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### The boy who cried wolf was charged with a felony

BY SAMMANTHA DELLARIA **News Editor** 

In Aesop's "The Boy Who Cried Wolf," telling fake stories resulted in dire consequences for everyone involved; at Bradley, falsifying events also results in serious consequences: felonies.

Bradley University Police Department Chief Brian Joschko said instances of Bradley students filing false police reports occur every year.

The most recent fabricated police report was filed two weeks ago, according to Joschko. It involved a Bradley student telling officers her car had been vandalized in a campus visitor's lot.

After an investigation by BUPD officers concluded the alleged crime had not occurred in that location, the student changed her

story to say the vandalization to her vehicle occurred on Fredonia Avenue. Yet again, officers were able to conclude the crime had not occurred on there.

According to Joschko, it was at that point that officers knew the student had filed a false report.

"When confronted with the evidence that it didn't happen [on Fredonia], she finally said that it was a traffic accident at another location," Joschko said "She clearly lied throughout the investigation, so we arrested her for obstructing and filing a false police

Filing a false police report is a class four felony, according to the Illinois General Assembly. Joschko said false police reports are considered felonies because these investigations waste the police department resources, which could be

used for legitimate crimes.

"In this particular case, we invested a substantial amount of man hours reviewing video, reviewing card access, going to a number of alleged crime scenes, trying to track this down [and] conducting a number of interviews," Joschko said. "That is all time that easily could have been spent ... doing other proactive things and maybe preventing some other crime that happened on campus. Because this particular student chose to lie ... we ended up arresting her and sending her to the county jail and forwarded [the case] to the state attorney's office so that it could be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

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### **Basketball** preview



With the Bradley men's basketball team set to play their first game Saturday, The Scout put together a special edition Basketball Preview. Turn to pages A8 through A15 to read about the upcoming

season.

#### Día de los Muertos event celebrates heritage

BY KYLE STONE **Senior Copy Editor** 

Mariachi music emanated from Garrett Cultural Center last night as the Sigma Lambda Gamma sorority held an event in observance of the Latin holiday El Día de los Muertos or the Day of the

The event, which celebrated the spirits of those who have passed away, featured a local mariachi band, a performance and lesson by the Bradley Salsa Club, trivia

Sigma Lambda Gamma member Gaby Rivera explained what was going on at the event as well as some of the decorations, including a table that featured objects relevant to El Día de los Muertos.

"It is a Day of the Dead tradition," Rivera, a senior health science major, said. "Things [on the table] typically include bread, candles and flowers. It's all part of the festivities."

Above the table was a collection of pictures of individuals who had died, many being prominent figures, such as former president

of South Africa Nelson Mandela and actor Robin Williams. Sigma Lambda Gamma Community Service and Scholarship Chair Joselin Saldana explained the significance of the pictures.

'The pictures celebrate the spirits of those in our memories who have passed away," Saldana, a junior social work and Spanish double major, said.

Across from the table and pictures was a crafting area, which is a typical activity on El Día de los Muertos, according to Saldana.

"It's really popular to do crafts as part of the Day of the Dead," Saldana said. "Crafts usually include colorful materials and paper."

Saldana also said students created flower figures using the colored paper because of what it represents on the holiday.

"Rose-shaped flowers represent love for loved ones who have passed," Saldana said.

During the night, the Bradley University Salsa Club gathered at the front of the room to put on a performance. The audience fixated their eyes on the performers,

and some students videotaped the

Following the performance and the audience's applause, Salsa Club members asked students to join them at the front of the room for a quick lesson. Sophomore psychology major Kerri Predovich said she was excited to oblige.

"[I've] salsa'ed before, but it's been a really long time, [as I last did it] at a friend's quinceañera," Predovich said. "I was trying to get people up there to feel more comfortable, kind of getting people out of their comfort zones."

Following the salsa dance, local mariachi band "Los Campiranos" arrived. The all-string quartet's performance added a great deal of authenticity to the Día de los Muertos event, according to sophomore civil engineering major Ryan Rembert.

"The band made [the event] culturally authentic," Rembert said. "It makes it feel more real; you really get a glimpse of what it means to be at a Día de los Muertos celebration."

Event organizer Lupe Flores said the reason Sigma Gamma



The sorority Sigma Lambda Gamma hosted a celebration for El Día de Los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead, last night in Garrett Cultural

Lambda put on the event was to raise awareness of El Día de los

"What inspired Sigma Gamma Lambda is that people do not have enough information about this Latin American holiday," Flores, a senior psychology major, said. "People see sugar skull [candy] and go crazy but don't know much about it."

Bradley Director of Student Activities Tom Coy attended the

event and said he applauded the efforts of Sigma Lambda Gamma in bringing awareness to El Día de los Muertos in a special way.

"This is the first time since I've been at Bradley that I've been aware of a formal observation of the Day of the Dead," Coy said. "I think this is great that Sigma Lambda Gamma, as a multicultural sorority, is creating cultural awareness in a new way on cam-

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#### Alumni provide insight about life after Bradley

Former Bradley students will return to the Hilltop at 7 p.m. Nov. 7 to discuss their post-graduation experiences.

"A Look Into The First Year Out: Alumni Tell All" will feature Q-and-A sessions about topics such as starting a business, moving to a new city and graduate school preparation.

The event is in Westlake Hall room 116 and features light snacks. Contact the Smith Career Center with questions about the event at careers@bradley.edu.

#### Students gather to watch presidential election results

The Department of Political Science is hosting an election night viewing party at 7 p.m. Nov. 8 in Michel Student Center Ballroom.

Live election results will be screened to attendees. Free food and drinks will be provided and all are welcome to attend.

Contact Megan Remmel for further information at mremmel@fsmail.bradley.edu.

#### **Brave Comedy brings comedian to the Hilltop**

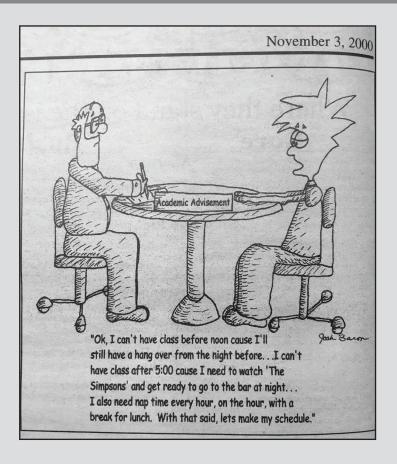
Comedian Matthew Broussard will entertain students at 8 p.m. Nov. 9 in Michel Student Center

Broussard, who can currently be seen on MTV2's "Guy Code," has also been featured on Comedy Central and NBC.

For further information, contact ACBU comedy committee member Ryan Rembert at rrembert@mail.bradley.edu.

### BLAST FROM THE PAST

This week in Bradley history...



A cartoon from the Nov. 3, 2000, edition of The Scout shows a student meeting with his adviser during academic advisement week.

#### **POLICE REPORTS**

• Seven non-students were in a garage watching Game 7 of the Cubs vs. Indians World Series when they were robbed at gunpoint at 10:18 p.m. Nov. 2 on the 1100 block of N. Douglas Street.

Two armed males demanded the seven non-students empty their pockets of money.

The armed males fled the scene. There are no suspects.

• Officers responded to a report of a female student vomiting after drinking alcohol at 1:32 a.m. Oct. 30 on the 800 block of N. Cooper Street.

The student said she drank jungle juice made by her roommates while at a party at her house. She also said she poured her own drinks, but later felt like her drinks had been drugged.

The female was of the legal drinking age, and she was transported to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center.

• A female student claimed to receive a scholarship letter in the mail from Bradley at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 1, but the letter turned out to be fraudulent.

The female lives out of state and is enrolled in Bradley's online nursing program. She said the letter reduced the cost per three credit hours she takes from \$3,315 to \$1,160.25.

Officers investigated the letter but do not know why she received it or where it came from.

• A male student was found intoxicated in a dorm stairway at 3:20 a.m. Oct. 30 on the 1300 block of W. Bradley Avenue.

The student said he was drinking jungle juice and beer. Officers tried to administer a Breathalyzer test but were unable to because the student was constantly belching.

The male was underage, and he was transported to Methodist Hospital.

• One male and two female students saw a small dog running around the 1300 block of W. Fredonia Avenue without an owner at 12:47 a.m. Oct. 27.

The students said the dog looked wet and lost, and when trying to catch the dog, it bit one of the female's fingers.

Peoria County Animal Protection Services came to the scene and took the dog for observation.

• Two male roommates were physically fighting at 6:35 p.m. Oct. 31 on the 1100 block of W. Russell Street.

The two students said they got into an argument over something posted on Facebook. The first male tried to walk away from the fight when it turned physical, but the second male persisted. The second male was arrested for domestic battery.

• Officers received two reports of burglary at 11:41 p.m. Nov. 1 on the 1400 block of W. Fredonia Avenue.

Two female students said someone broke into their unlocked cars, the first claimed \$30 in change was stolen and the second claimed \$20 to \$30 in cash was stolen.

There are no suspects.



#### HILLTOP HUMANS

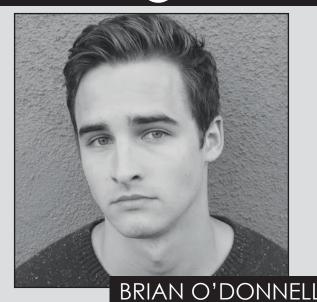


photo via Brian O'Donnell

Brian O'Donnel, a 2016 Bradley graduate, acted in the 2011 Hollywood movie "Contagion."

#### BY LISA STEMMONS Voice Editor

Despite growing up in the Midwest, living in Los Angeles has always been inevitable for 2016 Bradley graduate and "Contagion" actor Brian O'Donnell.

During his junior year of high school, O'Donnell's acting agent in Chicago booked his first big audition. Although he has always been passionate about acting, prior to the audition he mainly did print and voice over work for companies like McDonald's, Kohl's, Target and Abercrombie and Fitch.

Then O'Donnell landed a role in the Hollywood film, "Contagion," alongside the likes of Matt Damon,

Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law and Kate Winslet. He found out three months after auditions when he received a phone call inquiring about how he wanted his name to look in the film's credits. That was the beginning of what he said he believes was the most amazing experience of his life.

"Being on set was a surreal experience, not only because it was shot in Elgin, only a one-anda-half hour drive from my house, but because it was like a different world," O'Donnell said. "For my first big project, it couldn't have been better."

O'Donnell said his fondest memories were with Matt Damon, someone he describes as down-toearth, comforting and completely professional. O'Donnell said Damon never made anyone feel like he was better than them.

"That year, the Boston Bruins were playing the [Vancouver] Canucks in the Stanley Cup Finals, and I'll never forget hanging out on set in between takes, watching the hockey game with Matt Damon, Steven Soderbergh, who was the director, and the cast and crew," O'Donnell said.

O'Donnell said the premiere was an incredible event, which he attended with his parents at the Lincoln Center in New York.

"The red carpet was really cool,

[and] watching the movie for the first time next to Elliott Gould and Jennifer Ehle was also insanely amazing," O'Donnell said. "I actually met my current manager at that after-party, thanks to another star of the film, Chin Han."

When "Contagion" came out in 2011, O'Donnell was a senior in high school, and he said he was eager to continue with his acting career. But his parents wanted him to receive a college education first.

"By then, I had already taken the ACT, applied to colleges, scholarships, et cetera," O'Donnell said. "I had every opportunity to move to L.A. and start my career out there, but my parents were stubborn in their decision."

He said schools in California were too expensive, so initially his top choices were at larger schools like the University of Iowa and University of Illinois. But then O'Donnell visited Bradley, and he said he spotted a major that would be useful in both real life and in his dream of acting.

"[Entrepreneurship] is not offered anywhere, but Bradley stood out as a clear contender," O'Donnell said. "A nationally-ranked program at a close, private school that could provide financial aid sounded like the obvious choice."

Along with majoring in entre-

Professor gives first-hand

account of German

immigration crisis

preneurship, O'Donnell minored in social media marketing and was involved with Bradley's club hockey team for all four years, first as a player and then doing camera

"I think my degree is awesome; I really liked my major classes and developed a great skill set that is very useful to me in pursuing a career in which I have to pitch myself, like a product, to the consumer [in acting] as well as the financial backer [production/ creative team]," O'Donnell said. "It also gave me backup skills in accounting, business management, computer systems, and other things that matter mostly in getting a day job."

O'Donnell moved to L.A. in September, and he said he loves being in the casting room now, instead of taping his auditions in Constance Hall and sending them to his manager to give to the client.

"Now's the time I have to put my nose to the grindstone with making money to sustain myself, but also working on acting, learning and experiencing as much as I possibly can," O'Donnell said.

He may be California dreaming now, but O'Donnell said he will always be grateful to Bradley for introducing him to his best friends, people he said he knows he will have for the rest of his life.

### Internet updates

#### **Expect campus-wide Wi-Fi outages throughout November**

**BY TORI MOSES Editor-in-Chief** 

An upgrade to the core network infrastructure on campus will cause internet service to be interrupted throughout November.

Crews will work from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in on- and off-campus buildings. According to University Spokesperson Renee Charles, the internet outages could last for as little as 20 minutes or for the full 8-hour work day, depending on the building.

"Plan on going somewhere else for your Internet access during that time because you'll be booted off without warning," Charles said.

All of campus will experience intermittent Wi-Fi outages during the week of Nov. 14 as wireless technology is updated.

The Technology HelpDesk posted a tentative schedule on its website, and Charles said residents of each building will receive emails as soon as possible to let them know when their building will be affected.

"It could be that we find out at noon the workers got done early in Wyckoff, and they are moving on immediately to the next building," Charles said. "As soon as we know, we will notify students, but we just want everyone on board. So, just know this is coming."

#### blazer - it's not what many would expect a person trekking 400 miles across Germany to wear, but William Toel did.

The Honors Program professor wore the exact same outfit Tuesday as he spoke in the Cullom-Davis Library about his experiences in Germany during the height of the recent immigration crisis.

Dress shoes and a crisp, blue

**BY TORI MOSES** 

Editor-in-Chief

"This jacket and these pants and these shoes, which are very worn, are the same ones I wore every day for a month in October and November of 2015 when I walked all five eastern states of Germany," Toel said.

Toel spoke about several issues that have arisen during the immigration crisis, including false

"The total number [of immigrants] was underestimated; the gender makeup was distorted; ethnicity of the refugees was misreported," Toel said. "If you asked [authority figures], they were Syrians fleeing from Russia, but ... what I found was only 30 percent were Syrians."

Press manipulation was also common, according to Toel.

"This gentleman was at a major rally I attended ... and I actually saw him right in front of me fall down for no reason other than it was part of the script," Toel said. "His cameraman got over the top of him and shook the camera, and this was live on national news, and he got up and claimed he had been beaten over the head by rightwing supremacists. There was no one who touched him."

After visiting Germany at least twice a year for the last 20 years, Toel said the immigration crisis brought major change to the coun-

"From the peace and laughter that characterized Germany and made it a major tourist center, now public pools, public playgrounds, public schools and even cemeteries are under armed guards," Toel said. "The carefree German is no

Toel said the crisis has parallels to this year's U.S. presidential

"We too in America have had a one-sided press; we too in America have used political correctness to shove off debate and to ignore legitimate thresholds; we too in the Trump and Clinton race have a situation where no one is excited about who they're voting for, but it's almost like they are voting against someone," Toel said.

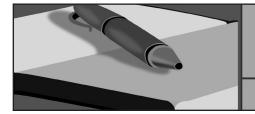
Toel said most Americans have been shocked by this election, and "this is not the America of Jefferson, Washingon and Adams."

"I propose to you that it is the same simmering undercurrent that comes when normal people in normal houses can not get answers to their questions and common sense is not prevalent in their deals," Toel said. "When fairness and justice and balanced truth are absent, dramatic social upheaval is nat-

#### **Tentative schedule:**

Wyckoff Hall - Nov. 1 Heitz Hall - Nov. 2 **University Hall** – Nov. 3 and 4 **Geisert Hall** – Nov. 7 and 8 Williams Hall – Nov. 9 and 10 Harper Hall – Nov. 11

**Student Apartment Complex** – Nov. 14 St. James Complex – Nov. 15 to Nov. 22 (weekdays)



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### Refugee tells story, inspires action

BY SAMMANTHA DELLARIA

**News Editor** 

The Syrian refugee crisis was brought closer to home as Syrian native Qutaiba Idlbi discussed the challenges of being a refugee in America during an election year.

Idlbi addressed a packed Neumiller hall, filled with students, faculty and members of the community. The event was hosted by the International Affairs Organization, Muslim Student Association, Peoria Area World Affairs Council, the Institute of International Studies and the Center for Legal Studies.

Idlbi is a native of Damascus and lived in Syria until he came to the United States in 2013. He was present when riots broke out in Syria in March 2011. After being detained twice by internal security services, he was forced to leave the country, which is when he came to Washington, D.C.

According to Idlbi, his father was an active participant in peaceful protest before he passed away.

'My dad was one of the leaders of the [peace protests] in the '60s. But I didn't even know my dad was an activist ... until he died," Idlbi said. "I was 15, and my brother was 20, and people were coming over, and the first day, one of his friends decided that each person should come up and speak about my dad. So within three days, I basically knew all this

stuff about my dad I didn't know before."

Idlbi said after hearing of his father's actions he recognized the importance of peaceful protests, something that would become prevalent later in his life when the Syrian crisis began. In March 2011, protests began in Syra, and Idlbi participated. However, the Syrian government did not approve of the movements sparked by the Syrian people.

"Because [the government] couldn't control demonstrations, they sent the army in," Idlbi said.

After the Syrian army was sent in, protests became violent, and Idlbi lost close friends, something he said he didn't know how to deal with

"We lost a lot of our friends, but it was the first time I felt like we couldn't have a lot to say," Idlbi said. "[My brother] told me, 'This is the first time you lose people, but they're still in one piece.' It was as if they're asleep."

After two years of protesting, Idlbi came to America in 2013 and is now the co-founder and operating manager of People Demand Change, a social enterprise with the goal of providing a sustainable model for implementing and supporting aid in places like Syria.

Idlbi started the organization because he said the Syrian people are in dire need of any aid available to them.

"We have 13.5 million people

in need ... and they're not getting enough water, or medicine," Idlibi said. "They're way under the poverty line, in need of immediate assistance every day."

According to Idlibi, the upcoming presidential election has a lot of weight in how the country deals with the Syrian refugee crisis.

"With the elections coming next week, a lot of people wonder about the different positions of [the] candidates," Idlibi said. "I don't like to talk about it much because I'm not American, but I think it's a little more than internal ... You're not just electing the President of the United States, you're basically electing the person who will be leading the international community."

Students in attendance said bringing Idlibi to campus was very helpful in hearing a perspective from someone close to the Syrian

"I think it's really important that we continue to bring stuff like this to campus," Sean Faron, a junior political science major, said. "I went to the last thing [International Affairs Organization] did about climate thing and it was great. It has high attendance, these kind of issues are super important, especially as college students who have time to be active about this kind of thing."

Kelsey Burge, a member of the International Affairs Organization, said having Idlbi come to campus



photo by Maddie Gehling

Qutaiba Idlbi, a Syrian refugee, talked about riots in his home country and the difficulties of coming to America during an election year.

helps college students understand how they can make a change.

"As college students, even though it sounds cheesy, we are the future," Burge, a senior international studies major, said. "I

think it's important to learn about these issues now and get a stance on them, really figure out how we want to continue forward and shape the world essentially, shape

### Election survey promotes national research

BY MADDIE GEHLING **Managing Editor** 

In the lead-up to the 2016 presidential election, Bradley is participating in a nationwide research consortium along with 23 other universities.

"The end goal of this is to learn about the election from a variety of perspectives," Anji Phillips, assistant professor of television arts, said. "[We're studying] the influence of various media on political attitudes of voters in a presidential election."

While Phillips was getting her doctorate in political and mass communication at the University of Missouri, she formed a research relationship with the Political Communication Institute and its director, Mitchell McKinney.

"Dr. McKinney invited me to participate [in this study] along with his colleagues from around the country," Phillips said. "These are folks that have been conducting this research for a pretty long time, so it was kind of an honor to be invited to participate in the

Now, Bradley is included in the research lineup along with schools like San Diego State University, Ohio State University, Iowa State University, Marquette University and Emerson College.

"The debate study was the first of a few studies we're conducting," Phillips said. "For example, the idea and what we want to know about debates is, 'How do you feel about these particular candidates now?' We want you to

watch the debates, to experience and have that debate knowledge ... Then, of course, we administer a post-test."

Phillips said the debate survey results showed viewers believed Hillary Clinton improved with each debate, while Donald Trump did well during the first debate, but did not improve for the fol-

"We're also examining the media diet of folks," Phillips said. "For example, how does what we expose ourselves to in media impact the vote choice? It's even more important because ... there's just been interesting coverage for what's turned out to be the two frontrunners."

For Phillips, the most rewarding aspect of being involved in these surveys is analyzing the research results.

"A lot of times we speculate, 'The media does that, that liberal media, the alt-right," Phillips said. "We hear these things, and what does all of that mean? Rather than speculating, let's do the research to find out."

Phillips said she hopes Bradley's research on the subject expands in future years.

"This is the beginning of a partnership with Bradley and approximately [23] other universities across the country," Phillips said. "I anticipate in future elections that, as a group, we will work together on these."

Both surveys - the debate and the political media survey - run until Nov. 8.

To participate in the surveys, visit: tinyurl.com/2016BradleyElection1 and tinyurl.com/2016BradleyElection2







### LOCAL SUSHI REVIEWS



Reviewer: Kyle Stone

Restaurant: Osaka Hibachi and Sushi Bar, 5201 W. War Memorial Drive

Food: Spicy salmon roll, spicy crab roll, alaskan roll Price: \$10.50

Fixed in the front of the Shoppes at Grand Prairie outdoor mall, Osaka Hibachi and Sushi Bar immerses patrons in a Japanese atmosphere. While it's awesome that Osaka features a large dining room, a traditional Japanese-themed private seating area complete with cushions and a lively sushi bar, these fixtures simply complement the sole purpose of the trip to the restaurant: the incredible sushi.

When I stopped in for lunch Nov. 2, I had no idea I'd be napping on the way home because of how full I was from the meal I received for only \$10.50: a bowl of miso soup, a salad and three, six piece rolls of arguably the best sushi I've had since moving to Peoria three years ago.

The spicy salmon pieces aren't the size of a nickel like you'd find at Happy Fish, and not a single piece fell apart after I dropped it five times due to my inability to use chop sticks like a normal human being. The sushi was truly high quality.

Next time you feel the urge to indulge in sushi, make the trip to Osaka. It's well worth it.

Grade: A



Reviewer: Tori Moses Restuarant: Happy Fish, 1200 W Main Street #22 Food: Spider roll and fried dumplings Price: \$10.34 with coupon, \$14.84 without

What you thought: In complete honesty, I only ordered the spider roll because I had a coupon, but the money I saved was not worth what I got. While the roll's presentation was interesting (still in the Halloween mood, the roll looked like a spider was popping out of the ends with fried crab, and the shredded crab meat inside kind of resembled brains), the taste was terrible. The description – softshell crab, cucumber and avocado with unagi sauce - includes all things I like, but the way they were thrown together with a flimsy pink paper wrapping was disappointing. The roll's flavor was overpowered by the fried taste of the crab, and the rice was loose, causing everything to fall apart.

On the other hand, my fried dumplings were delicious, and the sauce that came with them was the perfect fusion of sweet and spicy. But I ordered my meal for takeout, and I was told it would be ready in 15 minutes, so I showed up in 10 (because I'm a prompt little cookie), and the dumplings were already cold.

I've had great experiences at Happy Fish, but this time around I was a #sadfish. Stay away from the spider roll, and dine in instead of taking out.

Grade: C



Reviewer: Maddie Gehling Restaurant: SushiKo (formerly Sushi PoPo), 4700 N. **University Street** Food: Veggie roll and chicken teriyaki roll Price: \$10

What you thought: Because I'm weak, I never order fish sushi - or any fish, for that matter. I don't like the way it tastes: like shoving a lump of dirty, flaky East Coast ocean in my mouth (and don't try to tell me, "Oh, you just haven't had good fish." I have.).

But fish or no, SushiKo's other options certainly deliver. I started with the cucumber and avocado roll, of which there were six. The sticky rice was nice and fluffy, the avocado was smooth and ripe and the cucumber was crisp and fresh. Plus, who doesn't like that soft pink rice paper?

I also got the chicken teriyaki rolls - this was the first time I've ever had any sort of protein in my sushi. They were almost as big as my fist – and I got five of them. Crisp lettuce and cucumber slices cuddled the warm chicken on a soft bed of rice in these rolls. The flavor was so right, I didn't even need the wasabi, soy sauce or ginger.

Their menu is endless, the staff is friendly, and it's a nice escape from campus. I will definitely go back to SushiKo.

Grade: A+



Design by Megan Bammann

### Sign language interpreters improve event accessibility

BY KYLEE HIGGINS

**Copy Editor** 

Department Communication is currently taking strides to accommodate those who are deaf and hard of hearing by inviting sign language interpreters to all of their public events.

So far, there have been two events where a sign language interpreter was present - during Holocaust survivor Magda Brown's event and at the Jessica Yellin Robison Lecture.

Department of Communication chair Paul Gullifor said the idea of inviting interpreters to public events stemmed from President Gary Roberts and his objectives for the university.

"In the Fall Faculty Assembly back in August, President Roberts was outlining his goals, and he mentioned as one of them a needed commitment to the Americans with Disabilities Act and how that would be a focus in the coming academic year,"

Gullifor said.

Gullifor said inviting interpreters to the department's events was also an appropriate response to basic courtesy.

"I think [inviting sign language interpreters] does show, in a very public way, a commitment to the president's mission, but also to the need to be sensitive and aware that not everybody has equal access to these events," Gullifor said. "And it's the right thing to do."

Gullifor said the idea to invite sign language interpreters to public events came from administration supporter Jolene Cole after they were talking about the events coming up for the year.

According to Cole, the Magda Brown event was her inspiration to take action. She said she knew there would be deaf and people who are hard of hearing in attendance who did not have equal access. She said she first reached out to the American Sign Language club on campus, but was unable to get an interpreter through them.

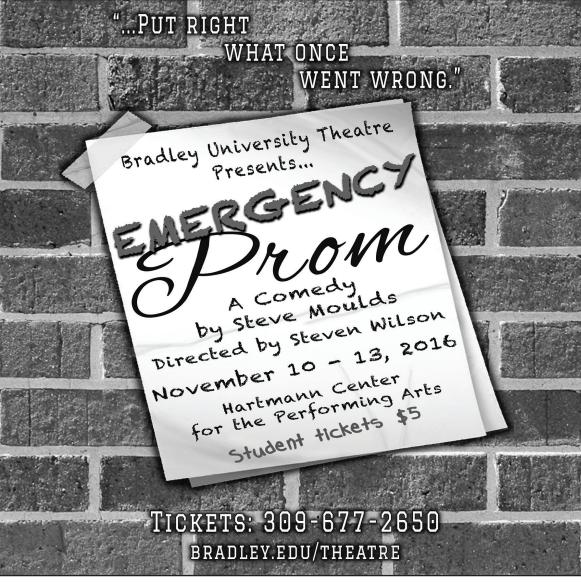
Cole then reached out to Advocates for Access, a non-profit organization in Peoria that serves people with disabilities, as well as provides assistance to people with disabilities. The organization then sent an interpreter out for the

Junior public relations major Logan Dowell attended the Magda Brown event and thought the inclusion of an interpreter was a great step toward making the campus more accessible.

Dowell said she has been learning American Sign Language since earlier this year and considers herself an advocate for people who are disabled.

"It was something that I was super excited about because it's really important for people to be able to hear [Magda Brown's] story, and with having ASL interpreters at lectures or events like that, there's not that communication barrier," Dowell said.

Gullifor said the Department of Communication plans on inviting interpreters to all of this year's





#### Editorial

### The Scout endorses Hillary Clinton

When The Scout's editorial board sat down to write this endorsement, the general consensus was to not endorse any candidate. But after much deliberation, we see only one real option: Hillary Clinton.

We worried about Clinton's secretive nature – but what politician isn't, to an extent? We were concerned about how scripted she sounded in debates – but after all, isn't it good to be prepared?

Clinton has more than 30 years of experience in politics. From her college internship in the White House, to her work with the Children's Defense Fund, to holding a seat in Senate and serving as Secretary of State until 2013, she's always been working for the common good.

She's fought for the rights of workers, women and children. She's gracefully tackled controversial topics throughout her professional career, such as immigration, the national debt, taxes and abortion – and all of this she did long before she was running for president. Clinton has always cared about these issues, and she knows what she's doing.

Not to mention she's had to

deal with decades of criticism – even harsher than her peers due to her gender. Bill Clinton, Barack Obama and Donald Trump are never criticized about the height of their heels or the color of their outfits, and Clinton addresses these callouts with ease.

Trump. Is that really the hand you want hovering over the fabled Big Red Button? He's too hot-tempered, and he's never held a political office in his life. The Scout would feel more comfortable electing a local school board member over Trump – at least they would know how to play well with oth-

ers.

Trump lacks the skills necessary to deal with matters such as foreign affairs, easing racial tensions and handling policy with members from both sides of the aisle in Congress.

While Clinton is certainly not a perfect candidate, her knowledge of political action is backed by a strong resume and a determination to improve our country.

We cannot, in good conscious, endorse any other candidate.

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### Column

#### Advice for ungrateful dining hall users



TORI MOSES vmoses@mail.bradley.edu Editor-In-Chief

About a week ago, Maddie Gehling (The Scout's managing editor) and I were sitting in the newspaper office, scratching edits on articles and talking about our terrible eating habits.

Maddie eats mainly ramen and TV dinners, while my meals consist of cheap eggs and several cups of coffee.

After wallowing for a few minutes in self-pity, Maddie and I decided to #treatourselves and splurge on an \$8 meal at Geisert Hall.

Neither of us had been to a campus dining hall in years – and honestly, we didn't have the fondest of memories when thinking back to those dorm-living days. But the all-you-can-eat buffet and promise of fresh fruit was enticing

So we went, and the entire experience was magical.

The food options were endless – I filled plate after plate with salad, mashed potatoes, chicken, pasta, cookies, Jell-O and more.

The food was also tasty (shout out to the Olive Garden-esque breadsticks), and the best part of the experience was not having to wash my dirty dishes after

Maddie and I returned to the office with full, happy bellies and raved about our dinners. Underclassmen Scouters were shocked at our enthusiasm, and they immediately started insulting campus cafeterias, saying they couldn't wait to live off campus and be able to cook for themselves.

Well, kiddos, living without a dining plan is not fun.

If I'm craving Jell-O, I have to buy the stuff, do the prep and then wait four hours for it to set. If I want a nice, large salad, that's too bad, because lettuce turns soggy after just a few days in the refrigerator, so I will never have that laying around my house. If I want mashed potatoes, cool, because I have an instant bag that tastes like Play-Doh in my pantry.

Freshman year Tori couldn't

wait to cook for herself, especially after gaining a few first-year pounds. My mom told me not to worry because eating healthy would be much easier once I'm out of the dorms and in a real kitchen.

False (read in Dwight Schrute voice).

Grocery shopping for healthy food (or any food, really) is difficult when you are on a college budget, no matter how many Pinterest posts say otherwise.

When I was on the dining plan, I ended up wasting a majority of my cafeteria swipes and instead opted for Student Center's Chick-Fil-A or the pasta bar (RIP). I spent too much time complaining and too much money on other food.

Current dining plan members: don't make the same mistakes. Appreciate the campus cafeterias while you can, because dining only gets worse from here.

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# Greek life students talk stereotypes, individuality

BY HANNAH SNIDMAN Off-staff Reporter

The greek community fostered a night of leadership as they brought two speakers to campus.

Lori Hart, the senior director of Prevention Initiatives for Pi Kappa Phi National Headquarters, ran the workshop and gave the 7:30 p.m. presentation titled "YOU be YOU: A Discussion on Communication, Gender and Relationships."

"The presentation holds a critical message that being different is not a bad thing and to embrace what makes you unique and stand out," Vinny Dellaria, Interfraternity Council director of public relations, said. "Students [gained] further insight on the socialization and stereotypes of men and women and how we can all strive to improve our relationships with others all while being reminded to be true to ourselves. This is something that Pi Kappa Phi values tremendously as we strive to accept others for who they are."

Hart's presentation emphasized high self-esteem, confidence and being welcoming to others.

"Our chapter, and the men of Pi Kappa Phi, find Lori to be a huge role model as she has ... done incredible things for our fraternity," Dellaria said.

James Robilotta, a professional speaker and the author of "Leading Imperfectly," gave the 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. presentations titled "Leading Imperfectly." His speech addressed the acronym PEORM, which stands for Purposeful, Empower, Own, Real, Morals, regarding authentic leaders.

"The crux of the message is that we as humans can't learn things from people who are perfect; we can only learn things from people who are imperfect," Robilotta said. "That allows others who are coming behind us to see themselves in us and not think that they have to be this perfect person in order to achieve whatever level of success they think they need to."

In February, members of greek life attended the Association of Fraternal Leadership Values conference in Indianapolis. Taylor Provax, Panhellenic Council vice president, said she was impressed with Robilotta's speech and invited him to Bradley.

"Both councils chose to bring James to campus because of his authenticity, charisma and ability to engage an audience," Provax said. "I thought he would be a terrific speaker to bring to campus for the fall semester. From this keynote, students should take away a better understanding of the value of being an authentic person and how you don't have to be perfect to be a leader."

Students said they learned to apply his idea of being yourself both within the greek community and beyond.

"[Robilotta's] message is important because in greek life, we match with the people who have the same ideals as our own," sophomore nursing major Rebecca Zaragoza said. "Often when this happens, we begin to blend in with our chapter and identify as a whole, when we should be remembering that although we are a unit, we are also unique individuals within our unit, and unique units within greek life as an entirety."

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And the repercussions for filing a false report and being charged with a felony will be experienced throughout life, according to Joschko.

"I had a person contact the police department [in the early '90s], she was apparently drinking at a fraternity party, drank too much, ... became ill [and] officers evaluated her," Joschko said. "She ended up being transported to the hospital, and she received an underage drinking citation. She contacted us within the last month trying to get a copy of that because now she is trying to adopt a child, and she was concerned [that information] was going to come back because technically it falls as an arrest ... She still now has to disclose [this]."

Even if the violation is expunged from a person's record, all of the information is recorded on their conduct file, which is something that is looked into on background checks by employers, according to Joschko.

"You could be 30 years down the road at 50 [years old] and the vice president of some company, and now you're explaining to your boss how you lied in some report that maybe wasn't caught on the initial background, but it will get caught at some point," Joschko said. "It's going to come back, and it's going to haunt you. That's the piece of this that I just wish our students fully understood."

Officers are trained to detect false police reports and can tell when the evidence does not reflect the alleged crime, Joschko said. Last summer, a young man attempted to buy drugs in the East Bluff when he was robbed of his phone and money. The man then reported he was the victim of an armed robbery on campus.

"In this particular incident, it was pretty easy to realize that there is no way that this happened the way that it was alleged," Joschko said. "Eventually, it comes out that in this case, the individual was buying drugs. That's not the first time we have heard stuff like that. The officers are not naive."

Joschko said officers can easily tell when someone is deceiving them.

"We spend a lot of time training officers and sending them to specialty school to tell when people are being deceptive," Joschko said. "The officers are very skilled at that. They can tell when somebody is not being truthful."

Joschko said a case from August 2014 had a widespread effect on the Bradley community.

"A female student claimed that she was the victim of an armed robbery at the 800 block of Underhill [Street], where she was approached by a guy with a knife," Joschko said. "In that case, we actually issued out a safety alert ... and it caused significant anxiety amongst the students, parents, faculty and staff. And it turns out that [the report] was completely fabricated in an attempt to get attention."

Lying to police or giving false information is a matter that should not be taken lightly, either, Joschko said.

"Filing a false police report or knowingly making false statements to a police officer, any police officer ... is a crime," Joschko said. "Those are the types of crimes that police officers and state's attorney's offices typically like to see prosecuted because it is wasting the time of the department, and it's wasting the money of the citizens of Peoria, or in our case ... wasting the university's money. When we have that type of waste, we are not going to sit idly by. We are going to ensure that we take action."





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# Black Mirror' uses fantasy to reflect reality BY USA STEMMONS

A Netflix original television series much scarier than any Halloween horror film is now streaming its third season. It may not feature the typical tropes of horror, such as jump scares, paranormal occurrences and gore, but what it does provide is a deep, inner psychological fear.

No film or series can make you as uneasy and disorientated as "Black Mirror."

Released in 2011, the British television show, originally produced on BBC, is most commonly referred to as a modern-day "Twilight Zone." With an anthology type style, "Black Mirror" presents a different cast, setting and scenario every episode, but all of the episodes are equally compelling.

The first season only contains three 45-minute episodes, but it's more than enough to get you hooked. There's plenty of shock value, but not in an unrealistic way. It strikes a chord as a real reflection of our culture ¬– one where technology has a distorting effect on our lives. The trio of intrigue, reliability and mixed emotions seals the deal.

"Black Mirror" does what any great television show should; it immerses the audience into a world and then leaves them reeling for days after. It poses questions and depicts interpretive situations. It tackles modern day issues in an entertaining manner, amplifying the immediacy of the problem.

The themes of the first season include a worst case scenario example of hacking, the harmful nature of constant media exposure and a nightmarish world where a chip implanted in your head gives you the ability to record, rewind and re-watch every waking moment of your life.

All of the episodes managed to drive home a major takeaway in very different ways. Episode one escalates an unusual plot through a natural set of events in order to increase the likelihood of such an incident. Episode two allows the viewer to directly put themselves in the shoes of the main character. The incessant scenes of a mundane lifestyle push our patience to the breaking point, in sync with the character's feelings. Episode three exemplifies a next level visual of an unhealthy, possessive relationship, which is something most individuals have some level of personal experience with.

All the portrayals work so well because they hit the major constituents of a compelling narrative. The societal shift demonstrated by the actors is so convincing. Its plausibility is sure to give anyone the chills. The cinematography is genius and the screenplay is character-driven, rather than focusing on the setting or situation.

It's difficult to comprehend all of what "Black Mirror" encompasses after one watch. A level of scrutiny is required to pick up on all of the subtle nuances and satirical elements. It is the perfect show for deep thinkers and "what if" fanatics, with each episode introducing a new slew of mind-boggling questions for fans to fixate on.

The title of the series itself is diabolically brilliant. A "black mirror" refers to a screen when turned off. If the mere reference to technology isn't creative enough for you, think of it on a deeper level. Even when your TV, smartphone, laptop or tablet is turned off, it reflects a puzzled world that no longer knows how to function without such items.

"Black Mirror" serves as a reflection to your own life – one that will forever be controlled by the demands of a technologically driven society.



# REMEMBER, REMEMBER THE 5TH OF NOVEMBER

#### BY BROOKE PISCIOTTO

Maybe you're not a fan of anarchy or the movie "V for Vendetta," but everyone can appreciate the occasional good-intentioned rebel. Nov. 5 is the famous Guy Fawkes Day celebration in Britain, based on the arrest of a British revolutionist in 1605 who wanted to restore Catholicism as the state religion by blowing up Parliament. But why should us Americans care?

Guy Fawkes' face is well known for a reason: he is the face of revolution and change. He is the face of "Anonymous," the famous "hacktivist" group. Even though he was anti-government and many British people engage in burning Fawkes' masks on Nov. 5, others wear his mask as a warning to the government.

In the film adaptation of "V for Vendetta," Hugo Weaving plays the character V. He proclaims the famous lines: "People shouldn't be afraid of their governments. Governments should be afraid of their people." This movie inspired a social revolution and gained Fawkes even more publicity centuries after his assassination.

The conspirator Fawkes certainly was confident in his ability to threaten the government. According to his biography, under the super-clever alias "John Johnson," fellow conspirators and Fawkes purchased a plot of space directly under the parliamentary building. This is where they planted at least 20 barrels of gunpowder for their plan to demolish Parliament and reinforce Catholicism in the nation. Thus, the infamous "Gunpowder Plot" was born.

V warns in the film the government may try to censor and instill fear in its citizens to create the illusion of safety. This way, a leader will have complete control over its people. The film's storyline argues that by sitting back and letting awful things happen, we are the ones to blame. V points out, "If you're looking for the guilty, you need only look into a mirror." And this is more prevalent more than ever during this current presidential election. It is important to be aware of the motives behind our candidates.

Sure, Fawkes ended up getting caught in 1605 and failed to blow up King James I, but we can still celebrate the effort. The fact that almost no one has successfully stood up to the American government recently is striking, especially during this controversial presidential election.

Personally, I think we need a Fawkes-like anarchist group to save America from the turmoil that will likely occur after the presidential inauguration. Also, if Fawkes masks were involved, I wouldn't complain.

Michael Shammas from Mic magazine tells readers "This Nov. 5, when you watch 'V for Vendetta,' watch it with a critical eye, and remember: Usurping freedom by appealing to security concerns is the oldest trick in the book."



# **CASTING IT RIGHT**

#### BY ZACHARY DIXON

Favorite book characters. We all have them, regardless of the genre.

Whether it's a perfect image of characters like Jay Gatsby or Hermione Granger in our minds, we all know the crisis of faith that occurs when a film adaptation is announced and that perfect image is forced to go toe-to-toe with a director's casting choice. It seems like a no brainer to just find an actor that resembles the character's physical description, doesn't it?

Alan Rickman's potrayal as Severus Snape in the "Harry Potter" series is a textbook example. Snape is a sinister, crooked-nosed and frightening professor. Who better to cast than the measured-toned British actor? With his smooth dark hair and condescending eyes, Snape towers over his students with the gaze of already failing you. I'd hate to imagine him as my professor in college, let alone Wizarding School.

Edward Speleers as Eragon from "Eragon" is the exact opposite. When we first meet him in the book, Eragon is a brown-haired, dark-eyed farm boy on a quest to free his kingdom. Speleers is a blonde, blue-eyed teenager. This kind of disconnect is usually supplemented with good acting and writing. When you lack both of these, you end up with the flop that the movie was.

Perfect casting can only get you so far, though. There are certain mediums where there isn't only one piece of source material, but there are several. Comic books are a defining example of this.

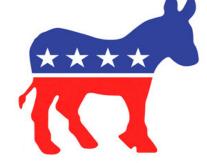
Over generations since the character's creation, comic characters can change dozens of times, from origin to relationships. Under all of the changes, however, is a core character shining through in every performance.

Take the two Supermen of the recent age – Henry Cavill in "Man of Steel" and Tyler Hoechlin in "Supergirl." Both actors make a fine Superman, fitting the bill of handsome and dark-haired. However, the writing between the two is drastically different. Where "Man of Steel" gave us a stoic, brooding and frankly alien character, "Supergirl" gave us a kindhearted, friendly and loveable Superman.

Something like "Pride, Prejudice, and Zombies" works because it keeps the core tenants of those characters intact with great casting. "Man of Steel" fails because even with good casting it forgets its roots.

As often as we have our dream cast for our books, we can't forget important things like good writing. A perfect face alone doesn't make a good adaptation.

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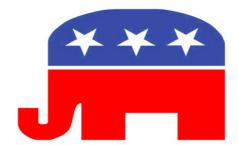
The election is coming up fast, and if you haven't cast your vote, you should at least consider it if you can.

The media has been plastered with political propaganda for quite some time now, as it usually is during election time. And even though this year has definitely resembled more of a reality show than an election, it is still important nonetheless. The people we elect into office, presidential or otherwise, are the people that will ultimately be the deciding factors regarding new laws, proposals and international leaders.

With this election in particular, a lot of people don't believe there's much of a point in voting – reasons stem from not thinking their vote will count and, in terms of the current presidential election, not believing there are any worthwhile candidates.

Voting for who gets to be in the Oval Office might be the main course, but there are plenty of other positions that politicians are campaigning for. In addition to electing the next president and vice president of the United States, Americans will exercise their right to vote for 434 members of the House of Representatives, 30 members of the U.S. Senate and a number of judges and state representatives.

You might not want to decide between Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump because both are carrying a bit of baggage as the country moves closer to Election Day. But let's be real: Trumps no politician, and he's got a bit of a temper. Either way, someone else is going to make this decision ... and you might not be happy with the









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### **Opinion**

### We're going to stink, but that's OK

BY ALEX KRYAH
Sports Editor

Let's get this out in the open the men's basketball team is not going to be very good this year. We'll be lucky to win 10 games total, and anything more than three wins in the conference will be a step in the right direction, which still isn't encouraging.

This shouldn't be news to anyone who follows Bradley basketball. If it is, here are some stats to prove that the Braves are, indeed, bad: Bradley ranked dead last in the 2015-2016 Missouri Valley Conference for points per game, field goal percentage, assists and free throw percentage.

Bradley also returns with virtually the same lineup from last season. So is it agreed that Bradley will not be good? Good.

Why reiterate that we're going to stink? Because soon we are going to be good again, and I want to remind everyone of the light at the end of the tunnel.

It's important to note this team is still extremely young – one of the youngest in the conference. They have no seniors, so returning junior Donte Thomas will have to serve as a sort of pseudo-senior this year. He gets a practice run at being a real senior and taking on a vital leadership role. Thomas will also have the benefit of transfers JoJo McGlaston and Alex Foster, both juniors, who can assist in leading the team.

The notoriously massive sophomore class, which shrunk over the offseason due to transfers, will offer some flashes of brilliance. Guys like Dwayne Lautier-Ogunleye, Luuk van Bree and Callum Barker have a year under their belts in the conference and with each other. They're still physically getting stronger and developing their skills. Hopefully, they will take a big step forward.

Further, Bradley has a coach with a good track record of success and who is clearly passionate about the program. Head coach Brian Wardle finally had his first full recruiting cycle finish up this year, so he is getting his guys into the program. The quality of Bradley basketball will improve immensely in the years to come as Wardle continues to carefully recruit players who fit his style of play.

Don't call this blind optimism, either. You don't need to be a basketball expert

to understand how quality programs are built. We've got a coach who's a proven winner, which means he gets the Xs and Os while also understanding recruitment. If you recall, we are in this situation because a certain coach (hint: rhymes with Feno Gord) was hired from a mediocre program with an even worse head coaching track record. Bradley, it seems, hasn't made the same mistake twice.

Rebuilding a program doesn't happen overnight, though. Wardle knows that. His players know that. If the Athletics Department is smart, they'll know it too and give Wardle sufficient time to turn things around. And fans, if you're smart, you'll be patient with Wardle and his team.

Look, I hope I'm wrong about this season; I would gladly eat

my words and pride to see us win 10 games in the conference. But, it's important to not expect this. It would be irresponsible of fans and journalists to presume even an average season from the Braves. When February rolls around, Bradley will likely have double-digit losses in the conference and will be getting creamed by more talented foes. We can't berate them for simply being outmatched - our program can't compete with the likes of Wichita State or Illinois State right now.

"Right now" is temporary, though, just like the pain we'll feel this season. Trust the process because we will be good again.

### Soccer loses heartbreaker on senior night

BY AUSTIN SHONE
Assistant Sports Editor

The Bradley men's soccer team was unable to pull out a victory against Rutgers on Senior Night last Saturday at Shea Stadium.

The game was a back and forth affair the whole way. Bradley jumped on top early when junior defenseman Falk Dennert scored his first goal of the year in the sixth minute. However, Bradley's lead didn't last long as Rutgers scored the equalizer just over a minute later.

"Those [goals] are probably all born of not being in winning positions a lot of the year," head coach Jim DeRose said. "For much of the year we've been playing a goal down, we've been shut out so much."

This was only Rutgers' first win of the season, even though they made it to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA tournament a year ago.

"Truth be told, Rutgers has had an unbelievably crazy year with injuries," DeRose said. "They have six guys out, but the one guy [Jason Wright] that's not out was an All-American last year, and he punished us."

Wright scored the first two goals of the game for the Scarlet Knights, the second a free kick from 25 yards out, and assisted on the third as Rutgers went on to win 3-2.

"I think so much of that game has been the story of our season, whether it's been 1-0 or 3-2," DeRose said. "We've chased the game, we've had these near misses late, but unfortunately way more often than not it's ended up with us on the losing side of it."



Sophomore Daniel Gardner pushes the ball forward in a match earlier this season. Gardner has logged 620 minutes this season.

Although the game ended in a loss, it was a special night for the three Bradley seniors, Jason Lesch, Alex Garcia and Logan Ketterer. Lesch and Ketterer have been at Bradley for five years, starting as red shirts, Garcia for four. They enjoyed great success during their early years at Bradley, winning a Missouri Valley Conference championship and going to the second round of the NCAA tournament in 2012

"The last year or two they've been the upper classmen in the youth movement," DeRose said. "Leadership is a difficult thing and there's only three of them, so I've just been really happy with them. Academically, they're all fantastic. They're all going to graduate and have jobs and great stuff. I just wish they could have gone out with a more successful regular season campaign. I have nothing but fond memories of their time here, and maybe we can do something special in the conference tournament."

Bradley's last game of the regu-

lar season comes tomorrow night when they visit Loyola Chicago, who is currently ranked eighth nationally and owns the longest home winning streak in the country.

"If not anything else, I think it'll be a good picture of what a tournament environment would be[like]," DeRose said. "At this point I think that that experience for our younger guys should be really important."

Following tomorrow's game at Loyola, the Braves will prepare

for the conference tournament in Springfield, Missouri, where they will square off against Drake in a play-in game Tuesday.

"Drake has beaten us twice in two one-goal, very tight, close games," DeRose said. "The way I look at it, we have two chances to get two wins at the conference level, and certainly we're going to pack our bags for a long stay when we go to Springfield."



Bradley students gather in the Michel Student Center to watch the dramatic World Series Game 7.

### **Cubs finally victorious, students react**

BY MADDIE GEHLING Managing Editor

Tens of thousands of people tuned in Nov. 2 to watch Game 7 of the World Series – a historic matchup between the Chicago Cubs and the Cleveland Indians. No matter the result of the game, it would be the end of a dry spell for one team.

The Cubs pulled through, and greek houses, dorm hall lounges and garage viewing parties erupted to celebrate the 8-7 victory over Cleveland.

"I was watching in a room with a bunch of [residence advisors], and there were definitely a few die-hard Cubs fans who were freaking out," Taylor Dorman, a junior marketing major, said. "It was really funny. One person got picked up and [was] spun around in a circle when [the Cubs] won."

A sea of students rushed to

Fredonia Avenue to sing "Go Cubs Go" and "We are the Champions" after the game, parading around with white "W" flags.

"[People say], 'You always remember where you were during 9/11 or when John F. Kennedy was assassinated;' this is what our generation will [remember]," Dorman said. "Where were you and what were you doing when [the Cubs] won the World Series? I was like, 'Oh, I don't know what mine is, because [I was six for 9/11], I don't remember that.' This is [our generation's] 'Where were you when this happened?'"

The victory – which ended a 108-year drought – is especially meaningful for fans who were raised in Cubs-loving families.

"We're all a big Cubs family," Dining Services employee Rodney Douglas said. "We have stuck with them all this time. I was telling people at the barber shop who asked, 'Why are you a Cubs fan, why are you a Cubs fan?' Because I love them."

Douglas couldn't hide his delight Nov. 3 while at work in the Michel Student Center – a bright blue Cubs cap was perched atop his head, and he had a Cubs T-shirt on under his Bradley polo.

"Yeah, they've been struggling," he said. "But it's like your wife ... are you going to leave her if she gains some weight?"

For Douglas and countless others, this victory will live on longer than the 108 years it took the Cubs to break the curse.

"[After the win, I felt] warm and fuzzy, and I still feel that way right now," Douglas said. "Warm and fuzzy, like you have a bowl of oatmeal on a cold day."



Cubs celebrate winning their first World Series in 108 years.

photo via Rolling Stone

#### One-on-One

#### Who is the best team in the NBA?

#### **Golden State Warriors**

Sure, the Warriors lost a 3-1 series lead in the Finals last year, but this is a better team now. Despite a 2-1 start to the season, the Warriors will still be the best

in basketball.

Golden State has the most skilled starting five in the NBA. Steph Curry is one of the top players in the league and has been the leader of the team for the last few years. With the addition of Kevin Durant, this team becomes unstoppable offensively.

The former MVP and leagueleading scorer was the biggest free agent signing this off-season. The Warriors now have two of the brightest superstars in the NBA with Durant and Curry. Golden State lost Harrison Barnes and Andrew Bogut to the Mavericks, but Durant makes up for that and more.

It's also important to remember that Golden State has one of the best coach's in the league. Steve Kerr is a brilliant coach who always seems to find a way to get the job done. Kerr was riddled with back problems last year, which limited his ability to be on the sideline. Now that he's healthy, the Warriors will be even more lethal.

Anytime this kind of skill is put together, good things are bound to happen. There will be a phase of adjustment for the team as Durant gets comfortable and chemistry builds, which was on display as the Warriors lost to the Spurs in the season opener. But this year, Golden State will figure everything out and finish the season strong. The Warriors will avenge last year's painful NBA Finals loss and win it all this time around.

- Cole Bredahl

#### Cleveland Cavaliers

How can you not say the Cleveland Cavaliers are the best team in the NBA? They have represented the Eastern Conference in the NBA finals for the past two years and are the reigning world champions. This year shouldn't be much different.

The Cavs are returning all their key players and will have the best player in the NBA. LeBron James continued to cement his name into NBA lore with his performance in the finals last year, where he averaged 29.7 points, 11.3 rebounds and 8.9 assists per game. Now that the pressure is off James to bring a championship to Cleveland, he can play with less stress on his shoulders.

James isn't the only superstar on this team. Kyrie Irving has proved he is a top-tier point guard in the league after he thoroughly outplayed the 2015-16 unanimous NBA MVP Steph Curry in the finals. Irving fed off the unbelievable play from James and averaged 27.1 points per game in the finals. It wouldn't shock me if James continues to lean on Irving this year in order to build his confidence up as the season progresses.

Cole will tell you the Warriors have the most talent, and while that's true, you can't guarantee they'll mesh well. The Cavs have the experience of playing together and still have the best player in the game right now.

- Josh Nelson

#### **World Series Summary**

| WS Game                | Pitchers                | Result          |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| G1: Cubs at indians    | Lester vs.<br>Kluber    | Cle 6-0         |
| G2: Cubs at<br>Indians | Arrieta vs.<br>Bauer    | Chi 5-1         |
| G3: Indians at<br>Cubs | Tomlin vs.<br>Hendricks | Cle 1-0         |
| G4: Indians at<br>Cubs | Kluber vs.<br>Lackey    | Cle 7-2         |
| G5: Indians at<br>Cubs | Bauer vs.<br>Lester     | Chi 3-2         |
| G6: Cubs at<br>Indians | Arrieta vs.<br>Tomlin   | Chi 9-3         |
| G7: Cubs at<br>Indians | Hendricks<br>vs. Kluber | Chi 8-7<br>(10) |
|                        |                         |                 |

#### Cubs win World Series 4-3

### **Cross Country impresses at MVC**

BY NICK KONOW Off-staff Reporter

The Bradley men's and women's cross country teams both had dominant outings at the conference championship in Cedar Falls, Iowa, last Saturday.

The men won their second straight Missouri Valley Conference Championship in a convincing fashion. The women finished as runner-ups, marking the fourth-straight year the team finished in the top two at the conference championship, after winning the title in 2014 and 2015 and finishing second in 2013.

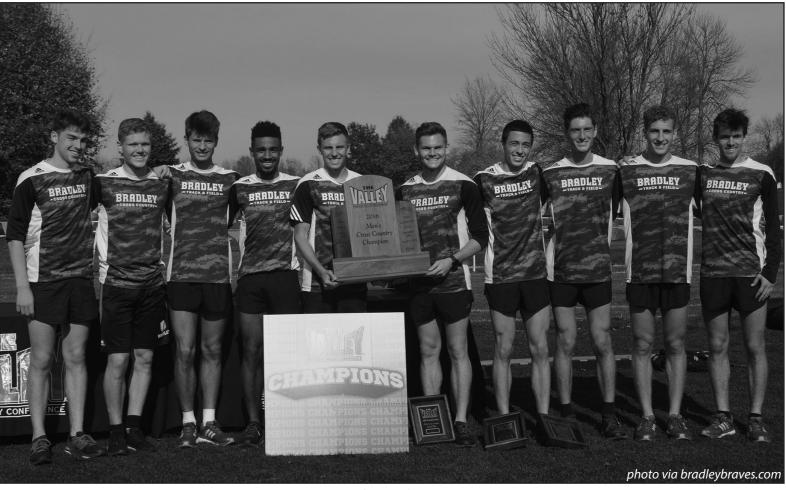
The men claimed the title by scoring 24 points at the meet, finishing ahead of second-place Wichita State by 58 points. The 24 points are the fewest by a champion in 34 years - when Southern Illinois also scored 24 during the 1982 meet - and just one point shy of matching the best total in the last 59 championships.

"Going in, we knew we were the favorites, so we felt like there was a little bit of a target on our backs," head coach Darren Gauson said. "The guys went out and executed like they have all year, and the results were very impressive."

Junior Michael Ward and freshman Jake Hoffert finished second and third, respectively, for the best individual finishes by a Brave in 51 years.

"I was happy with my performance in terms of what I did for the team, but honestly, I was a little disappointed in myself coming in second," Ward said. "I'm not entirely upset that I didn't win the individual title. In a way, I'm kind of glad I didn't because I don't want to take any of the spotlight from the team. This race was all about running as one big unit and showing our depth and strength in numbers."

A school-record five Braves earned All-Missouri Valley First Team honors for their performances Saturday. Along with Ward and Hoffert, seniors Caleb Beck band Patrick Campbell



The men's cross country team poses with the Missouri Valley Conference first place trophy last weekend in Cedar Fall, Iowa.

and junior Taylor Floyd Mews earned all-conference honors after placing in the top 10.

"Having five guys finish in the top eight is huge for us," Gauson said. "If we're going to achieve our main goal of qualifying for the NCAA National Championship, we're going to need good depth, and this performance puts us one step closer to that."

Ward posted a time of 24:38.4 in the 8K race, collecting All-Missouri Valley Conference First Team honors for the secondstraight season after his fourthplace finish last year. Ward has had the top time by a Brave in each of the four meets he has run this season.

"Michael has been huge for us all year," Gauson said. "He sets the tone at practice and has been our number one guy all season. He's sort of the benchmark, so if we can put four guys close to him, we know we're going to do really well. He's such a great

athlete and extremely strong academically; he truly allows our team to be as good as they are."

Hoffert's third-place finish in a time of 24:40.4 is the best in school history for a freshman, a record that stood for 36 years. In addition to his all-conference accolades, Hoffert was named the Missouri Valley Freshman of the Year, becoming the third Brave in the last four seasons to collect the award - Campbell in 2013 and Ward in 2014.

The victory on Saturday marked the second MVC Championship in the program's history. Gauson was awarded Missouri Valley Coach of the Year on the men's side for the secondstraight year, which is his third Coach of the Year award in his two years at Bradley.

"We have a lot of really good coaches in our conference, so winning three out of four over the last two years has been a really big honor, and it's a

testament to our kids and the staff and administration we have here," Gauson said.

As for the women's team, Northern Iowa defeated Bradley by a margin of 12 points. Wichita State, Indiana State and Illinois State rounded out the top five at the championship.

With seven of the eight members of last year's championship team having graduated, Gauson suspected this may be a rebuilding year for

"This time last year when we won, I thought were going to be fifth or sixth in the conference next season because we're going to have to build a whole new team; so while I'm disappointed we didn't win, second is still a pretty good finish considering our circumstances," Gauson said.

Because the team losing so many members from graduates as well as injuries, Gauson was looking for someone to step

up. That is exactly what junior Hannah Witczak did.

Witczak was named to the All-Missouri Valley Conference First Team after a fifth-place finish at conference. Witczak ran the 5K course in a time of 17:45.1, leading the Braves for the fourth time this season.

"Last year, Hannah was our number 14 on the team, but she worked her tail off over the summer and came back in and went from being our number 14 to our number one," Gauson said. "This was her first time competing in a conference championship, and to come in and finish fifth is awesome, and I'm very proud of what she's accomplished in the last 12 months."

Freshman Erin Gallagher and sophomore Sara Piller received honorable mentions to the All-Conference team after an 11th-place and 14th-place finish, respectively.

Both the men and women will return to action Friday, Nov. 11, competing at the NCAA Midwest Regional in Iowa City, Iowa.

Gauson has a different set of expectations for each team going into regionals.

"On the woman's side, we want to finish inside the top-10 and don't want to fall off too much," Gauson said. "We can use a good finish as as a momentum boost for next year since we have everyone returning. As for the men, this is what we have been working toward all year. This is a huge meet for us, and we'd like to finish in the top three or four and give ourselves a shot at qualifying for the NCAA Championship for the first time in school history."







|                     | Friday<br>November 4                          | Saturday<br>November 5                         | Sunday<br>November 6                 | Monday<br>November 7 | Tuesday<br>November 8                       |
|---------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Volleyball          | Wichita State<br>Renaissance Coliseum<br>7 PM | Missouri State<br>Renaissance Coliseum<br>7 PM |                                      |                      |   |
| Men's<br>Soccer     |   | Loyola Chicago<br>Chicago<br>7 PM              |                                      |                      | MVC First Round<br>Springfield, MO<br>12 PM |
| Men's<br>Basketball |   |  | UW-La Crosse<br>Carver Arena<br>2 PM |                      |   |

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#### New sheriff in town

New women's basketball coach Andrea Gorski aims to turn around program.





### Livaudais' quiet leadership

BY JOSH NELSON **Sports Reporter** 

Jamie Livaudais has made her mark on the Bradley volleyball team during her time in Peoria. The 6'1" junior from Fenton, Missouri, has been one of the Braves' best outside hitters, accumulating 573 kills throughout her career.

At a young age, Livaudais began to play the game she'd eventually fall in love with. From that point on, she knew she wanted to play at the college

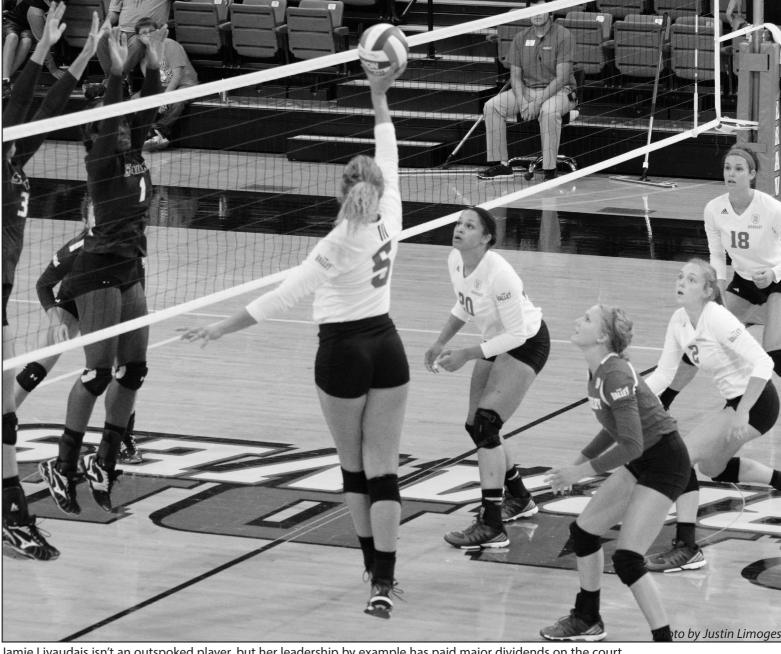
"I decided to try it out in third grade," Livaudais said. "I got into [recreational] volleyball and loved it ever since ... freshman year [of high school] is when recruiting starts, and I started talking to coaches around then with my dad helping me out along with my coaches."

After playing in high school, Livaudais received offers from Bradley and Montana University, but ultimately decided to become a Brave.

"Bradley just felt a lot more like home," Livaudais said. "My parents could visit a lot more, and I like the atmosphere a lot more with the smaller school."

As a player who has seen her fair share of rough seasons, Livaudais has been through the struggles of a two-win season and a six-win season. This year has already seen better results with Bradley bringing in new head coach Carol Price-Torok along with an abundance of younger and talented players.

"I definitely see a change in the direction this team is going," Livaudais said. "[Price-Torok] is pushing us to become better mentally and physically. Not that we have the wins to show for it, but I've definitely seen a



Jamie Livaudais isn't an outspoked player, but her leadership by example has paid major dividends on the court.

change."

The first day that Price-Torok took over as head coach for the volleyball team, she noticed that Livaudais had a certain quality she was impressed by.

"She works really hard," Price-Torok said. "She's really quiet, so she has that mysterious, 'What are you going to get out of her?' But she comes in day-in

and day-out and works ... Don't let the quietness fool you for not being competitive or taking things for granted. She really is processing what we're telling her and really working hard every single day to be someone who just hits hard."

Livaudais is one of the few juniors on the team, so she is expected to be a leader for a team that is steadily improving. Price-Torok knows Livaudias will be someone they can count on through the rest of this year and next season.

"She's going to be one of those people that leads by example," Price-Torok said. "She's going to lead by her play and what she's doing, and let people know that we can count on her from an

offensive standpoint."

As the 2016 volleyball season comes to an end, no matter what happens in the last five matches, Livaudais will experience the most wins she's seen as a member of the Bradley team. And next year, there's hope the win total will rise again.

### Volleyball likely to miss conference tournament

BY JOSH NELSON

Sports Reporter

The Bradley women's volleyball team is staring elimination in the face. After two losses this weekend at Evansville and Southern Illinois, it now find itself with a five-match deficit for the six seed in the Missouri Valley Conference standings. In order for the Braves to make the MVC tournament, they need a miracle.

They didn't find a miracle this past weekend, as they began with a loss at Evansville. Bradley

jumped out to a two sets to one lead, but ultimately dropped the last two sets.

"I think we were inconsistent," head coach Carol Price Torok said. "[Evansville] plays a fast style of offense, and I don't think we did a good job of executing on the defensive end. So when we gave them a little bit of confidence, they ran with that."

The losing weekend continued against SIU as Bradley was swept. Once again, Price-Torok said the team just couldn't control the match.

"We had trouble closing on the outside, and I think that in turn opened up some things for their other offensive players," Price-Torok said. "They just did a really good job of executing, and it was tough for us to play catch-up."

As it stands right now, Bradley is on the outside looking in for the MVC tournament. With five matches left in the regular season, the Braves will almost certainly fall short of the conference tourna-

"That's the reality of where we're at," Price-Torok said. "A match here, a match there, and that's the importance of preparing and respecting everyone in our conference and being ready to get after it. So for us, unfortunately, some of those losses are going to catch up to us in the end. We just have to learn from it and keep moving forward."

It doesn't get any easier for Bradley this weekend as they host Wichita State at 7 p.m. tonight and Missouri State at 7 p.m. Saturday. Both Wichita State and Missouri State occupy the top two spots in the MVC.

"From the service line, it's going to be really important for us so we can knock out at least one of their options," Price-Torok said. "We really need to make sure we're up for the task knowing that we belong and that we can play with them. We did some good things when we played at their place, even though we lost in three. We need to get back to that point, take a set and see where it goes from there."

## Bradley's 'Big Banger'

BY AUSTIN SHONE **Assistant Sports Editor** 

A distant 15,373 kilometers, or 9,553 miles, across continents and the Pacific Ocean separate Hobart, Tasmania, from Peoria. The lengthy journey isn't embarked upon by many, but it has become familiar to Callum Barker, the sophomore center who patrols the paint for the Bradley men's basketball team.

Barker said he enjoyed growing up in Tasmania, a small island off the southern coast of Australia. Almost 45 percent of the island consists of national parks, wild-life reserves and world heritage sites. His hometown of Hobart is the state capital and biggest metropolitan

"Tasmania is probably the most beautiful place you'll ever go, full of forests and a lot of really nice cities," Barker said. "There's not that many people ,but everybody's friendly there; it's just really nice."

Barker's basketball career escalated when he excelled on the Australian U18 Junior Championship team in 2013, leading Tasmania to a bronze medal.

"Representing my country is probably one of the biggest honors I've ever had," Barker said. "To put on the green and gold is the top of the top. I did it for the junior side, so my next goal would be to do it for the men's side."

While playing for Team Asia-Pacific, Barker visited the United States and got a taste of what life away from the island would entail.

"I'd been over a few times to [the U.S.] for stints of two or three months, so that was sort of a taste of it for me," Barker said. "So when it came to moving over here for basically the whole year and for the whole box out, be a body inside the

four years; basically [my parents] just put the choice on me like if you feel like you're ready, you can go."

And so he did, moving to the United States in 2014 to play at Notre Dame Prep in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. From there, he was recruited by head coach Brian Wardle and signed with Bradley in June, 2015.

"If you look at Bradley's history it's just amazing," Barker said. "The culture, the facilities, the opportunity to rebuild or be part of the rebuild back to what Bradley used to be was just a chance I couldn't say no to."

Before coming to Bradley, Barker hadn't played in front of many large crowds, and it was one of the things that he was nervous about coming to Peoria.

"I read about [when] how many fans Bradley had, you know the first time I went to Carver, my heart sort of skipped a beat," Barker said. "Just looking up at 11,000 seats was just amazing.'

With a year under his belt, Barker learned a lot from his first go-round. As a freshman, he averaged five points and five rebounds per game in 22 min-

"Mainly, I learned that you've just got to keep your body ready," Barker said. "You've got to do everything you can to keep your body fit, keep strong and just to keep healthy because you play in so many games. You're stepping out there so many times. You've just got to be ready to go every time."

Over this summer and in the offseason, Barker has continued to improve and work on his game, making sure he is ready to go this year. As a center, Barker will play alongside new centers Koch Bar and Alex Foster.

"My role is really just to go out there and do my job; rebound,



Sophomore Callum Barker, who models his style of play from Aron Baynes, rises for a dunk in a game last year.

paint, get guys open on screens and convert the opportunities I have to convert," Barker said. "If it comes into me in the paint, I'll put it in the hoop; otherwise, I've just got to stay with the plan and run plays and get guys open by setting good screens and just being tough."

After college, Barker has a variety of goals. First, he'd like to become a member of the Australian men's national team, much like one of his basketball role models Aron Baynes.

"He has a strong body, and he's not afraid," Barker said. "They call him 'The Big Banger' because he's not afraid to go in there and hit people. That's really what I want to play like. He's made a good career of it, and if I can even make half of his career, I'd be happy."

Off the court, Barker is enjoying life at Bradley. His 6'9" frame is hard to miss on campus, and students have gotten to know him as somewhat of a "gentle giant," but on the court he's anything but.

"A lot of people call me that, but I don't want to get that nickname on the court," Barker said. "I always grew up with my mom saying, 'Treat other people how you want to be treated,' and 'If you don't have something

nice to say, don't say it.' Off the court, I like to be friendly to everyone. It never hurts to make friends, to make connections with everybody you know, but on the court, I definitely don't see myself as a friendly giant. I want to be the guy that people are scared to play against because they know they're going to get bruised up."

Barker has already come a long way. He continues to represent his family and country with pride, and he said he couldn't be more excited for the journey in year two with the Braves this season.

#### Gorski to lead women's basketball New coach and alum

BY JOSH NELSON **Sports Reporter** 

One of Bradley's most successful women's basketball players is back on the Hilltop. 1996 Bradley Athletics Hall of Fame inductee, Andrea Gorski was hired in April to take over the reigns of the women's basketball team at her alma mater where she should feel right at home.

Gorski ran the offense as a point guard for the Braves from 1988-1992. Now she'll be in charge of running the whole team from the sideline. However, she never expected to be back at Bradley as a coach.

"When I played, I always thought I would coach," Gorski

said. "I always thought of myself as a coach. When you're a point guard, you're calling the plays anyway. So I always thought I would coach, but I just didn't know where it would take me ... It's fun to see what's the same and what's different now and to get reacquainted with everyone here."

As far as her coaching style is concerned, Gorski knows that as a new coach, it's important for her to put an emphasis on both offensive and defensive side of the ball.

"Because it's a new system on both ends, I would say [the focus] is equal," Gorski said. "It's a different scheme defensively than they're used to and definitely different offensively. Normally, I would say I'm more defensive

teaching everything new, so we've been spending equal times on both ends of the floor"

Gorski is inheriting a program that has seen its fair share of struggles over the recent years. The women's team hasn't had doubledigit wins since the 2012-2013 season. Her approach to turn that around is more simple than some would think.

"Before you can become a championship team you have to eliminate losing," Gorski said. "And we're not talking about losing in the loss column. We're talking about losing behaviors; missing layups, missing free throws, turning the ball over, not getting loose balls and giving up offensive

minded. But right now, we're rebounds. All of those things need to be eliminated, and if we can eliminate those things, we eliminate losing."

> The Braves are young. They currently have five upperclassmen and seven underclassmen. This may play a factor into making more mistakes, with more than half the team not yet used to the stress of Missouri Valley basketball. However, Gorski stresses that the youth of this team won't have a factor on the season.

> "They're all new to us, and they're all new to the system," Gorski said. "We don't really look at what class they're in and how much experience they have. It's really who's performing on the court. If you're a freshman, and

you're outperforming someone else that's been here for two or three years, you're probably going to get more playing time."

As for how the upcoming season will play out, Gorski said she really isn't good at predictions. But she does have a goal of seeing her team improve throughout the year.

"I think our focus right now is, everyday to just take a step in the right direction," Gorski said. "Eliminate losing, and trust the process. Make sure we're committed to trusting what we're doing, trusting each other and trusting the coaching staff... I think [the team] is working very hard. They're all coachable. Every kid is on board in terms of coming to practice, working hard and giving it their all."

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on the road, your focus has to be on things you can control [like a] good inside/outside balance of shots, which I don't think they've had in the past."

Gorski said she and her staff are looking to transition into a new playing style on the offensive and defensive ends of the floor this season and have spent this offseason doing a lot of teaching to make the offense more fluid.

"[On offense] we don't want to get stagnant and predictable, so [we're playing more] off of each other rather than set patterns of offense," Gorski said. "Right now, we're still thinking a lot, which is never good if you want to be an aggressive team. Every week they're getting better and more comfortable."

Defensively, the Braves will employ a team style man-to-man defense, focusing on taking dribble penetration away and forcing tough shots as part of a collective, rather than a one-on-one, effort.

"Last year they were a good defensive team," Gorski said. "Staying solid defensively gives you a lot of comfort when you're on the road when maybe you're not hitting as many shots. I've been really impressed with how hard they work and how coach-

able they are because we've had to teach them a whole different style offensively and defensively than what they've played in recent years, so it's really been important that they've been open to and receptive to that, and they have been."

This year, Bradley brings back strong leaders from last year's team but also adds new faces, including four freshmen and Briana Gray, a transfer who sat out last year. The biggest loss from last year's team was fifth-year senior point guard Kat Yelle, the orchestrator of last year's offense.

"We lost a couple of players that logged some big minutes last year, also losing [Yelle] who was the main point guard," Gorski said. "That's kind of where we're at right now, trying to fill that gap."

It's possible the point guard slot could be filled by freshmen Alona Johnson and Ryan Wilkins or by junior "swiss-army knife" Danielle Brewer, who has proved capable of playing multiple positions for the Braves.

"The point guard spot is a different beast," Gorski said. "It's hard for a freshman to come in and have the same success they did in high school. Right now we're trying to sort out what's our best option at point guard, and that's really in the next two weeks the position we need to get sorted out



Junior Danielle Brewer attempts to lay the ball in the hoop in a game against Southern Illinois last year.

the most."

Though the Braves are relatively young, they have a troop of older leaders that will play a big role in determining how the younger players adapt. Juniors Danielle Brewer and Anneke Schlueter and senior Leti Lerma have significant experience in MVC play and bring great leadership qualities to this year's team.

"They all bring three different leadership styles of play to our team; I love that, because you don't want to have your leaders be the same type of player," Gorski said. "Leti – who is just kind of the heart and soul of our team – she gets so much out of her 5-10 frame game in and game out. Dani is one of our best ball-handlers and probably our best defensive player

right now. Anneke can hit the three ball, but what we're really looking for her to do is to score in a variety of ways, and I think she's been open to that.

The Braves start their season with a home opener against Missouri – Saint Louis at 2 p.m. Nov. 5 at Renaissance Coliseum.

### Women's Missouri Valley Conference predictions

BY ALEX KRYAH
Sports Editor

Last season saw quite a bit of disparity in the Missouri Valley Conference for women's basketball. The top three teams, Northern Iowa, Missouri State and Drake, all had at least 14 conference wins and routinely blew out their opponents. On the other end of the spectrum, the three worst teams in the conference, Evansville, Bradley and Wichita State, each had fewer than five conference wins. This season will be a bit different, though. The top teams in the conference lost their top scorers while the bottom-feeders feature veteran casts, implying that there will be more parity. Now, The Scout's predictions for the women's MVC season, beginning with who we think ends the season on top

#### 1. Drake

Remember when we said that the top teams in the conference lost their top scorers? Well, that wasn't totally true when it comes to Drake. Actually, that's a complete lie – Drake returns their top three leading scorers from last season, including senior Lizzy Wendell, who averaged nearly 20 points per game game. She's going to continue to dominate the conference, and with a dominant and experienced supporting cast, there should be nothing to stop Drake en route to a MVC championship.

#### 2. Northern Iowa

The Panthers are a young team; there are nine underclassmen on the roster and only four juniors and seniors. However, those seniors are pretty talented. Senior Madison Weekly led the team in scoring last year, so she will likely be an improved player this year and terrorize the rest of the conference. While UNI won't be the biggest team, they'll hit their open shots. Though it may be a gamble betting on such a young team to be a title contender, the Panthers showed last year that they're a force to be reckoned with after winning the conference. They'll come very close to repeating.

#### 3. Missouri State

Unlike UNI, Missouri State has an older, experienced roster which allows them to be a little more confident since they know the ropes of the MVC better than most. The Bears are also big, boasting three players 6'3" or taller. They should dominate the boards and the post this season, leading to easier scoring opportunities. Missouri State lacks a lot of outside shooting, so that will be a weakness for them when they get down in games. However, if they get in control early, which they normally should, they'll be tough to take down.

#### 4. Wichita State

Yes, the Shockers sat at the bottom of the MVC last year, but this is going to be a completely differ-

ent season. This team is stacked with upperclassmen who played regularly last season. The top eight scorers return to this team, and they enter a conference season that is totally wide open. If Wichita State plays up to its potential, they'll be one of the deepest and most lethal teams in the conference. They're going to have issues rebounding and shooting the long ball, but retaining the same core of experienced players is a good sign for its future.

#### 5. Southern Illinois

Southern Illinois was a solid team last year because of Dyana Pierre, a dynamic player who averaged a double-double last season with 13.2 points and 12.3 rebounds per game. Unfortunately for the Salukis, Pierre is gone, and her absence will draw defenders to their returning leading scorer, Rishonda Napier. Southern Illinois will also have to rely on a younger group to play a lot of meaningful minutes this year. If they learn quickly, they have a shot to be better, but it's unlikely they will be able to consistently beat more talented teams.

#### 6. Indiana State

The good news for the Sycamores is that they return two of their best scorers from last year in Ashley Taia and Rhagan Smith, both forwards who dominate the post and earn easy baskets. The bad news is that they don't have

much of a defensive presence. The women were below .500 in the conference last year, and they shouldn't be expected to finish any better this year because of their defense. Though they may be able to pass and score well, defense will ultimately be their downfall.

#### 7. Bradley

Bradley is in an interesting situation; they are introducing a new head coach, Andrea Gorski, who has a lot of passion for the program considering she is a Bradley alum. The Braves also return most of last year's core unit who played regular minutes. However, this team was bad last year. The Braves struggled to score and often got off to poor starts, forcing them to play from behind and shoot the ball, which isn't the team's strong suit. It'll be difficult to predict how they'll turn out this year. They have some talent, but they need to execute on the court. Past performance does not induce much optimism.

#### 8. Illinois State

This is going to be a trying year for the Redbirds. Illinois State lost their top three leading scorers to graduation, so they're going to have to scramble to find new ways to score. Their options are somewhat limited because they are going to be small in the post with smaller forwards on their team. Illinois State will have to rely on outside shooting, and they are

not a good outside shooting team. The Redbirds are young, so there is going to be a learning curve this

#### 9. Loyola

Loyola is another team that is going to need to find some scoring from unexpected players. The Ramblers lost Taylor Manuel, Taylor Johnson and Nieka Wheeler, who were the only three that averaged double digits for the team last season. Now, they're looking at a roster consisting of only one senior and four juniors with a majority of the team being freshmen and sophomores. It seems like it's a transition year for the team from the heart of Chicago as they hope for their younger women to gain some useful experience.

#### 10. Evansville

Evansville had as tough a season as you can have last year. The Purple Aces went 3-28 and only won one conference game. It's hard to be worse than they were last year, so there's room for a little improvement this year but not enough to finish higher than the bottom of the barrel. One of the positives for Evansville is that Sara Dickey, their leading scorer last year, is returning for her senior year. She averaged nearly 16 points per game during the 2015-16 season. Dickey might be good enough to steal a few games in conference if she can get a little help, but don't expect that often.



Carver Arena will once again be the home to the men's basketball team. The home court didn't treat Bradley well as last season the Braves were only 4-11 at home.

### Men's Missouri Valley Conference predictions

BY ALEX KRYAH **Sports Editor** 

The Missouri Valley Conference has a much different look this season. Gone are the days of Wichita State being the overwhelming favorite to win the conference with the departures of Fred Van Vleet and Ron Baker. D.J. Balentine from Evansville and Anthony Beane from Southern Illinois, two of the conferences best scorers, also graduated. With the big names gone, a door is left wide open for a new team to take control of the conference.

Without further adieu, here is how The Scout ranks the MVC this season, in order from best to worst.

#### 1. Southern Illinois

The Salukis were a surprise team in the conference last season. The rest of the MVC knew Anthony Beane was going to have a good season, but guys like Sean O'Brien and Mike Rodriguez stepped up to support the team. This year, five of their top six leading scorers return, including O'Brien and Rodriguez. Most importantly, the core of the team consists of seniors. Even though SIU isn't the most talented team in the conference, they have a wealth of experience. The combination of experience and ability will bolster the Saluki's MVC championship run.

#### 2. Wichita State

Sure, the Shockers lost two of their best players in program history in Ron Baker and Fred van Vleit and they're going to be extremely difficult to replace. But

Gregg Marshall has clearly built a strong program in Wichita, and he's recruited some quality players to keep the winning going. The Shockers are going to be in a tight race with SIU for the MVC regular season title, but Wichita State is ultimately going to suffer. Landry Shamet and Shaq Morris will be good, but not great, which is why they won't win the conference.

#### 3. Illinois State

Like Wichita State, ISU lost its leading scorer from a year ago in DeVaughn Akoon-Purcell, but head coach Dan Muller has built a strong program over in Bloomington. ISU brings back starters Paris Lee and MiKyle McIntosh, but overall they're just not quite as talented or experienced as SIU or Wichita State. They'll make another postseason tournament, but they won't really be in contention for a title; this conference will be a two-horse race.

#### 4. Indiana State

This will be a good team because of one guy: Brenton Scott. He was second on the team in scoring last year behind nowgraduated senior Devonte Brown. This season Scott will take the reigns. The Sycamores will have some supporting seniors to take the pressure off Scott scoring-wise too. Indiana State will probably have some defensive issues. Best bet is they hover around .500 this

#### 5. Missouri State

Although Missouri State only won eight games in the conference last season, that result was still pleasantly surprising for many Bears fans. The team has a couple strong scorers returning in Dequon Miller and Chris Kendrix, but the rest of the supporting cast leaves little to be desired. However, they have a good amount of experience at the top. Miller and Kendrix will help lead them to a solid finish in the conference and have the potential to pull a UNI-like run through the MVC tournament.

#### 6. Northern Iowa

UNI shocked the conference last year by winning the MVC Tournament and earning a bid to the NCAA tournament. Wes Washpun, Matt Bohannon and Paul Jesperson powered the surprise run, but now they're all gone. The Panthers will be much different this year; the aforementioned seniors were the team's leading scorers, so this will be an underclassmen-laden team. Like Bradley, they will go through a lot of growing pains this season. UNI will finish under .500 this year, but they'll show some encouraging signs of improvement.

#### 7. Evansville

Evansville loses one of the best scorers in conference history in D.J. Balentine, and the Aces will sorely miss his presence. Balentine and Egidijus Mockevicious were amazing scorers and wreaked havoc on the conference. Now, the Aces have to start fresh and find new production on offense. Luckily, they have Jaylon Brown to help out, but the team will still have plenty of struggles offensively. This will be a tough transitional year after finishing second in the conference last season.

#### 8. Loyola

We now enter the part of the conference that is significantly less talented than the rest of the MVC. Loyola has Milton Doyle returning as its second leading scorer from last year, but that's really it. Its best shooters have graduated, so Loyola will have to rely on mostly untested guys this season. Maybe the Ramblers will surprise people if they shoot the ball well, but it'll be tough for Loyola to put the ball in the hoop consistently.

#### 9. Bradley

This will be another difficult year on the Hilltop. There is no senior leadership on this squad because, well, there are no seniors. Donte Thomas is the most talented player, so it's nice that he's also one of the oldest guy on the team. Bradley is still young, and they're going against a lot more experienced units this year, so they will struggle quite a bit. However, there will be some shining moments. Expect guys like Dwayne Lautier-Ogunleye and Luuk van Bree to take big steps forward this year. If they don't, things could get ugly

#### 10. Drake

Drake will rely on senior Reed Timmer to carry them offensively, just like they did last year. Outside of Timmer, there isn't much offensive help. Like Bradley, Drake has very little senior leadership; the Bulldogs only have one senior, Jacob Enevold, who played just 17 minutes a game last year. Really, anything more than three wins for Drake would be impressive. They need to take some kind of step forward from their two-win performance in the conference last

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continued from page A15 scorer and is the longest tenured player on the roster.

Thomas said the bar is set high for the team no matter what outsiders may say.

"[Our expectations] are to go out there and give our best performance every day," Thomas said. "We're trying to show the crowd our heart and effort every time out there no matter whether we get the win or loss."

Thomas said Bradley's depth is the team's strong point, as it has fostered a lot of inner-team competition. Will it foster better competition against its opponents? There are 32 games and four months for that question to be answered, and it all begins Sunday at 2 p.m. against UW-La Crosse in Carver Arena.

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# BASKETBALL PREVIEW

### Basketball on the rebound?

#### Men's and women's basketball teams prepare to bounce back from dismal 2015-2016

BY ALEX KRYAH **Sports Editor** 

Last season, the Bradley men's basketball team was one of the worst teams in the country. They averaged 56 points per game, shot 38 percent from the field and averaged nine assists per game, all marks ranking last place in the conference.

The Braves also happened to be the youngest squad in the conference. The freshman-filled team entered the conference inexperienced and physically inferior to most of its opponents. Naturally, that would explain the lack of scoring, rebounding and the 3-15 conference record.

So after a year under head coach Brian Wardle's regime, are the Braves going to put up a better fight in year two?

According to Wardle, the answer is a confident, "Yes."

"I think our guys have more confidence, and they understand what Division I college basketball is all about and the intensity and competitiveness that we demand every day," Wardle said.

Of course, when a team finishes its season 7-24 overall, there are a lot of areas for improvement. Bradley pretty much needs to do everything better, according to Wardle, whether it be scoring, rebounding or passing the ball.

The most important improvement, though, wasn't necessarily on the court.

"We needed to have a great commitment to the weight room and physical strength and conditioning in the off season, which we did," Wardle said. "Not only just weight lifting but also nutrition. We needed to put on weight and get stronger ... We needed to



game and improving our decision making when it comes to shooting, passing or dribbling."

Wardle said the team's work in the off-season is starting to pay dividends on the court, too.

"We've been making shots [in practice] more consistently this year than last year because we're a better passing team," Wardle said. "I think our returners have improved, and our newcomers bring a lot of things that we were missing last year."

Wardle once again introduced a large recruiting class of six freshmen and two transfers. The addition of these newcomers, including 6'10" center Koch Bar and guard Darrell Brown, add different dimensions to the roster in terms of athleticism and ability, Wardle said. Add that to a roster with stronger and experienced players, and there's reason for optimism.

"I think we know there's more talent in that locker room now," Wardle said. "We can play a lot of different lineups because we're so deep and versatile."

Wardle said he doesn't know what his lineup will look like on opening night. However, he said the most important thing is not necessarily who starts, but who finishes games.

Junior Donte Thomas will likely be one of the guys finishing games for Wardle and the Braves. Thomas was the team's leading

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BY AUSTIN SHONE

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The 2016-2017 basketball season brings new beginnings for Bradley women's basketball.

After a disappointing 9-22 season last year, Bradley fired former head coach Michael Brooks and brought in Andrea Gorski, who possesses a plethora of Missouri Valley Conference experience. Gorski played at Bradley from 1988-92 and spent three years as an assistant coach at Southern Illinois.

The season begins with a tough slate of non-conference opponents, including Kent State, Butler, Detroit, Saint Louis, Valparaiso and Wisconsin-Green

"Our non-conference schedule, you look at it and say, 'There's not a [power five] level [game],' but we're playing some mid-major powerhouses that have established programs," Gorski said. "We're going to find out really quick where we're at and what we'll need to improve on to make a push for Missouri Valley play."

The conference schedule opens with a bang at Illinois State on New Year's Day and concludes at home against the Redbirds as well. The women struggled on the road last season, managing only one win at Wichita State.

"For me, personally, there couldn't be a better start than

opening up against ISU," Gorski said. "Winning on the road to me is just more of a state of mind than anything else. I also think playing

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#### November basketball schedule

| Nov. 5, Sat.  | 2 PM            | Women's | VS. | UMSL                     | Renaissance Coliseum, Peoria, IL |
|---------------|-----------------|---------|-----|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Nov. 6, Sun.  | 2 PM            | Men's   | VS. | UW-LA Crosse             | Carver Arena, Peoria, IL         |
| Nov. 11, Fri. | 6 PM            | Women's | VS. | Kent State               | Kent, OH                         |
| Nov. 11, Fri. | 7 PM            | Men's   | VS. | Illinois Springfield     | Carver Arena, Peoria, IL         |
| Nov. 13, Sun. | 12 PM           | Women's | VS. | Butler                   | Indianapolis, IL                 |
| Nov. 13, Sun. | 4 PM            | Men's   | VS. | Delaware                 | Carver Arena, Peoria, IL         |
| Nov. 18, Fri. | 11 AM           | Women's | VS. | Detroit                  | Renaissance Coliseum, Peoria, IL |
| Nov. 18, Fri. | 7 PM            | Men's   | VS. | Southeast Missouri State | Carver Arena, Peoria, IL         |
| Nov. 20, Sun. | 2 PM            | Women's | VS. | Saint Louis              | Renaissance Coliseum, Peoria, IL |
| Nov. 21, Mon. | 12:30 PM        | Men's   | VS. | Hofstra                  | Estero, FL                       |
| Nov. 22, Tue. | 11 AM /<br>5 PM | Men's   | VS. | Vermont/Wofford          | Estero, FL                       |
| Nov. 27, Sun. | 5 PM            | Women's | VS. | Eureka                   | Renaissance Coliseum, Peoria, IL |
| Nov. 29, Tue. | 7 PM            | Men's   | VS. | Eastern Illinois         | Lantz Arena, Charleston, IL      |
| Nov. 30, Wed. | 7 PM            | Women's | VS. | Wisconsin-Green Bay      | Renaissance Coliseum, Peoria, IL |