the final score.

Bradley had a chance to redeem themselves Tuesday night, traveling to Delaware to take on the Blue Hens in another non-conference matchup. Once again, the Braves just couldn't seem to find the bottom of the net.

Bradley came out with good

energy again, as they have in the majority of their eight games, pulling out to an 11-8 advantage eight minutes into the game. But a subsequent 17-2 run by the Blue Hens decided the game early. The Braves never got it back within single digits, losing to the Blue Hens.

The Braves shot 16-57 (28.1 percent) from the field and 6-28 (21.4 percent) from three. Although they were able to cut their turnovers down to 14, the result of those turnovers were still deadly as Delaware held the 19-2 advantage in points off turnovers.

"There's nothing to feel good

about after a game like that," head coach Brian Wardle said. "It's gut-check time. It's man in the mirror time. Embarrassing loss. Embarrassing performance. Not much else to be said."

The loss brings the Braves to 1-7 overall. Early season losses against nationally-ranked teams such as Arizona and Virginia are acceptable, but Wardle said he expected a much better performance out of his players now, especially after a solid practices prior to the game.

"We have not been playing well," Wardle said. "We have not been able to put together what we

do day in and day out. We have not been playing consistently individually or as a group. Our focus wasn't there."

The Braves have a chance to snap their seven-game losing streak Saturday against North Dakota at Carver Arena.

"When you're in a rut, you gotta work yourself out of it," Wardle said. "That's what we're going to do."

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missed," Mauer said. "They were my first full recruiting class, and they did a great job of creating a culture that we can continue to build on in the years to come."

Despite the early success, the Braves faced a lot of adversity this season.

"When things started getting tough, we didn't respond the way we needed to," Mauer said. "We showed our youth and didn't play with confidence. Those are things that can be fixed, but it starts with our girls knowing that they have the ability to go out and succeed, they just need to do it."

Playing in the brutal Missouri Valley Conference didn't help matters for the young Braves, as four MVC teams made the NCAA tournament.

"Playing in a conference that always sends four teams to the NCAA tournament is a tall order," Mauer said. "We know every night is going to be a battle, but that should make us excited to



Erica Haslag

go out there and compete."

One positive take away from the past season was freshman outside hitter Erica Haslag, who led the Braves in kills and points on the season.

"Erica had a solid year, and we're definitely excited to see what she can do in the coming years," Mauer said. "It will also be nice to get Jessie Tulacka back after being sidelined from injuries the past two seasons. If she keeps working hard during her rehab, she'll be a big addition for next season."

With only losing three seniors and all of the younger women getting valuable experience in the 2015 season, the Braves have no choice other than looking ahead to 2016, where they hope to improve on this past season.

"We know what we need to do on a daily basis, but we just need to put it together and go do it," Mauer said. "It starts in practice every day, and putting in the work. We're confident next year will be better."

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Antoine Pittman (center) goes for a layup in a game against Ball State, Nov. 13. The win against Ball State is Bradley's lone win of the year.

Growing Pains

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Braves fall to 1-7 after holding early leads on Ole Miss and Delaware

BY BRANDON WALLACE
Sports Reporter

When you have one of the youngest teams in the country, ups and downs throughout the long, grinding season are inevitable. For Bradley men's basketball, the season-opening win against Ball State was an up. Everything since has been a down.

The Braves have had some tough matchups to start the year, which justifies their 1-5 start. But as the game experience starts to feel somewhat regular for this young roster, you start to expect a slight improvement from game to game. The Braves had a chance to



show improvement with a pair of non-conference games this week, but they weren't exactly up to the task.

Bradley hosted Ole Miss on Saturday for the non-conference game at Carver Arena. Coming off a poor shooting performance against New Orleans where Bradley only shot 32 percent from the field, the Braves started off hot. The Braves hit 10 of their first 14 shots, helping them to a 20-12 lead halfway through the first quarter, backed by nine points from sophomore Donte Thomas, who finished with a career-high 22 points.



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Bradley Basketball

Saturday Vs. Ole Miss

	1st	2nd	F
	29	25	54
	32	35	67

Tuesday vs. Delaware

	1st	2nd	F
	19	28	47
	31	39	70

Women's basketball rolls into a two game win streak

BY ALEX KRYAH
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There's just something about playing on the road for the women's basketball team. Head coach Michael Brooks said when they travel, the team seems to have more of an attacking edge.

That edge helped boost the Braves past Chicago State Wednesday night 66-60, putting them on a two game win streak and improving their record to 3-3.

"Our toughness was key," Brooks said. "I thought our rebounding was excellent. With a team that has that much athleticism and prides itself on its inside play, I thought it was a tremendous feat to accomplish what we did."

Brooks placed a greater emphasis in practice on closing out games, and that practice paid off again on the road.

"Our ability to get stops in crunch time was huge," Brooks said. "We had two or three stops with under a minute left, and those things are big. We hit our free throws as well. There were a lot of great things about this game, but for me it was about our focus on defense and rebounding."

Despite a slow start to the game, the Braves were able to turn it on after a few early game adjustments. The women had to adjust to Chicago State's 2-1-2 zone, which forced stagnant offense early on.

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photo by Moira Nolan

Ronnie Suggs is making a name for himself, amid being one of 10 freshmen

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Volleyball finishes another dissapointing season

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After jumping out of the gate with three wins and winning five out of six matches to start the season, youth and inexperience set in for the Bradley women's volleyball team.

The team went on to lose 16 consecutive and 23 out of 24 matches to finish with a 6-24 record, which is technically better than their 2014 season when the team finished 2-28.

Bradley started the season in August by winning the Toledo Rocket Invitational and getting off to a hot 3-0 start, but the young team with only three seniors and three juniors could ill afford to lose any of its limited experience

of leadership.

In the second match of the season, junior starter Melissa Hoerber went down with a concussion, which proved to be a tough blow for the Braves.

"We would've liked to finish the year how we started, but we weren't able to do that," head volleyball coach Jenny Mauer said. "Losing Melissa in the second game hurt, but we had other players who were capable of filling in."

Seniors Jessica Teel, Lea Sack and Cordelia Murphy didn't quite go out the way they wanted, but they do have something to hang their hat on.

"The seniors will certainly be

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