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## Macklemore & Ryan Lewis perform at Bradley

## Concert sells out hours before show

BY SAMMANTHA DELLARIA
Copy Editor

Bradley students showed Macklemore and Ryan Lewis the "same love" as Wiz Khalifa when they performed last night in Renaissance Coliseum.

The Macklemore and Ryan Lewis concert sold out only hours before the show began, with a final attendance of 3,381. Concertgoers left the show with favorable reviews.

"I thought [the show] was awesome," Chris Spadafora, a senior industrial engineering major, said. "Probably one of the best concerts that I have been to."

Students attending the concert said they enjoyed the way Macklemore interacted with the crowd, especially when he crowd surfed during his encore.

was cool to actually see him live ... it was cool that he was [on] our campus."

ACBU President Jackie Myers, a junior journalism major, said by sending the survey, the organization was able to consider all of campus' preferences.

"This is the second year that we sent out a survey to the students," Myers said. "We really wanted to integrate Bradley as a whole into the process of picking [the performer] instead of having three people decide what we think campus wants."

After reviewing the results of the survey in which Macklemore and Ryan Lewis were the top choice, ACBU submitted an offer to the performer and negotiated the price.

Tickets sales opened to the public on Oct. 21, the Macklemore and

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The Activities Council of Bradley University (ACBU) decided on the concert, which was announced Oct. 12 after sending a survey with a list of potential artists to the student body with the request that students vote on the performer of their choice.

"I knew a few of his songs," Caroline Letzel, a sophomore public relations major, said. "But it Ryan Lewis concert sold out their public section in mid-January. Myers said the trend in ticket sales differed from last year's ticket sales when Wiz Khalifa performed on campus.

"Macklemore and Ryan Lewis has been selling more continuously," Myers said. "Whereas, Wiz Khalifa sold out in, like, the last two weeks and [Wiz Khalifa ticket sales] weren't as consistent."

Myers said because the Wiz Khalifa show did sell out, ACBU decided to extend the pit section to fit about 300 more students, which is why the Macklemore and



photo by Anna Foley

Macklemore and Ryan Lewis performed in Renaissance Coliseum last night. Tickets sold out the morning of the concert, with a final attendance of 3,381 people.

Ryan Lewis concert did not sell out as fast.

"With Macklemore and Ryan Lewis, we extended the pit so that there [were] more tickets available so that more students can come, Myers said.

Myers said that being able to put on an affordable, but exciting, show is rewarding because it gives Bradley students a memorable experience.

"It's a treat for the students," Myers said. "Seeing a four-time Grammy-winning artist."

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## **Bradley Ballroom offers lessons**

Bradley Ballroom will perform at Body Fitness' Valentines Day dance from 7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. next Saturday, Feb. 13 at 3020 N University.

Bradley Ballroom offers lessons every Monday night on the second floor of Markin Recreational Center from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The group teaches dances like the Rumba, Foxtrot, waltz and the tango.

No prior dancing experience or partner is required to join.

For more information, students can email the organization at bradleyballroom@gmail.com

### **Admissions Office accepting STARs applications**

The Admissions Office is now accepting applications for Student Admission Representatives (STARs) for the 2016-2017 academic year.

STARs provide guided tours of Bradley's campus to prospective students and act as recruiters for the university. The STARs position is paid and is flexible with students' schedules, so the position will not interfere with coursework.

Students applying to be a STAR should be enthusiastic about Bradley.

Applications for the STARs position can be found in the Admissions Office in the Visitor's Center and are due by Feb. 24.

For questions regarding the STARs position or the application, students can email the Assistant Director of Admissions Cory Craig at cory@fsmail.bradley.edu.

## Fit Fair teaches healthy living

Get Fit, Stay Fit will be hosting its annual Fit Fair today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Markin Recreational Center.

Get Fit, Stay Fit is a program developed by various Bradley departments aimed at incentivizing the Hilltop to exercise and eat healthier.

The Fit Fair will feature 30 vendors and raffle prizes, including a FitBit, Apple Watch, GPS Watch, BOSU Ball, punching bag and more.

The Fit Fair is free to all students, faculty and staff.

## **POLICE REPORTS**

• Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident at 3:18 a.m. Saturday, on the 800 block of University Street. Three non-students were arguing while in a parked car, and as one male passenger exited the vehicle, he was struck by an oncoming vehicle.

The male was uninjured and refused medical treatment. He is not pressing charges.

• An officer performing rounds stopped a group of five students outside of Williams Hall at 11:44 p.m. Jan. 28. The officer noticed the students were drinking, and after the five were stopped, two students ran away.

The two were issued municipal ordinance violation citations, and all five individuals were detained.

• An officer received a report of a female student making threats to another female student at 9 p.m. Jan. 29 on the 800 block of N. Tobias Lane.

The victim reported she received text message and voicemail threats, and the first female was issued a notice to appear in court.

• Officers received a report of domestic battery at 5:07 a.m. Sunday. A female student on the 800 block of N. Underhill Street reported a male non-student was repeatedly yelling at her and poking her face. She retaliated and slapped his hand away.

The male was arrested, and the female student refused medical treatment and counseling.

• A hall director reported a racist hate word carved into an elevator at University Hall to police at 11:20 p.m. Monday. The vandalism was discovered and reported to the hall director by a resident advisor, and another student took digital photos to present to the BUPD.

The suspect remains unknown.



## Black History Month: Calendar of events

Black History Month events on the Hilltop have officially begun, lasting from now until Feb. 29. The Black History Month Planning Committee, consisting of various organizations, students and educators, has come together to celebrate, advocate for diversity and educate the campus during the month of February.

Check out a full schedule of events planned for Black History Month below.

#### Red Rose Event

Monday, Feb. 8 Sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Michel Student Center

#### Voter Registration Drive

Tuesday, Feb. 9
Sponsored by the Office of
Diversity and Inclusion
Bring your current address and
driver's license or state ID to register to vote
3 p.m. - 5 p.m. in the Garrett
Cultural Center

**Books Over Bae** 

Tuesday, Feb. 9 Sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. 7:13 p.m. in the Library Room

#### **Know Your Vote**

Wednesday, Feb. 10 Sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. 7:30 p.m. in Baker B54

## "Backpacks to Briefcases" speech by Drew Butts

Thursday, Feb. 11 Sponsored by Enterprise, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion 6 p.m. in the Michel Student Center executive suite

#### **Black History Ceremony**

Friday, Feb. 12 Sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. 7 p.m. in the Hayden-Clarke Alumni Center

#### **Black History Bowl**

Tuesday, Feb. 16 Sponsored by Black Student Alliance

7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Garrett Cultural Center

### Mardi Gras Celebration

Wednesday, Feb. 17 Sponsored by Students United for Change 5 p.m. in the Michel Student Center Ballroom

## Literary Reading by Sharon Flake

Wednesday, Feb. 17 Sponsored by the English Department 7:30 p.m. in the Peplow Pavilion

## Andrea Gibson: A Night of Poetry

Thursday, Feb. 18
Sponsored by Common
Ground
8 p.m. in the Michel Student
Center Ballroom

## "The Mountaintop" Student Gathering and Reception

Friday, Feb. 19
Sponsored by Black Student
Alliance
6 p.m. in the Garrett Cultural
Center

Black History Showcase fea-

#### turing the Bradley Speech Team

Friday, Feb. 19 Sponsored by the Bradley University Speech Team 7 p.m. in Neumiller Lecture Hall

#### The Power of Words

Saturday, Feb. 20 Sponsored by Sigma Lambda Gamma Colony 6 p.m. location TBA

#### Black Excellence Ball

Sunday, Feb. 21
Sponsored by Black Student
Alliance
6 p.m. in the Michel Student
Center Ballroom

## "The N-Word" Panel Discussion

Tuesday, Feb. 23
Sponsored by the Office of
Diversity and Inclusion
6 p.m. in the Garret Cultural
Center

"From Jena to Ferguson and Beyond: Blackness and Black Political Consciousness in the Age of the Internet" by guest speaker Jonathan Smith Thursday, Feb. 25
Sponsored by the African
American Studies-History
Department
7 p.m. in the Wyckoff Room of
the Cullom-Davis Library

#### Dialogues on Diversity Friday, Feb. 26

Sponsored by Activities
Council of Bradley University
7 p.m. in Marty Theater

### Nicole Byer: Girl Code

Saturday, Feb. 27 Sponsored by Activities Council of Bradley University 7 p.m. in the Michel Student Center Ballroom

#### **Black History Showcase**

Saturday, Feb. 27 Sponsored by the Speech Team 7 p.m. in Marty Theater

Information taken from http://dotcms.bradley.edu/ campuslife/diversity/programs/ heritage/?

## St. James Complex adopts new leasing system

**BY TORI MOSES Managing Editor** 

Students can start signing leases Feb. 9 to live in St. James Apartment Complex, but the system will look very different than in previous years.

Greg Colwell, who took over management of St. James in July, has instituted individual leasing.

"You are only responsible for your portion of the lease, so if any of your roommates don't pay their portion, it's not your problem," Colwell said. "It's very beneficial to the students in that way."

Colwell also set up leasing for students who will be studying abroad or graduating early.

"We can sign you to a 7-month lease, so you can save somewhere from \$1,100 to about \$2,300," Colwell said.

In previous years, students could start renewing leases for St. James in September, but Colwell changed that.

"I decided that was way too early," Colwell said. "We want to give people time to settle into the school year, which is why we waited until January. We are also giving students an opportunity to renew later ... [as late as] the week before school starts."

Under the previous management, Cambridge Property

Management, students signed leases for specific apartments, so they could choose and were guaranteed the apartment they signed for. With Colwell, the leases will no longer guarantee a specific address.

This aspect of the new system has some students worried about being able to keep their current St. James apartment.

"The fact that they wouldn't grandfather people in doesn't make sense to me," junior sports communication major Andrew Hegseth said. "If you already live somewhere, you should be able to continue living there. I'm not living here next year, but if I was, I've lived [in my apartment] for two years, so for my senior year I wouldn't be promised the same apartment, which is ridiculous."

However, Colwell doesn't anticipate problems.

"When people come in to sign leases and they say, 'I'd like to stay living where I'm at,' or, 'I'd like to have a third floor apartment or to live in this building,' we take those requests ... and then we try to make them happen as best we can," Colwell said. "Our goal is to always have people return in their same apartments. That makes the most sense for everyone."

Students also said they are concerned about not being guaranteed



editorial cartoon by Megan Bammann

## "Communication? What's that?" See editorial pg. A6

their requested roommates under this system, but Colwell said it is his intention to room people with whom they want to live with.

"It works kind of like how they

match people up in the residence halls," Colwell said. "You have a roommate request, and 99 percent of the time you get that."

Still, some students said they

are wary of accepting the leasing

see ST. JAMES A7

## Univ. president reviews plans for future, position at Bradley

**BY TESSA ARMICH Editor-in-Chief** 

With his first month behind him, university President Gary Roberts sat down with The Scout yesterday to discuss his plans for the university's future and his role

Roberts touched upon some of the topics he previously covered during the speeches at welcome ceremonies, such as the role of president, the provost search and the future of Bradley at large.

"Part of what I'm trying to get my head wrapped around is what that role [of president] is, but from 30,000 feet it is not the role of the president to set academic policy," Roberts said. "That's really the role of faculty under the direction of the provost. I sort of see my job as being the face of the university, so I go to a lot of receptions ... [but] it's also my job to make sure the university has the resources that it needs to be what is aspires to be and that those resources are deployed in the most effective and efficient manner."

Roberts reiterated his belief in delegating and trusting administrators to do their jobs by emphasizing his plans to empower success in the faculty and staff.

"My job is really to be a politician in the good sense of that word — not how we normally think of it these days — to help people to come together and understand everybody else's perspectives and get everybody moving in the same direction," Roberts said. "And that's not a small task."

Roberts said the provost is the

most important person on campus, and Bradley is currently searching for the perfect fit. During his reception with students Jan. 20, Roberts said a new provost will hopefully be in position by this summer.

'There's going to be a lot of people who help me shape the responsibilities of the provost," Roberts said. "And the new provost will help me shape that. It's not like I'm sitting on the top of a mountaintop issuing edicts, but ultimately I'm the one who has to create that structure."

However, he said he won't know what changes the provost position will or will not need until he has seen a basis of what does and doesn't work, or until he's been through a full budget cycle. The provost and oversees the deans of the five academic colleges, as well as working with faculty to make curriculum and academic strategy decisions.

Roberts said many of the issues on campus are resource-based, and solving these issues have both a long and short-term solution. In the short-term, he said the university needs to do everything it can to find more students, be that by making the admissions process more efficient, expanding recruitment geographically or creating attractive new programs.

"Longer term, we have to rethink the whole way in which we structure and deliver higher education, and I don't have the magic bullets for that," Roberts said. "I have some ideas, but it's fairly clear to me that we have got to figure out how to use technology to deliver education in a more efficient way without losing the unique values that a residential four-year college experience pro-

When looking forward to the future, Roberts advocated for the need for collaboration and adap-

"I'm convinced that the universities that make these adaptations will survive and thrive because what we offer is special and unique, but if we don't, we will become extinct," Roberts said. "I think there are probably too many campus college environments to survive and the college that adapt and become more efficient and more effective will survive and thrive, and the ones who don't will probably go out of business. We need to be in the former group."

With a strong emphasis on adaptation and technology, Roberts ultimately said getting the faculty, staff, students, alumni, the community and the trustees to work together and buy into a need for change would be the biggest challenge.

"If we all can understand both the need to change and the general direction in which we need to change things, we can accomplish a lot of great things, but if everybody's pulling in a different direction, change becomes almost impossible," Roberts said.

For links to other articles about university President Gary Roberts, visit this article online at www.bradleyscout.



photo by Adam Rubinberg

University President Gary Roberts speaks at one of his welcome receptions last week. Roberts has been in his position as president for a little over one month.

## Little Raven Creamery prepares to open

BY TORI MOSES
Managing Editor

Campustown will welcome a new small business this month that offers soft-served ice cream, cake shakes, dairy-free smoothies and gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches.

Little Raven Creamery will be located where the Sweet CeCe's used to be at 1200 W. Main St and will feature a "vintage-industrial" style, according to owner Meridith Mitchell.

"It's been quite a transformation of the space," Mitchell said. "I didn't change a lot of the actu-

al structure of the space, but the décor is very different. It used to be very bright with bright lights and bright colors, and now it's ... a lot of reclaimed wood and antique pictures and things like that."

Mitchell said she hopes serving both meals and desserts will attract a variety of people.

"It's like you eat your food and then you think, 'Okay, now let's go for dessert,' but not everybody wants to do that, and it's kind of an afterthought sometimes," Mitchell said. "Also, it's hard to sustain a business like that [when] it's really cold, so having food, too, gives more variety."



photo by Tori Moses

Meridith Mitchell, owner of Little Raven Creamery, renovated the whole space, replacing fixtures, tiles and tables.



photo by Little Raven Creamery

Little Raven Creamery replaced Sweet CeCe's in Campustown in December. The creamery will be open for business in late February or early March.

Little Raven Creamery will also offer gluten-free bread and vegan cheese as substitutes.

"[The restaurant] appeals to a lot of different diets," Mitchell

Sweet CeCe's, which sells frozen yogurt, used to operate in the venue until it closed this past December.

"Unfortunately, there wasn't enough business, so we are going to just focus on one location," Alyssa Detwiler, an employee at the Sweet CeCe's in Junction City,

However, Mitchell said she

doesn't anticipate that same issue with her creamery.

"I'm not really worried because, to be honest, I think my place is a different concept altogether and a different atmosphere," Mitchell said. "It's going to be a little bit darker and more comfortable, and having lunch and dinner sandwiches is also going to attract people."

Mitchell said it was a quick turnaround once Sweet CeCe's left.

"I literally took it over the same day [Sweet Cece's moved out]," Mitchell said. "I knew when I walked into the space that we'd be doing a lot of work to the design of the space to change it over ... so I was really anxious."

Mitchell said in order to attract Bradley students; she plans to allow QuickCash payments.

Little Raven Creamery will host a soft opening Feb. 13 where it is open to the public, but it will have a grand opening a few weeks later.





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## 'Mission: I'm Possible' is a go

**BY ALICE POW** Off-staff Reporter

Students take the lead at annual LINCS Leadership Conference, a capstone program for seniors interested in management and community involvement. The conference will be held tomorrow from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

According to graphic design and Spanish double major Chelsie Tamms, one of the eight members of LINCS, anyone can learn something at the "Mission: (I'm) Possible" LINCS (Leaders Instilling Knowledge through Cooperative Service) Leadership Conference.

Tamms and her fellow LINCS members are hosting presentations focused on different leadership-related topics, which may be PowerPoint-based or interactive.

"It kind of depended on the groups and what they wanted to do with things," Tamms said.

According to Tamms, the LINCS members spent time during first semester speaking to students taking The University Experience (EHS 120) course about leadership involvement and skills for studying.

at 7pm

"This is kind of our capstone event where we get to put all of it into one day," Tamms said.

The eight began meeting weekly in August, according to Jessica Chandler, director of the Lewis J. Burger Center for Student Leadership and Service.

"It's peer to peer, so it's not like it's just faculty and staff getting up and talking to students," Chandler said. "It's from students to students."

The conference generally attracts between 40 and 50 people, according to Chandler. She explained that while the majority of attendees are underclassmen, a number of juniors and seniors tend to come to brush up on leadership skills.

"I think what I'm looking forward to most about the event is just being able to see so many students with different backgrounds all come together and learn a little bit about leadership in a day," Tamms said. "Our goal really with this is saying that everyone can be a leader. You don't need to even have a title to be considered a

Students looking to sign up for the event can until Feb. 5.

## Students compete at Sings and Wings

BY HANNAH SNIDMAN Off-staff Reporter

Campus Outreach hosted a lip-sync battle Sings and Wings Monday. The event took place in Lydia's Lounge at 10 p.m., and the organization served chicken wings and pizza to students.

Attending students received one raffle ticket, while battle participants earned two chances. Participants had the opportunity to win prizes such as Bluetooth speakers and gift cards to Subway and Starbucks.

"The vision behind this event was to start the semester off with a really fun opportunity for students to come and eat some free food and have a blast performing in front of their peers," Daniel Soriano, a hospitality and catalytic events team leader for Campus Outreach, said. "We [were] looking to have a fun time and hopefully make some new friends."

The competition included more than 15 performances, with songs ranging from "A Thousand Miles" by Vanessa Carlton to "Stacy's Mom" by Fountains of Wayne.

"My favorite performance of the night was 'Fresh Prince of Bel-

Air's' theme song," freshman civil engineering major Henry Umlauf said. "I would definitely recommend going to see these events because they have a great atmosphere and really made Monday a better day of the week."

The runner-up, a group of boys singing "A Whole New World" from Aladdin, and the winner, sophomore interactive media major Blake Brewer with "Candyman" by Christina Aguilera, compete again for a \$100 Buffalo Wild Wings gift card Wednesday night.

"I was pumped to win, and everyone was cheering for me," Brewer said. "I have such a passion for performing, and I loved that I got to see everyone's reactions first hand."

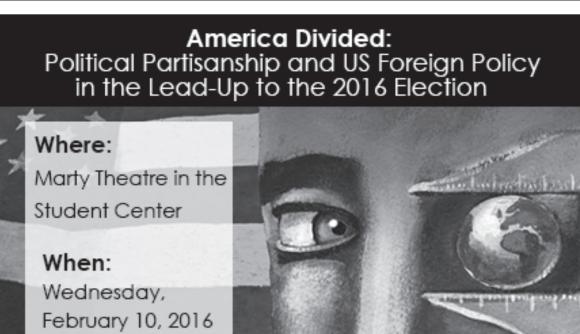
Campus Outreach is an interdenominational Christian ministry with an emphasis on outward

"This organization and its people truly build meaningful relationships with one another," Lauren Jones, co-leader of housekeeping and catalyst events, said. "The people I met in the organization as a freshman made me feel

welcomed at Bradley and truly made me start caring about others as well."

Campus Outreach began in Alabama in 1978, and it started in the central Illinois region in 2007. Bradley's region also includes Eastern Illinois University and Monmouth College.

"[Campus Outreach] has grown at Bradley so much since I got involved near the end of my first semester of college," senior communication major Jordan Nelson said. "It's been incredible to watch people's lives being changed drastically forever."



The speakers will be Dina Smeltz and Craig Kafura, Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

This lecture will discuss the implications of partisanship for the 2016 presidential election and for the ability of the US to advance its interests in a volatile international system.

## Sorority sells flowers to support philanthropy

BY KALI DODEZ Off-staff Reporter

Alpha Chi Omega sorority sold carnations in Michel Student Center Feb. 1 through Feb. 3 to be delivered on Valentine's Day. Alpha Chi wasn't playing cupid, the sorority is donating the proceeds from the carnation sales to the Center for Prevention of Domestic Abuse, its philanthropy.

"We try to do as much as we can with [the Center for Prevention of Domestic Abuse], like volunteering there," freshman health science major Jessica Caraos said, volunteering at the table on the second day of sales.

Alpha Chi holds this event every year, both to provide a cheap alternative to Valentine's Day gifts and to raise money for the Center for Prevention of Domestic Abuse. This year, they sold a total of a 380

President of Alpha Chi, Jaclyn Clark, said the sorority often works closely with the center, from writing uplifting cards to donating necessities. She said Alpha Chi sisters also went to the shelter as a chapter at the beginning of last semester and built a library, stocked with books and tables.

"This semester, they'll even be getting a computer donated to the library on behalf of our organization," Clark, a sophomore sports communication major, said.

"[Alpha Chi's connection with the Center] ensures that every member of [the] chapter is well educated on healthy relationships and domestic violence," Clark

Kelly Ann Christensen, Alpha Chi's vice-president of philanthropy, organized the carnation sale event. She said she took on this event because the week of Valentine's Day is also a week of healthy relationship awareness.

Christensen, a freshman advertising and marketing double major, worked with Alpha Chi's public relations vice-president and to put posters all around campus and create social media marketing to get news of the event out into the school.

Christensen said she views the Center for Prevention of Domestic Abuse as "a great resource for people who have suffered from domestic abuse."

Want to hear from you! Submit your letters to the editor by 5:00 pm on Tuesday. Email us at bradleyscout@gmail.com or visit us at bradleyscout.com

## **Editorial**

## St. James changes require communication

The St. James Complex, where over 600 students reside, saw a change of management in July, from Cambridge Property Management to Greg Colwell, general manager of Off-Campus University Properties.

Students living in St. James have experienced a number of important changes with the switch, such as the types of leases they sign and how their maintenance issues are handled (see St. James adopts new leasing system on page A3).

While Colwell said he is trying to provide students with a welcoming and customer service-oriented atmosphere, many residents seem displeased with the attempts.

Despite newsletters and social media posts from management, students have expressed their confusion over the changes. Rumors surrounding the system have been running rampant. Students worry there is complete randomness to the rooms they live in, there is only one rent price despite variability in room quality and there is an inevitability of being separated from your requested roommates.

These rumors are in no way true, but regardless, potential residents don't know what to expect when going into the office to sign their leases and are scared they will enter a high-pressure situation when making this important decision

Additionally, there's not enough information on the St. James page of the Bradley website to dispel these rumors.

We think the new system has some great components: the indi-

vidual leasing makes it so students are only responsible for their part of an apartment and the 7-month lease options saves money for students studying abroad or graduating early.

But, if the new management wants to create a comfortable environment for students, it has to think about those already living there and not just future St. James residents.

Colwell said he isn't 100 percent privy to everything Cambridge did when they managed the St. James Complex, but maybe if he was, residents already living in St. James could acclimate to the new system more easily. If Off-Campus University Properties put some more time into researching how management was handled previously, students might feel more

comfortable transitioning into the new system.

Two-way communication, a back-and-forth process, is key here. While sending information to students is important, it is also crucial students actually receive and understand this information.

Only time will tell whether the new system will work or not. For now, students should make sure they research their options and not hesitate to ask questions. If they investigate and communicate with the current managers and St. James tenants, they'll be prepared for whatever comes their way.

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Column

## Binge watching is good for the soul



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Over winter break, I had myself an "a-ha" moment.

I've spent a great deal of my time doing absolutely nothing significant. I binge watched television shows even before the term "binge watching" was coined. I would rent the season DVDs from the library or simply watch the daylong showings of certain programs. Then, I progressed to DVR recordings and, naturally, to the depths of Netflix.

I have seen numerous television shows over the years. Even though I'm fairly certain that

I've seen every episode of every Disney Channel show that aired in the early 2000s, I can say with complete confidence that I have watched the following shows, start to finish.

All in all, it amounts to five days and one hour of "Gossip Girl," four days and 18 hours of "90210," two days and 14 hours of "Breaking Bad," one day and 16 hours of "Orange Is The New Black," one day and 8 hours of "Orphan Black," four days and three hours of "The Office," five days and 23 hours of "The Vampire Diaries" and three days and 6 hours of "Grey's Anatomy." Eventually I will reach an overwhelming 10 days and 20 hours of "Grey's," but unfortunately my studies have put my rigorous watching schedule on hold.

In other words, I have "wasted" almost an entire month of my life watching these programs, and if I were capable of calculating and including all the live television I've watched, my estimation would be more like half a year. The craziest thing is, I never thought of myself as an avid television lover, and to be completely honest, I still don't feel like I watch an obscene amount of TV.

The reason I put quotations around wasted is because I don't find it to be a complete waste of

my time. For other people it may be, but I don't consider it a problem or waste if I simultaneously learn, relax and get personal enjoyment by doing so.

I'm a strong believer in the power of purpose and passion in everything you do; you should never do something without a greater goal in mind. By thinking to myself, "What is it exactly that I'm accomplishing by doing x, y and z?" I have curbed a great deal of impulsive decision making in my old age.

A personal example: My neighbor and lifelong friend is a Brad Paisley fanatic. She's followed him around the country, seen countless concerts (24) and spent nearly \$1,500 in doing so. At two concerts, Paisley took my friend's phone on two occasions (resulting in a selfie and video), gave her a guitar pick after addressing her by name, allowed her to be included in the "Perfect Storm" music video, and he tweeted her at least 20 times. So basically, she's achieved every fan girl's dream.

It drives her dad absolutely insane, and I used to agree with him. It was difficult for me to wrap my mind around what she could possibly be gaining from this addiction to, of all people, a country singer? (Sorry, Kelli.)

But then, I thought of the bigger picture. It's her thing. There may not be a visible, tangible goal at the end of the day, but it's a stress reliever and source of happiness, which is arguably just as important as all of the actual work you do. If you were to erase all the little pleasures of life, a person would burn out.

One simply cannot be committed to all work and no play. You know what you call those people? Losers. Boring, lifeless freaks of nature.

When I'm watching movie marathons or episode after episode of my favorite television series, I am not numbly doing so. I am an active participant in the endeavor, and learn everything from comedic presentation to what not to do. I become so immersed that by the end of the series, I feel as if the characters are friends of mine, and I know every waking detail about their fictitious lives.

I'd shave off another year of my life in a heartbeat if it gave me the same amount of bliss and provided me with even more direction for achieving my lifelong goal of becoming a screenplay writer, a comedian or even a director.

It's not a waste; it's a win.

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# Finers & You Tubers

When YouTube first gained momentum, no one imagined the impact it would have on the aspiring actors, singers and "15 minutes of famers" out there. Then Vine released its app, and an even more obscure culture was born. Ordinary people who could produce a laugh, and subsequently a follower, subscriber or revine, were now capable of achieving some real recognition.

Some of the participants of these videos are desperately trying to climb the ranks of Hollywood, while others are just having fun in their free time. Both instances warrant the possibility of money and admiration, so many do not look to upgrade from their current engagement. Some stories would show that there is much more to gain from these gigs, while others would prove the contrary.

Gone are the days where you have to wait to be discovered, and you hit wall after wall, and you go on audition on top of audition. Now, it's very possible to be a notable figure in the world of music, television and comedy while literally sitting in your mom's basement.

One success story in the world of comedy is the "Workaholics" crew. The improv group, previously known as Mail Order Comedy, was struggling to break onto the scene when they decided to upload their videos to YouTube. A Comedy Central executive came across the videos, and just like that, the boys were on the fast lane to success.

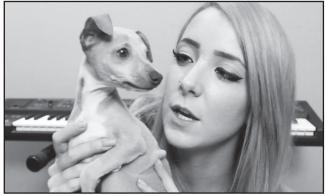
However, some people are merely content with maintaining their own digital mishmash of a career, and do quite well for themselves. Jenna Marbles, 29-year-old YouTube sensation, has an estimated \$2.5 million net worth from merely crafting videos with elements of seduction, puppies, dirty humor, social commentary and totally relatable scenarios.

An entire career as emerged from this new medium of expressing talent, charisma and to be completely honest, gorgeous individuals. There are agents whose sole job is to peruse the World Wide Web in hopes of finding the next Justin Bieber.

Yes, the most well-known YouTube success story is the JBiebs. YouTube was not only a platform for his talent. When his first single was released, everyone (including myself) felt like a contributing component to his success, and that skyrocketed sales.

However, for every success story, there is also a failure. The Fine Brothers, who make "React Videos," sold a series based on the concept to











#### BY LISA STEMMONS

Nickelodeon. Bo Burnham's success on YouTube led to a comedy career, but his luck ran out when he failed with his own show on MTV, which was cancelled after one season.

Rachel Bloom relayed the impact of her origins on YouTube in her acceptance speech at the Golden Globes, where she won for her role in "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend." On the other hand, Grace Helbig, deemed the Queen Bee of YouTube, was given her own show to host on E! in 2015, but after poor ratings her first season, the future of the show is as good as over.

Naturally, there have also been questionable victories. YouTube persona Fred Figglehorn (Lucas Cruikshank) landed three films on Nickelodeon after his horribly obnoxious videos went viral, and Vine/ YouTube's oddball character Miranda Sings (Colleen Evans) landed a scripted series at Netflix. The most confusing, as well as the most recognized YouTuber since 2013, PewDiePie, has an entire fan base of "Bro Army" gamers.

I'm concerned for the future of Hollywood if "newfound talent" includes the likes of people who play a video game and have a running commentary while doing so. And then we have the millions of children's "productions" to sift through, who grew up with this technology and know just how to manipulate their videos into getting more views than already established A-listers. That's not talent; it's pathetic and deteriorating.

Viners and YouTubers alike are promoting an elitist mindset, as the creators are often fostering stereotypical and racist attitudes and then "collab" with each other in hopes of tripling their fan base. They aren't doing anything unique; they just have the resources, power and the pretty faces, which seem to bring major advertisers to their knees.

Personally, I find that the "Vine stars" produce the worst videos, whereas the random viral videos are fresh, authentic and positive. Although those are few and far between, they are the ones that deserve our attention. Genuine, spontaneous, viral videos are the ones that are a more accurate representation of the Millennial generation.

We have the capability to capture the little pleasures in life and then share them with the world, with hopes of brightening someone else's day and making them smile.

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## BY ELIZABETH DEGNAN

Believe it or not, Macklemore hasn't always been, well, Macklemore. The four-time Grammy winner and "Thrift Shop" star wasn't born into fame; he worked for it.

His story starts in 1983 Seattle, Washington. Born as Ben Haggerty, he grew up showing interest in music at an early age. It wasn't until Haggerty attended Evergreen State College that the stage name "Macklemore" was coined, and he was officially born into the music industry.

Macklemore released his first single in 2000 and, years later in 2005, he released his first full-length debut album. Soon after the release, he had a fast rise to stardom.

However, this quick rise took Macklemore down a dark path. Caught up in his newfound fame, he was wrapped up in the world of power, which led to an addiction and abusive relationship with alcohol and drugs. He quickly learned the negative aspects of the industry.

He may have gone down a rough path, but it brought him to where he is today. After he began his recovery, Macklemore immersed himself back into music and found himself a new business partner, Ryan Lewis. It wasn't until Macklemore found DJ Ryan Lewis that his career really boomed to the top of the charts with their album "The Heist." When listening to his music, you can tell it's different than most others in the rap genre.

When he released "Thrift Shop," it was a fun, up-beat tune. Sadly, as Ryan Lewis and Macklemore rose to the top again in 2014, Macklemore found himself falling back into the same habits of his earlier days in the industry.

Being surrounded by people who cared like his wife, Tricia Davis, he began the uphill fight toward sobriety once again. In an interview with USA Today, he explained that the sobriety was the wake-up call he needed, and it helped him rediscover his passion for music.

Now, Macklemore is working to make a difference in the world by discussing social issues within his music. Sure, he has some other great dance hits like the "Can't Hold Us" and "Downtown," but he is someone who is working to inspire and reach out to fans on a personal level. It shows his understanding of real problems that plague young adults.

As of today, Macklemore remains sober, with the help of his new daughter to inspire him. With Lewis' assistance, Macklemore has helped raise money for their charity, "The 30/30 Project," which supports families who are in need of affordable healthcare. With each ticket purchased for the concert at BU, a dollar went toward the charity.

Mixing philanthropy and playlists is a sure-fire way to have fun and feel good while doing it.

## MACKLEMORE GETS DOWN



photo by Lisa Stemmons

## ning out of the dream house BY MADDY WHITE

"Be Who You Want To Be" is the timeless slogan for the most popular doll in America; shooting for your dreams is one thing, but looking the part is another.

For as long as we can remember, Barbie has stood as a role model for little girls around the world. Barbie has been parodied several times as the "perfect" woman since her launch in 1968, but impressionable girls see her as someone they should emulate. This idol they looked up to came in one size, one height and one model.

Barbie started off as a standard blonde, slender woman with unrealistic body measurements that falsely represented women worldwide. If the original Barbie model were a real human, her body proportions would not be able to support functioning organs. According to an article by the Huffington Post, Barbie's waist would be 19 inches smaller than the average U.S. woman.

Barbie then became a career-focused model for children. Taking forms such as Barbie the policewomen, Barbie the doctor and Barbie the athlete, she quickly set the career standards high for little girls. However, mixing career aspirations and an unrealistic body image does not send a clear message. Are the uniforms what really define her or is it the shape of her body when the clothes come off?

It wasn't until this past week that Barbie launched their new line of dolls that resemble what women actually look like. Now in 2016, Mattel has finally stepped up their game. The Barbie Fashionista collection has three new body types, seven skin colors, 22 eye colors and 24 hairstyles. The new campaign slogan is "Imagination comes in all shapes and sizes. That's why the world of Barbie is evolving."

Barbie's much-needed "makeover" transforms her into a girl with various realistic body types . A "petite" doll is now offered along with a "tall" and "plus size" doll, each one possessing a variety of different features that make them all beautifully unique.

It's important for little girls to know they can still become that policewoman or doctor regardless of the way they look on the outside. Even if this change doesn't clarify that it is what's on the inside that matters, it minimally expresses to younger girls that what's on the outside doesn't.

Being different isn't a bad thing, and this major change to something that stands as such a public figure to kids all over the world is a huge step out of the "dream house" and into the right direction.



## **DECADE OLD JAM OF THE WEEK: UPSIDE DOWN**

On Feb 7, 2006, Jack Johnson and Friends released a catchy, happy-go-lucky tune that quickly became a favorite for a demographic beyond the kids it was produced for. As part of the album "Sing-A-Longs and Lullabies For the Film Curious George," Johnson's soothing voice appealed to children and daydreaming adults alike.



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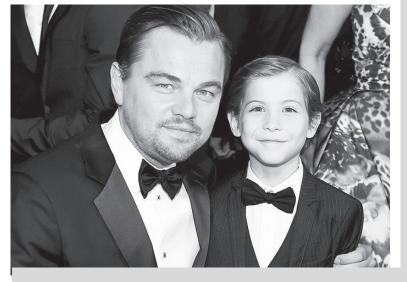
I can't say I've ever been jealous of a seven-year-old, but considering rising star Jacob Tremblay's recent success in 2016, I can now say differently. At the Screen Actors Guild Awards (SAG Awards), he had the opportunity to snag pictures with fellow Canadian Rachel McAdams and Leo DiCaprio.

Tremblay was nominated for best supporting actor at the SAG Awards, but lost to Idris Elba. After witnessing Tremblay's stellar performance in "Room," I really wish he

would have secured the win, but his charismatic nature totally overshadowed any possible disappointment.

He managed to deliver a hilarious one-liner while presenting an award with co-star Brie Larson, and danced with Ellen on her show following the awards.

Not to mention, he did manage a win at the Critics' Choice Awards, where he accepted the award for Best Young Actor/ Actress.



## CELEBS HIGHS AND LOWS

BY LISA STEMMONS



When given the option to be an international pop sensation adored by millions of girls or play golf, the answer seems pretty obvious.

However, that isn't the case for One Direction star Niall Horan, as he steps away from his music career for the rest of the year in order to launch a new golf agency.

I understand he has the luxury and the right to make

this decision, but it's ridiculously rude and ignorant to disappoint fans and put them through the Zayn situation all over again. Why terminate something good if it hasn't run its full course?

Fans of 1D will just have to learn to accept the "temporary" resignation, as Horan does seem to have a calling in the sport of golf as well. He has caddied for golf legend Rory McIlroy and has big

name players helping him with "Modest Golf Management."

At least he's making moves for his future, as other band mates Louis Tomlinson and Liam Payne will most likely be left behind in the dust as Harry Styles pulls a Nick Ionas and launches a solo career. If 1D fans didn't see this one coming, they're lying to themselves.

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- 14) City near Salt Lake
- 15) Less available
- 16) "\_\_\_ the ramparts ..."
- 17) Attractive
- 19) Miner's profit
- 20) Cologne water 21) Collection of sayings
- 22) Do alternative
- 23) Small racing vehicles 27) Extended a subscription
- 29) Foreman striker?
- 30) It's between black and
- white
- 32) Stretch auto in Black" (1997 film)
- 34) Consumer
- 36) Ringlets
- 39) Where peat is found
- 41) Referring to birth

KING FOR A DAY

- 43) Distort, as data
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- 46) Battery type48) Suffix with "direct" or "detect"
- 49) Yodeler's feedback
- 51) Like deserts
- 52) Flanders of cartoons
- 53) Anglers' weights
- 56) Asylum seeker 58) U.S. lang.
- 59) Computer "brain"
- 60) John's "Blues Brothers" costar

- 70) "The King" of music

- 71) Decimal-system base

- 61) Sigma successor 62) The hereafter 68) Hangman request? 69) Cause of many yawns Horse instructors 73) Apportioned, as cards

### DOWN

- 1) One way to run
- 2) In the past "Don't mind if
- 4) Jason's wife, in myth
- Get bigger
- 6) Bart, to Maggie, slangily
- 7) Mighty hardwood
- 8) Tuck, for one
- 9) Aromatic herb
- 10) All-natural
- 11) Carpentry
- 12) Eaglet nursery
- 13) Midas' undoing
- 18) Defeated, in a way
- 23) Viola da
- 24) Toast spreads 25) Creature near the Antarctic Circle
- 26) Evil angel 28) Grounded Australians
- 31) "Bigfoot" relatives 35) Car built for speed
- 37) River's border, sometimes
- 38) One from Malmo 40) Word with "bay" or "pay"
- 42) Rio Grande city
- 45) One of two that makes a king? 47) Slung mud at
- 50) Live-forever plant
- ease (relieve one's mind)
- 54) Pointlessly silly 55) Islam branch
- 57) Brother of your father
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- 64) "Prove" prefix 65) Macrogametes
- 66) Cool number? 67) NYC winter clock setting

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changes.

"I think [these new rules] will definitely hurt people who are already living here and are living here again next year," Hegseth said. "When you have to compare it to how good everything worked before, then it really is an issue."

Colwell said he has taken many approaches to informing students of the new leasing rules, such as monthly newsletters, flyers on resident's doors and Facebook and Twitter posts, but some students said the changes are still unclear.

"At first, they did send out an email saying, 'Okay, we've switched management,' but they didn't explain any of the changes," Jen Peterson, a junior journalism major, said. "Other than that, everything I've learned has been word of mouth of people who have gone to the offices to sign their lease, and they say everything is so different, I don't even want to go in and try to sign a

Changes with this new management are not limited to the leasing, Colwell has also instituted a different approach to mainte-

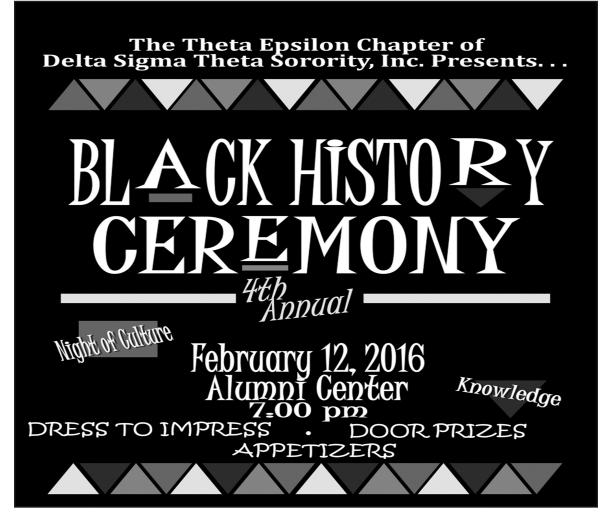
"We aren't 100 percent privy to everything Cambridge did, but we are trying to bring more of a customer service atmosphere to [St. James]," Colwell said. "We have student staff [and] 24-hour maintenance staff. We've tried to get more availability for the students."

Some students said they have noticed this change in mainte-

"This is my first year in St. James, but from what I've heard, maintenance took forever last year," Peterson said. "We have not had that problem. We send in our requests, and they come right

Peterson said she hopes time will allow students to get used to the new management as management smooths out its processes.

"It'll be interesting to see what happens next year because it's [the new management's] first year, so not everything is going to be the way they exactly want it," Peterson said. "I feel like next year is going to be a big change."



## High school students race with SHPE

BY MADDIE GEHLING

**News Editor** 

If there's one thing the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers does when it takes its engineering skills out of the classroom, is make waves. Whether the members are bringing new learning opportunities to campus or taking part in community outreach programs, SHPE can always be found designing its next feat of engineering.

Last night, SHPE members held their first cardboard "regatta" boat race at Manual High School, about a 10-minute drive from campus. The event was planned for members of SHPE Jr., the Bradley-led chapter of high school students at the school.

At the boat race yesterday afternoon, students of Manual High School's SHPE Jr. raced cardboard boats in the high school pool they had built with members of the Bradley SHPE chapter. One group managed to make it one lap before its cardboard boat sank.

"[Students were] taking an engineer's approach in creating cardboard boats that they can race in their high school's pool," Luis Lorenzo, SHPE president and senior mechanical engineering major, said. "I think the [regatta race] is going to be an annual thing, actually. This was our first one, which is pretty awesome."

Activities like the regatta race are being planned throughout the semester as part of SHPE's outreach efforts, according to outreach officer and high school ambassador Marlon Solito-Vargas.

"Bradley SHPE outreach includes planning events for all SHPE members to attend," Solito-Vargas, a civil engineering major, said. "For example, we come into Manual High School and do tutoring and mentoring, and through our club SHPE Jr., we teach the kids about engineering, science, technology and math through projects like [the regatta race]."

According to Solito-Vargas, SHPE has more outreach activities planned for Manual High School, including a bridge construction contest and the construction of a five-foot catapult.

"It's more than these projects, though," Solito-Vargas said. "It's taking these kids to places they've never been before. It's engineering related. We've taken them to the Riverfront Museum for Museum Days, the Caterpillar Headquarters, a lot of engineering-related places — private and public."

Solito-Vargas also said SHPE is teaching the high school students about college, from how to apply for FAFSA to how to apply for scholarships and how to get students motivated for the future.

"It's a low-income high school compared to others in the district, and we wanted to make sure we could give every kid an opportunity, rich or poor," Solito Vargas said.

For more information on SHPE and its outreach efforts, email Lorenzo at llorenzo@mail.bradley.





photos by Maddie Gehling Above: Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPI Jr. members from the Manual High School chapter race their cardboard boat across the gymnasium pool.

Left: Members of SHPE and SHPE Jr. set up the cardboard canoes they created in the Manual High School pool.

## Fraternity provides water by giving coffee

**BY MICHAEL ECHEVERRI Copy Editor** 

Theta Xi fraternity members are of the attitude that when life gives you avocados, make coffee. The fraternity will be giving away free coffee outside Bradley Hall between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. every Wednesday and Friday throughout the month of February.

The coffee is provided by Three Avocados, a non-profit coffee com-

"Three Avocados provides clean drinking water and education to the people of Uganda," recruitment chairman Člayton Darrow said. "It started as a Christian mission project, but the [Three Avocados] founders decided they needed to give back more when a widow gifted them everything she had: three avocados."

Darrow, a junior construction major, said the coffee giveaway is part of Theta Xi's spring recruit-

"We're trying to get our name out while also helping out a good cause," Darrow said. "It's a small startup company, so we figured it would be cool to get them some exposure and support while also getting ourselves exposure and support.'

President elect Max Rydell said the coffee giveaway is the first time Theta Xi has associated with Three Avocados, and they were referred to it by one of their national advisors.

"We were looking to do something different and something that would appeal to college students," Rydell, a senior human resource



photo by Michael Echeverri

Members of Theta Xi hand out cups of coffee in front of Bradley Hall Wednesday to support Three Avocados, a non-profit coffee company.

thought a nice warm cup of free great. I mean, who doesn't like free

management major, said. "We coffee on a cold day would be stuff? Who doesn't like coffee?" For more information about

Three Avocados, students can visit www.threeavocados.org.

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Anneke Schlueter (left) squared up for a shot against Northern Iowa. Schlueter scored 12 points against Drake and eight against Northern

## Late game woes further women's losing skid

BY ALEX KRYAH **Assistant Sports Editor** 

The women's basketball team suffered a pair of home losses last weekend to Drake and Northern Iowa by scores of 76-64 and 55-47, respectively.

While the final scores suggest a lack of competition, the reality was quite the contrary. In both games, the Braves were able to cut their opponent's leads down to at least five within the last five minutes of each game.

Despite their efforts, the Braves weren't able to close out those games strongly enough to come out with a win.

"I thought we've played tough," head coach Michael Brooks said. "I've loved our energy, I've loved our effort."

Brooks noted major momentum swings in both games the women were never able to rally back from. Against Drake the game was filled with runs each way, but the Braves weren't able to counter Drake's last run.

On Sunday, when the women were tied with UNI at 41-41, UNI earned an offensive rebound off a missed free throw, which led to a 3-pointer. The Braves turned it over on their next possession and gave up a layup to UNI, which ultimately sealed the Braves' fate.

"We had a season low in turnovers [against UNI] but then we go into a 60-second bit where we turn the ball over three times in a row," Brooks said. "We're not a team right now that can overcome some of those things. Our margin of error is very little because we're still young and we're not putting the ball in the hole at the pace that we should."

While the results were clearly not what the women were looking for, there is still reason for optimism. Drake and UNI rank one and three in the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) standings, and the fact that the Braves were so competitive boosts the women's

"We played really well the last two games against two of the best teams in the conference," sophomore guard Anneke Schlueter said. "We improved a lot and played hard. We just have to finish all together as a team."

Schlueter performed well over the last weekend, notching 12 points on Friday and eight points on Sunday.

However, arguably the most impactful player right now has been freshman forward Vanessa Markert, who found her way into the rotation after missing most of

the season with a concussion.

"The emergence of Vanessa Markert has been wondferful, that's been a huge piece to the puzzle," Brooks said. "Vanessa has come in with a great back-to-thebasket presence, and she can also shoot the three."

Markert has averaged 7.3 points per game in her last four games, and has even found herself in the starting lineup in the last game against UNI.

"It's taken her time to get back, but that's been a very big positive," Brooks said.

Brooks said the Braves need to have the confidence to finish out games moving forward if they are to find their way into the win

The women face Evansville tonight, who is dead last in the MVC. The game plan to beat the Aces is simple: stop Sara Dickey, who is one of the most prolific scorers in the conference. The Braves also need to force others to make plays.

The game begins at 7 p.m. at Renaissance Coliseum.

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## Track and field teams prep for Meyo Invitational

BY CHANNING WHITAKER Off-staff Reporter

After a great showing at the Gladstein Invitational Jan. 22 and 23 in Bloomington, Indiana, the Bradley men's and women's track and field teams are making the trip to Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana, for the Meyo Invitational. Both teams will be competing Friday and Saturday.

There will be a number of Big Ten, Big Twelve and Mid-American Conference schools present at this invitational. In addition, other schools from the Missouri Valley Conference such as Illinois State, Wichita State and Loyola (Chicago) will be attend-

Head coach Darren Gauson said he has high hopes his team will improve on their overall team

"Our expectations for this meet is for the athletes to com-

pete and perform similar to how they did at Bloomington," Gauson said. "Breaking records was very rewarding for the athletes, as it shows that hard work pays off. We just want to compete and move up the conference standings as a team."

Seniors Caitlin and Kristen Busch will be highlighting the 3,000-meter run at the Meyo Invitational. Even though the Busch twins said they are excited to compete, they will be just as excited to watch the rest of their teammates compete.

"I am expecting even more school records and personal bests to be hit this weekend from our team, as the competition is huge at this meet," Caitlin said.

Her twin sister, Kristen, said she was also optimistic about the upcoming meet as well.

"We have had two weeks of hard training and no races since Gladstein, so our team is looking forward to having a great weekend," Kristen said.

In addition to the Busch twins, fifth-year seniors Chase Coffey and Sarah McMahon will also be competing in the 5000-meter race, as both are looking to build upon great showings at the Gladstein Invitational.

"Going into the meet, I'd say my goal is to get out and win another race," Coffey said. "It had been quite a while since I was healthy, so this indoor season is all about building confidence for a big showing outdoors. I just need to put myself up front in every race and let the times show after."

The players said they were ready to face teams from bigger conferences.

"Meyo will be a bit more competitive," McMahon said. "Notre Dame has a large, 320-meter indoor track, and I know that I will have a shot at possibly breaking my personal record."

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who was among the team leaders in hits and batting average, graduated, along with catcher Drew Carlisle and pitcher Steve

The returning talent was enough to earn their opposing coaches' respect, though. Five starters will return to the field, including third baseman Spencer Gaa and short stop Tyler Lefler. Also returning are flame-throwing pitcher Matt Dennis and catcher/DH Ian Kristan, who the MVC coaches selected to the preseason All-Conference team.

The Braves will begin MVC play against the projected champions, Missouri State, at home Friday, April 8.

In addition to the baseball team, the MVC also released the coach's preseason rankings for softball.

The Braves were voted to finish eighth in the conference with 32 points, a season after they finished sixth in the MVC and lost in disappointing fashion to Illinois State in the first round of the MVC tournament and two seasons after they made an NCAA tournament appearance.

However, Bradley did fin-

ish ahead of Loyola (21) and Evansville (11), while Wichita State (84) was picked as the preaseason favorite to win the conference title.

The Braves will have a tough time replacing graduating seniors, which include 2015 first team All-MVC infielder Shannon King, outfielder Brittany Burgess and utility player Lexi Cremeens, who combined for 66 runs batted in and 10 home runs.

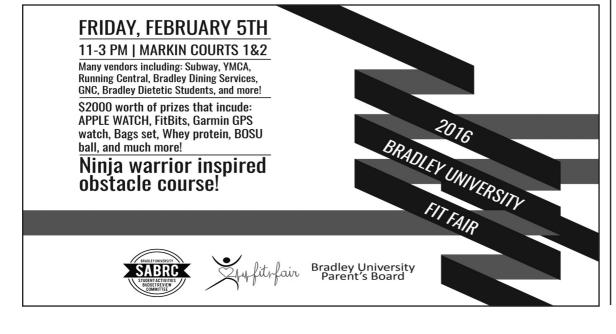
The Braves also lost starting pitcher Alyson Spinas-Valanis, who struck out 100 batters in 38 appearances and finished with a 9-16 record on the bump.

Of the returning players, sophomore outfielder Erika Hansen was voted to the preseason All-Conference team after a standout freshman campaign, where her 20 doubles and 68 walks ranked second in Bradley history for a single season.

The Braves begin conference play March 19 against Indiana State in Terre Haute.

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## Wins still scarce as improvement is evident

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI Sports Editor

Right off the bat, there's only one good reason the Bradley men's basketball team (3-21) lost 77-71 against Missouri State (10-13) last Tuesday night.

It wasn't the defense, which allowed 77 points, but rather the offense, which once again suffered from a slow start.

In the first half, Bradley trailed 20-2, was scoreless for the first 5:54 of the game and made its first field goal with 8:31 left in the half.

"[Those were] 12 of our worst minutes we've played in a while," Bradley head coach Brian Wardle said. "Turnovers, turnovers, turnovers, turnovers was the story of the first half, and you can't get those twelve minutes back."

However, from the Braves' first field goal from sophomore forward Donte Thomas until the end of the half, Bradley went on a 23-15 run to cut an 18-point defecit to only eight at halftime.

That run was followed by a second half that featured maybe one of the better offensive halves the Braves have seen all season.

"Once we became the aggressors, things turned our way, and we got confident and started making plays," Wardle said. "The story in the second half was we didn't want to defend, unfortunately."

The Braves scored 42 points of their season best 71 total points in the second half, shot 53.6 percent from the floor and were led in scoring by Dwayne Lautier-Ogunleye's career-high 20 points.

"[Lautier-Ogunleye] was ready to shoot," Wardle said. "He held his follow through, did fundamentally sound things to shoot threes and they went in ... He's got to cut back on his turnovers."

Although Bradley reached season highs offensively, they were outdone by Missouri State's 40-point half.

The Bears were led by Chris Kendrix, who topped all scorers with 21 points and provided a key fadeaway jumper, which beat the shot clock to make the score 73-67 with 1:41 left in the game.

Bradley was able to cut the Missouri State lead to two with 41 seconds left on an Antoine Pittman layup, but the Bears were able to ice the game with free throws after Thomas missed a long 3-point attempt.

"It's just unfortunate," Wardle said. "This was a game I thought we could come in here and steal. We just have to play a lot smart-

What the team did have against the Bears, though, was a competitive fire, which played a crucial factor in the team's performance.



photo by Anna Foley

Luuk van Bree (center) goes up for a rebound in a game against Northern Iowa. Van Bree is third on the Braves with 4.3 rebounds per game.

"They had fire, and that's why we were in the game," Wardle said. "Confrontation leads to growth. It's going to help my relationship with some of these guys, and I need to know they have that fire. I like fire."

Wardle cited Thomas, who finished with seven points and seven boards, as one of those players who brought a certain fiery additude to the game.

"I played with a little more competitiveness than I have been playing with the last few games," Thomas said. "But I need to be more consistent with that, and that's what I had a problem with, and [Wardle] needs me to do that. I just have to step it up and bring it every game like the last one."

Moving toward the second half of conference play, the Braves find themselves in last place with a 1-9 conference record. Thomas said this season's record is an indication of the team's youth.

"It's been a rough season so far," Thomas said. "We're a young team so it's all part of the process. We're just building and learning new steps and how D-I basketball goes and how tough the Missouri Valley Conference is to win it."

The Braves will have a chance to exploit a great matchup tomorrow against the Indiana State Sycamores, who rely on the jump shot as the main part of their offense.

The Sycamores have shot an average of 21.7 3-pointers per game this season, and in six of their 10 losses, Indiana State shot under .300 percent from the 3-point range. Meaning, if the Braves can hold the Sycamores at the 3-point line, they'll have a good shot at winning their second conference game.

While the Braves have improved defensively, Wardle said the challenge lies in remaining consistent.

"Defensively, we have great halves, and we're running out of gas here and there because we're not playing a whole of bodies," Wardle said. "But we're figuring some things out, and it has to do with stringing it together for longer periods of time and for a full game."

With the MVC tournament one month away, the Braves still have time to gain ground in the conference and elude a Thursday play-in game for the fifth straight year.

"I think this month could be a good month for us to show our improvements and play better basketball," Wardle said. "You want them to go out and get a victory because they do deserve it."

## One-on-One

Who will win the Super Bowl?

#### **Carolina Panthers**

With Super Bowl 50 just around the corner, everyone wants to know: Who will win the big game?

This Sunday, we will watch a battle between one of the National Football League's top offenses in the Carolina Panthers and the number one defense in the Denver Broncos.

Everyone knows the old saying, "defense wins championships," but I'm predicting the Panthers and their explosive offense to prevail against the disrupting Denver defense. Throughout the season, Carolina quarterback Cam Newton has been tearing defenses apart, leadingthe Panthers to an impressive 15-1 regular season.

In the NFC championship game, Cam Newton and the Panthers took down the Arizona Cardinals, who ranked fifth in total defense this season, 49-15. This Broncos defense may not be a challenge for the fifth-year quarterback Newton.

Although Peyton Manning will go down as one of the greatest quarterbacks in football history, he's clearly not the same this year. It to take a vintage Manning outing for him to lead the Broncos past the Panthers.

It would be a great end to a legendary career if Manning wins this game and decides to retire, but I think this Panthers team is just too much for any team this year.

The game will be closer than people may expect, but in the end the Carolina Panthers will be Super Bowl 50 Champions.

- Mike Irace

#### **Denver Broncos**

There aren't many people giving the Denver Broncos a fighting chance in the upcoming Super Bowl. While Denver might not have the swagger Carolina brings to the big game, they do have the talent and experience to pull off the upset.

Leading the charge for the Broncos will be quarter-back Peyton Manning, who is going to the Super Bowl for the fourth time in his 18-year career. Compare that to Carolina's quarterback Cam Newton, who is going for the first time in his career. Manning has the experience factor of playing with all the added pressure of the Super Bowl, which will make a difference in big moments.

Along with the experience, the Broncos bring enough defensive talent to slow down the always-exciting Carolina offense. The Broncos' Pro Bowl pass rushers, Von Miller and DeMarcus Ware, have a combined 22.5 sacks throughout the regular season and will put pressure on Newton to force him into a few mistakes that he's been prone to all season, as he threw 10 interceptions in the regular season.

The defense for Denver will be able to hold its own against the Carolina offense, Manning will continue his impressive playoff run (zero turnovers in two playoff games), and the Broncos will bring home their franchise's third Lombardi trophy on Sunday.

- Josh Nelson

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end as the women's tennis team heads to Indiana to face Butler and IUPUI tomorrow. The next couple of matches will test the team's stamina again with both contests scheduled for tomorrow. However, Tyler said he is not worried.

"Our coaches, the training room staff, the support we get ...

I have to give a lot of credit to [all of those people]," he said. "They are the ones behind the scene that make sure that we're ready to compete."

The Braves hope to record their third straight victory this weekend and build on their success from this week. With a confident group and strong coaching, the women's tennis team might just be hitting their stride.



## A goodbye to Megatron and the NFL's reputation

BY BRANDON WALLACE **Sports Reporter** 

Detroit Lions wide receiver Calvin Johnson announced last Sunday he is retiring, a move that shocked the nation.

Johnson, who has the moniker "Megatron," is not only the Lions' best player, but he is universally regarded as one of the top receivers in the NFL. He is only 30 years old and still in his prime. Many believe Johnson still had another seven or eight years in the NFL. At 6'5" and 240 lbs, Johnson is a can't-miss physical specimen and is virtually unguardable for any cornerback in the league.

So, the burning question around the NFL in regards to Johnson's retirement is "Why?" Has he fallen out of love with the

game of football? Did he love it in the first place? Is Detroit really so bad that Johnson had to follow in the footsteps of former Lions icon Barry Sanders and get out of there ASAP?

Johnson said he plans on returning to his alma mater Georgia Tech to finish getting his degree. But who would choose homework, essays and cafeteria food over the glamorous lifestyle of a NFL superstar?

I'm not buying it.

My theory on Megatron's retirement is one that reflects a larger trend around the NFL lately: the brutality of the game.

Questions regarding the safety of football have been a hot topic in the media lately. Former players are reporting they have brain trauma and mental issues stemming from all the concussions during their NFL careers.

Former Steelers wide receiver Antwaan Randle El, who retired only four years ago, has reported that he has trouble remembering basic every day things and walking up and down stairs. Players have even committed suicide, noting their heads hadn't been right since they retired from the

With many studies and the release of the movie, "Concussion," starring Will Smith, it's clear the NFL can't ignore these claims any longer. There are more and more parents barring their children from playing football because of these concerns.

I think Johnson retired to try to save his brain and his health from permanent damage before

and contact to the head sustained it's too late. And it's a decision I can't blame him for.

> I don't think the NFL is totally at fault. They didn't create football, and football, by nature, is dangerous. Players know the risks coming in, and I think most of them are OK with it. Many jobs have their risks and dangers, but not every job pays millions like the NFL does. The benefit is well worth the risk to these

> I played football until my sophomore year of high school. I was quarterback in a system with only five linemen, which is rare for players that young. I took way more sacks than I should have. Up to that point, I accumulated six concussions playing football. It got ao bad, the doctor strongly advised me to stop playing. Hesitantly, I listened.

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I don't regret my decision to stop playing, but if I was good enough to have had a chance at the NFL (which I wasn't), I wouldn't have even thought about listening to that doctor.

The NFL makes so much money that they shouldn't hesitate to make player-safety, during and after a player's career, a priority. Currently, some measures are in place but certainly not enough.

I don't think Johnson will be the last star player to shock the league and leave early. I hope it sends a message every time something like this happens. If research and testimonies don't urge the NFL to address this problem, then maybe losing star players and all the money that they bring in, will.

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Although Thomas is only a sophomore, Wardle said he was impressed with his maturity when he talked with the small forward.

"Donte blocked out a lot of noise and we had good talks," Wardle said. "He just came in to work every day, wanted to see what me and my staff were all about. I think he knew he would get better under us."

Wardle was right about his assumption.

So far this season, Thomas leads the team with an 8.6 points-per-game average and 121 rebounds.

A large part of his improvement can be simply explained by how much Thomas has played this year. Last year, Thomas played 368 minutes in 31 total games, a number which Thomas might double by season's end as he's played 557 minutes in 23 games so far.

"He's finishing better, shooting the three a lot better [and] his ball handling is improved," Wardle said. "I mean, just overall he's played so many more minutes, and he's got so much more experience that you can see his development and his confidence grow."

That growth in confidence has become visible during games, with Wardle describing Thomas's game against the Missouri State Bears as "fiery."

"He has fire in him, and I'm fiery," Wardle said. "I got on Donte about something defensively, and he looked at me and fired right back at me and said, 'I got you. I'm fine coach.' I love that. That's care, that's passion."

However, the attraction of becoming a better basketball player wasn't the main reason Thomas stayed in Peoria.

"I stayed becuase I felt like Bradley was home for me,"



photo via Scout Archives

Donte Thomas waits to pass the ball in a game last season. Thomas only played 368 minutes in 2014-2015, compared to 557 so far this year.

Thomas said. "I felt like I gained respect from the Bradley fans and just the community as a whole and the school. It's a great school, and its not too far from home."

Thomas, a Calumet City native, said he has come to love Bradley so much that he chose to stay; even with all the friends he had on last year's team and changes he endured with this season's squad.

"I think a coaching change is not a reason for me to leave my home," Thomas said.

While staying in Peoria has rewarded him on the court with woes rather than wins in his sophomore campaign, Thomas said he doesn't mind the challenges.

"I knew I would fight through the adversity there would be with new teammates," Thomas said. "I didn't think it was going to be a rough season, but I knew it was going to have some ups and downs. Honestly, I'm built for it."

The new teammates that Thomas refers to are the 10 freshmen which took the place of last years transfers. Thomas said he'll try to lead these freshmen to a few more wins, or "dubs," as Thomas calls them, even though they're technically older than him.

"[I'm] the older guy [as] a sophomore, even though I have nine guys on the team that are actually older than me, but they're just freshmen," Thomas said. "But I try to lead them in through the ways and try to get some dubs."

As Thomas continues to improve, he's arguably the best player on the Braves roster this season. However, he has no regrets about staying at Bradley as his old teammates transferred elsewhere.

"I built a great friendship with all those guys, I still communicate with them to this day," Thomas said. "Of course it was kind of sad. But, hey, at the end of the day, we've got to do what's best for each other. "If that's what they thought was best for them, they can go ahead and do it."

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Vanessa Markert and the
Bradley women's basketball
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## There's no place like home To Bradley sophomore forward Donte Thomas,

Bradley has become more than just a school

## BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI

**Sports Editor** 

Trailing Loyola University by two points with 27.6 seconds left, the Bradley men's basketball team had 24 shot clock seconds to either tie or take the lead.

Freshman Dwayne Lautier-Ogunleye inbounded the ball to fellow freshman Ronnie Suggs, who quickly passed the ball to sophomore Donte Thomas.

Thomas hesitated before returing the ball to Lautier-Ogunleye with 17.2 seconds left and then jogged toward head coach Brian Wardle. Wardle motioned Thomas down the 3-point arc to where he would win the game with 15 seconds left.

"The whole game plan at that moment was to give [Lautier-Ogunleye] the ball and have him attack the guard that was guarding him, and if he had to kick, kick it," Thomas said as his face widened to a half grin. "And it worked."

Just as he remembers it, Lautier-Ogunleye gave Thomas the ball with an abrupt but accurate kick out pass, and, almost as quickly as Thomas caught the ball, he shot it.



"I was wide open on the wing, when it left my hand it just felt good," Thomas said of his shot. "I was just [watched it] go through the net."

As improbable as Thomas' game-wining three was, it highlighted his brief Bradley career, which could have ended 10 months ago.

Five days after Wardle was hired last March, six Bradley players announced they would transfer from the program, and four more would leave before the start of the season.

Wardle said he met with each of the players before they transferred to inform them he was going to change the program.

"I'm a very honest and direct coach, and I said the program's going to change off the floor and on the floor," Wardle said. "If you're looking for different avenues and different routes to go, this program is moving in this direction, so I hope you're on board."

The transfers left Thomas and Ka'Darryl Bell as the only two remaining players from last season who would play for the

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## Baseball 4th, Softball 8th in preseason polls

BY ALEX KRYAH Assistant Sports Editor

The baseball coaches of the Missouri Valley Conference released their preseason poll Wednesday, predicting a fourth place finish for the Bradley baseball team with a total of 35 points.

The coaches selected Missouri State (60 points) to repeat as conference champions, receiving five of eight first place votes by the coaches. Dallas Baptist (56) and Wichita State (47), who were pegged to finish second and third, received two and one first-place vote respectively.

Following the Braves are Indiana State (28), Illinois State (27), Evansville (22) and Southern Illinois (13).

The Braves finished third in the conference last year and played for a conference tournament championship last season. Their performance throughout the season earned them a berth in the NCAA tournament as a two-seed in the Louisville Regional.

However, the men lost some key players from last year's squad. Pitcher/DH Elliot Ashbeck and second baseman Chris Godinez opted to leave for professional baseball at the conclusion of last year.

Center fielder Isaac Smith,

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## Women's tennis notches historic weekend at River City



photo by Ann Schnabel

Sophomore Alejandra de Lasa returns a volley during a match.

BY KEVIN LINDGREN Off-staff Reporter

As quickly as the Bradley women's tennis team suffered a losing streak, it was replaced by one of the winning kind.

Bradley ended their two-game losing skid with a victory against Northern Illinois University on Saturday, and the Braves then notched another win against Valparaiso later that same day.

Throughout the 16-game history between NIU, Bradley was winless but that ended Saturday when Bradley downed the Huskies by a final score of 4-3.

"Belief for us was there, and it was critical," head coach Matt Tyler said. "Those sort of intangible things, such as belief, oftentimes are the determining factor when it's a close match, and it certainly was for us this week-

The Braves struggled early as they dropped their first two doubles matches. However, the team rebounded by winning four of the five single matches and claimed the victory.

"To rattle off three wins immediately in the singles was huge because I think that it took the pressure off some of the other girls who were still playing," Tyler said. "It was an adverse situation being down, [but] we rose to the occasion and got the

job done."

Fresh off the emotional victory against NIU, the women carried that momentum into their match against Valparaiso. Bradley's dominating play resulted in a 7-0 shutout of the Crusaders, capping the Brave's successful day.

Tyler praised his team's stamina, as it steamrolled through its second match in five hours.

"They did a great job of overcoming some tiredness and the emotional drain that comes from winning an emotional match like the previous one," Tyler said.

Bradley will look to keep the momentum rolling this week-

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#### Men's basketball



photo by Anna Foley

The Bradley men's basketball team is improving but doesn't have a win to show for it yet.

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"@macklemore maybe @BradleyBraves's should give you a roster spot #MVCHoops."

- @MEG\_atron13, Megan Gorecki, replying to a video of rapper Macklemore hitting a half court shot on Bradley's practice court.

