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# 'Mr. Burns' tells apocalyptic story

BY MADDIE GEHLING  
Managing Editor

Scott Kanoff never imagined he'd work on a play about "The Simpsons," Brittney Spears, an opera and the apocalypse.

But the theatre arts department chair is currently directing "Mr. Burns: A Post-Electric Play," a show that centers around all of these things.

"It's taking everything we've got," Kanoff said. "It begins with the birth of a story. There are seven disaster survivors in the woods, around a fire trying to remember a particular episode of 'The Simpsons' ... The first act is set in the very near future outdoors. The second act is set seven years later and the third act is set 75 years beyond that."

The characters of "Mr. Burns" live through an apocalypse, and each reminisces about better times by remembering the same episode of "The Simpsons." Years later, they travel across the country performing the episode live. Later still, their descendants act out the apocalypse and how the original characters came together through a dramatic opera.

"[It's about] the story of the disaster, how humans define themselves as storytellers, how we have a primal need to account for our existence, to tell our story, to advance our story, to alter our story in relation to our changing

needs and to pass our story on to other generations," Kanoff said.

Stage manager Emily Goldman said putting the show together has not been without challenges.

"[Producing] the show has been a struggle," Goldman, a senior theatre production major, said. "We've been adding new elements every day that usually we have before we even start rehearsing."

Goldman said representing the post-apocalyptic setting of "Mr. Burns" in a nuanced way involved a great deal of planning and revising.

"We designed it in the beginning to be minimal lighting because [they didn't have lights after the apocalypse], and we realized in tech that it needs to have more lighting, so we've had to redesign everything," Goldman said.

However, Goldman said she looks at this process as a learning experience for students.

"It's an educational theatre, so some of this will happen in the real world," she said. "I'm thankful we're doing this now so we can see what it might be like when we get outside."

While Goldman has been working on "Mr. Burns" since April, sophomore Trevor Baty has had less time to adjust the "post-electric" world.

Baty, a theatre performance major, was contacted over the summer about taking up the role



photo by Maddie Gehling

Cast members from "Mr. Burns: A Post-Electric Play" perform a scene from the three-act play.

of "Sam" after the original cast member transferred from Bradley. While every other cast member returned to the Hilltop two weeks before school began to rehearse "Mr. Burns," Baty, who was originally cast as an ensemble character, was only able to return five days early.

"My family left me [at Bradley at the end of summer], gave me

\$150 for groceries and were like, 'We'll see you when we see you,'" Baty said. "Pretty much from that moment on ... I watched three or four 'Simpsons' episodes a day ... I read the script and had to catch up with the rest of the cast. It was an intensive five days of me trying to fit in as much as I could."

But Baty said he's glad he took the opportunity to be in "Mr.

Burns."

"I will never do anything like this again in my life," he said. "You will never see a piece of theatre like this ... This is a once-in-a-lifetime kind of thing."

Mr. Burns runs until Oct. 2, with performances Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and a matinee Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 with a Bradley ID.

## Holocaust survivor shares story

BY HANNAH SNIDMAN  
Off-staff Reporter

Students were urged to "think before they hate" at an event on Tuesday night.

Hungarian-born Holocaust survivor Magda Brown gave a speech in the Peplow Pavilion of the Hayden-Clark Alumni Center. The presentation was titled "Think Before You Hate" and was sponsored by Bradley's Intellectual and Cultural Activities Committee (ICAC).

Jewish, non-Jewish students and faculty alike filled the pavilion to the brim for Brown's speech. Brown commented on the high

attendance, with audience members filling the chairs and packed in on the floor to hear her story.

"If anybody asks me, I open up my mouth," Brown said. "You realize that a lot of people care. If the interest wasn't here, then none of us would be speaking."

Brown was born in 1927, and Nazis invaded Hungary in 1944 when she was 17. She outlined the beginning of her story in which her family suffered under the Nuremberg laws, moved to the Jewish ghetto and left their home

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## New organization provides career insight, opportunities in retail

BY SAMMANTHA DELLARIA  
News Editor

If you're in the market for a new club to join, you're in luck!

A new campus organization is providing opportunities within the retail field, one of America's largest job markets.

The National Retail Federation Student Association (NRFSA) is opening a chapter at Bradley this semester. Supported by the National Retail Federation, NRFSA aims to provide students with retail career insight.

According to the National

Retail Federation website, early one in four American jobs is in retail. In the state of Illinois, retail encompasses nearly 1.7 million jobs.

This is the reason why Bradley marketing professor Sibylle LaHood said she thought bringing NRFSA to campus would be beneficial for Bradley students.

"So many jobs [and] careers are impacted by retailing," LaHood said. "There is the talk of supply chain, a lot of job opportunities and a huge driver for the economy. But the supply chain is in place because retail is in place. The

supply chain is what drives retail ... there are so many career opportunities in retail."

NRFSA is a well-known organization within the retail community, and students who have been newly-appointed to the executive board are already experiencing the advantages of being a part of the group.

"A benefit would definitely be having a national organization on your resume and that if you do

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## Peoria Park District looking for Star Wars Day volunteers

The Peoria Park District is looking for 20 volunteers for its celebration of Star Wars Day, which will be held Sept. 24 at the Glen Oak Park Amphitheater. Volunteer shifts last from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Volunteer tasks include leading children's games and working in the concession stand. Following the games, a showing of "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" will conclude the evening. Volunteers are welcome to stay for the screening of the film after helping run the games.

To sign up for the event, volunteers can email Lanada Cunningham of the Peoria Park District at [lcunningham@peoriaparks.org](mailto:lcunningham@peoriaparks.org) or call (309)-681-2827.

## Alternative Fall Break options available to students

Focus: HOPE, a non-profit organization that aims to overcome racism and poverty by providing education and training for underrepresented minorities and others, is looking for a group of 10 to 12 students to assist in volunteer tasks during Fall Break.

Volunteers will be assigned to Detroit, Michigan, from Oct. 7 to 11 to work with the organization's food pantry, community interaction or clean-up and volunteering at their Walk/Fun for HOPE 5K.

The cost of Fall Alternative Break is \$200, which includes housing, transportation, meals and a T-shirt. The trip is drug and alcohol free.

Anyone interested in attending Fall Alternative Break should contact Jessica Chandler, director of the Lewis J. Berger Center, at [jchandler@fsmail.bradley.edu](mailto:jchandler@fsmail.bradley.edu).

## Organizations host presidential debate watch party

Two Bradley organizations, the College Republicans and College Democrats, will host a watch party for the upcoming debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump at 8 p.m. Sept. 26 in the Michel Student Center Ballroom.

This is the first general election presidential debate of 2016, and it will be held at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York. Lester Holt of "NBC Nightly News" is slotted to moderate the debate.

All students are encouraged to attend the event, which is free. Food and drinks will be provided. Students with questions can contact the coordinator of the event, Olga Krapivner, at [okrapivner@mail.bradley.edu](mailto:okrapivner@mail.bradley.edu).

## POLICE REPORTS

- A resident advisor reported problems with a male non-student at 6 a.m. Sept. 17 on the 1300 block of W. Bradley Avenue.

The resident advisor said the male, who was a guest of a student, walked into the RA's room and urinated in a waste basket.

The non-student said he must have been "out of it," and he was banned from campus.

- A male student reported one of his windows was damaged at an unknown time Sept. 16 on the 1500 block of W. Bradley Avenue.

A student at the house reported hearing the window break and seeing two individuals running away after. The student recognized the two suspects and reported the incident to his fraternity president.

The fraternity president got in contact with the two individuals, who agreed to pay damages for the broken window.

- Officers were dispatched at 11:35 p.m. Sept. 16 to the 1300 block of W. Fredonia Avenue after students reported an intoxicated, underage male student fell out of his bed and hit his head.

When police arrived, the student was being attended to by friends who told police the student had been drinking before he fell asleep. The student became combative toward firemen and medics when they were evaluating him, but he complied to the police.

- A female student reported her wallet and keys stolen at 11:40 a.m. Sept. 19 on the 900 block of N. Elmwood.

The student said she went to the restroom, and when she returned her belongings were gone.

The items have not been returned, and there are no suspects or witnesses.

The student was transported to Unity-Point Methodist.

Police were dispatched after a report of an underage, intoxicated student at 2:28 a.m. Sept. 17 on the 800 block of N. Duryea Place.

The student was unresponsive and vomiting. She was transported to Unity-Point Methodist by ambulance.

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## HUMANS OF THE HILLTOP



KAI HECKERMAN

photo via Kai Hackerman

Freshman Kai Heckerman lived the first 16 years of his life in Japan, moved to California and now spends time on the Hilltop.

BY BROOKE PISCOTTO  
Off-staff Reporter

Many people find it tough adjusting to a new lifestyle, especially transitioning to college. Freshman soccer player Kai Heckerman has packed up and moved to an unfamiliar destination not once in his life, but twice.

Heckerman, who is undecided in his major, was born in Okinawa, a small island about 400 miles south of the main island of Japan. His mother is an Okinawan native, while his father is from San Jose, California. The couple moved to Santa Cruz, California, for a short time but decided to return to Okinawa to start a family "due to the safety of the culture in Japan," according to Heckerman.

So for the first sixteen years of his life, Heckerman lived in Japan, growing up around the "rich distinctive culture" of the Japanese. He said he enjoyed playing soccer with the local kids

and attending Japanese schools in the summers. When he moved to California before his junior year of high school, he said he had to become accustomed to a very different lifestyle.

"This change was quite drastic ... I had never been fully involved in the community of an American society," Heckerman said.

Heckerman said one of the biggest challenges about being at Bradley is leaving behind close friends and family, especially when they're across the country or the globe.

"At times it is very hard to be far away from all the childhood friends in Japan and newer friends in California," he said.

Since his parents still live in Japan, communication can be difficult due to the 14-hour time difference. Heckerman said he sees his parents once or twice a year because "the military only pays for one flight to Japan [per] year."

Heckerman said a huge adjust-

ment he will have to get used to is Illinois weather, as he's only seen snow three times in his life.

"It will be a shock, but I think I will manage," Heckerman said.

One thing did not change when Heckerman came to the states: his love of soccer. He has been a soccer player for over 12 years and has been a member of various club, naval base and school teams.

"Once I moved to California, I played for the San Diego Surf Academy during my junior and senior year," Heckerman said.

Heckerman said he chose to travel the many miles to Illinois and attend Bradley because he wants to gain a great engineering degree while playing soccer for a respectable Division I program.

"I love the soccer environment here at Bradley," Heckerman said. "It was everything I was looking for in a successful program during the recruiting process."

## Founder's Day celebrates Bradley faculty, alumni

BY KYLE STONE  
Copy Editor

Various campus achievements and recognitions were awarded during homecoming week.

Among the recipients were Bradley faculty and alumni who met on the Hilltop to commemorate their successes.

### Faculty

#### Caterpillar Inc. Faculty Achievement Awards for Scholarship and Teaching

These awards recognize outstanding non-tenured faculty. Assistant professor of chemistry Luke Haverhals and assistant professor of psychology Amy Bacon received the scholarship and teaching awards, respectively.

Haverhals credited those closest to him for his accomplishment.

"I am grateful to my wonderful, supportive wife, Noelle, and to my daughters who love me no matter what," Haverhals said. "[I am] grateful to my colleagues in the chemistry department [and] to the students who I am privileged to work with at Bradley."

Bacon said she was thrilled to receive the award, as well.

"I put quite a bit of work into my classes," Bacon said. "Though I can always stand to improve, it's gratifying to know that my efforts are being positively received."

#### Samuel Rothberg Award for Professional Excellence

The Award for Professional Excellence is given to a senior faculty member to honor their outstanding achievements in research and creativity. The recipient is expected to make original

contributions to their field and submit the contributions for critical review by professional peers. English professor Laurie Vickroy was this year's recipient of the award.

Vickroy said her contributions to the trauma studies field is the reason she was given the award.

"I have done work in trauma studies for the past 20 years, and I am one of several people who has helped develop this line of research," Vickroy said. "I have published two books, 18 articles and book chapters. My most recent book, 'Reading Trauma Narratives,' came out last year and I believe this helped me win the award."

#### Putnam Award for Excellence in Teaching

The Putnam Award for Excellence in Teaching was established by Charles Putnam to recognize exemplary instruction at Bradley. Caterpillar psychology professor Claire Etaugh was recognized this year.

Etaugh said she felt honored and humbled to receive the award.

"The teaching-learning process is a journey that I enjoy sharing with my students," Etaugh said. "I have learned as much from them as I hope they have learned from me."

#### Francis C. Mergen Award for Public Service

This award recognizes a Bradley faculty or staff member who has distinguished themselves in public service. Caterpillar professor of English Susan Brill de Ramirez received the award this year.

### Alumni

#### Distinguished Alumnus Award

Michael Scimo, Class of 1985

#### Outstanding Young Graduate

Lisa Eakman Moon, Class of 2005

#### Lydia Moss Bradley Award

Ray Zarvell, Class of 1962

#### Centurion Society

David Brant, Class of 1974  
Andrea Parker, Class of 1992  
Michael Scimo, Class of 1985

### Homecoming week award

#### Parents of the Year Award

This annual award is given to parents who provide support for their children while they study at Bradley, as well as promote strong relationships with the school and their students.

Students submit essays and applications nominating their parents each year, and this fall, parents from two families were chosen.

Carol and Dean Dellaria, parents of juniors Jenna, Vinny and Sammantha Dellaria, received the award. Theresa Ruopp, mother of senior Mitch Ruopp, was also named a Parent of the Year.

"We were honored," Carol said.

Her husband, Dean, echoed the sentiment after receiving the award.

"It was a very sweet surprise," he said. "To us, it's more of a reflection of the great kids we've raised."

## Downtown is reaching out for Bradley students

BY MICHAEL ECHEVERRI  
Copy Editor

The Peoria Downtown Advisory Commission wants Bradley students to know they can always go downtown.

"Last spring we sent out a survey to students asking them how often they go downtown, what do they do there and what other cities they like and why," Alison Daley, a member of the commission, said. "The survey revealed that the students aren't very sure what's available downtown or how to get there. So, this semester we're trying to spread the word."

Daley reached out to Renee Charles, the executive director of public relations at Bradley. Charles has been assisting the commission, although she said this initiative is not necessarily a partnership between Bradley University administration and the Downtown Advisory Commission.

"I'm just helping them find the right students to get in touch with so that they can spread the word and learn more about what downtown has to offer," Charles said.

Charles said she directed the commission to Student Senate and several other student activities organizations.

"Daley will be presenting during the upcoming general assembly," Shiva Lennon-Rios,

student senate vice President of City and Local Affairs, said. "After that, she and I are hoping to host an open forum sometime this semester. The forum would be directed at the broader Bradley community."

Daley said the initiative is about helping businesses market themselves more successfully toward Bradley, as well as create enticing opportunities, like Bradley discounts, to further encourage students.

"We've been brainstorming 'Bradley Day,'" Daley said. "We'd arrange for some type of transportation between the university and downtown, offer a bunch of discounts to students and maybe have some music as well. We're still brainstorming, and the earliest this could happen is in the spring."

Daley said the end goal of the initiative is to retain more Bradley students in Peoria after they graduate.

"We want them to know that Peoria is actually a very livable city, and that there is a lot of it they haven't seen yet," Daley said.

Daley said the commission is very open to new ideas, and she said she encourages students to send their suggestions to [bustudentfeedback@gmail.com](mailto:bustudentfeedback@gmail.com). The emails will be compiled each month and then presented to the Downtown Advisory Commission.



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# Meet the newly hired greek life director

BY TORI MOSES  
Editor-in-Chief

The search for a director of fraternity and sorority life has ended, as Kathleen Prout will take lead of Bradley's greek community starting Oct. 3.

Prout, a member of Delta Delta Delta, earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Millikin University, a master's in college student affairs from Eastern Illinois University and has since worked with greek life at both Knox College and the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

"Kathleen brings a diverse professional background in greek life to Bradley University," Kim Dunn, a fraternity advisor who served on the search committee, said. "She has an energetic personality that I feel students will respond well to."

Upon arriving on campus, Prout said one of her main goals is to determine how to strategically plan the next several years of Bradley's greek life.

"When you think about change on campus, especially within fraternities and sororities, it can seem very overwhelming because you may see large aspects that could use some improvement," Prout said. "So, how do we kind of take that bite by bite? How do you eat an elephant one bite at a time? And so really sitting down and creating a strategic plan that really outlines what the students want and what the university wants."

Prout was included in a panel where she was able to interact with students, where she said another one of her goals was formed.

"Some of the feedback I got back from the students was that they wanted to know me in that position regardless of if they are in a leadership position ... or if they are just a general member," Prout said.

Prout also said she plans to focus on educating campus about greek life procedures.

"It kind of stuck out that somewhere I can be of assistance is

really utilizing the resources and tools that I have in my professional experience and the professional network to really kind of hone in on the 'why' and the reasoning behind doing certain programming or emphasizing certain educational moments," Prout said. "There is always a reason why. It either goes back to the purpose of their organization or it goes back to how they are interacting and being productive citizens on campus."

Shelby Spring, a student member of the search committee, said she was looking for someone who would respect the cultures and traditions of Bradley's greek life, as well as someone who is ready to build relationships within the greek community.

"I consistently enjoyed Kathleen from the beginning [of the search]," Spring, a senior learning behavior specialist major, said. "She has a very upbeat attitude and is ready to form positive relationships with students. I feel



photo via Kathleen Prout

Kathleen Prout will lead Bradley's fraternities and sororities starting Oct. 3. The greek life director position has been vacant since June.

that she has plenty of experience in greek life and will bring a fresh perspective on a variety of issues."

Prout said she is excited to be a part of the Bradley family.

"I told the students I actually

applied to go to Bradley as an undergrad," Prout said. "It's been a part of a plan of mine that I didn't know exactly how it was going to fit in until this moment."

# Hilltop Studios 1-year anniversary



photos by Shelby Caruso

Students celebrate the one-year anniversary of Hilltop Studios, Bradley's student-run recording studio, on Baker Quad last Saturday. The concert featured SeaGiraffe; Buddy, You Died; and Harmonik Vokab - bands comprised of Bradley students.





# Pumpkin Spice Lattes in review



The air is getting crisper, days are getting shorter and end-of-summer sales are a distant memory. Autumn has begun, and that means everyone's favorite fall drink is back: pumpkin spice latte.

The Scout staff tried PSLs from around the Peoria area, ranging from the classic Starbucks version to a local creation. Other local cafés will begin serving pumpkin spice lattes later this season. Check out the review here.

## Location: **Dunkin' Donuts**

**Distance from campus:** a short walk down Western Avenue

**Price of latte:** \$2.69 (small)

**Reviewer:** Tori Moses, who needs her coffee as strong as Hulk Hogan's left thigh

**Taste:** not too sweet, not too bitter, and filled with spices

**Autumn-y aroma:** smells like cinnamon and smiles

**Presentation:** the standard Dunkin' Donuts' to-go cup

**Overall rating:** 8

**Personal review:** As soon as I set this drink in my cup holder, I felt my car's atmosphere transform. The air was filled with warm spices and I could almost hear the crackling of fall bonfires. If you like black coffee, this drink is perfect in combining a strong coffee taste with a pumpkin twist. The beverage is very easy to drink, and my only regret was ordering a small instead of a large. You are able to consume a good amount of this latte, as the subtle spices and pumpkin taste don't overwhelm the taste buds. If you're looking for something filled with sugar or resembling a dessert, do not order this drink. But if you're looking for a quick and comforting beverage, make your way to the nearest Dunkin' and prepare to experience all the warm flavors and feelings of fall.

## Location: **McDonald's**

**Distance from campus:** a five minute walk down Main Street or Western Avenue

**Price of latte:** \$2.39 (small)

**Reviewer:** Tori Moses, who likes her coffee as black as the ink on this page

**Taste:** too sweet

**Autumn-y aroma:** smells like butter and sweet cream

**Presentation:** the standard McDonald's to-go cup

**Overall rating:** 2

**Personal review:** McDonald's is my favorite fast food pick-me-up – I grab a McChicken and fry at least twice a week – so I anticipated being wowed by its pumpkin spice latte. I was a little wary when the drive-thru worker handed me the drink and my car didn't instantly smell like fall spices. But, I kept my spirits high and went home, where I anxiously took the plastic lid off my to-go cup. What I found underneath, however, was disgusting: a bright orange pool filled with sugar and mistakes. The latte tasted nothing like pumpkin or spices, but instead I felt like I was consuming orange frosting in liquid form. I was able to take some solace in the slight bitter aftertaste of coffee, but the pleasure ended there. Unless you have an astronomically high tolerance for sugar and sweets, pass up on this latte.

## Location: **Campustown Starbucks**

**Distance from campus:** Just a quick skip across the street

**Price of latte:** \$4.45 (tall)

**Reviewer:** Sammy Dellaria, who enjoys coffee about twice a decade

**Overall taste:** meh

**Autumn-y aroma:** Cinnamon galore

**Presentation:** just your average Starbucks' tall cup

**Overall rating:** 4

**Personal review:** For paying the price I did for a small (yes, small, not tall) cup of coffee, I wasn't impressed. The overall flavor was bland and left a lasting aftertaste in my mouth that wasn't pleasing. My biggest issue is that the drink seemed too watery, despite the overpowering pumpkin smell. The color of the drink was an opaque orange, which lead me to believe that it would taste mostly of pumpkin. However, I was deceived by the color, for the taste was more on the latte side than pumpkin spice. Did I feel like I was drinking a fresh mug of autumn joy with this Starbucks creation? No. I felt more like I was drinking a regular latte with some cinnamon sprinkled on top. Overall, this version of the pumpkin spice latte is perfect for when you need to grab something warm to shield you from the bite of autumn air. But, if you have the chance to go somewhere else for something that might be a better bang for your buck, do it.

## Location: **Leaves n' Beans**

**Distance from campus:** A short, 6-mile drive

**Price of latte:** \$4.00 (small)

**Reviewer:** Rachael Kosinski, the occasional coffee drinker

**Overall taste:** so good!

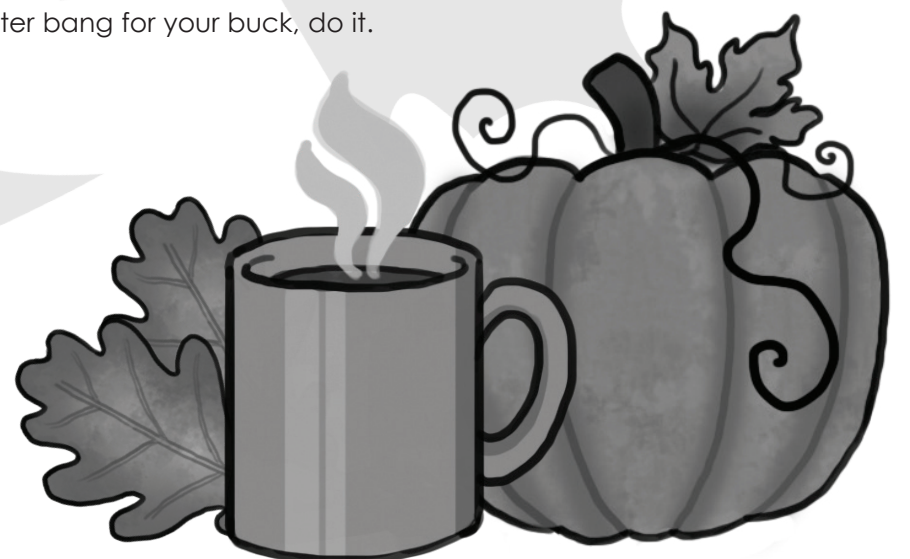
**Autumn-y aroma:** cinnamon, spice and everything nice

**Presentation:** pleasantly whipped, drizzled and cozied up in a medium to-go cup

**Overall rating:** 8

**Personal Review:** As a sporadic coffee drinker who adds just a little too much creamer to her coffee, I was pleasantly surprised. With the perfect balance of bitter and sweet, this particular cup had me longing for rosy cheeks and painted leaves. While the sweetness of the pumpkin spice and whipped cream satisfied my sweet tooth, the coffee maintained its roasted, bitter taste that reminded me of cold feet by the fireplace. For all of those who enjoy a happy medium between black coffee and mostly creamer, this is a solid choice.

Design by Megan Bammann





Editorial

A journalist’s plea

The fact that students want transparency from the university is a tired subject, and it’s one The Scout has rehashed time and time again.

Regardless, it needs to be discussed.

As journalists, our goal is to provide Bradley with unbiased articles that shed light on campus issues. But we can’t exactly do our job when the Bradley community fails to throw us the occasional bone.

Sources, interviews and quotes are imperative in writing any article, but they are often times the most difficult to pull together. Scout reporters frequently

approach sources for interviews and are turned away.

Just last week, one of our reporters tried to investigate an incident in which students took wild rabbits from Olin Quad and kept them in their dorm room. We had the story confirmed by a number of anonymous sources, but our reporter was not able to get on-record interviews with anyone who was involved.

Why is this?

We are well aware of the reputation many reporters have – they are heartless, nosey and interested in the scandalous scoop instead of the people behind the news. But that’s not the case with The Scout.

Our newspaper’s is completely staffed by students. We don’t like writing about crappy campus concerns just as much as you don’t like being involved in them, and we certainly don’t find joy in extorting our own administrators or peers. But it’s our job to cover the news, whatever that may be.

With the article about the rabbits, we were not trying to scold students, RAs or anyone else involved. We were simply trying to inform students of why it’s dangerous to keep wild animals, or any animals, in the dorms.

This is not to say if there is an issue on campus, we won’t cover it. We will, because we strive to

cover everything accurately and fairly; but in most cases, we are just trying to provide information and educational moments to campus.

We look to tell the most complete stories possible, and by talking to us, you give us different shades of understanding. Even if a story might be perceived as negative at first, it’s almost always less so with full participation and a great range of perspectives.

So, help us help you. Don’t be afraid to talk to us. We value your opinions and feelings, and if you have an interesting story, share it.

Column

For the nervous bathroom goers



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Using the bathroom is a very serious issue. It may seem like a menial task our bodies simply must do, but to others it’s not so easy. If you aren’t one of us, then God has certainly blessed you.

But if you’re a nervous pooper like me, then listen up because I have some great pooping bathroom suggestions on this campus for you. Explore at your leisure before you find your favorite.

Unfortunately, I can only speak from the experience of using the little boy’s room. However, I like

to live under the assumption that the women’s room, which typically exists within 10 feet of the men’s, is about the same, so I hope women can use this advice as well.

There are two distinct categories of nervous poopers: the clean freaks and the private poopers. Make sure you know which one you are because these recommendations are somewhat mutually exclusive based on your preference.

We’ll begin with the people who need a sanitary environment where they feel safe and secure enough to produce a number two. Most importantly, you don’t feel the need to lay layers of toilet paper across the toilet each time you rest your buttocks on the seat.

Clean freaks, there is solace for you in various places on Bradley’s campus. The overall cleanest bathroom I have experienced is nestled in the ground floor of Westlake Hall. As a communications major, I have seldom had the opportunity to have a class in Westlake. However, when I was blessed with the opportunity to use this bathroom, I seriously thought about changing my major just so I could use those glorious porcelain thrones.

This massive bathroom in Westlake has dim lighting and sleek utilities, creating an atmosphere that almost feels futuristic. It gives you a sense that while you are doing the grossest natural human function, you will forever remain unscathed of the damage left by the men or women who have come before you.

If you’re like me and are never in Westlake, then where can you go that’s also clean? Though it’s another niche academic building, the Global Communications Center’s second floor bathrooms provide stellar accommodations. Like Westlake, the lighting is soothingly dim. The bathroom seems to be cleaned regularly and, in my dozens of experience in this particular facility, I can say with certainty that it is a fabulous pooping destination.

Meanwhile, the private poopers are concerned about being next to people when they do the deed and fear the embarrassment that could arise from the “plop!” of their business.

Private poopers, have no fear. I know the two perfect places for you. My personal favorite is the Student Center’s basement restroom. It’s very important to not get this confused with the main floor restroom. That place

has “danger zone” written all over it.

The Student Center basement is glorious, though. Absolutely no one uses it. In my three years at Bradley, I have literally never seen anyone but myself walk in or out of that bathroom. It is privacy heaven. It’s quiet, peaceful and allows you to unabashedly drop your deuce. Further, when you walk out after occupying the stall for an extended period of time, no one can judge you because there’s no one there to see you.

The other selection is surprising, but I have found great joy in using the bathroom in Baker Hall, which sits directly next to the entrance from Main Street. The nice thing about the arrangement is that it’s small with a lot of natural light. There’s only one stall, so you can’t physically be right next to someone while you’re doing your thing. The restroom is seldom used and allows you ample freedom to be yourself.

This list is not exhaustive, but it’s only a guide from a concerned person of similar anxious ilk. Find the one that works for you, and do your number two in peace.

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## TRENDING TOPICS • ENTERTAINMENT • POP CULTURE

## Fast and Furious Controversy - CW Turns 10 - Maslany's Win

If our justice system becomes even slightly fairer, America would be a safer place for all of us to coexist.

I understand there's money to be made (and this franchise has made plenty), but without Paul Walker's character, it's most fitting to allow the Fast and Furious franchise to end. The movies just won't feel the same without "The Buster."



# Orphan is the new black

BY LISA STEMMONS

Tatiana Maslany. It took an Emmy win to put her name on the map for the vast majority, but those of us in Clone Club have long awaited her well-deserved recognition and rise to stardom.

The outstanding lead actress in a drama series copped only one Emmy, even though she received the nomination for playing several roles. That's right; Maslany portrays nearly a dozen different characters in the BBC sci-fi hit, "Orphan Black," and she still finds the time to eat, sleep and breathe.

To critics, "Orphan Black" is explained as a show that increases awareness of the ethical and moral repercussions of human cloning and furthers the debate of nature versus nurture. To the average joe, "Orphan Black" can be described as a suspenseful sci-fi thriller complete with abnormal familial obligations, conniving corporations and seriously bad-ass acting skills.

Maslany is just oozing with talent. She's got the accents, the mannerisms and the personalities all down to a T. In fact, I found myself on on IMDB several times just to make sure it truly is the same person representing half of the show's main characters.

If you thought "Inception" was a trip, imagine what goes through Maslany's head while she's playing a clone pretending to be a different clone, therefore acting as if she's struggling with the part.

She's single-handedly destroying the pre-existing perceptions of female archetypes in film and television one episode at a time. By merging together all of these women from separate worlds, viewers have no choice but to witness the complexities of females (just like in real life, imagine that).

Even though the clones have an underlying common thread, the show does a great job of highlighting their differences in order to develop very different characters.

Oh, the irony! A show about clones is a trailblazer for multifaceted, developed female role portrayals on screen. The one time where dull, robotic female leads would be acceptable, the producers roll out a series packed with subtle feminist issues.

Maslany is a perfect fit because she's a feminist advocate both on and off screen. She has commented on the blatant sexism in Hollywood in several interviews, expressing her disgust for how much it's ingrained in the industry.

The show's brilliance and Maslany's emotional intelligence is best summed up by an excerpt from her interview with "AdWeek:"

"They're not physically superhuman and emotionless and without flaws. Having a strong female character doesn't mean she's beyond suffering and fragility. There's a fearlessness. That to me is strong writing for women. It defies gender."

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# DARYING TO DEFY FOR A DECADE

Child of networks WB and UPN, the CW is finally turning 10, and it's hard to believe the channel managed to churn out such a variety of fan favorites within the span of a decade. It produced several influential, or at the very least, mindless sources for entertainment over the years, with certain shows appealing more to some than others. Luckily, it's never too late to binge-watch. Here are our picks.

## LISA'S SHOWS:

I'm partially ashamed to admit I've seen every single episode of every one of these shows, but there's a reason why this hopeless romantic was hooked. Every single one of my picks produced real-life couples, attesting to their authentic chemistry on-screen. What can I say? I'm a sucker for love and a little drama to keep things interesting.

### "The Vampire Diaries"

Disclaimer: I don't like "Twilight," but I loooooove TVD. The fact that the characters are vampires is secondary to the plot (well, that may be a bit of a stretch, but it's fantastic nonetheless). The love triangles are messy, the storytelling is full of twists and the cast is to die for. If Paul Wesley's abs or Ian Sommerhalder's smoldering grin and devilish eyes don't do it for you, then Nina Dobrev absolutely will.

### "Gossip Girl"

It's basically a prerequisite to watch this series before you are allowed to live in New York City. The shenanigans that occur on the Upper East Side are far from realistic, but that's not why we watch. We tune in to witness more of Blair and Serena's gorgeous wardrobes — that, and our favorite housemaid Dorinda.

### "One Tree Hill"

This show is borderline ridiculous but strangely addictive. With a lot of laughable acting skills, the series is more akin to a soap opera, but once again the drama, questionable morals and beautiful cast make it all worth it.

### "90210"

Many who watched the original would say this is a poor excuse of a show, but I wouldn't know. The appeal to young adults is obvious. Who doesn't appreciate over-privileged, rambunctious teens wilding out in the beautiful setting of southern California all the while trying to create a storyline relatable to your life?

## ZACH'S SHOWS:

Long before there was the CW, there was KidsWB. A Saturday lineup of epic tales of superheroes and villains clashing for the fate of the world or paranormal investigators tapping into the secrets hidden behind the curtain. As an adult, the CW has brought those cartoons to life with the same flare and fun, while having more substance than the movies could hope for.

### "Smallville"

"Smallville" is the story of a young Clark Kent struggling with average high school problems including trying to figure out the man he wanted to be albeit with super powers. I believe it to be the best on-screen interpretation of Superman to date because we got to see our Clark Kent become the man of steel we know and love.

### "Supernatural"

When "Supernatural" launched, I was hooked from the first episode. The buddy road trip between two estranged brothers as they hunt down monsters and demons hadn't really been done on TV, and the relationship between them was fascinating. Whether it was wendigos, vampires or ghosts, I always looked forward to the Winchester brothers delivering sarcastic jokes, exorcisms and good old-fashioned silver.

### "Arrow and Flash"

Continuing with the superhero genre, the stories of Oliver Queen and Barry Allen are also great series. The use of their powers for good meanwhile trying to balance life behind the mask had me returning for several years running. The dark and gritty "Arrow" juxtaposes with the light and funny "Flash" in a way that "Batman v Superman" wished it could.

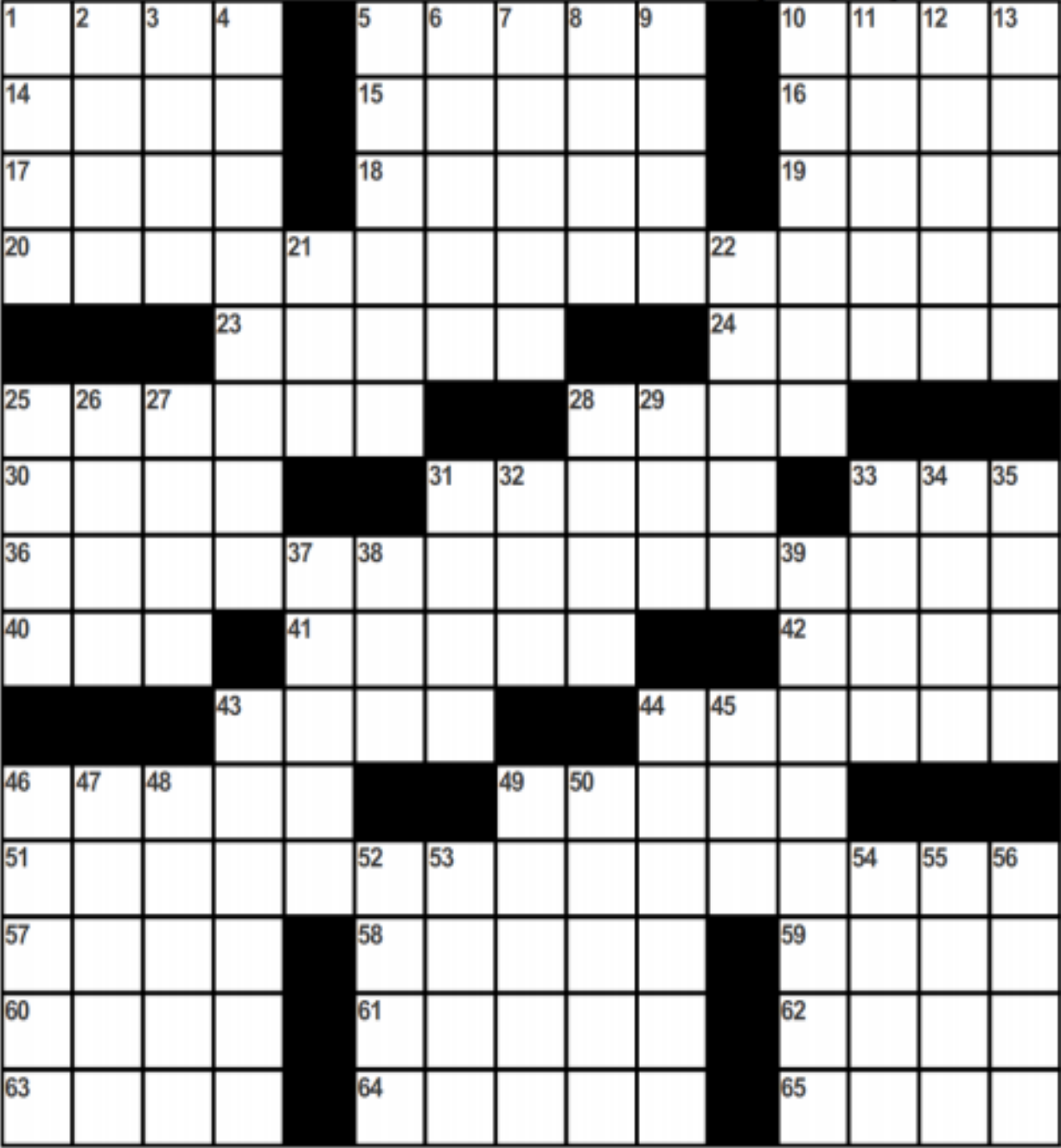




DISTRACTIONS

HERE, HERE

By Timothy E. Parker



DOWN

- 1) Instrument with 47 strings
- 2) Good's opposite
- 3) Large butte
- 4) Prevent from happening
- 5) Declare firmly
- 6) Watts of Hollywood
- 7) Takes huge drinks
- 8) Four Corners state
- 9) "Buona \_\_\_\_" (Italian "Good evening")
- 10) Fancy cracker topper
- 11) Choice invitees
- 12) Automaton
- 13) Itsy-bitsy
- 21) Long, long, long time
- 22) Pound the ground
- 25) "But wait, there's more"
- 26) Bounding site?
- 27) Not deceived by
- 28) Lubricates
- 29) Double header?
- 31) "Ars Amatoria" poet
- 32) Family member who may eat off the floor
- 33) "\_\_\_\_ we forget"
- 34) Naysayer
- 35) Applying to ears
- 37) Took up residence
- 38) Historic time
- 39) Avoid work
- 43) Wild creatures
- 44) Some New York-style hotdogs
- 45) Big game
- 46) Gunk
- 47) Tough puzzle
- 48) Less cordial
- 49) Related maternally
- 50) Like many hams
- 52) Doctrines
- 53) Australian gemstone
- 54) Fake butter
- 55) Lash mark
- 56) Eliot of the Untouchables

DECADE OLD JAM  
*of the week*



MONEY MAKER  
BY LUDACRIS

On Sept. 26, 2006, Ludacris released his sixth studio album, "Release Therapy," which eventually won Best Rap Album at the 2007 Grammy Awards. His first single from the album, "Money Maker," features Pharrell and made it to No. 1 on various charts throughout the U.S. The jam can still pop up from time to time, but mainly stays confined to fraternity houses.

ACROSS

- 1) Cannabis product
- 5) Type of beef
- 10) Golfer's rental
- 14) Assert confidently
- 15) Brown in a pan
- 16) Ubiquitous cosmetics ingredient
- 17) What souffles do
- 18) Kind of panel
- 19) Unexplainable picked-up feeling
- 20) Stress
- 23) Large-eyed lemur
- 24) Showing signs of wear and tear
- 25) Total
- 28) Cause for opening a window
- 30) What a good pilot knows how to do
- 31) Den drug of old
- 33) "7 Faces of Dr. \_\_\_\_"
- 36) Project for homebuilders
- 40) The avant-garde's Yoko
- 41) Judicial orders
- 42) \_\_\_\_ spumante
- 43) Bit of perspiration
- 44) Larry Bird was one
- 46) Salesperson's pitch
- 49) Harmful bacteria
- 51) Bad GPS revelation
- 57) Goddess symbolized by a cow
- 58) Extra
- 59) Delight or jubilation
- 60) Convene
- 61) Sailor buddy
- 62) Long fishes
- 63) Blows it
- 64) Pulled vehicles
- 65) Becomes compost





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join, you do have access to interviews from other retailers on [the NRF website] and access to everything on their website, [including] scholarship opportunities ... and retail articles that you wouldn't have access to if you weren't apart of it," Anna Gavalick, a junior retail merchandising major and founding member of Bradley's NRFSA, said.

LaHood said the national organization is well-known to employers and provides many opportunities for students.

"One of our executive board members was at the career fair on Thursday, and we had our executive board meeting that evening, and Mindy [Schanzle] came in that evening and goes, 'I can't believe it. I went by Von Maur and was

talking to them and ... the minute I said NRF, they knew what it was,'" LaHood said. "NRF is the largest trade organization in the field, they do a lot to support students. There are scholarships opportunities, there are opportunities to go to the big trade show, which I think is a really great experience."

Gavalick said NRFSA has many more opportunities to provide to students than what people might think or expect.

"I think there are a lot of opportunities out there ... I think [when people think of retail] they think straight to fashion," Gavalick said. "It goes way on beyond that. There are a lot of business aspects to it whether it be being a buyer for someone, developing their products, working with customers one-on-one or working with companies one-on-one."

Schanzle, a senior social media marketing major and founding member of NRFSA at Bradley, said the organization offers students a variety of benefits.

"NRFSA can provide many benefits to its members," Schanzle said. "For instance, our Bradley chapter has already made connections with retailers in the region, and we plan on hosting networking events for the NRFSA members. This will allow students to network with the employers and learn more about the various careers in the industry. In addition, the NRF website provides many resources as well. They have a job board, scholarships, and virtual job fairs that are all accessible for Bradley NRFSA members."

LaHood said her goal for the organization is to provide students with experience in the field, networking with retail professionals

and insight into one of America's largest career fields.

"We are going to try darn hard to get a group of the students to the trade show in January," LaHood said.

Executive board members shared their goals for the organization and their aspirations throughout the semester.

"As a chapter for the first semester, are goals are to have 20 Bradley NRFSA members, host 2 meetings and plan at least one fundraising event. We really look forward to spreading the word about NRFSA and showing the students how this organization can benefit its members," Schanzle said. "Individually, my goal is to leave a solid foundation for the NRFSA Bradley chapter when I graduate in May. As one of the first members and Executive Board Members, I hope our chap-

ter reaches our goals, and I hope to gain leadership experience that will transfer over to my career."

According to LaHood, the organization plans to host speakers on campus as well as local representatives in the field of retail within the Peoria community and on the national level. The organization already has dates for many events lined up including a membership informational meeting on Oct. 20 and a retailer meet and greet event on Nov. 10.

"We just want to bring in speakers to let people know how [the retailers] got their business started and how it is working as a retailer," Gavalick said.

Membership to Bradley's chapter has no fee and is open to students of all majors. Further information can be found on the Bradley NRFSA website at nrfsa.bradley.edu.



photo by Lisa Stemmons

Magda Brown, a survivor of the Holocaust, talks with students Tuesday after her presentation titled "Think Before You Hate."

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in railroad cars.

"She was cramped into a boxcar, and she had to stand for three days with no water," sophomore civil engineering major Brendan Ahern said. "Going a day without water is painful, and then going three days is even worse. I was very surprised that they had to go through that."

After entering the concentration camp, Brown was separated from her family. Nazi officials shaved her head, took her clothes and robbed her of her identity. Brown said she never saw her family again.

Brown described many tragedies from her time in the Holocaust, including standing for hours in the heat to be counted and working in a factory around poisonous material without protection. When it came time to walk to a different town, she and her friends made a plan to escape to a barn during the night.

"When she decided to crawl through on the ground to the barn, that part really stuck with me because I thought of all the times where it's much easier to just give up," sophomore computer information systems major Clayton Fyfe said. "History happens all the time and we are blessed to have someone who went through something we can never experience."

United States soldiers liberated Brown the morning after she escaped the death march, and she eventually met with a Jewish chaplain to find her relatives in America. She said she was fortunate to be welcomed by her uncles

in Chicago and to marry a Jewish man from the same city.

"You are liberated, and you realize you're an orphan," Brown said. "You haven't got a country to go to, you haven't got a penny to your name, you haven't got a profession and you're not even 18 years old."

Brown ended up working for a Hungarian-Jewish doctor for 40 years and continues to share her story at the Illinois Holocaust Museum.

She left the audience with these three points: protect your freedom as much as you can, think seriously before you hate and be aware that there are characters who say the Holocaust never happened.

"Out of all the bad things come good things," Brown said. "From slavery to freedom is a very special unit in life. You have to have faith, courage, determination and the most important thing you have to have is volunteers and mentors."

The event also received support from Jewish-student group Hillel, the Department of History and Chabad. Jewish students had the opportunity to attend a private lunch with Brown at the Chabad house prior to her evening speech.

"It was really nice, intimate, with very few people there where we could actually ask questions and talk to her and hear her stories firsthand," freshman elementary education major Kyla Gersten said. "But I think it's important for everyone, not just Jewish students, to come and hear her story because [the survivors are] all going to be gone soon, and we're only going to be able to hear from second-hand testimony."

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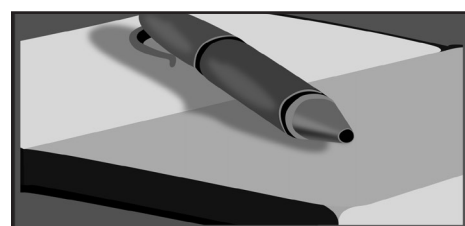
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# Bradley hosts fair for political and legislative jobs

BY KYLEE HIGGINS  
Off-staff Reporter

Students interested in joining the campaign trail were given the inside scoop on political and legislative jobs at the third Political Campaign Volunteer/Legislature Internship Expo on Wednesday.

Sponsored by the Institute for Principled Leadership in Public Service, the Smith Career Center and Bradley's department of political science, a variety of political organizations presented openings for both paid and unpaid internships and opportunities to volunteer for the upcoming election.

Students were able to visit 14 different organizations, ranging

from Donald Trump's and Hillary Clinton's campaigns, to Illinois state senator David Koehler's campaign.

Brad McMillan, the executive director of the Institute of Principled Leadership in Public Service, said when setting up the expo, he wanted to be inclusive of campaigns at all levels of government.

"We want to give the students a wide array of options as far as volunteering for campaigns or legislative internships," McMillan said.

The expo kicked off with a presentation by McMillan and Rick Smith, the director of career development from the Smith Career Center. Next, the organizations

gave brief speeches about what they were looking for. After the presentations, students were free to stop by each table and talk with the representatives.

"It's roughly six weeks before the election, and so this is a natural time for students to start paying attention, wanting to get engaged [with politics]," McMillan said.

Despite not having the size or attendance of the recent Fall Job and Internship Fair, the Political Campaign Volunteer/Legislature Internship Expo was able to give students more in-depth conversations with the representatives.

"This has a very specific political and legislative focus, so we're aware that it's going to be attrac-

tive to a smaller, unique group of students that have a passion in the public service arena or in politics," McMillan said.

Freshman Dan Kaminski, who was looking to start the process of getting an internship, said he enjoyed the size and atmosphere of the expo.

"I liked how everyone was easily approachable, how they would sit down and talk with you, answer questions and basically provide answers and opportunities for everything you could ask," Kaminski said.

The expo also gave Kaminski his first glimpse into the political world.

"I gained the initial step on

how to start internship processes, find qualifications for what they are looking for and just get a general idea of what to expect," Kaminski said.

According to McMillan, intern-ing helps students gain real world experience that can lead them to decide what path they want to take in politics in the future.

"Volunteering on campaigns really helps you see what it takes to get elected to an office," McMillan said. "Interning in a legislative office really helps you understand the real work of either a state legislative office or a congressional office, and it also looks really good on your resume."

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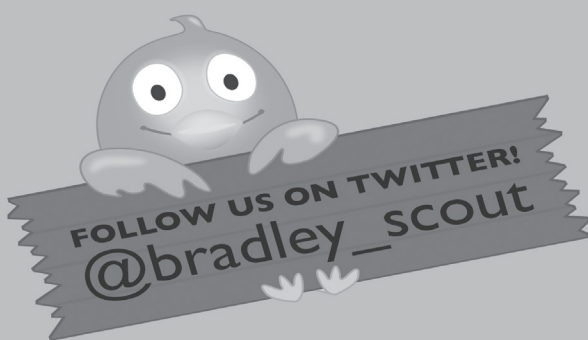
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# Club basketball comes home

BY JOSH NELSON  
Sports Reporter

Before this season, the Bradley club basketball team never had the chance to host a home crowd. For years, they spent a great amount of time and money traveling across the Midwest to play their games.

Senior club basketball president Jordan Jarrett decided it was time for a change. He wanted to make it easier for his team to travel to different places and while making it more "economically feasible" for his players.

The league that the club team will be joining is called the National Club Basketball Association, which consists of more than 50 teams nationwide. Bradley will be a part of the Mid-American Conference along with 10 other teams that will be placed into two divisions. Some of the teams that will be included in the Mid-American Conference will be Creighton, Iowa State, Southern Illinois and Western Illinois.

"This one guy has been reaching out to us for a couple years and we've [delayed] joining since it was still a work in progress," Jarrett said. "But now that they have a lot more stability to it, it became a no-brainer for us to join. It's an easier way for us to get games

instead of having to find only two tournaments that were a month or two apart from each other."

As the team adjusts to the new system, senior Josh Glaum said he is excited for the new opportunity and expects games to have more meaning than they did in the past.

"For club in the fall, we used to play tournaments that, if we didn't win, wouldn't mean anything," Glaum said. "Now, every conference game that we play will have a direct effect on where we place. Basically, every game we play means something from here on out and it makes the competitive levels a lot higher, which is what we as a team are looking forward to the most."

One novel aspect about joining the league is the opportunity for the club team to have home games. They are guaranteed at least three home series, which means they will play nine games at either the Markin Center or the Renaissance Coliseum.

"We're excited for the chance to play home games in front of the student population," Jarrett said. "We want to bring recognition to not only the club basketball team, but club sports as a whole because there's plenty of organizations on campus that I feel like students should have



courtesy of Jordan Jarrett

Bradley's club basketball team hopes that the advent of home games lead to better campus exposure.

the opportunity to see something different than they're used to."

With all of this in mind, Jarrett said he is trying to come up with ways to get as many students and fans as he can to see the club team make a run at a conference championship.

"What I was hoping to do

is get our games out onto the Hilltop Happenings page," Jarrett said. "Plus, I think a great thing about our team is that it's so diverse. We have a lot of kids who are involved with different activities around campus. So I feel like we can hit every type of demographic to try

and get fans out to our games."

The club basketball team will begin their conference season the weekend of November 4 when Creighton comes to Peoria.

## Golfers shoot low scores at mid-week tournaments

BY AUSTIN SHONE  
Assistant Sports Editor

Another week and another tournament brought another medal for Bradley men's golfer Ethan Brue, who finished first overall and led the Braves to a second place team finish at the John Dallio Memorial in Lemont.

Brue, a junior transfer from Illinois Central College, shot a two under 70 to make up a two-shot deficit on the final day to win first place as well as Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) Golfer of the Week. As a team, the Braves shot 896, second place only to tournament host DePaul.

"Score-wise, Ethan is a player we feel like we can count on most every round that we play," head coach Jeff Roche said. "[His presence] gives the other guys a comfort level to know that he's there, so they don't have to feel the pressure of trying to do something more than what they're capable of that day and so it kind of frees everybody up so they can all do what they need to do."

So far, Brue says there are a few differences between junior college golf compared to Division I, but

he couldn't be happier with his decision to come to Bradley.

"This past week my ball striking was still really good, but a few mistakes cost me the first day and took me out of the lead," Brue said. "A little pep talk from coach Roche on my putting Monday night really helped me out and I putted the lights out the last 14 holes or so on Tuesday. Making 5 birdies that last round to shoot 70 was one of the best feelings I've had on a golf course all year. I'm really hoping I can carry this new found confidence with my putter and help lead us to a victory at [Southern Illinois-Edwardsville] next weekend."

Sophomore Drake Bushong also had a solid tournament as he tied for ninth overall, the ninth top-ten finish of his career at Bradley. Junior Zach Jewell finished tied for seventeenth, while senior Bobby Jacobs and sophomore Branden Mounce tied for 20th, rounding out the Braves top five.

"We've taken advantage of opportunities on certain holes that we need to take advantage of," Roche said. "Both tournaments we've played, we've led the tournament in birdies. The

difference this week verses when we played at Valparaiso was we had a lot of 'other' things, like double bogeys and triple bogeys, and we didn't minimize those."

The men will play their next tournament on Monday and Tuesday at the Derek Dolenc Invitational, hosted by SIU-E.

"Last year the [SIUE] tournament brought a lot of low scores," Roche said. "Last year we shot our school record for three rounds down there but we still finished middle of the pack. It'll be a good test for our guys. The first two tournaments we've had have been tough golf courses and have suited us pretty well. It'll be nice to see a change like this where we'll have to shoot some low scores, so it'll be a different kind of challenge."

The women's golf team also continued their early success, shooting the second-lowest 54-hole round in school history on their way to a fifth place finish at the Ball State Cardinal Classic.

The Braves were led by junior Ally Scaccia and sophomore Chloe Horton, both of which finished just two over par on the last day. Scaccia finished eleventh overall,



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Junior Ethan Brue poses with the first place trophy at the John Dallio Classic, shooting a 222, and Horton finished nineteenth, shooting a 226.

"Ally and Chloe, just like their teammates, are committed to all aspects of their improvement and

never settle for less than their personal best," head coach Mary Swanson said. "They are also committed to their off the course





Sophomore Hannah Witzcak won the women’s race at the Bradley Intercollegiate meet last Friday.

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won the men’s individual title, said he was excited about the win, but agreed with Gauson that the result wasn’t exactly what they were looking for.

“It was really positive, [and I’m] really happy,” Ward, who ran a 24:30.23, said. “[But], we already have our benchmark from last year. Collectively, compared to what we did last year, it wasn’t a significant jump forward to where we wanted to be. It still was a step forward, so it’s promising to where we’re going to go. We have the pieces, we just have to put them into place.”

The men took six of the top seven spots to earn the definitive victory. Seniors Patrick Campbell and Caleb Beck finished second and third while junior Taylor Floyd Mews, redshirt-freshman Jake Hoffert and sophomore Will Anderson rounded out the top six.

Gauson raved about the wom-

en’s team, especially sophomore Hannah Witzcak, who won the women’s individual title.

“Hannah Witzcak was huge for us,” Gauson said. “She had an outstanding performance. She ran that course in 19 minutes in high school and Friday ran it in 16:48, which is one of the quicker times on that course.”

Witzcak said she was even a little taken aback by how well she performed.

“Over the summer, I was training really hard,” Witzcak said. “I was definitely a little bit surprised [with the result]. But I think my training really showed in this race.”

Witzcak said the women were happy with the way they performed and how they have been pushing each other throughout the beginning of the season. Gauson agreed, saying he believes the women have bought into the team culture.

“Being able to carry on [that culture] from last year is pretty

awesome,” Gauson said. “The women felt great. They executed our game plan pretty much to the ‘T.’ Everyone across the board did well.”

Following Witzcak were senior Lauren Cunningham, junior Natalie Burant, sophomore Gabby Juarez and freshman Bailey Johnson in the top five.

The teams ran in uncomfortable heat last Friday as temperatures were up to the high-80’s. Gauson, Witzcak and Ward said while it was a bit uncomfortable, they didn’t think about it while they ran because they didn’t want to make excuses for themselves.

“We talked about it, and we don’t make excuses,” Gauson said. “If it’s high-80’s at the conference meet, we have to go out there and compete no matter what. It’s about executing a performance.”

The “no excuses” mentality feeds into the overall team-first winning culture that has been cultivated on the team. In a week, the Braves will travel to Notre Dame

# Over/Under

Will Dallas Cover 7.5-point spread vs. Bears?

Bet on it!	I wouldn't if I were you
<p>I don't think this game is necessarily going to be a blowout, but the Cowboys should be able to cover the spread rather easily. They have one of the best offensive lines in the NFL blocking for Ezekiel Elliott and Alfred Morris in the backfield. Dallas should be able to run rampant against a mediocre Bears' run defense that will be missing key pieces in Danny Trevathan and Eddie Goldman.</p> <p>Further, Dak Prescott has looked good as the Cowboys rookie quarterback. Replacing the injured Tony Romo, Prescott has yet to throw an interception in 75 passing attempts.</p> <p>The Bears could also be in trouble on the offensive side of the ball. They've struggled to get the running game going all season with only 137 yards combined over the past two weeks. They will need some type of running attack to help take the pressure off Brian Hoyer, who will be replacing the injured Jay Cutler. The last time Hoyer started an NFL game, he threw four interceptions and lost a fumble in a playoff game for the Houston Texans.</p> <p>Alex is completely wrong about the Bears. Their defense will have a tough time stopping anything the Cowboys do, especially with so many injuries. If the Bears have any shot to cover the spread, they're going to need Hoyer to show up big time. I doubt that happens.</p> <p>Final Score: Dallas 28, Chicago 17.</p> <p>- Josh Nelson</p>	<p>The impressive young quarterback Dak Prescott and his Cowboys are heavily favored next week when they host the putrid Chicago Bears on Sunday night. Though this seems like a dubious prediction, I think the Bears will cover the 7.5-point spread this Sunday.</p> <p>Look, Chicago does stink. Cutler is not going to play this week and Chicago's brutal offensive line can hardly protect any quarterback or open up many holes for the running game.</p> <p>However, their defense showed impressive flashes in last Monday night's loss. It's tough to credit the Chicago defense with a couple of the touchdown's Philadelphia scored because of a pair of Cutler turnovers. If you take those touchdowns away, Chicago routinely held Philadelphia out of the end zone when they desperately needed to. The Bears defense also locked down the Eagles running game throughout the night.</p> <p>Josh thinks Dallas will "easily" beat Chicago. He's not wrong in assuming that Dallas will win, because I'm sure they will. But it's going to be much closer than the heavily biased Cowboys fan thinks. The young Dallas offense will succumb to the Sunday night pressure playing under the lights as the Bears will force a couple key turnovers.</p> <p>Don't trust Josh on this one. He's a gambler, but a bad one. Sure, Chicago will struggle, but Dallas will have their fair share of struggles, too.</p> <p>Final score: Dallas 17, Chicago 13.</p> <p>- Alex Kryah</p>

to face various other teams with similar mentalities. It will be the first big test for Bradley, and both the men and women are looking forward to it.

“Before Notre Dame, we’re definitely going to taper down our training a bit so we can freshen

ourselves up, mentally and physically,” Ward said. “Now that we’ve got the rust-buster out of the way, everyone should be ready to go perform.”

# Volleyball falls in Missouri Valley opener

**BY JOSH NELSON**  
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“Execution” was the key word for the Bradley women’s volleyball team this weekend in Terre Haute, Indiana as they dropped their two matches against Missouri Valley Conference rival Indiana State and non-conference opponent Western Michigan.

In both matches, the Braves took the first set, but unfortunately couldn’t salvage a win.

“Against Indiana State, we missed 17 serves in the match,” head coach Carol Price-Torok said. “It’s really hard when you give away that many points, and we

still only lost by two points and four points in the sets. Clearly we’re doing spectacular things, but when we give away free points, it gets pretty tough.”

In the MVC opener for the Braves, the team was locked in a hard fought battle in which no set was decided by more than five points. After a first set win, 25-20, Bradley had a chance to close out the second set with two set points, but they were unable to take advantage of the opportunity, losing the second set 29-27.

“I think for us, it was the execution part,” Price-Torok said. “In that set alone, we missed eight serves, and some of those came at

the end. We were trying to close things out, and we had a set point, you miss a serve, and you kind of feel the pin pop your balloon and the other team kind of gets going. You just get those momentum swings. Sometimes the ball bounces your way and sometimes it doesn’t.”

The rest of the match didn’t deviate from the first two sets. The Braves kept it close but dropped the third set 25-21 and then the final set 28-26.

With the Braves set to face conference foes the rest of the year, Price-Torok is gearing her team up for what should be a lot of tough matches that are going to require

her team to have a grind-it-out mentality to find wins.

“I think for us, it’s something we’ve been talking about, staying consistent,” Price-Torok said. “Continually communicating, trusting that the person behind you is coming to get the ball and you take the short ball ... You know our conference is really tough. I think we should expect a lot of battles, and I think the more we have those battles and those close sets, you kind of know what to do and you start relying on your teammates a little more.”

The volleyball team will head to Normal this weekend to take on rival Illinois State at 7p.m.

Saturday. Price-Torok said she believes, just like last weekend, it’s going to come down to how well her team can execute in certain situations.

“I think for us we’re going to have to execute on the serving line and really make their attackers uncomfortable,” Price-Torok said. “They have some big kids that can attack, so slowing down the middles and taking out an outside and then really executing our defensive plan from there. But at the same time, we really want to worry about making things crisp and sharp on our side so we can score points.”



Opinion

# Let's end the season already

BY ALEX KRYAH  
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I love baseball. It's been the love of my life since I was seven years old. I've made lifelong friendships playing the game. I spent countless hours in my teenage years working to improve my skills, which taught me the value of discipline. I've created amazing memories with my father, traveling across the Midwest to see all the different ballparks.

As a Red Sox fan, I've sat diligently for hours, days and months of my life to watch the team I love. My passion for my team and the game has promised a lifetime of hope that has transferred into my view of the world.

But this isn't about baseball's

effect on me. That's not interesting, nor important. No, this is about why there are fewer and fewer people like me, who love baseball as much as a loved one. This is about baseball's regular season being obnoxiously too long and how it needs to be shortened. Now.

The MLB regular season spans 162 games from April to October, a seventh-month span. Each team plays virtually every day while routinely lacking novel storylines. The monotony becomes miserable. Summertime is supposed to be baseball's time, but it's quickly turning into football off-season time.

Baseball isn't always meant to be exciting. It's a methodical chess match that is played like a marathon, not a sprint. There

will always be long, brutal, boring games throughout the summer that garner little attendance or media attention.

Baseball is filled with fun and crazy stats and highlights, so why is it so mundane at times? It's because so many games simply don't matter, or at least that's the perception.

If the Red Sox lose a game in mid-June, I don't care because I know that they can come out and win tomorrow. Playoff teams typically only win about 58 percent of their games, so losing every so often isn't a big deal. Why would I watch a game that I know doesn't matter?

Look, I know a game or two usually decides pennant races, but I don't think about that, nor do I care about that, in June. Neither do most baseball fans.

We want meaningful action all the time.

That's becoming too much to ask of baseball. Though every game can matter, on the surface, they're pointless.

What makes it worse is these games take up to three hours. Watching an MLB game can be like listening to Ben Stine in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off." The MLB is losing fans and participants because the game is becoming outdated to a younger generation.

Baseball can do a couple things about this. They can create a 142- or 120-game schedule, slightly reducing the amount of meaningless games while keeping intact the sacred longevity of the season.

I don't think that's enough, though. Let's cut it in half and

make the season 81 games. Think about it; the whole issue in baseball is that a majority of the regular season games don't matter. With 81 games, each team will only play about 26 or 27 series throughout the year, as opposed to playing about 54 series now. Each series will matter significantly, making each game matter in the present.

This will likely never happen, but I hope my point is clear; if baseball wants to survive, it needs to make more games matter. Bore and you will die out, baseball. You may be America's pastime, but that doesn't guarantee your future in this country.

## MLB scouts out Bradley baseball talent

BY ALEX KRYAH  
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Over a dozen Major League Baseball scouts took to Dozer Park Wednesday to evaluate the individual talents of Bradley's baseball team. Scouts came to Bradley to evaluate player's skills in a two and a half hour showcase, and the players certainly did their best to impress the scouts.

"It's a way for the scouts in professional baseball to put a name to a face," head coach Elvis Dominguez said. "[Bradley players] are guys the scouts have been following in high school and they're seeing them develop now."

Scouts look for five skills, or tools, in a position player to evaluate their talent: speed, hitting ability, hitting for power, arm strength and defensive ability. Pitchers are typically evaluated on their fast-ball velocity, location and their off-speed pitches, such as their curveball and changeup. Each player had the opportunity to display their skills Wednesday.

The scouts were attentive throughout the afternoon because Bradley has developed a bit of a reputation among MLB evaluators.

"In the last couple years, we've been able to put guys into the next level," Dominguez said. "This gives [scouts] an opportunity to see them early, see where they are and how they progress going into the spring."

Former Braves Tyler Leffler, Cameron Roegner and Matt Dennis were all drafted in the 2016 amateur draft. Currently, there are 12 Braves in the minor leagues and one in the majors, Rob Scamahill with the Milwaukee Brewers.

Various players, including senior third baseman Spencer Gaa and senior pitcher Nathan Stong, hope to follow the lead of their former teammates. Both flaunted their skills at the scouting combine as Gaa mashed a couple of homeruns during batting practice while Stong's fastball regularly sat at 92 to 94 miles per hour, according to the team.

Dominguez said the scouts were also likely focusing on sophomore outfielder Andy Shadid, senior pitcher Eric Scheuermann and sophomore pitcher Ben Cilano, among others.

Though it may seem counter-intuitive for the players to showcase their skills in the offseason, Dominguez noted that if Bradley



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Scouts from all over Major League Baseball evaluated Bradley players like senior pitcher Nathan Stong.

players want to be professionals, they have to prepare to play long seasons.

"These guys have been playing baseball since January, and we won't finish until the end of October," Dominguez said. "But if you go to the Major League's, it's the same thing. [The scouts] are kind of looking at it from that standpoint of how guys hold up ... so it gives them kind of a gauge of how they'll hold up during a whole season."

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"They're a phenomenal defending team and they defend their home field extremely well. They're the type of team that, if they get a goal, you're going to be in a lot of trouble because they play a very deep bench, and they know how to play with a one goal lead to counter you for the second one. We're going

to have to generate some chances and just have people in the right places."

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pursuits wholeheartedly, which gives them a balanced outlook on the course."

Scaccia said she was proud of her play this week but added that there are many aspects of her game she can improve upon.

"I feel that my play was good, but I left a lot out there on the

course," Scaccia said. "I missed a lot of short putts within the 4 rounds and definitely could have gone lower. However, scrambling to shoot a few over par when I'm not playing the best teaches me how I can keep improving and where I need to work."

The team will play its next tournament in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the MVC Preview, where the young Braves team hopes to show the conference what

they have in store this season.

"I am extremely excited to see what we have in store," Scaccia said. "I truly believe we can be one of the best teams in history given the youth and talent we have. We don't have anyone graduating this year, so we have all returners back for the '17-'18 season. We are all excited to see what can happen, but we're taking it one shot at a time and staying patient."



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Junior Ethan Brue lead Braves with tournament low score in John Dallio Classic.

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# Soccer shut out at homecoming

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There wasn't an empty seat in Shea Stadium for Saturday night's homecoming game, but there was an empty zero on the scoreboard. The Braves men's soccer team was shut out by Evansville 2-0 in the first Missouri Valley Conference matchup of the season.

The crowd was fairly quiet the first half, as neither team was able to take control of the game early on; only six shots were taken between the two teams. The Aces' best chance in the half came when Evansville's Ian McGrath missed an early header just over the crossbar, while Bradley had their best chance when senior midfielder Alex Garcia's shot was saved.

"We've defended very well through the run of play," head coach Jim DeRose said. "I thought we really limited their quality opportunities, the shot count was relatively even, and their shots weren't appreciably dangerous. But on the other side, we really didn't generate a tremendous amount."

In the second half, the momentum quickly swung in favor of Evansville when Jared Robinson scored their first goal in the 51st minute. Down a goal, Bradley tried to play catch up and had Evansville on the ropes with a pair of corner kicks coming close together after the 70-minute mark.

"The game really hinged on the first goal of the second half," DeRose said. "It was a long throw in, got over, bounced and, credit to their leading scorer, he got inside our defender and tapped it in."

The only shot Bradley scored came on the wrong goal. An Evansville cross was headed by junior defenseman Clark Emerson past senior goalkeeper Logan Ketterer into Bradley's net for an own-goal, putting the Purple Aces up for good, 2-0.

"Clark was just trying to make a play for us," DeRose said. "It's one of these things that just happens. Truth be told the final score was 1-0, we gave up the goal before that and we didn't score. It was a tough loss, but the homecoming crowd was phenomenal. It was great student support, great community support. We've been fortunate to win a lot of games on homecoming,



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Junior Falk Dennert rips a shot outside of the penalty box in last week's loss to Evansville. Bradley was held scoreless all match.

we just came up on the short end this weekend, but it was a great vibe and a great atmosphere."

The Braves bounced back Tuesday when they renewed a local non-conference rivalry, defeating Western Illinois 2-0.

The game was fairly quiet in the first half, as well. Both teams displayed good defense, which kept the score knotted going into halftime.

"I was very proud of our team," DeRose said. "We made some changes. The only upper-classman, other than Ketterer, was in our back four. After that, we started six freshmen. I think they did a really nice job, then we brought in our upper classmen, and at that point I think our freshness helped us late in the game."

The start of the second half looked to be going much the same way until Bradley broke the scoreless tie in the 83rd minute.

Emerson headed in a long throw from freshman forward Noah Lasutchinkow for his first goal of the season.

The Braves weren't quite done scoring, though. Just minutes later, junior forward Richard Olson got past the defense and found freshman forward Suad Suljic, who struck from short-range for the first goal of his career.

"Not only were we happy with the result, but it was against a very good team and in a local rivalry game, so that was good for us," DeRose said.

The team's next game will be tomorrow night, when the Braves travel to Springfield, Missouri, to take on conference opponent Missouri State.

"[Missouri State] has won two out of the last three regular season championships," DeRose said.

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## Cross County sweeps home meet

BY ALEX KRYAH  
Sports Editor

It didn't come as too much of a surprise that both the men's and the women's cross country teams won this past weekend at the 30th annual Bradley Intercollegiate meet. The surprises, however, came in how each team won.

The women blew away their competitors, scoring 15 of a possible 15 points in their race, while the men were nearly perfect with a score of 19, four off a perfect score.

The end result was a resounding victory for both sides, which was to be expected from two of the top teams in the region. Head

coach Darren Gauson, as well as the rest of the team, was pleased with the performances.

"I thought we did very well on both sides," Gauson said. "To pick up the perfect score on the women's side was great ... [the men] were almost perfect, but they were a little disappointed because the expectations are little bit different."

The men would've liked to perform a little better considering the makeup of their roster and past performances dating back to last season. Senior Michael Ward, who

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