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by the numbers

BY MADDIE GEHLING
Managing Editor



1,100

The size of the 2016-2017 freshmen class. Enrollment increased 18.4 percent from the 2015-2016 freshman class of 929 students.

725

The number of wireless access points installed during Bradley's campus-wide Wi-Fi upgrade from November 2016 to January 2017.

212

The number of undergraduate seniors who earned their degrees in December 2016.

\$1 million

The donation made by the Turner Family Foundation to the Convergence Center project, which is estimated to cost \$86 million. The Convergence Center will house the business and engineering schools.

more than 12,000

The hours of service completed by various campus groups, such as athletic organizations and clubs, last semester. These hours were reported to the Lewis J. Burger Center for Student Leadership and Public Service as of Thursday, but many are still being reported.

more than \$1.6 million

The dollars raised in Bradley's second Giving Tuesday event, held Nov. 29. All donations were put toward Bradley's general scholarship fund unless specified otherwise. In 2015, \$576,460 was raised.

200

Campus celebrated the bicentennial birthday of university foundress Lydia Moss Bradley last semester with a number of special exhibits and events.



LEFT: The Lydia Moss Bradley statue stands vigil at the center of Founder's Circle.

RIGHT: Members of the Catholic Braves log service hours at the fall Activities Fair.

photos by Maddie Gehling, design by Megan Bammann

Students dress for success

BY HANNAH SNIDMAN
Off-staff Reporter

The Wellness Office and student organization Fashion Focus joined together at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Neumiller Hall to host "Slice of Fashion," which included a 10-person fashion show and free pizza.

The aim of the show was to help students in interviews and to kick off the Wellness Office's new Bradley Branches Wellness Model. The model is comprised of eight dimensions of wellness: emotional, environmental, financial, intellectual, occupational, physical, social and spiritual.

"Slice of Fashion is an Occupational Wellness initiative that is hoping to promote some insight on what to wear to a job interview or at a professional setting versus what to wear to work in a more casual setting," Assistant Director of Wellness Anna Reed said. "We are hoping to prepare Bradley students for the upcoming Job Fair that the Smith Career Center will be hosting in February, as well as to educate students on proper business attire in their future endeavors."

During the show, models walked onstage one at a time to display their professional attire. An announcer described each article of clothing while larger pictures of the items were projected behind the student models.

"I think Slice of Fashion is important for students because these are some of the outfits that you are going to wear for the rest of your career, so it was very helpful to have some examples and pointers," junior mechanical engineering major and Slice of Fashion model Hannah Junius said. "First impressions are extremely important, because before you are even able to introduce yourself, the employer is already beginning to assess you just on your dress alone."

Markin adds equipment, free group classes

BY AJ LAMB
News Reporter

Big changes will be coming to Markin Family Recreational Center this semester with additions to the weight-lifting area with a rope fitness area and a deadlifting station to the weights area on the second floor and free group fitness classes.

"The goal is always to look for ways to improve the student experience," Jeff Kauther, assistant director of Campus Recreation, said. "We realize that we are not always going to be able to offer everything that high-end gyms can offer, but that doesn't mean we can't attempt to stay more modern."

Student feedback drives virtually all of the changes the Campus Recreation office makes according to Kauther, who has been on the



photo by Brien Jackson

Students workout during a pilates fitness class Thursday. All undergraduates can take group fitness classes for free this semester in Markin Family Recreational Center.

Hilltop since 2008. He said he has been waiting to develop this station for almost a decade.

"We have been hearing for a

long time, even back when I was a student, that the students would like a place to deadlift," Kauther said.

The addition of this station also allows Markin staff to protect gymgoers, according to Kauther.

"We have people that deadlift with the equipment we currently have, but the space and weights for them to do it is not safe," Kauther said. "They need the correct weights, the correct bar and the platform in order to do this lift safely and to protect the floor and equipment."

Beyond the changes upstairs, Markin will be allowing free group fitness classes for undergraduates this semester. Students normally pay around \$1 per each group fitness class, but Bradley's Wellness Office is hoping to implement a new system.

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BRIEFS

Attorneys provide insight, industry experience

Attorneys Athena Herman from law practice Benassi & Benassi and Lauren Dixon from State Farm and law clerk Paige Blumenshine from the O'Brien Law Firm will be on campus at 5 p.m. Jan. 30 in the Wyckoff Room of the Cullom-Davis Library to deliver their insights into the law profession.

Attendees will be able to network with the professionals after the panel. The event is open to the public and no registration is necessary.

Contact Women in Business for additional information at apotas@mail.bradley.edu.

Smith Career Center presents 'Ways to Meet Employers'

The Smith Career Center will be hosting an informational event about reaching out and interacting with potential employers at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 31 in room 124 of Burgess Hall.

Topics discussed will include how to meet new employers and how interacting with them can make a difference in the hiring decision-making process.

The event is free and open to the public. Contact the Smith Career Center at careers@bradley.edu for additional information.

'The Edge of Seventeen' hits ACBU Cinema

Sporting a 95 percent rating on Rotten Tomatoes, "The Edge of Seventeen" chronicles the events of high-schooler Nadine Franklin's life as she makes her way through the struggles of adolescence.

The film will be shown at 8 p.m. Feb. 2 in Marty Theater of Michel Student Center. Admission is free for Bradley students and \$2 for the public.

For additional information about the film's showing, contact Activities Council of Bradley University Cinema Coordinator Teresa Hernandez at thernandez@mail.bradey.edu.

Tickets on sale for Grammy-nominated rock group Bastille

British indie-pop band Bastille, which recorded the five-time platinum hit "Pompeii," will perform at 8:30 p.m. April 4 in Renaissance Coliseum.

Tickets for the event are on sale for \$15 for Bradley students until Jan. 31 at the Coliseum ticket office. Starting Feb. 1, tickets will be open to the public at a price of \$20.

The Coliseum ticket office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

December diplomas show date error

BY TORI MOSES
Editor-in-Chief

Bradley's most recent graduates are able to spend one more year studying on the hilltop, according to their diplomas.

The 212 undergraduates who received their degrees in December opened their mail Monday to find diplomas with the year 2017 instead of 2016 printed on them.

According to Registrar Andy Kindler, the wrong date was a human error.

"The incorrect year was entered in the term information within the in-house diploma system, which then carried over onto the printed diplomas," Kindler said.

Emily Yuill, who received a degree in public relations at the

December ceremony, said she was upset to find the date wrong on her diploma.

"You graduate college, and you're looking forward to getting your diploma because then it's proof, and you can show everybody and a lot of people will frame their diplomas or hang it up somewhere, and you don't want that date to be wrong," she said.

However, Yuill said there was also some humor to be found in the mistake.

"I put it up on Facebook ... and then people were commenting like, 'Hey it's the future,'" Yuill said.

The Registrar's Office is going to pay for reprinting and mailing the corrected diplomas within the next week.

"I do not have the specific cost yet, [but] my best guess would be up to \$600," Kindler said.

The office also asked the graduates to "destroy the diploma or mail it back to [Bradley] to be destroyed" in an email, but Kindler said there is no real danger in the date error.

"There is no danger per se, but the diplomas should be disposed of because they simply contain inaccurate information," Kindler said.

According to Kindler, this is likely the first time this kind of error has happened at Bradley.

"Going forward, we will review our diploma-generating processes and implement additional systems and proofing safeguards," Kindler said.

POLICE REPORTS

- An officer on patrol found a male student walking in the street completely naked at 6:57 p.m. Jan. 22 at 808 N. Frink St.

More officers arrived and detained the student, who appeared to be under the influence. The student was not aggressive and did not resist. He was transported to Unity Point Health Methodist after an EMT arrived.

Officers spoke with roommates at the student's apartment and noticed the student had broken a window in the apartment.

- A male student reported a number of items in his wallet stolen Jan. 18 at the McDonald's on 627 N. Western Ave.

The student said he purchased food in the drive-thru at 1:30 a.m. Jan. 9, which was the last time he remembered seeing his wallet. When he woke up later that day, he couldn't find his wallet.

On Jan. 18, the student received an email from the university stating his wallet was brought to the lost and found. When the student went to retrieve the wallet, he noticed the only things not taken were his driver's license and insurance card.

He reported cash and credit cards stolen.

- A female student reported the rear tire on her bike stolen at 10:20 a.m. Jan. 19 at 808 N. Frink St.

The student said she locked her bike on a bike rack earlier that morning, and when she returned, the back tire was missing.

No suspects have been identified.

- An officer was dispatched to an unresponsive female student at 12:05 a.m. Jan. 20 on the 1600 block of Barker Avenue.

When the officer arrived at the residence, he spoke with a male student who said he received a call from his girlfriend (another female student) who said her friend had passed out from drinking.

Earlier in the evening, the female had consumed four to six shots of vodka before going to Crusen's with her friend. When the two females returned to their residence, one passed out and stopped breathing. The other female student then called her boyfriend who came to the residence and woke the unconscious female student up.

Medics were called and transported the student to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center.

- An intoxicated male student was found on the sidewalk at 2:27 a.m. Jan. 20 at the corner of Bradley Avenue and Elmwood Avenue.

An officer was dispatched and arrived on the scene where he noticed a group of unknown individuals attempting to lift and carry the intoxicated male student. The officer told the student to sit on the sidewalk and noticed the student had a bleeding gash on his head.

The student was transported to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center.

- Officers were dispatched after two students reported their door had been kicked in at 2:20 a.m. Jan. 17 on the 1500 Block of W. Main Street.

After arriving at the residence, an officer spoke with the two students who said they left the residence at 10 p.m. and had locked their door. When they returned four hours later, the exterior window in their door was shattered, but the door was still locked. The officer entered the residence, where no evidence of entry, damage or stolen property was found. The two students were able to re-enter their residence and confirmed nothing was damaged or stolen.

No suspects have been identified at this time.

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HUMANS OF THE HILLTOP

BY MADDIE GEHLING
Managing Editor

Bradley's Special Collections Center contains a number of historical documents and artifacts. There are hours of video interviews of World War II veterans just waiting to be watched and a 400-year-old copy of Pope Clement VIII's "Bishop's Ceremonial" sits on the highest shelf near the door.

But Linda Aylward, a Special Collections Center assistant, has her own interests.

"[Choosing a favorite item] is like picking one of your kids," Aylward said. "I'm kind of partial to some of the photographic images in our Jack Bradley Collection. He was quite interested in cemetery art, and I have an interest in local history."

Aylward, a self-proclaimed local history buff, began work at Bradley five years ago – and her passion for the history of Peoria and of university foundress Lydia Moss Bradley has since grown.

"I retired from working at the Peoria Public Library ... and didn't want to really fully retire yet, so I came [to Bradley] and said I was interested in continuing to work in a library with local history," Aylward said. "Some of my years at Peoria Public [Library], I worked in other branches and departments, but I spent the last 10 years or so working exclusively in local history and genealogy."

At the Special Collections Center, Aylward is "the organiz-

er," cataloguing documents and artifacts, classifying objects in the vault, pulling items together from Peoria Historical Society collections and digitizing the library's pieces.

"Getting the [documents] all catalogued, the book arts collection, academic collections ... They're all shelved together, they all have catalogue numbers and notations that show what part of the collection they're part of," Aylward said. "So, it's a lot easier to know if you're searching for something in particular that we do have it, and so you don't have to look 10 places to find one particular item."

On any given day, she works with two other Special Collections Center librarians to organize and preserve the collection materials, as well as a number of student interns.

"The funny thing about any of our jobs is that you can have beautifully crafted plans as to what you are going to be doing, and depending on the phone ringing or who walks in the door, it's just up-in-the-air," Special Collections Center director Chuck Frey said. "A lot of our plans are long-range."

Rachel Spires, a sophomore Special Collections Center student worker, said she has no doubt Aylward thrives from working with history every day.

"It's interesting to work with [Linda] because she knows so much about everything in Special Collections," Spires, a nursing



LINDA AYLWARD

photo via Cenn Hall

Linda Aylward dresses in 19th Century period clothing while impersonating Foundress Lydia Moss Bradley at the Holiday Party in December.

major, said. "She knows the who, what, when, where and why of most of the things inside. I find that very amazing, [and I] also enjoy her passion for all of the history in Peoria and Bradley."

When she isn't tucked away on the third floor of the Cullom-Davis Library, Aylward is recreating history in her own way.

"I have a number of reproduction clothes that are made from patterns that are researched back to the 1860s ... and I'm a member of the Metamora Courthouse Civil War Dance Society," she

said. "[My] red dress ... is kind of a formal visitor's kind of dress that was popular during the 1860s ... It's kind of in-tune with the portrait [Bradley artist-in-residence] Donna Carr Roberts did of Lydia as a younger woman in a red dress."

Last semester Bradley celebrated the bicentennial birthday of Lydia Moss Bradley – so Aylward broke out her 19th century costumes and knowledge of the foundress' life as she appeared at a number of birthday-themed events.

"It was kind of fun to carry through the last event of her birthday year with a personal appearance, talking about my life as Lydia and wearing a dress in the 1860s style in the color red – which was her favorite color," she said.

After this semester ends, Aylward will take on new projects with the Special Collections Center, maintaining her work to preserve local history – but she'll continue to curate her passion for Lydia and all things Bradley.

"It's all fun," she said.

Student business bolsters book buying

BY TORI MOSES
Editor-in-Chief

For college students, the price of textbooks can be hard to manage. To combat climbing textbook rates, one Bradley undergraduate student decided to do something about the inflated prices.

College Share, a book exchange website exclusive to Bradley students, was born last semester out of frustration toward the textbook industry, according to founder Zac Cooper.

The junior entrepreneurship major said after spending \$800 on textbooks during his first semester on campus, he wanted to create a way to make textbooks affordable for students.

"I felt exploited — publishers and bookstores know we have to buy textbooks for class, [and] it's a captive market," Copper said. "They take advantage of it to charge as much as they possibly can. It's just not right."

So Copper said he decided to take out "the greedy middleman."

"Part of the reason books are so expensive is because places

like Chegg and Amazon buy your books back for pennies on the dollar and then turn around and sell them to the next person for a lot more than they bought them for," Copper said. "College Share does away with the hefty markup."

Members of College Share set their own prices for the books they sell, and according to Copper, nearly 85 percent of books on the website are cheaper than anywhere else online.

"Not only do college students selling their books get a lot more money for the books they sell to other students, but the students buying them get the books for a lot less than anywhere else as well," he said. "It's a win-win; well, except for Chegg, but I think they can suck it up."

Junior health science major Brittany Robinson said she found College Share to be "extremely beneficial" after saving money on three books she needed for the spring semester.

"From the books I bought and what they were listed at the bookstore, I saved close to \$200," Robinson said.

However, the website would be better if more Bradley students had profiles, according to Robinson.

"Obviously, the more students who are on there, the better it works," she said.

With 300 students using College Share currently, Copper said he has "no doubt" the website's membership will be closer to 1,000 next semester.

"Our goal was to save students money; a lot of books traded hands, and a lot of money was saved," Copper said. "I'll happily take that any day."

In addition to working on College Share updates, such as adding an email notification service, Copper is also developing a website to help students study and succeed in class.

"I'll be sticking with my goal of making college more affordable as well as easier for college students," Copper said. "I am looking for tutors as well as building a team for this endeavor, so if interested, please contact me."

Students can access College Share at collegeshare.net.

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Making a difference in Macon, Georgia

BY KYLE STONE
Senior Copy Editor

While many Bradley students were preparing to head back to the Hilltop for the spring semester, nine students, intent on making a difference in an impoverished community, traveled to Macon, Georgia, as part of the Bradley U Gives Back Alternative Winter Break program.

While in Macon, the students volunteered by repairing homes and packing lunches for impoverished children.

Junior sociology major Alicia Petramale attended the trip and said many members of the community deal with poor housing conditions.

"In Macon and the surrounding areas, they struggle with a lot of blighted housing," Petramale said. "So the purpose of us being there was to help ... turn that around and build a stronger community."

The trip's first activities involved assisting an elderly man repair his home, which had a caved-in ceiling, according to Petramale.

"We were assigned to an elderly gentleman's home who had emphysema the first part of the week," Petramale said. "We came in to clean up after [the cave-in], move furniture, paint walls and assist the carpenters with installing drywall."

Petramale said the group also took part in a local school's Backpack Program, which provides lunches for hundreds of chil-

dren.

"Every week, they give 450 children a bag of food so that the children can eat over the weekend as their parents can't always afford for them," Petramale said.

The Alternative Winter Break program, which has now completed its second successful trip, was created by Lewis J. Burger Center for Student Leadership and Public Service Director Jessica Chandler. Chandler said the creation of the program was inspired by her own personal experiences in community service and her desire to provide similar experiences to Bradley students.

"I wanted to give students an opportunity over extended breaks to get involved in a community that is different from their own," Chandler said.

Chandler said the decision on the location for the trips is based on a multitude of factors.

"One: travel; I typically look at places that are within driving distance," Chandler said. "Second: issues area. What is a community issue that students would be interested in working with? Three: service work. I'm typically looking for more hands-on projects. So it's a trifecta of location, issue area and work."

According to Chandler, the projects that students engage in are chosen by non-profits operating in the location selected for the trip. However, Chandler said she strives for students to be able to work hands-on.

"Each site has different needs,



photo via Alicia Petramale

Bradley students complete service work in Macon, Georgia, as part of the Alternative Winter Break program.

so depending on what service site we go to, they will decide what projects we work on," Chandler said. "However, I try to find more hands-on organizations, so we'll have more hands-on service projects."

Regarding the future of the Alternative Winter Break program, Chandler said she is willing to continue planning trips if students remain interested.

"The biggest change I am look-

ing into is getting student trip leaders," Chandler said. "I'd love to be able to work with a dedicated two to three students who want to plan and run the trip ... I'm happy to say we are working towards this awesome leadership opportunity for students."

Petramale said the program is an excellent opportunity for students who want to experience something different.

"My biggest takeaway is the

importance of service to others and learning about a different culture or area," Petramale said. "Everyone is shaped by different experiences they have in their life, and being able to experience their livelihood and show them humanity through service is a beautiful thing and has the capacity to grow you and the people you serve in so many ways."

President Roberts addresses sexual assault comments

SCOUT STAFF

On the morning of Dec. 14, Bradley University's President Gary Roberts appeared on WMBD News to discuss campus safety.

During the segment, Roberts commented on a Dec. 8 safety alert notifying the Bradley community of a female student who reported being sexually assaulted at an on-campus residential facility.

While on air, Roberts said the incident involved "students who knew each other, who got very drunk." He then continued, saying "Teenage kids sometimes behave in stupid ways, and that's basically what happened this time."

After viewers reacted negatively on social media to the interview, Roberts sent a campus-wide email apologizing for the remarks. He said he acknowledges his comments may have been interpreted as him implying that he does "not regard sexual assault as a serious crime" and that he may have been "excusing criminal behavior."

Senior health science major Amanda Fuller said while Roberts was talking about a specific case in which he had details of the event, he should have realized he was speaking to an audience without that information.

"The mention of intoxication and acquaintanceship comes across as victim blaming," Fuller

said. "This may not have been his intent, but the power of language should never be ignored."

Roberts said he was shocked by the reaction from the public.

"I was completely caught by surprise [by the negative reactions]," Roberts said. "I am so committed to this cause. I wouldn't think anyone would doubt it."

However, after watching himself on television, Roberts said he "immediately understood how people could interpret things they way they did."

In response to the situation, Roberts said he is in the process of forming a committee of students, faculty and administrators that will consider ways to improve policies and take action to improve any weaknesses in Bradley's efforts to combat sexual assault.

"By opening up this dialogue and potentially leading to improvements in how we do things, my gaffe may turn out to have been for good," Roberts said. "In the meantime, nobody should ever think that Bradley is not firmly committed to doing everything possible to make our campus safe from all forms of criminal activity, including and especially sexual violence."

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editorial on page A8

The best is yet to come

BY KYLEE HIGGINS
Copy Editor

A new club at Bradley is striving to give students the chance to make connections and form relationships with the elderly community in Peoria.

Best Years allows students to communicate with elderly people from local nursing homes, such as Fondulac Rehabilitation and Health Care Center and Liberty Village.

Nursing faculty and Best Years advisors Laura Wallenfang and Renee Pierce said they think the club benefits both students and the elderly people they care for.

"I think the purpose of [Best Years] is [students] want to try and be able to connect with the older generation because a lot of times when they get put in nursing homes and things like that, they give up their independence to a point," Pierce said. "And I hate to say it, but they just kind of get thrown away."

Wallenfang also believes there

was not enough consideration for the elderly at Bradley before the creation of Best Years.

"There are similar clubs [like Best Years] with, I think, younger children, and there's [Mags for Wags]," Wallenfang said. "But there was nothing with the elderly, so [the students who started Best Years] saw a need for it."

Sophomore community wellness major Megan McLain established Best Years after working as a certified nursing assistant in her hometown, which helped her connect with the local elderly community. After a friend urged her to create a club at Bradley to aide the elderly community, McLain followed through and created Best Years.

Being a member of Best Years includes caring for and interacting with the elderly as well as doing activities with them, according to McLain.

"We're going to just go in and do activities like bingo, play cards with them and just hang out with the residents," McLain said.

The club is open for all students, who can earn volunteer credits by participating in Best Years. McLain said she thinks everyone should give the organization a chance.

"If you gave somebody the option of working with a kid or an old person, nine times out of 10, they're going to pick the kid," McLain said. "I just think that it's such an awesome opportunity to just realize ... [The elderly] are people, too, even though cognitively they're not always there. They still need [love]."

Both Wallenfang and Pierce said they believe the effect Best Years will have on campus will be incredibly beneficial over time.

"I think this club couldn't go wrong," Pierce said. "I think that it will, like we said, help not only the people in the nursing home, but also help the people in the club to help [raise] awareness that there are older folks out there that are alone."

The first informational meeting for Best Years is at 8:30 p.m. Jan. 25 in Michel Student Center.



Women's March rallies in Peoria

BY SAMMANTHA DELLARIA
News Editor

One day after the Jan. 20 inauguration of President Donald Trump, women around the world gathered to support the equal rights of all genders.

While cities like Chicago, New York and L.A. saw large crowds of people turn up to voice their message, smaller cities also took part in the Women's March — including Peoria.

Hundreds of Peorians and university students gathered at 10 a.m. Saturday on the Riverfront to hold a rally, which included various speakers and peaceful protesters. According to Bradley students in attendance, the crowd consisted of people of diverse races and sexualities.

Senior psychology and Spanish double major Lauren Ship said she was impressed by the turnout at the Peoria rally and was glad many other people could share their message.

"The organizers of the March created the event invitation on Facebook only eight days before [the rally] and had a phenomenal turn out on such short notice," Ship said. "It was incredible to see a diverse group at the March coming together for a common goal."

During the rally, multiple speakers voiced their messages regarding various equal rights topics.

"My favorite part of the rally was hearing individuals in this community speak about their passions — healthcare, women's place in the work force, religious freedom, intersectional feminism, environmental protection, reproductive rights, equal education for all and fighting for LGBTQIA rights," Stephanie Becker, a senior nursing major, said. "These people are the true heroes in our nation. They are the ones working day-in and day-out to make this country better for people who are struggling, and they deserve credit and more support for their causes."

Many of the rally-goers made their own signs to bring with them, including Ship.

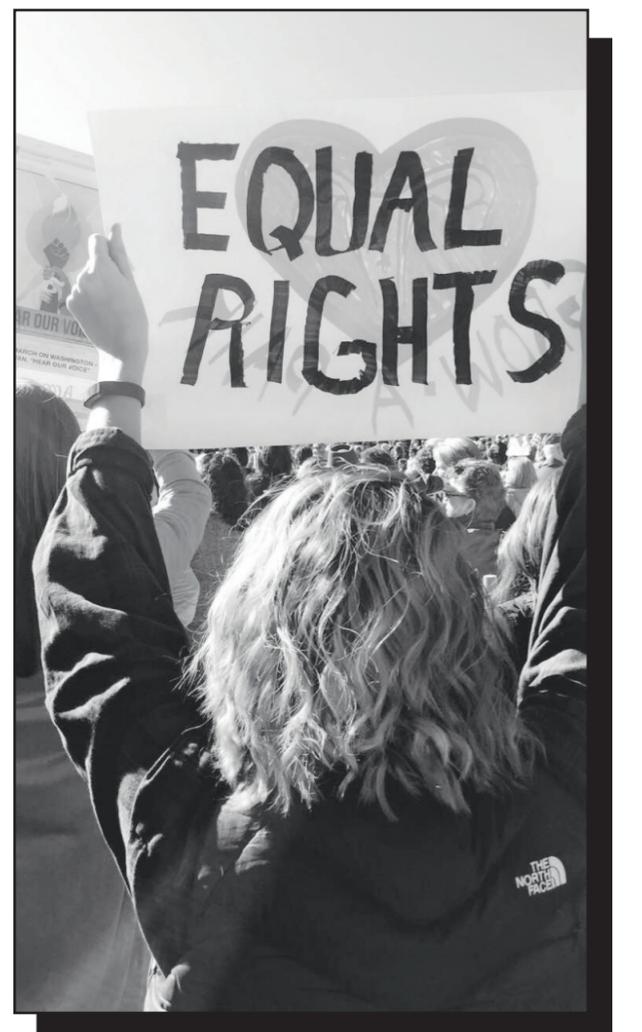
"I held a sign during the rally that said 'Unity in Diversity' because we are all allies and need to support each other now more than ever," Ship said.

Junior social media marketing major Nicole Castillo said she heard about the rally after being invited to the event via Facebook. Castillo said she was compelled to go to the peaceful protest to support the rights of all people, especially during today's tumultuous political climate.

"I wanted to do the march in order to show my support for women's rights, the LGBTQ+ community, the poor, the disabled and people of different races, ethnicities and origins," Castillo said. "This election has caused a great divide in our nation, and my main goal in participating in the march was to feel united and feel a sense of community during this heartbreaking time."

According to an article published by the Washington Post, more than one million people participated in the rally, making it the largest demonstration of its kind in U.S. history.

Castillo said being a part of the record-breaking demonstration is something she will remember forever.



"I know one day when I look back, I will be proud of the fact that I stood up for my rights as well as the rights that other minorities deserve," Castillo said. "I can look back and say that I did something to create change. A protest as huge and worldwide as this, shows that an election, despite what country it takes place in, affects everyone. It shows that even during a time of division, a majority of the world can still unite and fight for what is right."

Castillo said she hopes the march was able to spread awareness, peace and love, and she plans on continuing her participation in the Women's March for years to come.

"We do not need more hate in our world," Castillo said. "I hope that these peaceful marches spread love, kindness and acceptance throughout our nation all the way to the White House, where real, positive change can be created."

photos via Stephanie Becker

Editorial

Words have power

Just before winter break, Bradley's President Gary Roberts appeared on WMBD News and made a number of comments about a sexual assault that was reported on campus Dec. 8. These comments upset many students, faculty and staff – enough for them to take to social media or call Roberts on the phone to voice their concerns.

Rightfully so.

Roberts' comments in this Dec. 14 interview implied intoxication and/or acquaintanceship was, at least in part, to blame for the assault. However, the only thing that should matter in determining whether an assault occurred is whether or not both parties were consenting.

Roberts said he was caught off-

guard by the interviewer's question during the 6:30 a.m. interview, and he admits his remarks were poorly thought out. Later that evening, Roberts apologized to campus through email.

"It was foolish and insensitive of me to answer that question as I did," Roberts wrote. "I strongly believe that sexual assault is a serious crime that is not excused by anything, including the victim having diminished capacity."

It's possible that being surprised by the question during an early-morning interview would cause this slip-up, but language is very important.

Additionally, some of the comments Roberts made after his initial interview were confusing and contradictory.

During the interview, Roberts told The Scout he wanted to assure the public that there was no ongoing risk to campus after the incident, but the perpetrator of the reported crime was still unknown.

When it comes down to it, word choice matters. Roberts' remarks on WMBD came off as insensitive, and were unclear during his interview with The Scout. They also showed a disregard for campus and survivor safety.

While some of his comments during the interviews were disappointing, we have hope that Roberts will be able to learn from the situation.

According to Roberts, the university plans on putting together a committee to work on improving campus safety matters.

"In the next few weeks, I will be convening a conference of faculty, students and administrators to review our current policies to consider possible ways to improve those policies and to take action to improve any weakness in our efforts to combat this serious crime," Roberts said in a statement to The Scout.

This response by Roberts would be a demonstration of learning to respond to mistakes, but only if he follows through. We hope Roberts can make good on his promise to put together this group of individuals in response to the situation.

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Column

Learning from my let-downs



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This column is dedicated to my secret high school rival, the corrupt world that is higher education and my high school-era self-hatred.

When I started my junior year at Wahlert Catholic High School, I couldn't wait to apply to colleges. I was excited for the future: picking the classes I wanted to take, living somewhere other than Dubuque, Iowa and never having to see a majority of my high school classmates again.

I had been trained since eighth grade on the college application process – I knew all about "safety schools," and I had my list of "dream schools" lined up. I was still optimistic even though my high school was in no way a dream. The teachers were as strict as the dress code, we had no air conditioning, there was

asbestos in the ceiling, a hole in the walls let wasps in during lunch period and my graduating class was right around 100 students. But Wahlert Catholic excelled in academics, so I felt prepared for applying to college.

After applying to a few schools, my parents drew the line. I was being cut off from my "dream schools" for two reasons: I would be paying my own tuition, and it's no secret schools like Notre Dame and Boston College are expensive; and they wanted to protect me from outrageously low acceptance rates.

I was heartbroken. My high school counselor tried to make me feel motivated again by telling me I probably wouldn't have been accepted to any of my "dream schools," anyway.

Senior year came and so did the acceptance letters. I understood my situation until I heard a classmate and friend, Julia, lamenting hers: she was struggling to decide whether she wanted to go to Stanford, Notre Dame or Duke.

It made me furious. Throughout my entire life I had been told how smart I was. On the other end of things, my parents, teachers and counselors desperately tried to dissuade me from applying to those "dream schools" like Notre Dame and the University of Chicago because my acceptance was unlikely – and I wouldn't be able to afford them if I did.

Why did Julia get something I had wanted my entire life

while I was consigned to decide between a handful of schools picked out by my mother? I took the exact same courses as Julia. I got the same ACT score as her. We were in the same extracurricular organizations. I even had a job, and she didn't. How did she end up the better candidate for fate? Was it because she was blonde? Or that she was from Wisconsin? Or that her parents were paying her tuition for her, and I was relying on my life savings and student loans? Or maybe there was a secret rule that Wahlert Catholic could only send a certain number of seniors to Ivy League schools before making a sacrifice to our 50-year-old golden eagle mascot costume, and I didn't make the cut?

I'm ashamed to admit it, but I grew to resent Julia for everything that year, and I kept up a one-sided rivalry with her until after graduation. But I hated myself more than anything – for not being good enough.

I didn't see how messed up that situation was. Looking back, I'm grateful my parents were mindful of my lack of finances when I wasn't.

But I still believe what my teachers and counselors did in the name of "protecting me" was a mistake. Kids are resilient. We bounce back. I've applied to countless jobs and internships, and have been let down since coming to college. My solution? Open a new Google tab and look for more jobs and internships. I

was questioned to no end why I wanted to be an English major – everyone at Wahlert Catholic was either going to study medicine, law, engineering or the fine arts. And in my sophomore year? I added a second major with a startlingly bleak job outlook. But I love it, and that's why I do it.

When my parents sat me down and told me I couldn't afford half the schools I had applied to, I blamed them for letting me get that far in the process – not the unhealthy environment I went to school in, the one that taught me the only "acceptable" schools out there were ones that would require a trust fund and plasma donations for the rest of my life. I just didn't realize this until I got to Bradley – a great school that somehow flew under my radar until March of my senior year.

Some kids are born with college applications in their hands. They're sent to a school – like mine – that does everything it can to ensure its students are prepared to excel in higher education. But that's so stifling, and it's such a privilege. There's no way a girl like me, a graduate of the high school I went to, could be managing editor of the university paper at Stanford. I've seen "Gilmore Girls;" I know how stuff works.

I'll never know now, but even if I had gotten accepted at some of those schools, I wouldn't have the same opportunities as I do here. And four years after the fact, I can finally say I'm grateful I don't.

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VOICE

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Women March across the country

BY BROOKE PISCIOTTO

"The President is not America. The cabinet is not America. Congress is not America. We are America, and we are here to stay."

America Ferrera made this powerful statement in front of thousands as she delivered a speech at the Women's March in Washington D.C. last weekend. As a feminist, it was great to see a public figure stand up for those who were feeling uneasy to say the least, with Trump finally in office.

Various cities across America held rallies and marches, generally grouped together at the "Women's March," on Jan. 21, the day after Donald Trump's presidential inauguration, in support of all the people feeling oppressed after the election. In fact, the Women's March in Washington D.C. had three times the amount of people in attendance than at Trump's inauguration, according to various sources.

Each of these marches and rallies were distinct in size and at-

tendance, and their ideals were similar: according to the Women's March website, the purpose was to "join in diversity to show our presence in numbers [is] too great to ignore."

Not only did large cities participate in these group gatherings, but small cities like Peoria did, as well. Hundreds gathered on Saturday to peacefully rally against bigotry and the marginalization of American minorities, including many Bradley University students.

Freshmen Sarah White and Cori Wash attended the rally together and were willing to share their approval of the event and its message.

"People went for a lot of different reasons," White said. "I feel like I'm not doing anything [actively] and just watching the news ... I wanted to learn about ways I could help out, just to feel that support from everyone else and [to see] that I'm not alone in feeling this way [as a woman]. I think that for this movement [to be effective],

there needs to be a clear focus and a clear agenda."

Wash also brought up the notion that the marches weren't purely anti-Trump, and that while they were in response to his presidency, there was much more to them than that.

"People have this misconception that [the March is] solely about Trump, but it's not," Wash said. "It's about visibility... It's about celebrating differences because he's trying to put people in boxes ... The march was basically saying that we don't care if [Trump is] in power or not ... [he represents] everything we don't believe in."

The Women's March has been criticized for being angry and hostile by several media outlets, but these two students were convinced this was not true in the case of Peoria's rally.

"It was more uplifting than anything," White said. "People were angry, but you just see different [races], men, women and all these different people

coming together and supporting [one another]. The rhetoric wasn't angry at all."

Wash agreed, stating that "It was very empowering to watch people from different backgrounds and different religions come together and tell this one powerful man, 'No.' That's one of the most empowering things I've ever seen in my 18 years of life."

The takeaway from the Women's March seems to be that even if you are marginalized and targeted as a minority (whether it's by gender, sexuality, race and/or religion), there's power in numbers. Though I was not able to participate, the Women's March made me appreciate being a woman in this day and age because we have a voice that previous generations of women could only dream about. The fact that women created, organized and led such a huge national event to support people from all different backgrounds is truly amazing and can be considered a great moment in feminist history. Now that we are on a roll with modern feminism, it's important to keep up our activism in the movement.

"Being civically engaged is important," White said. "You can't just vote in presidential elections. Even though it's exhausting...you need to vote in the local elections and for representatives."

Wash furthered this point by stating "Don't take a couple pictures at the March and put them on Instagram. If you want to do something about it, do something; consistency needs to be there. No one [ever] got what they wanted without a fight."



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2017 Oscar Nominations

BY BRIEN JACKSON

Remember last year's Academy Awards? If you don't, here's a refresher: there was a fairly evident lack of diversity on the list of nominated movies and actors, prompting the hashtag #OscarsSoWhite.

I'm happy to say it doesn't seem to be the case this year; nominees for 2017's Academy Awards are some of the most diverse we've had in a while, including a number of films that cast actors of a variety of races and ethnicities.

That being said, here are some of my favorite picks from the diverse group of nominees:

BEST PICTURE

I have nothing but great things to say about "Moonlight," and I'm happy to see it nominated for this award. Directed by Barry Jenkins, "Moonlight" is a contemporary African-American film about friendship, family and personal identity. I loved seeing a positive representation of African-American males in a family-oriented nature on the big screen.

MUSIC (ORIGINAL SONG)

The song "How Far I'll Go" from the Disney film "Moana" is the clear winner here. I loved the message being portrayed, and it's one of the few Disney songs I don't mind being stuck in my head (I can't say the same for "Let It Go"). At the very least, the song is catchy; I may or may not have added it to my favorites list on Spotify.

ANIMATED FEATURE FILM

My first pick here is "Kubo and the Two Strings" followed closely by "Zootopia." The animation and correct display of ancient Japanese culture in "Kubo" was just amazing to me, and the message about stereotypes and pre-conceived notions regarding others of a different species portrayed in "Zootopia" was very important (which can easily be applied to people of different races, ethnicities, genders or sexualities).

An honorable mention here is for "Moana;" it gives me a good feeling in the way only a Disney movie can.

ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE

Since he acted in the Broadway version of "Fences," I had high hopes for Denzel Washington's role in the film adaptation, and he did not disappoint. Being one of my favorite African-American actors, I was really happy to see him get this nomination.

Andrew Garfield's role in the World War II film "Hacksaw Ridge" was also worthy of the award. I'm used to thinking of him as Peter Parker in "The Amazing Spiderman" films, I liked seeing him take a more serious role as a World-War II soldier saving the lives of others without the use of a weapon; It was really powerful to see on-screen.

ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE

Natalie Portman's title role as Jacqueline Kennedy in "Jackie" definitely earns my vote here. Portman did an excellent job as the widow of the late John F. Kennedy, specifically displaying the psychological effects she endured following his assassination.

ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

My pick for Supporting Actor is Mahersala Ali for his role in "Moonlight," hands down. You may recognize Ali from his role as Cottonmouth from the Netflix series "Luke Cage" – an unrelated plug – but his appearance in the show definitely made me interested in seeing him on the big screen. I praise Ali for his excellent execution as a supportive surrogate father to the main character in the film, actively helping to nullify the negative stereotype regarding fathers in the African-American community.

ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

I have two picks for this one: Octavia Spencer for her role as Dorothy Vaughan in "Hidden Figures" and Viola Davis for her portrayal as Rose Maxson in "Fences." Two amazing African-American actresses in two crucial roles for their individual films, both Spencer and Davis only enhance their role-model status for young children of color.

COSTUME DESIGN

The film "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," taking place in the "Harry Potter" universe, gets my vote for this category. The costumes of the film effectively captured the essence of 1920's New York City, and the get-up of main character Newt Scamander (played by Eddie Redmayne) matched his bashful personality.

The Academy Awards will air live on ABC Feb. 26. Get excited, because I am!



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New semester, new me?

BY MADDY WHITE



It's important to remember that crappy things happen every year. Reminiscing on the Girl-Scout-Cookie-selling, lanyard-making, Easy-Bake-Oven-using chapter of my life puts things into perspective, helping to even out the

mixed reflections I have from years 1997 to 2017.

Facebook photos and old Myspace messages are the cringe-worthy reminders of the choppy layers that make up our youth, where we wish we could press the rewind button and change whatever it is we thought we were doing.

Some things went right, and others went wrong. Going back in time can be painful, but pulling past things out from under the rug when one year seemed to be particularly bad, can be quite the quick fix.

A conversation with an elementary school version of myself would include words of wisdom, like, "Take a deep breath when something new seems scary." Just because it's new doesn't mean it's bad.

If I could have a conversation with my sixth-grade self, after an "everything happens for a reason" speech, I would tell myself to skip the leggings under that denim skirt, and quit liking every Facebook page that slightly applies to your life.

If I could talk to my fifteen-year-old self, I would say, "The friends you have now, won't be your friends forever." I'd also tell her, "Hang in there. The braces are worth it in the end."

I traversed the Hilltop to ask fellow Bradley students to give their younger selves advice in just one sentence. Here's what I gathered:

"Don't sweat the small stuff." – Sophomore psychology major McKenzie Ruyle

"It's okay to be different." – Junior English, secondary education and journalism triple major Andrea Morris

"Sometimes you have to fail in order to succeed." – Sophomore finance business management major Sam Kiesewetter

"Go to class." – Senior psychology major Lauren Jones

It's important to have to experience the "Abercrombie wearing, carpool lane using, changing clothes for P.E." years, so we can appreciate the years that follow where faces clear up, growth spurts occur and real friends are made.

In efforts to start the new year off right, go out on a whim and take a peek into the old yearbook under your bed to know that some things are best left in the past and things can only really get better from here.

PETTY PENNY REVENGE

BY JUSTIN RODRIGUEZ-HAND

Some people believe finding a penny means it's your lucky day, but employees at a DMV in Lebanon, Virginia, didn't consider themselves too fortunate.

Virginia native Nick Stafford, with the assistance he hired, brought in five wheelbarrows full of pennies to pay for the taxes on his car at the DMV on Jan. 11. He knew the employees would not only be forced to count all 298,745 pennies to make sure the payment was complete, but he also knew due to the U.S. Coinage Act of 1965, the pennies count as "legal tender for all debts, public charges, taxes, and dues."

This entire scheme cost him an extra \$1,005, to cover the cost of the wheelbarrows and the 11 people he hired for \$10-an-hour to help. A lot of man-hours were spent getting the pennies, opening the rolled coins and taking them to the DMV, only to waste other people's time in the process.



Employees of the DMV spent most of Wednesday afternoon counting and finished Thursday morning. Oddly enough, they were both "respectful and accommodating," according to what Stafford wrote on his company website, "Craftvinyl."

What led Stafford to perform this scheme was a long, personal battle between himself and the DMV that resulted in annoyance and frustration. He requested a number to contact the DMV about his debt, but was denied; as a result, he demanded nine private numbers of other DMV offices in the state. None of those offices seemed to cooperate, so Stafford decided to take them to court. In the end, he dropped the cases and decided to waste the DMV's time as he felt they wasted his.

I think the penny revenge scheme is the funniest thing that could ever happen at a DMV, but I feel this whole ordeal could have been handled a bit differently. I understand that Stafford wanted to prove a point, but I don't recommend spending a thousand dollars trying to one-up a government agency.

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- 14) For all to hear
- 15) Truly love
- 16) Anger
- 17) They are see-through
- 19) "... heat, ___ gloom of night ..."
- 20) "Mode" preceder
- 21) Munched
- 22) Tall Australian bird
- 23) Becoming morning
- 27) Like some humor
- 29) ___-Wan Kenobi
- 30) Jewish homeland
- 32) Below-the-belt comment
- 33) Animal house
- 34) "Come in!"
- 36) Nosy thing to do?
- 39) Roams
- 41) Auctioneer's hammer
- 43) Voyaging on an ocean
- 44) Fire remnant
- 46) Andrea Bocelli, for one
- 48) Malone on "Cheers"
- 49) Coral strip
- 51) 100-meter event
- 52) Clairvoyance, e.g.
- 53) Breastbone
- 56) Some instrument pluckers
- 58) When doubled, a dance
- 59) Airport schedule abbr.
- 60) Chunk of lawn
- 61) Common tree
- 62) Achieve total victory
- 68) "___ moment, please"
- 69) End of a bridal path
- 70) Contents of some office cartridges
- 71) The "p" in mpg
- 72) Be educated
- 73) Prepare to be tested

DOWN

- 1) Glass shooter
- 2) Legendary Muhammad
- 3) "Anchorman: The Legend of ___ Burgundy"
- 4) Country in northeastern Africa
- 5) Put on a pedestal
- 6) Drink from a dish
- 7) Org. on toothpaste tubes
- 8) One-celled organism
- 9) Ridges on ranges
- 10) Caulks again, e.g.
- 11) Some juicy vats
- 12) Bouquet
- 13) Any "I Love Lucy," now
- 18) On the decline
- 23) Avoid artfully
- 24) Crosswise, on deck
- 25) Jacket worn on a blustery day
- 26) Intimated
- 28) Russian assembly
- 31) Decisive refusal
- 35) Kidney-related
- 37) Minimal amount
- 38) Reading lights
- 40) Nostradamus, purportedly
- 42) Plague item of biblical proportions
- 45) Subscriber's option
- 47) Sharp replies
- 50) Pointless, as an effort
- 53) Ice cream portion
- 54) Macbeth was one
- 55) Kind of ray
- 57) Far from a Mensa candidate
- 63) Steering device, on water
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- 65) Large African antelope
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- 67) Attempt

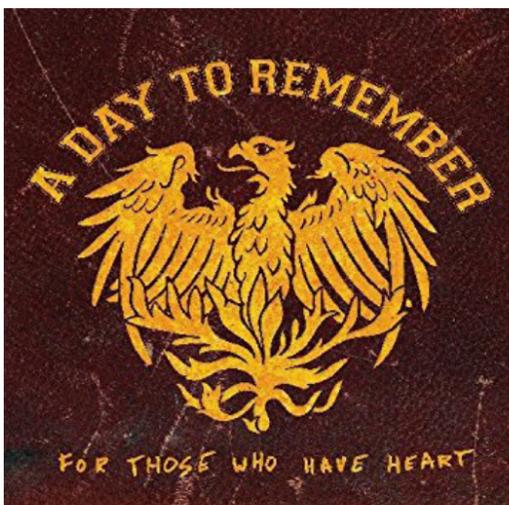
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By Timothy E. Parker

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Former Bradley student Ashley Borja memorialized

BY MITCHELL TAYLOR
Off-staff Reporter

Ashley Borja, a junior mechanical engineering major, died last spring in a car accident. She is remembered for being president of the Bradley chapter of Habitat for Humanity, amongst many other things.

Habitat for Humanity is in the process of building a home on N.E. Monroe Street, located about 10 minutes from campus, in memory of Borja.

"The home is currently in construction, and we're hoping to get it finished up this spring," Jordan Nelson, community development representative for



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Habitat for Humanity, said. "For Ashley's memorial, we had her family and friends come and help build on the house for a couple of days. That was special for them."

Amanda Hammer, a senior community wellness major, was one of Borja's friends who took part in building the home.

"I put up drywall, and I also helped paint gardening pots outside," Hammer said. "Everyone had something to do."

Hammer said Borja was passionate about Habitat for

Humanity, and she frequently assisted in building homes through the organization.

"[The memorial build] was really, really rewarding because Ashley ... helped build a few houses that she's told me about," Hammer said. "It really did leave an impact and led to her starting her own organization, something she grew passion for from [Habitat for Humanity]."

Borja founded the Bradley chapter of To Write Love on Her Arms, an organization with the mission to "present hope and find help for people struggling with depression, addiction, self-injury and suicide,"

according to the organization's website.

The home being built in Borja's name is one of four homes within a block that Habitat is constructing or plans to begin work on. Two of them are already finished and inhabited, and the Borja memorial build is expected to be completed in a few months. The already-finished homes were made entirely by volunteers, one being completed by all women and the other by veterans.

According to her family and



photo via Amanda Hammer

Students volunteer with Habitat for Humanity in order to build a home in honor of Ashley Borja, a junior mechanical engineering major who died last spring in a car accident.

friends, the passing of Ashley was felt widely throughout the Bradley community. Two of the university's core values are a commitment to community and service, traits that Ashley exemplified in every way.

"The Bradley community is

one that is very connected with the community around it," Nelson said. "This is a human-element. This is [someone] that we're building houses for in memorial of. Especially to the community, it connects them to something bigger than just building a home."

Donations can be made to the Ashley Memorial Build by going to Habitat for Humanity's website at habitatpeoria.org/donate. Proceeds will go toward the remainder of the house's construction.

Letters to the Editor

From 2004-05, I was the president of the Bradley chapter of VOX, and I minored in Women's Studies. I went on to earn a Master of Arts in Women's and Gender Studies. On December 14, I was surprised by a WMBD news clip of President Gary Roberts discussing sexual assault on campus. He mentioned how the crimes simply, "...involve students... who got really drunk."

His irresponsibility heightened from there. "Teenage kids sometimes behave in stupid

ways," he said. Enlightening! "It really was just an unfortunate incident involving some students that didn't behave very well." (Those are his exact words, and his poor grammar.) His hastily-issued apology later in the day wasn't much better. His original comment was one, "...some people have interpreted as implying that I do not regard sexual assault as a serious crime and that I am excusing criminal behavior," he wrote.

If the public did interpret his

original comments in such a manner, it was clearly because the comments did in fact imply a lack of serious regard toward sexual assault and appeared to excuse criminal behavior. I could attempt to justify those comments by reminding everyone how university presidents sometimes behave in stupid ways, but Roberts carefully pointed the "stupid" finger at the perpetrator and the victim. Rather than condemning the act, he chose to blame the victim for drinking and brushed it off as

teenage antics.

Sexual assault is inexcusable, and so is the failure by Roberts to call out such a crime. His lack of judgment is irresponsible and dangerous to the Bradley community as a whole, as well as to the victim.

As an alum and a survivor of sexual assault, I know sexual violence cannot be justified. Rather than tolerating Roberts' victim-blaming, we must demand better. That's why I am calling on President Gary Roberts to

resign. Shame on you, sir, for not demanding better behavior from students and for not displaying better judgment yourself.

I also have a few words for to the student who bravely reported the assault: I believe you. I'm sorry it happened to you, and I'm sorry Bradley's president does not take you seriously.

– Rebecca Klugiewicz, '05
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Letter to the editor – The thing in question for forty-four years

Forty-four years ago on January twenty-second, the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion. One would think that would be the end of the discussion, but it is not the case. Roe v. Wade is still hotly debated. Emotions and opinion dominate the arguments when debating ethics on this topic. However, would it not be more beneficial to use reason and science in assessing the issue?

Why would anyone be opposed to removing the thing in the womb if it was just useless tissue from the mother or just a parasite? No justification would

be necessary. On the other hand, if this thing in the womb is a separate human being, no justification would be adequate to take the life.

So is it just some tissue of mom? We know it can't be, a genetic analyses on mom and this thing in the womb possess two unique human genetic fingerprints. In addition, about half possess "Y" chromosomes, unlike mom's "X." Furthermore, the blood type is very likely to be different too.

Since this thing in the womb has its own human genome, it is human, from fertilization onward. Real parasites don't

have human genomes. This genome is conducting this thing into a mature human being—and nothing else—so again it cannot be a parasite. Without exception, every mature human has gone through the exact same process of development. The womb is designed to hold this thing, and the womb and mother's body are intentionally trying to keep it alive—it is supposed to be there. In addition, her body produced and released the egg in the first place, an egg that is designed to be united with the father's sperm. It is almost as if the system is in some sort of collusion to grow this thing.

From a biological perspective, it fits the definition of alive: there is growth, metabolism, movement, adaptation, homeostasis, reproduction, response to stimulus and is composed of cells. In fact, there are only four differences between this thing in the womb and a cooing baby that you hold in your arms: its size, level of development, environment (the location separated by only a few inches), and degree of dependency. None of these differences demarcate between human and non-human.

It is unequivocal that the humanity of the thing in mommy's womb is reinforced by bio-

logical evidence. If the argument concerning the ethics of abortion truly boils down to whether or not the fetus is human, then truly, is it not most rational to conclude that this thing is no less than an unborn human being? If this is so, then the child deserves protection, not death. Furthermore, the legal murder of almost sixty million innocent human beings over the past forty-four years must be mourned and condemned.

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"We felt that since the students are already paying an activities fee, why not offer them free classes?" Anna Reed, assistant director of Wellness, said. "At campuses across the nation [the classes] are already free. This is just one

more thing that, in our minds, is a no-brainer."

The Get Fit, Stay Fit program has been working toward the goal of bolstering numbers in fitness classes, boosting the morale of their instructors and bringing more students to Markin.

"We also definitely felt like we had the numbers to back it up," Matt Miller, graduate assistant of

Wellness, said. "Whenever classes were free, as they always offer them for free during finals week, numbers increased pretty significantly."

Get Fit, Stay Fit is using this semester as a trial to prove to university officials that fitness classes should be free to students and given SABRC funding. Reed said she is hoping free classes can be

offered for years to come.

"Where I'm from, these were just automatic," Reed said. "You get to use the facilities for free, you get the classes for free, so it just made sense to have Bradley be up to date."

The free fitness classes have already started, and the deadlifting station and fitness rope will arrive within the next three weeks.

"We truly appreciate the feedback we get from the students," Kauther said. "We will not be able to bring everything the students want to the Markin Center due to various constraints, but that doesn't mean that we don't take their ideas seriously."

FASHION

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Fashion Focus requested models wear pieces from their own wardrobes to demonstrate that fashion can be affordable. At the end of the show, all of the mod-

els lined up so audience members could ask any questions and hear final fashion tips.

"Fashion Focus is a club that allows creative, fashion-forward students to come together to collaborate on ideas and learn more about the fashion industry and

career opportunities," senior retail merchandising major and Fashion Focus president Taylor Caridine said. "Fashion Focus works to unite fellow students who share a love for the industry as a whole by allowing anyone interested to become a member."

Fashion Focus has partnered with other clubs and organizations in the past to demonstrate appropriate business attire. The group aims to help fellow students feel confident while dressing for work-related events.

"I learned about the difference

between how I should dress for a casual or formal business event," sophomore undecided major Emily Eshoo said. "It is important to know how to dress appropriately for the specific occasion because looking classy can create a good first impression."

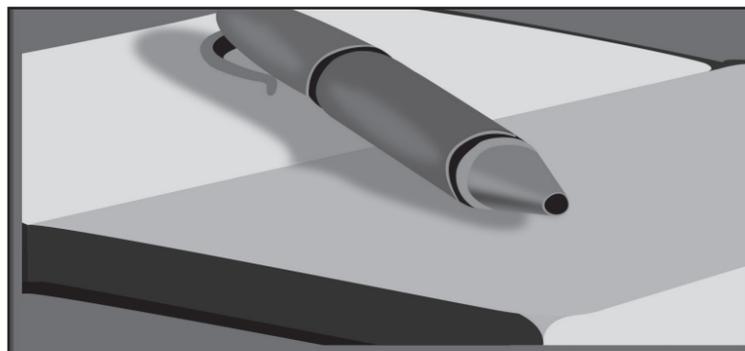
SLICE OF FASHION



photo by Cenn Hall

Senior mechanical engineering major Hannah Junius models appropriate work and interview attire at the Slice of Fashion show.

The Illinois District of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will be hosting its Illinois District Conference in Peoria, IL February 2nd-5th. On the campus of Bradley University, The Epsilon Kappa Chapter along with Kappa Pi Lambda Alumni Chapter will host on Thursday Empowered To Laugh which will be their fundraiser in support of the Alzheimer & American Heart Association. It will take place in the Student Center ballroom at 6pm. On Friday there will be a step show put on by the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. The step show competition is to find out who are the best steppers in Illinois which will take place in the Student Center Ballroom at 8:00pm. Saturday will be the Miss Alpha Illinois Scholarship Pageant in the Student Center Ballroom which will start at 7:30pm. Come out and see contestants from all over Illinois compete for Miss Alpha Illinois. Mark your calendars for the events that Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. will host on Bradley University this year. For more information please contact EK Alphas at epsilon.kappa1906@gmail.com for more questions.



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poured in 16 points.

Bears forward Alize Johnson dominated the Braves on both the offensive and defensive glass with seven offensive and 13 total rebounds to go along with 13 points, and guard Dequon Miller lit up the Braves defense for 24 points.

Bradley came back from a double-digit halftime deficit to trim the lead to four with just over six minutes left in the game. However, Missouri State responded with a 10-0 run which was enough to cement their 76-62 win.

An uphill battle is exactly what the Braves face. After dropping its fourth game in a row, Bradley's schedule doesn't get any easier as Wichita State comes to Carver Arena at 3 p.m. Sunday.

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Sophomore Luuk van Bree rises for a three-point shot in a loss to Illinois State. Van Bree finished with nine points on 3-4 shooting from three.



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Sophomore Antoine Pittman is averaging 6.5 points, 2 rebounds and 1 assist per game this season.

MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONF	OVERALL
Illinois State	9-0	17-4
Wichita State	8-1	18-4
Loyola	5-4	15-7
Missouri State	5-4	14-8
Drake	5-4	7-14
Southern Illinois	4-5	11-11
Northern Iowa	4-5	9-11
Bradley	3-6	8-14
Evansville	1-8	10-12
Indiana State	1-8	7-14

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when an additional three school records fell.

Shadid set his second record in two days by clocking a time of 22.45 in the 200-meter to finish fifth in the event and surpass the previous mark of 22.60, which stood for 28 years.

"Breaking the records to me just means that I'm giving everything I can for the team," Shadid said. "I'm a Peoria kid, so I grew up watching Bradley athletics, and just to be able to have my name in the record books is a very big honor for me, and I'm very proud of it."

The final record set was in the 4x800 relay as Dunderdale teamed with freshmen Alec Hartman and Sandy Freeland and junior Daniel Gagne to finish the race in a time of 7:40.51, besting the program's previous record of 7:47.47 by nearly seven seconds.

Only three members of the women's team ran in individual events on Saturday. Freshman Keina Suggs set her personal-best

time of 26.67 in the 200 meters, while freshman Emma Makowski and senior Casey Kramer posted times of 2:23.20 and 2:28.36, respectively in the 800 meters.

"In terms of the men and women combined, I'm proud of how they performed at the Gladstein Invitational," Gauson said. "Moving forward, we just want to continue to get better and have more performances like we did at Indiana and be prepared as best we can for the MVC championship at the end of February."

The Bradley men's and women's track and field teams will return to action on Feb. 3 and 4 at the Meyo Invitational at the University of Notre Dame and the Olivet Nazarene Invite Feb. 4.

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Sophomore Lindsay Haight serves to her opponent in the Bradley Invitational last fall.

Tennis swings into spring

BY ALEX KRYAH
Sports Editor

After a fall that resulted in multiple individual titles during tournament season, the women's tennis team is doing everything possible to carry that momentum into the spring match play season.

Head coach Matt Tyler said he believes the women will be able to transfer last semester's success into wins this season.

"The fall was great for us," Tyler said. "The team has come back [from winter break] in great shape, really playing well, and I'm excited to see them compete this weekend."

The women were able to build upon their camaraderie in the fall season, according to Tyler.

"The fall is really our opportunity to come together more so as a team," Tyler said. "It's continuing the team bonding and things we have done in the past couple seasons."

The fall season consisted of various individual tournaments, including the Bradley Invitational where the women secured a pair of individual titles. However, the focus now switches from individual to team results.

"The entire team would echo the fact that the spring [games] – because it's a team result, are way more fun," Tyler said. "Even though it's an individual sport, it's a team sport too – to compete against other teams head-to-head and to have your teammates pull-

ing for you and that sort of thing. I think it's a cool environment for us. We love the individual results, but ultimately the goal for us is to get the team championship."

Tyler said the goal for the team is to finish in the top three in the Missouri Valley Conference, a feat that he said is well within the realm of possibility.

"We're going to have to certainly play well," Tyler said. "The [MVC] is a good tennis conference, for sure. But I also think that with the leadership we have and the experience we have coming back in and the addition of Natalia Barbery, who's a freshman, we're

going to be a very strong team. Not to say we won't have to play well to get in the top three, but I think that's something we certainly are capable of."

The women will have to wait until April 1 to begin MVC competition, but they'll have plenty of time to tune up for their conference foes. Bradley will play every weekend this semester until the end of April, starting tomorrow against South Dakota State.

Tyler said he acknowledges the longevity of the season and will strategically work in rest days throughout the season to keep the women fresh.

One-on-One

Will Tiger Woods win another major?

Tiger's toast!

There was a time when Tiger Woods was favored to win every major. Now, you're lucky to see him play in a tournament. Woods, who was arguably the most dominant golfer to ever hit the links, has become a shell of himself, unable to stay healthy and to consistently play well enough to be successful. This is why he will never win another major in his career.

It's not that Woods doesn't have the talent, but at this point in his career, his body just doesn't seem like it wants to cooperate anymore. Over the past several years, he's suffered several knee injuries and major back problems. It's difficult to predict whether those parts of his body will hold up long enough to win a major tournament, let alone another tournament.

The competition level for golf is so much better than it was when Woods was controlling the sport. Jason Day, Rory McIlroy, Dustin Johnson and Jordan Spieth are either in their primes or heading into their primes with a greater likelihood of performing well all weekend. Woods has questions surrounding him on whether he can still consistently shoot under par.

Nick is going to tell you that Woods is the best player ever and his greatness guarantees him another major, but he's not the best player anymore. Besides, Nick has some weird infatuation with Woods, so he has some bias in this situation. I wouldn't trust his opinion.

- Josh Nelson

He's still got it!

Tiger Woods is making his first official PGA Tour start in 17 months at the Farmers Insurance Open, a tournament he has won seven times.

It is easy to see why Woods chose Torrey Pines as the site of his 2017 debut. The course where he has eight career wins as well as 11 top-five finishes and an amateur championship gives him a sense of comfort. One of those eight victories also was also his last major title, the 2008 U.S. Open.

This is just one crazy stat that shows just how good Woods was in his prime. I am not saying Tiger will return to his early 2000s form, but if he's healthy, he can definitely compete on the tour and win a major.

Josh thinks that due to his age and injuries, Woods is washed up. However, golf is a different sport in that most players can be competitive into their late 50s. A great example of a player over the age of 40 is the man Woods is chasing. Jack Nicklaus won the Masters when he was 46 at Augusta National, a place where Woods has had great success. It's not too late for Woods to grab another major.

Finally, Josh seems to think that the competition is better now than when Woods was in his prime. However, Woods holds a mental edge over the young guys on tour. It will be interesting to see how the likes of Jordan Spieth and Rickie Fowler will hold up on the back nine of a major on a Sunday with Tiger Woods wearing red chasing them down on the leaderboard.

- Nick Konow

"I try to err on the side of extra time off," Tyler said. "Letting ourselves recover mentally and physically from tough weekends, especially when we have double-header weekends when we play two matches on the same day. We'll make sure we'll allocate

enough time off for everyone so that they're refreshed and ready to come back and compete that next weekend."

Tomorrow's match against South Dakota State begins at 10 a.m. at Clubs at River City.

 THE WEEK AHEAD  					
	Friday January 27	Saturday January 28	Sunday January 29	Wednesday February 1	Friday February 3
Tennis	South Dakote St. Clubs at River City 10 AM				
Men's Basketball			Wichita State Carver Arena 3 PM	Southern Illinois Carbondale, IL 7 PM	
Women's Basketball	Southern Illinois Renaissance Coliseum 7 PM		Evansville Renaissance Coliseum 11 AM		Loyola Renaissance Coliseum 7 PM
Track & Field					Meyo Invitational South Bend, IN TBA

Women power past Bears

BY JOSH NELSON
Sports Reporter

The Bradley women's basketball team dropped its first game of the weekend road trip, but managed to finish on a high note.

Bradley started the trip Friday night at Wichita State with a 65-54 loss.

Junior Anneke Schlueter poured in 22 points while sophomore Vanessa Markert added 13 off the bench, but it wasn't enough to give the Braves the win.

Bradley trailed the Shockers by five heading into the fourth quarter, but the Braves struggled to score in the final quarter, managing only nine points and ultimately losing by 11. Head coach Andrea Gorski attributed the offensive woes to being "tentative."

"We weren't shooting with confidence," Gorski said. "They came up and pressured us, and instead of attacking it, we let the traps rattle us a little bit. But really, [we] just didn't shoot the ball well. They're a really aggressive, defensive team, really athletic, and we had some wide open shots and just didn't knock them down."

The road trip turned around for the Braves Sunday, however, as the team gutted out a 75-73 overtime win against Missouri State. Markert had another productive game off the bench by contributing 17 points, while freshman Alona Johnson and junior Danielle Brewer each scored 15.

Once again, the Braves found

themselves behind as they entered the fourth quarter. This time, they were able to complete the comeback as they outscored the Bears 18-12 in the fourth and 9-7 in overtime. Gorski said the key to winning the game was the team understanding their roles.

"We just said, 'Whatever your superpower is, just focus on that,'" Gorski said. "You don't have to take over the world in a day. If you just focus on what you bring to this team, and everyone does that at the same time, then we are capable of winning a tough road game ... I thought that whatever their 'superpower' was, they brought it and stepped up."

Last weekend, senior Leti Lerma climbed into the top-10 in Bradley history for career rebounds, and this past weekend, she reached 672 to put her in eighth place all-time. After less than a year at the Hilltop, Gorski has already realized what Lerma brings to this team.

"She gets the most out of her size and her abilities," Gorski said. "That's all you ask from a player. You max out your potential and your effort ... She has a knack for finding the ball, and she's not afraid. She's fearless."

The Braves now return home for a four-game home stand starting tonight when they host Southern Illinois at 7 p.m. Since SIU is Gorski's former team, she said she is highly anticipating this game.

"I really look up to a lot that they've done at that program in the last three years," Gorski said. "They went from five wins



photo by Justin Limoges

Freshman Ryan Wilkins is averaging 3.1 points and 1.1 rebounds per game in her first year at Bradley.

to 20 in three years, and that's something we want to do here. It would be a great step forward. I know we're riding a little more confidence coming off a tough road win at Missouri State. More than anything, it's about our team and about us riding that confidence and getting to two in a row."

Bradley will also play at 11 a.m. Sunday as they welcome the Evansville Aces.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

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Evansville	3-4	8-10
Wichita State	3-4	8-10
Southern Illinois	2-5	8-10
Bradley	2-5	6-12
Illinois State	1-6	4-14
Loyola	1-6	2-16

Opinion

Appreciate a modern day golden era

BY ALEX KRYAH
Sports Editor

It's 2017, and with a new year comes various resolutions. Trying to eliminate writing columns about defecating was near the top of my list, as was cutting down on my binge drinking. One of those is not going as planned, but I'll let the readers decide which I'm talking about.

At the very top of my list was increasing the number of hot takes I deliver to my friends and readership. So, without further adieu, here is my first hot take of the New Year: American sports fans over the last 15 years have lived through the greatest era in sports history. Not just football or basketball or baseball; we've seen it in all sports. But it's going to end very, very soon.

Don't believe we're in the

best era in sports history? Consider that this century has seen the second-best basketball player to ever live and the two greatest quarterbacks in NFL history. Arguably the best shortstop, best golfer, best male and female tennis players, two best soccer forwards and the most dominant sprinter and swimmer of all time competed in the last 15 years too.

Aside from their obvious legendary accomplishments, what makes them so great is that I didn't even need to list any of their names to make you think of them. Chances are, it took you less than a couple seconds to think of each.

A former Scout staffer wrote a column last semester about feeling nostalgic in the moment. It's time sports fans ought to feel that way about the twilight years of our greatest era, because the athletes mentioned above

aren't going to be around much longer.

Some have already thrown in the towel, like Peyton Manning and Derek Jeter. Michael Phelps is likely done, and though Tiger Woods is trying for a comeback, his prime is almost certainly behind him.

Tom Brady won't be around much longer – the guy turns 40 in August. LeBron James, 31, has logged more minutes than anyone his age ever and will almost surely fall apart much like Kobe Bryant did in his final two years.

But Brady is still dominating, reigning as the class of the league at his position. James is still the most valuable player in the league and could (should) have, like, eight MVP awards. Hell, even Roger Federer is the favorite to win the Australian Open this weekend, and the guy is a Swiss relic.

Relish these moments, especially over the next few months. Brady may have one last good year left, so this could be his last Super Bowl. Who knows about LeBron – I'm not sure he's human – but everyone retires at some point. This is certainly Federer's last chance at a grand slam. Even Serena Williams's time is drawing to a close – she's 35, newly engaged and has won, dominantly and repeatedly. She may call it quits to start a new life with her fiance because, well, what else is there to do in tennis for her?

The new breed of stars won't shine quite as bright as our current ones do today. Maybe that changes over time – maybe it doesn't. Don't take for granted that you were alive to see Usain Bolt win the 100, 200 and 4x100 meter dash in three consecutive Olympic Games, or that you saw Michael Phelps win eight gold

medals in 2008.

Please don't forget that you saw Peyton Manning break the single-season touchdown record, only to see Brady steal it and then reclaim it all within a decade. We've even seen the Red Sox and the Cubs win a World Series, for crying out loud.

We'll still have Leo Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo for a few years. Those dudes have ran the pitch for the last nine years, splitting the Ballon d'Or trophy every year. Messi is 29, Ronaldo, 31. They have some time left on the clock, but please take my advice – enjoy them while you still can. It won't last forever.

Sports fans, we've been spoiled. So, as you watch Federer possibly win another Aussie or Tom Brady hoist his fifth Lombardi Trophy, remember to recognize how remarkable it is to be a sports fan in 2017, and how life may never be the same.

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Women split on road

The women's basketball take a road split into a four-game homestand.



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Braves (sc)rambled by Loyola

Bradley drops fourth straight game by double-digits, including two 20-point losses

BY AUSTIN SHONE
 Assistant Sports Editor

The Bradley men's basketball team suffered a pair of losses on the road this past week, dropping them to eighth place in the Missouri Valley Conference at 3-5.

The Braves traveled to Chicago Wednesday night to face the Loyola Ramblers, who already handed Bradley a home loss earlier in January.

In the first matchup, Loyola's Milton Doyle scorched the Braves with a career-high 35 points. The second time around, they were able to hold Doyle to 14 but let forward Donte Ingram take over the game with 24 points, shooting 6-9 from behind the arc.

"We left Ingram a couple times, that's mental breakdowns," head coach Brian Wardle said. "We're just struggling to carry over mental, smart play. Tonight, we got quiet in the second half when things didn't go our personal way."

The Braves were bit once again by the turnover bug, as they turned the ball over 21 times, compared to Loyola's 12. When it comes down to it, the Ramblers just seemed to have more opportunities. Loyola took 53 shots, 15 more than Bradley's meager 38.

"The first half was all about turnovers; [there were] 17 points

off turnovers in the first half," Wardle said. "We competed, we did some good things, but we just made careless turnovers. We did not have very good leadership."

Thomas has become a key contributor on a night-in and night-out basis and has provided some consistency, tallying another double-double with 11 points to go with 11 rebounds.

Bradley's solid defensive effort helped the team stay within four points of the Ramblers at the half, but the second half saw the offense go stagnant, scoring only 20 points in 20 minutes. The Braves didn't have enough to keep up with Loyola and fell 70-50.

"Hopefully, sooner or later, we can have some confidence to play through a mistake or two," Wardle said. "In these games, you're out of it if you make three or four mistakes in a row. It goes from a four-point game to a 12-point game, and now we're just battling uphill."

The Braves came up short Saturday against a Missouri State team that was physically too much to handle.

Bradley got some season-high performances from junior forward Donte Thomas, who finished with 17 points and seven rebounds, and freshman point guard Jayden Hodgson, who



photo by Justin Limoges

see MBB Page A9 Freshman point guard Jayden Hodgson drives against three Illinois State Defenders on Jan 18.

Track racing into the record books

BY NICK KONOW
 Off-staff Reporter

The Bradley track and field team set several school records last weekend at the two-day Gladstein Invitational hosted by Indiana University.

Sophomore David Shadid highlighted day one of the meet by breaking his own school record in the 400 meter dash, while an additional five Braves set personal-best

marks.

Shadid finished third in the 400 fast section with a time of 48.52 to overtake his previous record of 49.36. The sophomore set the record for his third time, though the previous record stood for 36 years.

"A couple of years ago we were mainly focusing on cross country, but since the addition of David we have been getting into the sprint events," head coach Darren

Gauson said. "He is an extremely hard worker and brings a new component to our track and field program."

Junior Haran Dunderdale turned in his second-straight strong performance of the year to help lead the men's team. One week after setting the school record in the 800 meters, Dunderdale posted the second-best performance in school history in the mile with a time of 4:05.14, finishing the event

second overall.

Other strong performers from day one include senior Patrick Campbell, who placed fifth in the 3,000 meter run with a time of 8:16.96, and freshman Jake Hoffert, who placed sixth in his first career 3K run with a time of 8:17.00.

The women also delivered quality performances over the weekend. Junior Hannah Witczak and senior Mackenzie Griffin set their career-best times in the 3,000

meters for the second-straight week to lead the Braves. Witczak won the event with a time of 10:12.73, and Griffin placed third with a time of 10:15.83.

Senior Rachel Sudbury placed ninth in the mile run fast section, posting a time of 4:58.17.

The Braves continued their record-setting ways during the second day of the invitational

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