

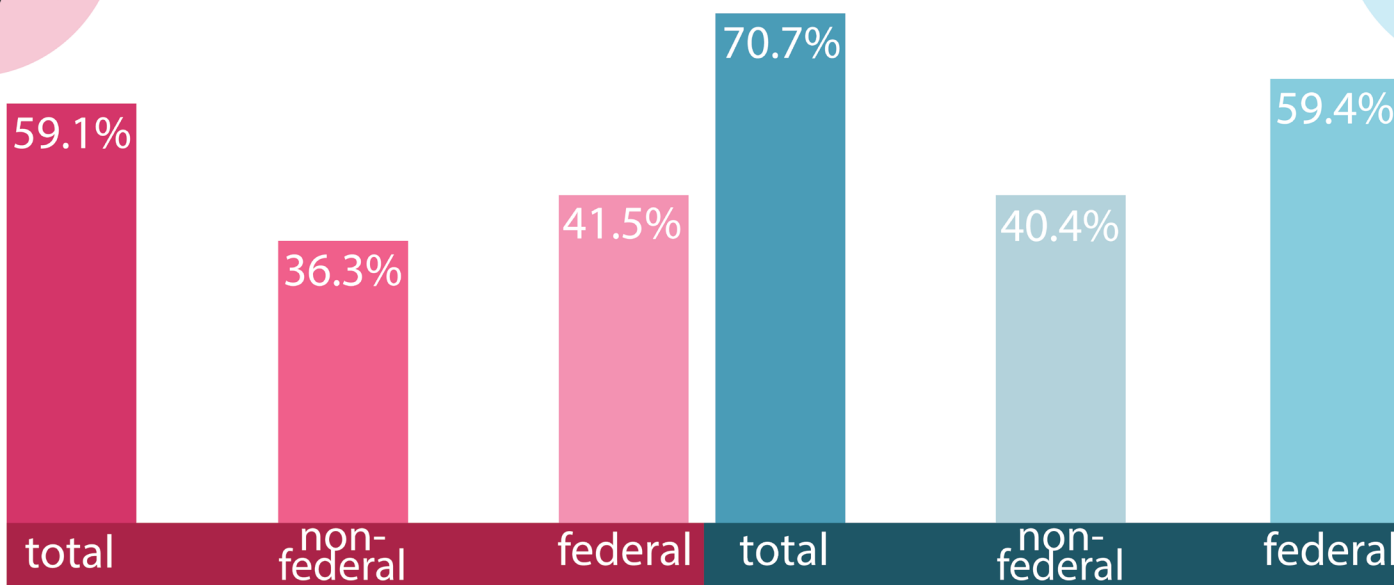
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Broadside, a literary and arts magazine published through the English Department bi-annually, is now accepting submissions for its spring publication.

Broadside is run entirely by current students, and the staff is looking for students to submit original pieces of work from a variety of genres including poetry, prose and art.

Submissions are open until Feb. 8. For more information on poetry and prose submission length and artwork sizes, students can email Broadside editor-in-chief Lydia Strubhar at lstrubhar@mail.bradley.edu or visit Broadside's website at sites.google.com/site/bradley-broadside.

T-shirt design contest begins

The English National Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta, is looking for a Bradley student to design a T-shirt for the English Department.

Sigma Tau Delta's annual T-shirt design contest is open to anybody interested. Students do not have to be professional graphic designers or art majors. The design should represent the Bradley English Department, or the study of English in general.

T-shirt designs are due by Monday, Feb. 1. The winning student's design will be printed on the English Department's T-shirts for the year, and they will receive a shirt free of charge.

For more information or to submit a design, students can email Jenny Cundiff at jcundiff@mail.bradley.edu.

Transfer Aide applications wanted

Applications are now available to be a Transfer Aide. Full-time undergraduate students who have transferred to Bradley from another institution are qualified to apply.

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Applications are available at <http://bit.ly/TransferAide> and are due by noon Feb. 17.

Hats off to Late Night BU



photo by Anna Foley

Artists airbrush hats for students at last Friday's Late Night BU: I Love Bradley.

POLICE REPORTS

- An officer performing rounds heard a male student beating on the door of a residence at 3:40 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21 on the 700 block of N. Institute Place.

She attempted to stop the male student, who proceeded to kick in a window, which shattered. The resident, another male student, came out of the building and began yelling at the male and telling him to go home.

The first male shoved the second before more officers arrived and brought the student into custody.

- An officer responded to a report of stalking at 10:28 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25.

A female student reported that her coworker, a male student, had been sending her repeated unwanted texts and following her. The male student was ordered to stop this behavior.

The victim did not want to press charges.

- Two students reported missing packages from their residences at St. James Complex at 1:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25. The packages were delivered to the common area of the apartment building, but when the students arrived to pick them up, they were gone.

There are no suspects, and the packages have not been found.

- A shot spotter, which is a gunshot location system, was activated at 12:57 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23 on the 1400 block of W. Fredonia Avenue. Peoria Police and the Bradley University Police Department were notified. Upon arriving at the scene, there was no evidence of any shots. Two students were present and were questioned. They said they heard a firework go off. An officer in the area did not hear a shot go off.

- An alarm went off at the Bradley Bookstore at 2:42 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 24.

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Campus mourns death of senior student

BY TORI MOSES
Managing Editor

Campus is left mourning the death of senior music business major Zak Haubrich, who was involved in a head-on collision Dec. 14 while driving to his hometown of Quincy.

Haubrich was a member of the Bradley Symphonic Winds, Jazz Ensemble, Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, Hilltop Studios and Musicians in Business.

"He made friends everywhere in all of his activities, all the time," Lacey Hagerbaumer, Zak's girlfriend of four years, said. "There was never anybody on campus that he wouldn't talk to or be nice to or try to get to know. He loved everybody."

Hagerbaumer, a senior mathematics major, said Haubrich's popularity on campus was evident during his hometown visitation.

"There were a few cards that [the Haubrich family] got from different people who had maybe only met him one time or two times, and they talked about how much he impacted their life," Hagerbaumer said.

Haubrich's uncle Mark Bigelow also said an overwhelming number of Bradley individuals attended Haubrich's funeral.

"The entire family was terribly impressed and very, very appreciative of the whole Bradley student body," Bigelow said. "It's very apparent that they took Zak under their wing ... we can't really

express how appreciative we are of that."

Molly Sloter, staff accompanist in the Department of Music, said she thinks Haubrich's legacy is about showing people the benefit of being kind to others.

"I ask myself, 'Why am I this upset?'" Molly said. "I'm old; I've been through this before, but Zak just really had a presence here in our community. That's what makes it such a deep hurt on so many levels ... you need to fight the good fight and do the right thing because that's what Zak did, and that's why this is so hard."

Senior music performance major Maggie Sloter said Haubrich was one of her closest friends, and their relationship changed last semester as they headed into their senior year at Bradley.

"We became less of trouble makers—well, I still had problems with my amount of talking or being distracting during rehearsals—but I can't even tell you the amount of times he told me, 'You're not a screw up,' and that, 'It's OK,'" Maggie said. "He was so supportive, but he was so smart and driven, too, and he was goofy. It was such an odd mix."

Maggie said Haubrich helped push her and other students academically.

"He was really a model student," Maggie said. "He took classes that he didn't have to take because he wanted to take them, and then we took them together and it was so fun. More than any-



photo by Tori Moses

Molly Sloter, staff accompanist in the Department of Music, displays pictures of Zak Haubrich on a bulletin board outside her office in Constance Hall.

thing, I want his work ethic and workmanship to [be remembered and] push other people."

Director of Jazz Ensemble Todd Kelly also noted Haubrich's passion for school.

"Zak is the embodiment of the kind of student I love to teach," Kelly said. "He was very positive, very polite and a respectful student. I never had any interaction with him that wasn't positive."

Coming back to campus after holiday break was an adjustment for the ensemble, according to Maggie.

"I was running the Jazz Ensemble when [Kelly] wasn't here and I was like, 'We are still going to keep a chair out on the stage for him. He's still here,'" Maggie said. "It's been a very strange shift of environment. I just wish he was here."

Maggie said while she planned for Haubrich to be the crazy uncle to her kids, to play in the band at her wedding and to act as the godfather to her children, she was lucky to have known him.

"I'm just really thankful for the time that we did have together

because, while he's not physically here, I will always have all those pictures and all those recordings and all these memories," Maggie said.

Haubrich's Delta Sigma Phi brothers set up a GoFundMe page to help with the Haubrich family's financial expenses, and they have raised over \$2,300.

"We would first and foremost do anything for any brother," Preston Scheel, Delta Sigma Phi brother, said. "We wanted to help ease the pain of the family in some measurable way."

BUPD crime prevention officer seeks to interact with campus

BY MADDIE GEHLING
News Editor

The Bradley University Police Department is aiming to make campus more secure with the addition of a Crime Prevention Officer.

Officer Nathan Haynes has been reassigned to the role of Crime Prevention Officer, which, according to a BUPD press release, is not a new concept.

"This position has been on agenda for some time — years now," Haynes said. "There was not a peak [in crime] or an instance to make the position necessary. Our department is evolving, so we're making different positions available. We just felt a need for better communication with the university."

As Crime Prevention Officer, Haynes will be participating and leading a number of campus outreach programs, from presentations in classrooms to meeting

with student organizations.

"Our goal is to get Officer Haynes out in front of campus in as many ways as possible," BUPD Chief Brian Joschko said. "In the classroom, at Late Night BU, working with Student Senate, IFC, Panhel ... not just campus, but the community surrounding Bradley, too."

Haynes, who hails from Oneida, Illinois, served in the U.S. Army for 24 years before retiring from active duty and coming to work for the BUPD in 2014. Haynes said he wants students to understand that, as the Crime Prevention Officer, he is available anytime and anywhere to help.

"The thing is, I can always come to present," Haynes said. "Whatever information [the students] want, not only on subjects like an active shooter situation, which is a hot topic right now, but anything safety-related. Anyone can email me and set it up."

The BUPD will be working

on the Campus Emergencies Operations Plan Presentation, which includes information on the BU ForeWarn, education on natural disasters and fires, active shooter response and the Run, Hide, Fight program developed by Homeland Security.

"By the end of the semester, students will be very aware of this new position," Haynes said. "It's a way to be a direct liaison between police and campus, and I want to be a resource for more education."

For more information on the programs offered by BUPD and the Crime Prevention services, students can visit <http://www.bradley.edu/emergency/additionalguidelines/> or email Haynes at nhaynes@bradley.edu.

Bradley bans exploding hoverboards

BY MICHAEL ECHEVERRI
Copy Editor

Over winter break, Bradley announced a ban on the use and storage of hoverboards in any university owned property, dashing the hopes of any would-be Marty McFlys on campus. Bradley is not alone in its ban, and many other universities, as well as airlines, have banned hoverboards.

The university-wide email announcing the ban of hoverboards, which are also known as self-balancing scooters, said there was a fire risk and safety hazard associated with the gadget.

The devices have been documented to catch fire or explode, specifically when being charged. WGN-TV reported that a charging hoverboard exploded and burned down a house in Louisiana in late November, and CNN has video of another board bursting into flames at a mall in Auburn, Washington, in early December.

The technology magazine Wired said the low quality lithium batteries used in the hoverboards are the cause of the combustions.

"One of the recommendations if you own a hoverboard is that you pay attention to it while you charge it," Vice President of Student Affairs Nathan Thomas said. "You're supposed to be present while it's charging, but I'm going to guess that's not how

students charge their devices. It's certainly not how I charge my devices."

Thomas said there have been no incidents of exploding hoverboards at Bradley, and he is unsure of the exact number of students who own hoverboards.

"I've seen a couple of hoverboards on campus, but I'm not sure if they were students," Thomas said. "I know hoverboards were kind of a hot item over the holidays, and the ban was meant to anticipate a possible increase."

Some students said they think the new ban doesn't have a major affect on campus.

"I don't really care because I don't know any one with a hoverboard," sophomore elementary and education double major Sara Ellers said.

Thomas said the ban is not necessarily permanent, and Bradley will review the ban as the semester continues.

"We guess that the batteries are going to get better," Thomas said. "We think that manufacturers of hoverboards are going to pay attention to the numbers of bans that are being put in place across the country and are going to attempt to solve these issues. We're going to pay attention to consumers guides and the national landscape. As the product evolves, we'll consider lifting the ban."

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Students travel across the country, across the pond

SAMMANTHA DELLARIA
Copy Editor

From Los Angeles to London, Bradley students stepped outside their comfort zones during their winter breaks and studied abroad. According to students traveling during the January interim, the opportunity to study abroad not only comes with a lot of hard work in the classroom, but the chance to experience new places and cultures.

Junior sports communication major Pablo Iglesias said his trip to London over the January interim provided him the chance to see a place he had never been before. After reviewing the study abroad information, Iglesias said he decided the chance to travel to London was too good to pass up. "I just love to take advantage of any opportunity that comes my way, especially to study abroad in a place like London," Iglesias said. "You don't really get that opportunity every day."

Iglesias said his class took many excursions into London, which allowed him to learn a lot outside of his required curriculum. "I really learned more about my independence," Iglesias said. "Just being out on my own in a different country and being ready for that challenge was really cool."

It wasn't just students that were

taking their winter breaks internationally. Students also attended a study program in LA.

Bradley English professor Seth Katz traveled to London in January to teach his first class abroad. Katz taught a travel-writing course that encouraged students to put their experience into words.

Katz said he enjoyed watching his students gain a better understanding of the world through their writing. "The writing is a crucial part of the experience," Katz said. "It was an opportunity for them to stop and reflect on what was happening to them."

Katz said having students reflect on their experiences and feelings regarding their travel helps to enhance their education. "Having this kind of deep, immersive engagement with a foreign culture is at the heart of what the liberal studies component of a university is about," Katz said.

Students who stayed in the U.S. and traveled to LA said they found their experiences just as enriching. They met various professionals within fields such as marketing, news and entertainment.

Junior journalism major Melody Mercado said she found her experience in LA to be rewarding and that it provided her with many connections within her major. "Each place that we visited



photo by Chris Kwiecinski

Students look out over the Thames River in London, England, while on the Bradley January interim study abroad trip.

had something unique to bring to the table," Mercado said. "We met with producers, animators, a reporter for CNN and public relations professionals."

Mercado said she was able to learn something from every pro-

fessional that she met, even if they were in a career field she doesn't expect to go into.

Iglesias said studying abroad has given him the opportunity to discover new places and enhance his time in college.

"It is nice to get out of your comfort zone and see what it is like in other places," Iglesias said. "I would tell anyone to embrace it. Go out there and travel."

Local Business Feature

Bacci Pizzeria will stay up late with you

BY BRIEN JACKSON
Off-staff Reporter

Hungry night owls on Bradley's campus and in the Peoria community can fill their late-night pizza cravings at Bacci Pizzeria, a local pizza shop close to the university. Located at 1222 W. Bradley Ave., Bacci Pizzeria is a place on campus where students can get a jumbo slice of pizza and pop for

\$5. How "jumbo," you ask? About as big as the average laptop.

Bacci is a small Chicago-based pizza chain, but the local store has served Bradley students and surrounding Peoria families since 2007. Co-owner Sean Gubricky is a Chicago native that decided to bring the chain to Bradley.

"This is the only Bacci's in Peoria," Gubricky said. "It's the furthest one from Chicago. After



photo by Tori Moses

Bacci Pizzeria, located on W. Bradley Avenue, stands empty waiting for late-night customers.



I graduated from Bradley, I decided to open up a store with my friend."

Whether students sit in or order take out, Bacci Pizzeria is a convenient place to go for a lot of food without breaking the bank. It's open from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m. every day of the week.

One \$5 jumbo slice will satisfy any pizza craving. Customers can even purchase an entire jumbo pizza for \$30 – multiple customers can chip in and have a massive pizza feast.

However, Bacci's has a variety of other items, including Italian beef, chicken wings and a menu of other appetizers, soups, salads

and sandwiches.

"When you go to Bacci's, you get in and get your food quickly," junior game design major Quentin Young said. "There's not a lot of waiting time, and it's super cheap."

An anonymous source recalled a situation that occurred during a late night Bacci's food run. The source said a few Bradley students got into a heated argument.

"Two guys were yelling at this one guy," the anonymous source said. "They backed him up into the window [of the neighboring skate shop]."

The anonymous source said once the altercation ended, they

followed the people involved to make sure they were okay.

"I follow this trail of blood," the anonymous source said. "And I [found] the kid's apartment."

There is a wide range of experiences available at Bacci, and they can be had even in the latest hours of the night.

"When other places are closed, Bacci's will be there for you," junior animation major Ryan Hughes said. "Especially after a long study session at the library during finals week."

Winter is Here to Stay

Shelby Spring, junior learning behavior specialist major

Hometown: San Diego, California

What are winters like where you're from? Warm and sunny.

What are the winters like here? I basically have a mental argument with myself every day about whether I should cancel an appointment, or go to class, or hang out with friends, or go to get food because I would do anything to avoid going outside during the winter.

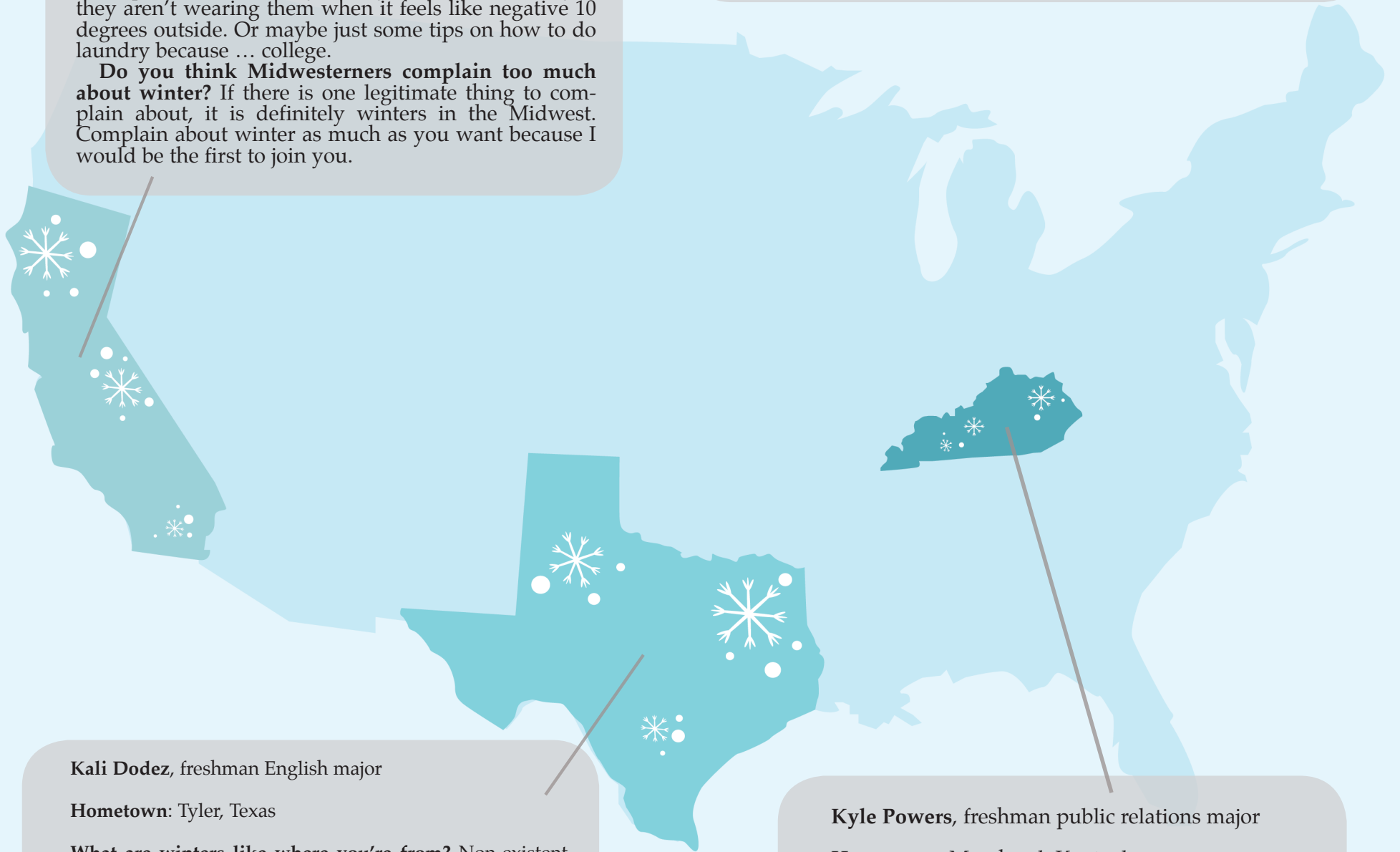
Any preference? San Diego ... because ... San Diego.

What do you think of the people who wear shorts in the winter? I can't help but question their sanity and then contemplate whether I should offer to buy them pants, because they clearly must not own any if they aren't wearing them when it feels like negative 10 degrees outside. Or maybe just some tips on how to do laundry because ... college.

Do you think Midwesterners complain too much about winter? If there is one legitimate thing to complain about, it is definitely winters in the Midwest. Complain about winter as much as you want because I would be the first to join you.

BY MADDIE GEHLING
News Editor

The spring semester has begun, and students on the Hilltop have finally seen their shadows. That means six more weeks of winter, folks. For better or for worse (and to finally figure out what is up with that shorts-in-the-winter trend), here's a handy comparison of winters across the country, brought to you by Bradley students themselves.



Kali Dodez, freshman English major

Hometown: Tyler, Texas

What are winters like where you're from? Non-existent. Occasionally it'll drop down below freezing, but never for a substantial amount of time. We never experience snow, but roads would ice over. Most of our trees don't lose their leaves. Once it gets to 60, it's coat time. Sweaters cannot be found anywhere.

What are the winters like here? The winters here get worse, but so far I'm just freaking out that there's so much snow all the time ... but I definitely don't hate it yet.

How do they compare? The only thing I really miss are wildflowers, because the snow kills a lot of that, and that's really weird to me. I miss green. But not too much, let's be honest.

What do you think of the people who wear shorts in the winter? There's a general double standard where guys get to wear whatever they want, no matter what the weather, even if it's something ridiculous like shorts in winter. I know when the weather was only slightly colder and I wore shorts, people constantly asked me if I should put on more clothes, but when men do it, it's viewed more as a joke.

Do you think Midwesterners complain too much about winter? So far, it hasn't seemed too cold. I'm a little tired of every time I say it's slightly chilly, people say I have "no idea what the cold is, how dare I," and like, I can still be cold even if you aren't. People are always saying that I have no idea, but it's almost February and it's only snowed twice, so, I don't know what's going on.

Kyle Powers, freshman public relations major

Hometown: Morehead, Kentucky

What are winters like where you're from? Winters are absolutely wild in Kentucky, because they either start as soon as winter is supposed to start, or they'll just delay and hit us 100 percent. We have a lot of curvy roads, too, so traveling gets very treacherous in Kentucky.

How do they compare? It's a little warmer [in Kentucky] than Peoria. Rarely ever do we fall to the negatives, but we get a lot of wind, and it's still pretty chilly for us.

What do you think of the people who wear shorts in the winter? I mean, from a clothing standpoint, wear whatever you want. But I don't see why you would choose to be cold when you can be warm.

Do you think Midwesterners complain too much about winter? No, it is much worse in the Midwest. But the only thing you guys don't get to complain about is you guys have much flatter landscapes to travel on, as opposed to where I'm from. You literally have hills and everything. There will be no snow on the main roads, but we'll have to cancel school because we have so many kids that live up treacherous roads that just can't get to school.

Editorial

President makes positive first impression

This month, Bradley's 11th president Gary Roberts was introduced to campus in an in-depth manner, through several welcome ceremonies open to faculty, staff, students and community members.

Roberts was able to make a highly positive first impression we can only hope he lives up to. His speeches were candid and refreshingly straightforward; there weren't any politician-type side-steps or terms-and-conditions disclaimers.

Campus has been in desperate need of transparency and honesty,

and it seems like that's what we have with the new leadership.

Roberts acknowledged issues on campus such as low morale, inadequate employee compensation and several other concerns, showing he's paid attention to the feedback from the multiple forums discussing frustrations on campus.

Roberts is also an alumnus, which definitely helps him with his Bradley relevant sense of humor.

Additionally, campus has been in need of an empowering president, rather than one who controls

every aspect of the university.

Roberts said he would accomplish this by empowering faculty and staff. By getting rid of the president's office hours, he might be disappointing some students, but he is also showing faith in administrators' abilities to handle important issues.

Besides a devotion to empowering university employees, he hasn't presented any tangible plans yet. Roberts has rarely been seen on campus, except for at public relations events and basketball games.

However, students shouldn't be too quick to pass judgment, for good or bad.

The semester has barely begun, so it's difficult to give a ringing endorsement before any plans have been fleshed out with real details. But, as students, we might as well approach with caution and some humor.

For the time being, we will give him the benefit of the doubt. If he stays true to his promises and priorities, Bradley is well on its way to getting back on the right track.

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Column

It's not a musical, it's a movement



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If you haven't heard of the Broadway musical megahit "Hamilton," you may have been living under a "Wicked"-sized rock since September.

The musical, written by and starring lyrical genius Lin Manuel-Miranda, is a rap and hip-hop lesson about the life of treasury secretary Alexander Hamilton, whom Miranda said "embodies hip-hop."

Miranda's musical hit the Broadway stage in August 2015, and the original cast recording was released a month later.

The cast recording sold a record-breaking \$32 million in albums before the show even hit Broadway.

Speaking of Broadway, the show is completely sold out until September 2016 and even has multiple shows in October 2016 sold out.

So, to put it quite literally, if you want to see "Hamilton," you'll have to wait almost a year to do so.

This begs the question, how does a musical become so successful?

In this day and age where whitewashed movies and dumb-down reality TV are kings of entertainment, a musical has stolen the show and has garnered audiences that consist of Madonna, Jimmy Fallon, Stephen Colbert, President Obama and Beyoncé.

The way in which "Hamilton" has become the biggest musical in the 21st century, aside from its engaging story and powerful messages, is that it doesn't just tell us the story, but rather, it raps it eloquently as opposed to the usual singing.

No, really.

A big reason why it attracts the likes of Queen Bey and other public figures is because Miranda raps a piece of American history

extraordinarily and authentically.

While "Hamilton's" astounding rhymes and high-class entourage garner attention, its cast is one reason why the show is viewed in a different light.

Miranda cast his show non-traditionally, by color-blind casting, meaning he cast roles in the show without considering each actor's ethnicity. Each role in "Hamilton" is a familiar one to U.S. history buffs: Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Aaron Burr and James Madison.

Non-traditionally, the actors who play each of these roles are people of color, which is all part of authorial intent, or how Miranda wrote each character to be played.

Miranda cast actors of color to play the roles of all the main characters who were historically white, and it's awesome.

But, why exactly?

"The show reflects what America looks like now," Miranda said in an interview with the New York Times.

In the same article, the New York Times called "Hamilton" a historiographical account of history, rather than a historical account.

Putting that into perspective, we're getting an adaptation of history that is almost unprece-

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Year In Review- Freeform - High School MusicalNew Year, New ~~Me~~ Laws

By Lisa Stemmons

Illinois is bringing down the hammer for the New Year. And when I say bringing down the hammer, I mean a few significant changes, but mainly obscure and long-overdo rules. The slew of new laws went into effect Jan. 1, 2016, and topics range from pumpkin pie to law enforcement regulations.

1. Fake 9-1-1 Calls

The first version of this law came about in 1998, when phony 9-1-1 calls could land you in jail for a year or amount to a \$1,000 fine. Now, it's 10 times that amount with a \$10,000 reimbursement. Some may think this is an extreme measure, but as it is, a significant number of 9-1-1 phone calls do not require emergency assistance.

When you think of the pranksters who make officers and emergency responders waste time and energy, as well as cost the state money from bogus cases of "Boy Cries Wolf," the fine doesn't appear so harsh. In 2010, a deputy was seriously injured in a car accident when he was responding to one of these hoax calls.

2. Locked Pill Bottles

As if pill bottles aren't already hard enough to open, there will now be numerical locking devices on prescription opioid drugs (painkillers). It's the first pilot program of its kind in the United States, but it doesn't seem necessary. Drug addicts are addicts for a reason, and a lock is merely an inconvenience for those who are actually in need of the medicine, not a preventative for abusers.



3. Animal Care

If animal cruelty takes place in the presence of a minor, the penalties start at a \$250 fine and no less than 100 community service hours. Additionally, exposing pets to extreme temperatures is illegal, not to mention immoral, which begs the question of how this law wasn't already instated. I understand this law for suburban household pets, but farmers with pets and dogs meant to withstand the cold should be exempt. Lastly, Illinoisans are once again allowed to hunt bobcats, but good luck.

4. Underage Drinking

THE DRINKING AGE IS 18 AGAIN! Just kidding, but this new law will finally put an all too com-

mon debate to rest. If you are a teenager under the influence of alcohol, but not to the degree of your friend who you would like to call an ambulance for, you can now do so without fear of being arrested. All I have to say is it's about damn time this is official. Obviously, calling for emergency medical help shouldn't be debated, but teenagers are immature, selfish and dumb, and sometimes their stupidity results in someone else's death.



5. Elders

Families can video record their loved ones in nursing or assisted living homes to monitor their treatment. This is absolutely awesome. Old people are like babies in a lot of ways, and they shouldn't be mistreated or abused simply because they are incapable of caring for themselves. Let's just hope grandma remembers to shut off the camera before she gets her freak on.

6. Drugs

With the decriminalization of marijuana, it's important to clarify what is actually considered marijuana. Synthetic marijuana is known on the streets as K2, and the new law states no one can be in possession of, distribute or manufacture K2.

7. Drunk Driving

A Breathalyzer ignition device is now required for those who have received a fourth DUI and have been sober for three years. Initially, this law may seem absurd, because why do persistent drunk drivers deserve penance? Then again, people who have access to a car will drive it, whether they have the authority to do so or not. Kids are known to risk severe punishment just to drive without a license early, and drunks arguably have the same mentality. You might as well make it as difficult as possible by requiring them to blow every time they drive.

8. School Discipline

Suspensions and expulsion in public schools will decrease now that schools are not allowed to follow a "zero tolerance" policy. Administrators are required to explore all avenues before punishing a student.

I'm not a fan of this law because I believe students who don't want to learn will continue to be disruptive in class until they get what they want. School

officials shouldn't have to go through the stress of exhausting all their resources for a child who simply isn't cut out for formal education.

9. Therapy Techniques

With same-sex marriage being legal, it's an obvious step to ban gay-conversion therapy. Any efforts to change a minor's sexual orientation and claim that it is a mental illness are prohibited. I'm sure many people weren't even aware that this existed on a legitimate level. Luckily, the quack therapists who continue to follow this agenda will violate the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.

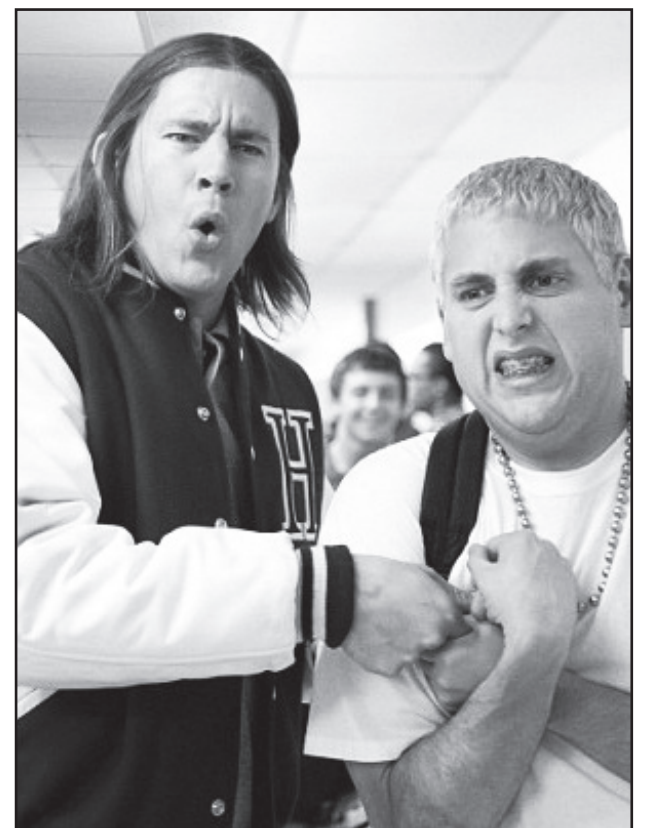
10. Body Cameras on Police Officers

With all of the recent police brutality cases, body cameras have been discussed amongst government officials for quite some time. In Illinois, it's been decided that officers aren't required to wear one, so basically nothing is changing. Apparently they felt that it was necessary to clarify their stance on the issue, and in my opinion, they chose the wrong one.

Bonus: Pumpkin Pie

I'm still not sure why this is considered a law, but pumpkin pie is now the official state pie. I know what you're thinking; I too have had trouble sleeping at night knowing Illinois didn't have an official state pie. All laws are supposed to be seen as equal, so this surely will help with the Illinois government's credibility.

If you're a rule-following junkie, you can read the full list of the new 237 laws at abc7chicago.com. Otherwise, these 10 laws are all you really need to know in order to stay well informed about your local government's latest shenanigans.





WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF FREEFORM

By Elizabeth Degnan

Growing up, ABC Family was a channel that played frequently in my house. It was home to some legendary re-runs: "Sabrina the Teenage Witch," "Gilmore Girls," "Seventh Heaven," "Greek," etc.

When ABC Family President Tom Ascheim announced the network would be renaming itself to Freeform starting January 2016, I had some mixed opinions about the change. Why would a network that has been so successful in the past want to change its ways?

Ascheim told the public this was part of a plan to keep up with its original demographic, the "millennial" generation, who focused more on traditional family-friendly values. Now that the original target audience is growing up, according to Variety.com, Ascheim said that it's time for the network to grow with them.

Media consumers today want something more up to date, and Freeform is hoping to use

new levels of social media and different platforms to re-brand itself. The change is focused around the consumers, and as Ascheim explained to the public, the network wants to use this change to reach out to viewers to hear what they want to say and what they want to see happen with the transition into Freeform.

The television shows that aired 10 years ago are significantly different to what airs today. Think of a show like "Seventh Heaven," a family that upheld strict American values revolving around the rules of traditional marriage with having a big family in a small American town; it fit the norm of what society valued. However, that isn't the norm anymore.

Today the network offers shows that represent the new interpretation of plausible circumstances faced by current Americans. "The Fosters" is a perfect example of this. It shares a story of a same sex couple with children and the

hardships they face adapting to a modernized society.

Transforming the network into Freeform is simply a way for the network to tell society that they see the changes and they want to support these changes. The new network will still uphold classic traditions, such as ABC Family's 25 Days of Christmas, and continue to air shows like "Pretty Little Liars," "Baby Daddy" and "Young and Hungry," but the rebranding of the network will bring new television dramas such as "Recovery Road" and "Shadowhunters."

Infuriated ABC Family fans can now let the salt settle. The network's move makes sense, because they are taking the proper precautions to ensure the network will not fall through the cracks. I'm anxious to see what the new network has in store for the world of entertainment.

Decade Old Jam of the Week: Laffy Taffy- D4L

It may have been a one hit wonder, but it's still relevant. With the new generation of twerkers and big-butt glorifiers, Laffy Taffy is played in frat parties with the same enthusiasm as January 2006 when it was number one on the Billboard Top 100.



WERE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

By Elizabeth Degnan



When I think of my pre-teen years, I think of the famous "High School Musical" phenomenon. To our generation, this might have been one of the greatest things to happen, and it will continue to live on in our hearts forever.

When the hit movie first aired on Disney Channel in January 2006, it brought in over 7 million viewers (myself included) and led to two sequels. The quirky music and cheesy story line was everything and more back then; I can still sing almost every song.

I haven't thought much about the movie until recently, when the original cast celebrated their 10-year anniversary of its release.

Almost the entire cast came together for the reunion,

minus the too-cool-for-school Zac Efron (so sad,) to celebrate all things "High School Musical." The reunion revealed the cast's original audition tapes, along with their favorite HSM memories and songs. It's hard to believe that what started out as a small Disney Channel Original Movie turned into a global phenomenon.

It's safe to say that the reunion was a great treat for fans of the franchise who were in need of some reminiscing. We got all the feels when Monique Coleman gave Corbin Bleu Cheese his previously lost class ring, and I think we all still secretly wish that we had a singing/dancing high school. HSM, we will never forget you!

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There's an entire Flat Earth Society is 200 members strong and, purportedly, not a joke. Additionally, there are many (and I mean many) YouTube videos ready to open your eyes to the truth, if you want to take the extra effort to believe it.

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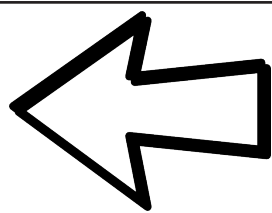
By Nikki Duran

"My neighbor says a bear broke into my car again ... I gotta go!" reads one example on the

It's nice to see Handler's talents being put to use once again, whether it's with her new Netflix series or newly found ability to make hilarious apps.



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University president Gary Roberts speaks to students about plans for the future of Bradley at the presidential welcome reception Wednesday.

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Senior political science and economics double major Jason Blumenthal served as the sole student member on the presidential search committee, and he said Roberts was a positive figure from the first meeting.

"[Roberts] came into it really excited and really happy," Blumenthal said. "My very first experience with him was very positive. He seemed very cool and he seemed to have a good grasp of the Bradley community as we see it."

Hoffman also said Roberts seemed positive when she first

met him. One aspect she said she hopes he addresses is student safety.

"I'd probably say [students want Roberts to address] student safety because I know that's something that's kind of been swept under the rug, and I know he's willing to work with it too, and like he said, he's willing to work with senate, and that's one of our main priorities too," Hoffman said.

Hoffman said having the president at school events and interacting with students is a way he can affect campus in a positive way.

While Roberts addressed some issues at Bradley, there are other issues people want addressed as well.

"I'm sure he will look at the serious issue of salary compression amongst associate professors," English professor Caitriona Moloney said.

Members of the Bradley community said they are hopeful Roberts will continue to develop the university's reputation.

"I think his priorities are regaining trust amongst everybody in the community, exterior and internal, and continuing to make Bradley more distinguished and better in the long run," Blumenthal said.



photo by Tori Moses

Students interact with university president Gary Roberts' four dogs, while his wife Donna Carr Roberts looks on.

Bradley alumnus revisits the Hilltop

BY MADDIE GEHLING
News Editor

The Communications Department brought Bradley alumnus Jeffrey Bogart to share his experiences as a lawyer and give students advice.

Bogart, a speech major from the class of 1969, has practiced international law, worked with U.S. presidents and represented various celebrities and athletes from his offices in Atlanta, Georgia. He took the chance Tuesday evening to reminisce with Bradley students about his time on campus and advise students about spending their time in college to the fullest.

Bogart shared memories of the activities he was involved with including Student Senate, tennis, orchestra and The Scout. He said he believes it is important to recognize the chances students are given for their futures while still at college.

"Bradley is ... a special place," Bogart said. "When I talked about opportunity, I ask you to look inside yourselves. This is a very special window that will never appear again, ever. Here, you can try, you can experiment, you can grow. You don't have to know exactly what you want to be. It helps, but you don't have to know. You can grow into it, you can make

a wrong turn and then make a right turn, and that's university."

Bogart also spoke about the struggles he encountered when trying to find a job he was passionate about after graduating from University of Toledo Law School.

"I have an acceptance from the U.S. [Department of Justice honor's program], I'm here," Bogart said regarding a job interview he had taken during President Nixon's administration. "But the interviewer told me, 'You will never receive an offer. You are not a Republican; you don't have a letter in your file from anyone with political clout, not even your mother. You'd better go find a job.' I graduated six months early from law school to find out I had no job."

Monica Velazquez, a senior music and journalism double major, said she believes it can sometimes be difficult to find the right opportunities to achieve success, but Bogart had good advice.

"I think [Bogart] was really encouraging, definitely," Velazquez said. "He's a very good speaker, of course, and it was nice to see someone so nostalgic about college and to have so much pride in something and to bring it out into the field."

Senior English and philosophy double major Jenny Cundiff, who

plans to attend law school to pursue a career in environmental law, said she thought Bogart had some important advice.

"I think that Mr. Bogart's point about stepping outside of ones comfort zone is a valid point because it creates more well-rounded students that are more prepared to enter the real world upon graduation," Cundiff said. "I also think that his advice about choosing a law school was particularly helpful for many of the pre-law students in the audience."

However, Bogart advised students not to become discouraged if they are faced with situations like his just out of law school.

"Sometimes in life, adversity makes you a better person," Bogart said. "I hope that when your four years are over, and Bradley is behind you, and your future is in front of you, you can say to yourself, 'I pushed myself where I wouldn't go before, and I loved my university.'"

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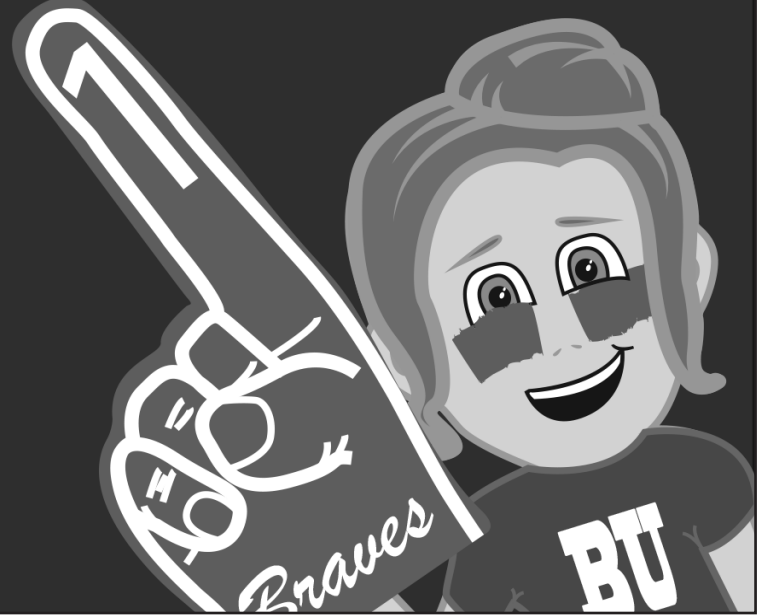
funded."

McMillan said he is hopeful personal outreach and student involvement on the matter will have the positive impact it has had in the past.

"We want students to understand that their voices are extremely important," McMillan said.

For questions regarding personal outreach to state legislators, students can contact McMillan can be contacted at bmcmillan@bradley.edu.

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Winter comedy show attendance exceeds expectations

BY MICHAEL ECHEVERRI
Copy Editor

Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc. hosted its 24th annual winter comedy show last Saturday in Renaissance Coliseum. The show featured comedians Dominique Whitten and Lavell Crawford.

Event coordinator Rasheed Habler said they wanted to bring a different perspective and voice to Bradley.

"The comedians that we brought are very well known within the black community and they joke about, among many things, matters of race," Habler said.

Whitten is a comedian who has toured around the country and appeared in Russell Simmon's Comedy Def Jam. Crawford is a comedian who has appeared in TV shows like "Breaking Bad," "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" and "The Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore."

The two comics spent the show riffing on topics like the differences between men and women, black people and white people, the weather and their past.

"I liked the part where Lavell talked about how he was bullied when he was younger and his mother taught him to defend himself by scratching," junior community wellness major Dakota Zamora said. "There's just something hilarious about a big dude

with a gruff voice making cat noises and scratching the air. And it was great to hear how his bullies reacted to his scratch tactic."

Zamora said the comedians really engaged the crowd.

"Dominique would ask questions about Bradley or chat with the people in the front row," Zamora said. "People generally responded to her, although, there was this one girl who just stonewalled her, didn't really answer her questions or gave vague answers. However, Dominique kept up the rhythm and still got some jokes out of the girl in the end."

Habler, a senior public relations and English double major, said he was very happy with the comedy show, specifically the attendance, which was 1,067 people.

"As far as I know, this was the highest attended comedy show we have ever hosted," Habler said. "I think that's largely thanks to the comedians, who are very popular and whose humor appeals to both students and the older generation."

Habler said he believed the fraternity's marketing campaign also contributed to the large turnout for the show.

"This was our first time using Facebook ads," Habler said. "We were able to reach a lot of people through Facebook. We also used billboards, we had one on Knoxville for a week. We also used



photo by Christopher Noonan

Comedian Dominique Whitten performs at the 24th annual winter comedy show last Saturday in Renaissance Coliseum. The show was hosted by the campus fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc.

a lot of radio ads. As a result of all of this effort, this comedy show had the most pre-sold tickets of any show we've done before."

Habler said this is the last winter comedy show he coordinates, but he hopes to return as an alum-

nus.

"The comedy show has always been a great way for students and alumni, and also the Peoria community, to come together," Habler said. "I think it helps create bridges between old and young, white

and black, by talking about the differences and laughing about them."

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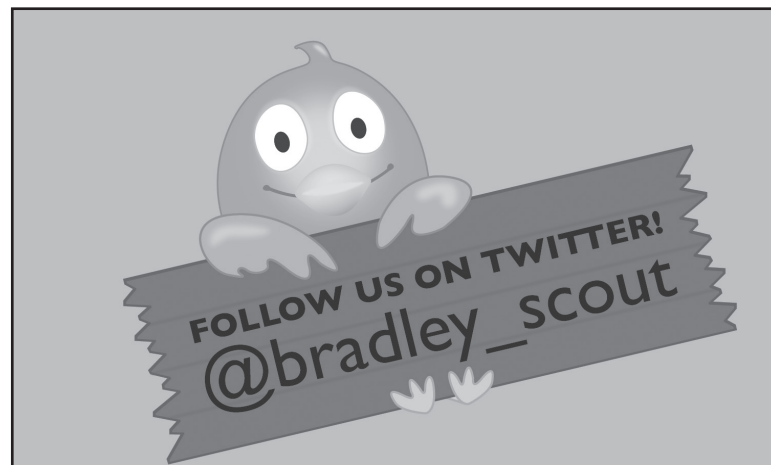
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Volleyball beings its search for a head coach

BY ALEX KRYAH
Assistant Sports Editor

Bradley volleyball experienced what could possibly be its worst ever two-year stretch in program history from 2014-2015. Over the two-year span, the women went 8-50 overall, winning only three games in Missouri Valley Conference competition.

Despite an MVC tournament berth in 2013, the hot seat was turning up for former head coach Jenny Maurer. It seemed her days as head coach were numbered.

Sure enough, on Jan. 8, Maurer was out as head coach of Bradley. However, she was not fired.

She resigned to take an associate head coaching position at University of Central Florida, which came as a surprise to the Bradley Athletic Department.

"We were planning on Coach Maurer returning for the 2016 season, but we wish her success in her new position at UCF," Jen Jones, associate athletic director for Academics and Student Welfare, said.

Senior Lea Sack was also a little surprised, but she said she felt the move "made sense."

"She had a lot of great options," Sack said. "With the season we had, there was a lot

of question marks, to be honest. So, I think she had some options because she didn't know what the future held for her."

Sack had nothing but good things to say about the former head coach, lauding her as an excellent "players coach" who knew her players extremely well.

"She really cares about her players," Sack said. "It's not all about what's on the court, but what's off the court as well, and she always went the extra mile to ask about school and family. She was really good about developing us not just as volleyball players but as young women."

"We just want to be sure we hire the best coach who is the right fit for Bradley."

-Jen Jones

Associate Athletic Director for Academics & Student Welfare

Maurer did make strides in her first three seasons at Bradley, securing a Bradley record 34 wins in a three-year span as well as a spot in the MVC tournament.

Her last two years with the Braves are certainly not ones she, or UCF for that matter, wants to remember. In UCF's press release of her hiring as the associate head coach, there was no mention of her past two seasons, nor was there a note of her overall record at Bradley. It stated that she "has a proven track record of improving teams she has worked with."

However, if numbers show anything, they show there wasn't much improvement, if any, during Maurer's tenure on the Hilltop.

The search for a new coach has begun for the Braves, and that hire may be coming sooner rather than later as recruiting season is approaching for volleyball.

According to Sack, the returning players are excited for the new challenge that awaits them.

"The whole mindset of the team right now is just really excited for the future," Sack said. "Every year, you're building on what you had before, but this year is a little bit different because [we're] kind of starting new. It's just a bunch of excitement for what the future is going to hold, and I know they're working hard in their off-season right now."

Sack said she thinks the program should hire a "technical coach who can really motivate and inspire" the young core of talent the team possesses.

The university gave no timeline as to when a new hire will occur.

"We just want to be sure we hire the best coach who is the right fit for Bradley," Jones said.

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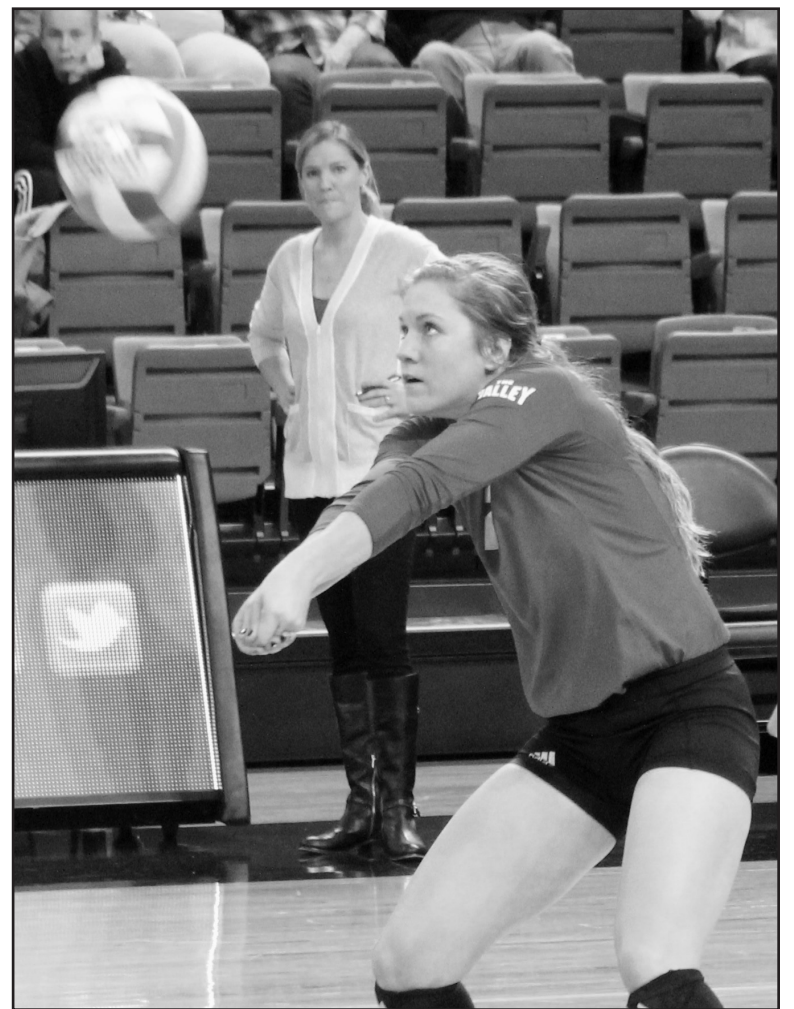


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Lea Sack (front) hits the ball while head coach Jenny Maurer (back) looks on. Sack said she was surprised at Maurer's resignation earlier this month, but that it also made sense.

Baseball gets on ESPN in newly released schedule

BY AUSTIN SHONE
Off-staff Reporter

The 2016 Bradley Baseball schedule was released last week and features some strong matchups. The Braves were successful last year as they compiled the most wins since 1996 and earned an NCAA-tournament berth for the first time in 47 years as a No. 2 seed in the Louisville Regional.

The Braves will start their season with 23 consecutive away games, beginning with Austin Peay. They will then travel to San Antonio to play in the Irish Alamo Invitational Feb. 25 to 27, which is hosted by Notre Dame and also features Gonzaga, Texas Southern and Incarnate Word.

"Getting invited to play in the Irish Alamo Invitational is a big testament to where we're at and how far we've come," head coach Elvis Dominguez said. "It will be a tremendous challenge for our team."

The Braves are also set to play in the Russ Mat Central Florida Invitational, which takes place in and around Orlando. There they will play Bucknell, Lehigh, Dartmouth, Brown and Central Florida.

To round out the non-conference schedule, Bradley will play Western Michigan and Butler in Indianapolis and visit Saint Louis, who was the A10 regular season champion last season. The Braves will also play a home-and-home series with Iowa, who also earned a two seed in a regional last year. The Braves will play at Peoria's Dozer Park for their home opener against MacMurray College April 1.

Bradley will jump into their Missouri Valley Conference schedule following the game against MacMurray. They host Missouri State, Indiana State and Dallas Baptist (DBU), while they visit Evansville, Wichita State, Illinois State, Southern Illinois

and SIU Edwardsville. The game at Dozer Park on April 30 against DBU is scheduled to be televised nationally on ESPN.

Their MVC season will conclude with the conference tournament hosted by Indiana State, with the opportunity to return to the NCAA tournament.

"Our schedule is as tough or tougher than a year ago," Dominguez said. "The fact that we had three of the eight teams in our conference earn an NCAA bid last year says a lot about the MVC."

After having one of Bradley's most successful seasons in recent history, the Braves have high expectations.

"The bar is raised," Dominguez said. "It's been our goal to make this one of the best teams in the Midwest. We have what it takes to get there, and that's what we're striving for."

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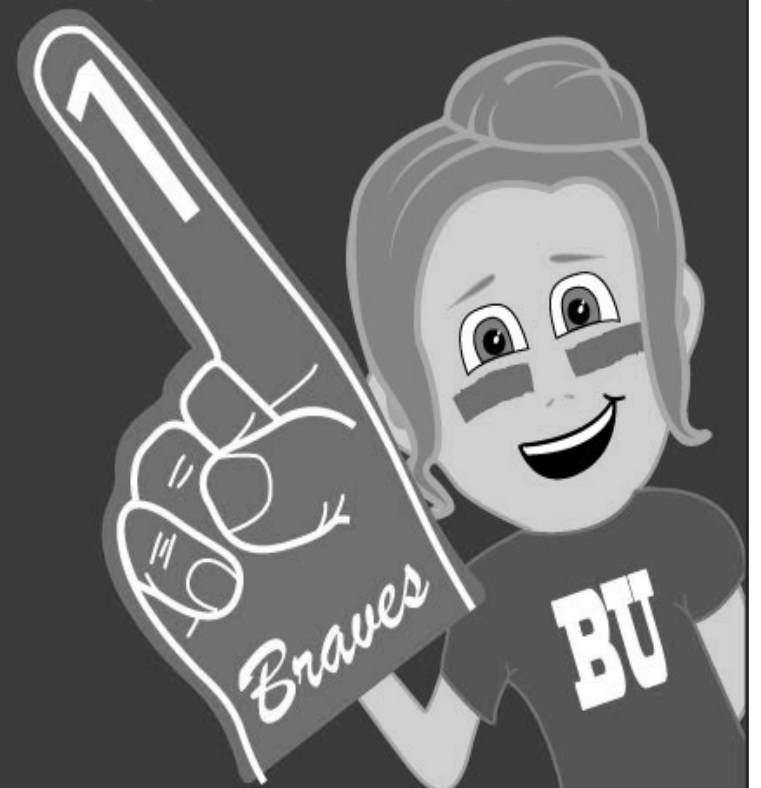
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Women’s basketball plagued by injuries and offensive woes over break

BY BRANDON WALLACE
Sports Reporter

While other Bradley students were on break over winter vacation, the women’s basketball team was in the gym working, with Missouri Valley Conference play on the horizon in January.

“For us, break was about basketball,” head coach Michael Brooks said. “We were up early, we were putting shots up, we were just trying to get better and focus on our weaknesses while maximizing our strengths.”

Unfortunately, that work didn’t translate to success on paper. The Braves went 1-7 over break, with a win over Wichita State and losses to No. 24 Iowa, Northern Illinois, Saint Louis, Loyola, Southern Illinois, Evansville and Missouri State, in that order.

“I have been extremely pleased with our defense all season,” Brooks said. “We work hard on the defensive end and we have confidence. But the biggest negative right now is that we don’t put the ball in the hole. We haven’t been hitting our shots. We haven’t been as confident offensively attacking the basket.”

The Braves also lost freshman Gabby Green to a knee injury in the Northern Illinois game Dec. 21. Brooks said losing Green had a huge impact on the team.

“She was a playmaker for us,” Brooks said. “Our assist-to-turnover ratio was great with her, and since then, it has completely went the other way. She was starting and playing a lot of minutes and was another ball-handler for us.”

Last Friday, the Braves traveled on I-74 to take on conference rival Illinois State. It was a low-scoring, defensive struggle, and the Braves ended up falling short 54-49.

The game was back and forth with both teams trading leads. Going into the fourth quarter, the Braves had the edge 37-35. The Redbirds went on a 9-0 run midway through the fourth to pull ahead 48-41, and Bradley was never able to recover.

“We played great defense and forced a lot of turnovers, but we couldn’t convert those turnovers into points,” Brooks said. “We need better scoring in transition. After three quarters of playing good defense, eventually that defense is gonna break if you aren’t scoring.”

The reserves were a bright spot for the Braves. Led by freshman Vanessa Markert and junior Leti Lerma, the reserves combined for 27 points and carried the Braves through stretches of the game. Markert finished with 10 points and four rebounds and Lerma finished with eight points and 12 rebounds. Both were top performers for the Braves.

“I’ve been impressed with



photo by Anna Foley

Freshman Gabby Green (10) handles the ball in a game against Oklahoma. Green injured her knee in a game against NIU.

[Markert],” Brooks said. “She wants and has a thirst for knowledge and getting better. She comes into the office, she watches film multiple times a day, and she’s really stepped up and learned what it takes to be successful at this level.”

Bradley traveled to Indiana State a couple days later on Jan. 24, and suffered another loss 59-37.

The Braves jumped out to an early 10-3 lead. After that, both teams had trouble scoring. The score was only 19-17 Sycamores at half. The Braves jumped to a 22-19 lead early in the second half, but then the Braves went cold from the field as they only scored one field goal in the next 14 minutes. Indiana State pulled out to a big lead and never looked back.

Sophomore Danielle Brewer and junior Whitney Tinjum both scored 11 points and were the leading scorers for the Braves.

The losses bring Bradley to 1-6 in conference and 5-12 overall.

The Braves have a four-game homestand starting Friday, beginning with a pair of tough MVC-matchups against Drake on

Friday and Northern Iowa on Sunday. Drake is currently third in the conference standings at 5-2 in conference and 12-6 overall. Northern Iowa is leading the conference at 6-1 in conference and 11-7 overall.

“[Drake can] shoot the ball well and they attack in transition,” Brooks said. “If you let them get in rhythm, then they can kill you. So, we have to do a great job defensively of stopping the ball in transition and finding shooters. Offensively, we have to take advantage of their zone and make sure we have ball movement.”

Bradley takes on Drake Friday at 7 p.m. in Renaissance Coliseum.

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One-on-One

Are the Warriors better than the 95-96 Bulls?

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| <p>This season, the Golden State Warriors have over 40 wins halfway into the regular season. Now, sports fans are talking about whether or not the Warriors can jump over the NBA record of regular season wins of 72, which is currently held by the 1995-1996 Chicago Bulls. I don’t know if the Warriors are going to be able to reach that win total, but if you were to put these two teams on the court, the Warriors would have the advantage over the Bulls.</p> <p>After breaking down this contest, it’s obvious the Bulls have a distinct advantage when it comes down to having core players in late situations with Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Dennis Rodman and Steve Kerr coming off the bench. However, the Warriors would give the Bulls problems defensively because of their five players on the floor who could all run, pass, shoot and defend anywhere on the court. In addition, the Warriors’ rotation of players are 10 deep, athletic, unselfish and skillful.</p> <p>I could see this as a battle between the Bulls’ four great players against the 10-man rotation of the Warriors. Without a doubt, I can say this 2015-2016 Golden State Warriors team would definitely beat the 1995-1996 Chicago Bulls.</p> <p>- Channing Whittaker</p> | <p>In many ways, the Golden State Warriors’ historic run in the beginning of the season was very similar to that of the Chicago Bulls 20 years ago. Both teams play 10-deep within the roster, both had dynamic duos that could single handedly carry the team (Steph Curry/Klay Thompson and Michael Jordan/Scottie Pippen), they are outstanding defensively and they can both shoot the ball consistently from behind the arc. We can even thank Steve Kerr for both teams.</p> <p>We can go on and on about both team’s similarities, but Chicago clearly has the upper hand. Because of the tough competition at the time of Jordan’s reign and the sheer dominance of their big men, the Bulls had a sense of variety to their game, something the Warriors currently lack. Golden State will eventually reach a time where those three point shots will not be as open as they are now, and when that time comes, what will they do? Rely on Curry to make a play?</p> <p>Plus, the Bulls received special recognition for their record because of the number of tough teams in the league at the time, whereas now the records are more polarized. They have very different players with varied talents, so Chicago had to rely on their defense more than ever before. The 2015-16 Warriors rely mostly on transition offense, but back then, a team like Golden State wouldn’t last in the long run.</p> <p>- Jacob Huss</p> |

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two-day event was decorated with record-shattering performances from both teams.

The meet kicked off with freshman David Shadid, who broke Bradley men’s 400 meter record.

The Busch twins were at it once again, as both sisters surpassed the previous record in the women’s 3,000 meter, with Caitlin edging out Kristen for the new mark. The first day concluded as junior Caleb Beck broke Coffey’s previously held Bradley record in the men’s 5,000 meter.

“The Bush twins ran number one and number two all time in the 3k, but they know their potential and how much quicker

they can run,” Gauson said.

The good times continued to roll at the second day of the Gladstein Invitational. The team of juniors Mike Bianchina and Daniel Gagne, sophomore Michael Ward and freshman Scott Seymour stole the show as they topped the previous Bradley record in the men’s 4x800 meter relay.

Gauson said he is really hoping to improve on the team success.

“Break records, get individuals to national championships and do very well as a team, that’s our goal,” Gauson said.

The men and women look to continue their success at the Meyo Invitational Feb. 5 and 6 and the Olivet Nazarene Invitational Feb. 6.

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Opinion

Lets think about this a little differently, shall we?

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI
Sports Editor

In the Bradley Scout sport's 2015-2016 basketball preview, head coach Brian Wardle said his approach to the early years of his coaching tenure can be likened to the Chicago Cubs.

That is, establishing a young, talented core group of players and developing their talent from scrub to superstar status. And, as a result of the developed talent, the Braves will win conference titles and find themselves dancing into the postseason, just as the Cubs have.

"We want to build a foundation of young players, develop them, help them get better and grow the program year after year until we're in contention for championships," Wardle said in the Nov. 16 preview article. "You have to start from the ground up."

Well, he's not wrong.

After a four-year stretch of only one season with a winning record (the Braves went 18-17 in 2012-2013), a turnover was obviously inevitable.

However, Wardle might have the wrong comparison.

Sticking with the theme of Chicago teams, I liken Wardle's team to the Chicago Bears rather than the lovable losers.

It's not a secret that the team is struggling. They're 3-19 at the moment with only one conference win.

But, its not like the team is so far off the beaten path that it'll take four to five years to recover. They have crucial pieces already in place.

Bradley fans know the story. Wardle came into the Bradley job last March with a nearly empty roster, leaving the new coach two to three months to fill out a team.

Bringing in players from overseas, Wardle now has a roster consisting of the 15th most international players among all NCAA Division I basketball teams.

The turnover obviously hasn't been too kind as the Braves have only three visible wins, with only two coming over D-I opponents. But here's where I see the comparison from the Braves to be more like the Bears.

This year, the Bears have a brand new coach with a roster that was gutted and built with talent that might not have necessarily been at the NFL level.

While the team took awhile to figure things out, head coach John Fox was able to pull out six wins, one being against the Packers, with a vastly undertalented roster and was even fighting for a play-off spot at one point.

And, with a bit more talent and a little luck, the Bears could've

even had a winning record as they lost close games to Denver, San Francisco, Washington and twice to Detroit.

The Braves might still be looking for their "Packers win" like the Bears had. They've been on the losing end of close games, which, with a little luck, could have had a different result.

Games against Towson, Texas Christian and Illinois State were decided by four points or less. The double-overtime game against North Dakota was reminiscent to the Bears game against the 49ers, as the Braves just needed one more field goal to be winners in regulation and in the first overtime.

Even the game against Loyola, in Chicago no less, featured a Braves team against the reigning College Basketball Invitation tournament champions. The Braves won with good defense

and a clutch three from sophomore Donte Thomas against a team which was vastly superior talent wise.

As frustrating as it might be to watch the young team lose, they've been on the cusp quite a few times. They've learned how to take advantage of other team's mistakes, now they just need to learn how to get the ball in the hoop consistently.

This is a team that might've been a few lucky bounces or a foul call away from having seven wins, as opposed to three.

But, who knows, maybe the Braves will get a lucky bounce or two to go their way a few times before the season is over.

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out against us," Wardle said. "But we let them, I'll be quite honest. We gave them open looks, and that's what can happen."

Although the Braves were outscored in the second half 33-18, the first half was much more competitive and showed signs of an improving team.

Wardle's team shot 45 percent from the floor in the first half, which is lightyears better than the 33 percent the team has averaged the entire year.

However, Wardle said the

wrong mentality set in from making the team a good percent of its shots in the first half.

"We're not going to beat people with our offense, and I think we got that mentality a little bit that, 'Oh, the ball's going in for us, so let's try and outscore somebody today,'" Wardle said. "We haven't done that all year, and all we did was talk about defense, defense, defense going into this game."

Considering the Braves' offensive struggles this season, Wardle said he had no explanation for why the offense was so consistent in the first half.

"I can't even tell you the answer, to be quite honest," Wardle said. "We were ready to shoot, that's something we've been working hard on the last six weeks. We've been stepping into our shots. We have flashes where we look like we're really figuring it out."

Pittman, who was an offensive boon for the Braves, shot 4-6 from beyond the arc and ended the game with 14 points, right behind fellow freshman Ronnie Suggs who led all Braves with 15.

"[Pittman] was ready to shoot," Wardle said. "He stepped, one-two into his shot and that's

why they all went in."

Although Wardle analyzed his guard's offense with a technical approach, Pittman said his offensive output resulted from the game's intangibles.

"[I was] just trusting that things are going to work out," Pittman said. "[I'm] just continuing to keep playing and having faith in my teammates."

Despite the Braves losing to the Panthers for the 17th time in the last 20 meetings, UNI head coach Ben Jacobson lauded Bradley's efforts against his team.

"I thought they played very hard the first time we saw them,

but there is a little different confidence level about them," Jacobson said. "The thing in both games and [when] watching them play that I've been impressed with is how hard they've played and how they've continued to really stay together."

The Braves will go on the road Saturday as they take on Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, at 2 p.m.

Be sure to check bradleyscout.com for game recaps from Bradley's game against Illinois State, as well as other games.

Women's tennis drops its first two matches

BY AMANDA PROSPERI
Off-Staff reporter

The women of the Bradley University tennis team had a tough couple of opening matches this past weekend, but head coach Matt Tyler remained optimistic about his team.

Bradley played against two tough opponents: Missouri and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. The team knew the first match against Missouri was going to

pose a difficult challenge.

"The first match we did not play as well as I think we can, but I chalk that up to first match nerves," Tyler said.

Tyler also said that team culture and the way players treat each other and the coaches is an important factor that comes into play on this team.

The day after the team's opening loss to Missouri, they suffered a similar fate to SIUE. However, Tyler said the match

was closer than what was on paper.

"We lost 6-1, but that score is a little deceiving because our individual matches were very close," he said.

He also noted that with a lot of new girls playing their first varsity duel matches of their college career, losses like the one against Missouri are to be expected.

Tyler said that he expects a high work ethic from his team

and "that the girls give 100 percent effort day in and day out."

According to Tyler, Alejandra de Lasa, a sophomore transfer student from VCU, is expected to be a potential breakout player in the spring. In her opening matches, De Lasa really played well and competed at a high level against SIUE.

Tyler also has high praise for freshman Malini Wijesinghe.

"She was a bright spot for us this past weekend getting

the only win against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville," he said. "She will improve by leaps and bounds this season, and I am happy for her to get her first duel match win."

While the team lost both of its weekend matches, Tyler said he sees a few positives in losing.

"Losing is not a bad thing as long as you learn from your loss and change things going forward," Tyler said.



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Freshman Malini Wijesinghe returns a ball in the Bradley Invitational last October. Wijesinghe was the only Brave to win a game last weekend.



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Volleyball

The Bradley Volleyball team is looking for a head coach, following Jenny Maurer's resignation earlier this month.

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photo by Anna Foley

Freshman guard Antoine Pittman (center) glides to the basket for a layup over Northern Iowa guard Wyatt Lohaus (33). Pittman was second on the Braves in scoring with 14 points and hit four threes.

JESPERSON, NORTHERN IOWA DROWN BRADLEY WITH 3-POINT BARRAGE

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI
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Basketball is a game of runs, and Bradley's 68-50 loss to Northern Iowa on Wednesday epitomized that.

Trailing by 12 points late in the first half, Bradley took a one-point lead on freshman guard Antoine Pittman's 3-pointer with 17:25 left in the game.

That three capped off a 17-7 Bradley run, which stretched back into the first half when sophomore Donte Thomas sunk a pair of free throws with 4:31 left in the first.

But that lead was short lived. UNI guard Jeremy Morgan hit a three in response, a mere 21 seconds after Pittman's go-ahead three.

From that Morgan 3-pointer, the Panthers went on a 28-12

run to end the game, winning 68-50 behind a game-high 28 points from Panther guard Paul Jesperson.







Bradley head coach Brian Wardle attributes the disastrous second half to a lack of focus from the young Braves.

"Everything we wanted to do we did not do in the second half," Wardle said. "We wanted to relax after we got that lead and made some shots, and we're not an offensive team this year."

UNI came into Carver Arena Wednesday night as losers of four straight games and in an offensive slump. Jesperson single-handedly cured their offensive woes, tying a UNI school record with eight threes.

"They're a good shooting team, we all know that, and they broke

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Track and field begins 2016 spring season with two strong outings

BY KEVIN LINDGREN
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The men's and women's track and field teams are off and running after competing at the Gladstein Invitational Jan. 22 and the Illini Classic Jan. 16. Over the past couple weeks, the teams smashed several Bradley records and racked up first place finishes for various individual events.

The Illini Classic began the men's and women's track and field season. The event was highlighted by junior Patrick Campbell's first place finish and

Caitlin and Kristen Busch's sub-five minute mile performances.

Not to be outdone, fifth-year senior Chase Coffey returned to the track after missing the previous season due to injury. Not only did Coffey compete, but he posted his best career mile, putting him seventh in Bradley's record books.

Men's and women's track and cross country coach Darren Gauson elaborated on Coffey's incredible story.

"Chase is a highly motivated guy," Gauson said. "He's really excited about the strides he's made coming back from injury, and now [he's] performing at his highest level."

The men's and women's track and field headed to Indiana for the Gladstein Invitational, and both teams stepped up with an equally impressive showing. The



Darren Gauson

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