

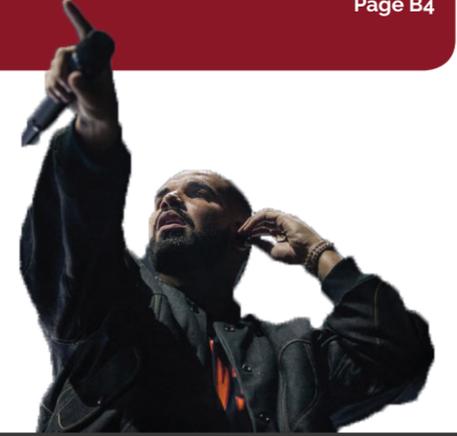
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Students pay it forward during spring break

BY DAVID DEMEO
Off-staff Reporter

While many Bradley students spent their spring break soaking up the sun on a Florida beach, relaxing on a Caribbean cruise or kicking back with the family, one group of 12 students sacrificed their week of rest for a greater cause.

For the past two years, students have been taking part in Alternative Winter and Spring Break trips to spend a week doing service projects in various U.S. cities.

"An Alternative Spring Break or Winter Break ... provides students with an opportunity to enact social change in various cities around the country," Jessica Chandler, coordinator of the trips, said.

Chandler was responsible for the introduction of alternative breaks at Bradley.

"I participated in a couple alternative break programs while I was an undergraduate student," Chandler said. "I know the feeling of inspiration that comes from such service work in communities other than your own, so it was suiting that I would

try to pass on the experience to those here at Bradley."

Junior sociology major Alicia Petramale said she is no stranger to such trips, as last week marked her third alternative break experience.

"I get something different out of every trip, so each visit is uniquely rewarding," Petramale said. "Last week we built wheel chair ramps for those with disabilities such as cerebral palsy."

Students who took the trip said their feelings of gratification have been permanently imprinted in their minds due to the reactions of those who have been impacted by the group's acts of kindness.

"An 11-year-old boy was able to leave his house by himself for the first time in his life, an elderly woman was able to leave her house for the first time in three years, and two others were able to get out of their homes easier and safer all because of the work that we were able to do while we were there," Petramale said. "I honestly could not think of a more rewarding or worthwhile way to spend my break."



photo via Alicia Petramale

Bradley students built wheelchair ramps in Nashville last week as part of the Alternative Spring Break program.

Petramale said her favorite memory from the trip was when she saw a video of the 11-year-old boy using the wheelchair ramp she and her teammates had built.

"The joy that spread across his face was enough to bring me to

tears, and that is what it is all about: Leaving the community having made an impact in the hearts and lives of the people in it," Petramale said.

Due to popular demand, an alternative break during spring semester was introduced this year for the first

time, according to Jessica Chandler.

"We have room in both our Winter and, now Spring, Alternative Breaks," Chandler said. "We hope to gain a larger community of students who are willing to focus their time off into impacting lives around the country."

'If you want to go far, go together'

BY KYLEE HIGGINS
Copy Editor

Bradley's 41st McCord lecture offered students, alumni and community members an opportunity to hear about the experiences of a Bradley alumna who achieved her dream job.

For the past six years, Michele Sullivan has been Caterpillar Inc.'s director of Corporate Social Innovation and the president of the Caterpillar Foundation.

In her lecture, "Moving from Transactional to Strategic/Influential in the Caterpillar Foundation," Sullivan opened with the story of when she heard her dream job, the position she holds now, was open.

According to Sullivan, the position is likely the most wanted job at Caterpillar, and only three people were interviewed despite the vast

number of applications.

"I was not the leading candidate," Sullivan said.

When she interviewed, Sullivan said she was asked what she would do if she had the position and how she would continue the success of Caterpillar. Sullivan said she responded with, "I believe that we should use our iconic brand and influence to help those in poverty."

After that, Sullivan said she was hired and has aspired to improve the company ever since. With the slogan "Together. Stronger.," Sullivan said she thinks Caterpillar's best option is to focus on collaborative efforts with private, public and non-profit entities.

"I run the foundation like a business," Sullivan said.

By investing with grants, Sullivan said she uses the grants to help those

in poverty. The different areas for the investments Sullivan cited were with basic human needs, environment and education.

According to Sullivan, every receiver of the grant has to report back on how the grant has helped them improve and how they measured the improvement.

Additionally, another perspective of the slogan "Together. Stronger." is "To get her. Stronger.," which represents another issue Sullivan said she is passionate about — the female population.

Sullivan said she utilizes her role in the Caterpillar Foundation to educate young girls and women by using Caterpillar's brand and reputation.

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Michele Sullivan, Caterpillar Inc.'s director of Corporate Social Innovation and president of the Caterpillar Foundation, speaks at the 41st McCord lecture Thursday morning.

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Brave Pitch competition seeks innovation

Students interested in pitching an idea for a product, service, innovation or solution that would solve a social issue can enter in the Turner School for Entrepreneurship's Brave Pitch Competition being held at 5:45 p.m. March 29 in Westlake Hall room 130.

Pitches may last up to three minutes and will not include a Q-and-A session. The top prize for the competition is \$250, while first and second runner-ups receive \$100 and \$50, respectively.

To enter, students must submit a brief description of their ideas to Managing Director of the Turner School Ken Klotz at kenk@bradley.edu by March 27.

Insurance professionals discuss industry

Insurance industry professionals from Northeastern Indiana will be on campus at 5:30 p.m. March 30 in Baker Hall room 252.

The industry leaders will discuss various insurance opportunities available to Bradley students in the Northeastern Indiana region.

Students interested in attending should dress in casual attire. For further information, contact Jessica Curran at the Smith Career Center at jcurran@fsmail.bradley.edu.

Greeks to showcase dancing abilities

Bradley's annual Greek Week will come to a close at 6 p.m. March 26 in Renaissance Coliseum as the greek community participates in PanFraSing.

Greek organizations have been divided into teams, and they will face off against one another in a dance competition set to movie soundtracks.

The event is free and open to the public. For further information, contact Interfraternity Council Director of Special Events Matthew Kern at mjkern@mail.bradley.edu.

POLICE REPORTS

- Officers were dispatched after reports of a "stink bomb" being released at 4:40 p.m. March 21 in the Global Communications Center. When officers arrived at the location, custodial staff turned over the "stink bomb," an inch-long glass vile containing sulfuric liquid, that had been released on the first floor hallway. The staff had reported strange smells earlier in the day. A note had been placed above where the vile was left that read "stink bomb."

No suspects have been identified.

- Officers received a report of a nonstudent female yelling and making a threat to an employee at 7:28 p.m. March 20 located in the Campustown Pizza Hut.

Officers arrived and spoke to the female customer who said the employee tried to charge her for two pizzas instead of one. The employee told officers the customer had made two separate orders. When the employee gave her both, the customer refused to pay for two pizzas and started to hit the counter with her fists. The customer then threatened that she "will climb over the counter and beat your *ss."

The female customer was banned from the location.

- A lost wallet containing a fake ID was turned into the Bradley University Police Department at 4:29 p.m. March 21 at 1200 W. Main St.

The wallet contained two drivers' licenses, one appearing to be a fake Ohio ID. The owner of the wallet was determined to be a male student who later admitted to officers he had used the fake ID to try to get into bars.

- Officers were dispatched to a Campustown location after receiving a report of a nonstudent male trespassing at 6:55 p.m. March 20.

Upon arriving at the location, the officers identified the man as someone who had been previously placed on the ban list.

The male was arrested for criminal trespass.

- A report was made to officers that a suspicious male was drinking alcohol in a public location at 6:48 p.m. March 20 at 1017 W. Main St.

The officers located the nonstudent male drinking a Milwaukee's Best Ice beer and informed the man he could not consume alcohol in a public location.

The male was instructed to throw away the beer and was banned from the location.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

This week in Bradley history...

Al-Marri linked to terrorism

BY CHRIS KAERGARD
of the Scout

Recently unsealed federal court documents show a potential link between former Bradley student Ali S. Al-Marri and the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

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The unsealed documents, filed in December with the U.S. District Court in Peoria, pertain to the request for a Federal Bureau of Investigation search warrant for Al-Marri's apartment in West Peoria.

The sworn affidavit in support of the request, made by an FBI special agent, details the possible link to the Al Qaeda terrorist network.

The affidavit alleges that two calling cards were used to call a telephone number in the United Arab Emirates that had been

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In 2002, former Bradley student Ali S. Al-Marri was linked to the attacks on the World Trade Center. Charges against Al-Marri were eventually dropped.

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NEWS

Fat Jacks serves pizza with Quad Cities style

BY KYLE STONE
Senior Copy Editor

A childhood dream came true for 58-year-old Mark Mannen in November 2014 when he opened Fat Jacks, a Quad Cities style pizzeria.

Mannen said he spent much of his childhood in local pizzerias, learning centuries-old lessons about pizza preparation from an Italian pizzeria owner.

“The old man would pay us \$1 an hour and free pizza at night,” Mannen said. “I’m one of only a handful left alive that made pizza with him and was actually trained by him. He knew pizza.”

While Mannen said he quickly developed a passion for pizza, time got in the way of his ultimate goal of opening his own pizzeria for the next 50 years.

“Other opportunities came about,” Mannen said. “And the cost of opening a business, let alone the risk and everything else that goes along with it, is just monumental.”

However, Mannen said his mind never really abandoned the thought of opening a pizzeria over the years.

“We would drive around town, my wife and I and the kids, and I’d always be pointing at a place saying, ‘That would make a good pizzeria,’” Mannen said. “And they’re all looking at me like ‘Oh, OK Dad. Out of everything going on in the world, you’re

[thinking about pizza]?’ It’s just a passion of mine.”

It was the foreclosure of a clothing store that, according to Mannen, created the perfect opportunity for the establishment of his long-dreamed about pizzeria.

“Location, location, location — the old man taught me that really well,” Mannen said. “One day, I was driving by and [saw] this place going out of business. I stopped in, and you know, I’m just doing this undercover thing, and I say, ‘So you’re going out of business?’ And they said, ‘Yeah, due to health reasons ...’ So I got ahold of the landlord and asked if they had any plans for the place ... so I ran it past them, what my ideas were, and they were like, ‘Great.’”

Following Mannen’s acquisition of the property, he said he spent a lot of time customizing the former clothing store into a pizzeria.

“I made a few phone calls to buddies of mine,” Mannen said. “A union contractor, a union plumber and a union electrician ... [I] had them all in here with an architect to draw up my plans according to how I wanted it set up. This entire thing I drew on a piece of 10 [inch] by 10 [inch] paper. Long story short, we built this place.”

Mannen also said the beginning of Fat Jacks was not stress free.

“Obviously, when you open a new business, I don’t care what it is, you’re wondering how it’s going

to be received,” Mannen said. “Are people going to like it? Are they not going to like it?”

Mannen said he attributes Fat Jacks’ success thus far to the uniqueness of the Quad Cities style pizza, in contrast to the style of pizza being produced by other Peoria pizzerias.

“What sets us apart, and one of the criteria I needed to have as part of the business model, was something that was unique from everyone else,” Mannen said. “I mean, what am I going to do, just open another pizzeria? What’s that going to do? At the time [in 2014], there were 75 other pizzerias. I had to have something unique, and this is unique.”

Another principle Mannen said he has employed that has been critical to the success of Fat Jacks is the freshness and quality of his ingredients. He said his philosophy is quality should always be more important than cost.

“We make — fresh — our own Italian sausage from scratch,” Mannen said. “We make our own fresh dough daily. We do our own sauce from California tomatoes. We hand-cut our own vegetables. We’re preparing pizza the same exact way as we did when I was 9 years old.”

Mannen said he intends to build on the success of his original Fat Jacks pizzeria by opening additional locations around the Peoria area in coming years.



photo by Kyle Stone

Opening Fat Jacks Pizza, located at 7016 N. University St., fulfilled a lifelong dream for owner Mark Mannen.

“I’d like to have at least one to two more stores,” Mannen said. “There’s nothing but growth.”

Mannen also said strong customer service and relationship building has been one reason Fat Jacks has grown.

“I know we’re old school, and that’s the way we want to keep it,” Mannen said. “I think people, whether its students or people in general,

I think that they kind of find that unique. If you like quality, give us a try. I’d love to have you as a customer, and I’d love to have you as a friend.”

Fat Jacks is located at 7016 N University St. and is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Get to know the Student Body Officer candidates



photo by Cenn Hall

President: Dave Jensen
Year: Junior
Major: Management and leadership
Main goal: “Some of my main goals include increasing event partnership between our student organizations, increasing sexual assault awareness — not just during the month of April — and focusing on the inclusion of all students on campus.”

My main goal directly related to Student Senate is more campus outreach. I want to be sure that everyone knows who their elected representatives are, because everyone’s opinions matter. I want to attend organization meetings and put faces to Student Senate because the Bradley experience is personal.”



photo via Kelsey Vogt

Speaker of the Assembly: Kelsey Vogt
Year: Junior
Major: Finance
Main goal: “One thing I really want to focus on is more collaboration, but not collaboration between the faculty and students, but collaboration between students and students. That’s an issue that I’m starting to see not only between some organizations that could be collaborating to create better things for this campus, but within organizations themselves.”

For example, on Senate we have the [Student Body Officers] and the vice president, and then we have the senators who are representing their constituents, and sometimes there’s disconnect within our own organization, and I think that’s something we can totally tackle and work on revamping.”



photo via Kalah Anderson

Secretary of the Assembly: Kalah Anderson
Year: Senior
Major: FCS hospitality leadership
Main goal: “My main goal for the term is to definitely make some type of better communication. I know sometimes not all of the communication is gotten to different groups or organizations, so I want to find a cohesive way to be able to make sure that communication is strong between different university policies, between different groups and organizations on things that are going on on campus as well as the higher authority on campus.”



photo via Luke Versweyveld

Secretary of Finance: Luke Versweyveld
Year: Junior
Major: Management and leadership
Main goal: “I want to be an advocate for the organizations that we have [on campus]. Whether or not they are getting funding, I think we should definitely take the opportunity to put the spotlight on our organizations just to bring awareness to them because a lot of people work really, really hard in those organizations, and we have some really, really great ones on campus.”

Student Senate general elections

BY TORI MOSES
Editor-in-Chief

Student Senate recently restructured its constitution in order to change the election process for senator seats this year.

Instead of electing senators to seats based on residence halls and organizations, the seats will be open to a certain number of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. The student body will be able to vote for the positions on April 10 and 11.

“[The change happened] to better represent the entire student body,” Jenna Dellaria, student body president and elections board chairperson, said. “With the residential seats, it’s typically a lot of freshmen and sophomores, and we’ll maybe have four seniors ... so now we’re getting a better representation of everyone.”

The election process will also look different. Instead of getting a certain number of signatures on petitions at the beginning of the fall semester, interested students will submit a candidacy form in the spring in order to have their name on a ballot.

This change caused Student Body Officer (SBO) elections to move up a couple of weeks, which could have been the cause of the uncontested race for SBO positions this spring, according to

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NEWS

Astronaut Robert Lawrence remembered

BY SAMMANTHA DELLARIA
News Editor

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the death of alumnus Robert Lawrence, who is best known as the first African American astronaut.

In 1956, Lawrence graduated from Bradley with a degree in chemistry. According to emeritus professor Kurt Field of the Mund-Lagowski Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Lawrence was well-liked on cam-

pus and was a hard-working individual during his time at Bradley.

"[Lawrence] became Cadet Commander of Bradley's Air Force ROTC program, a position that revealed the respect he had from his superiors and his fellow cadets," Field said. "He also worked in the cafeteria at Bradley to help supplement his educational expenses."

After graduation, the Air Force stationed Lawrence in Germany. During his time there, Lawrence taught German pilots to fly U.S.

planes by speaking to them in German, a language he had studied while attending Bradley.

He later returned to the U.S. to attend Ohio State University, where he received a Ph.D. in physical chemistry in 1965. Lawrence was selected to join the Air Force's Manned Orbital Laboratory program and became the first African American astronaut.

Lawrence's success in the field demonstrated his passion for education and service, according to Field.

"Robert Lawrence's career reveals that he had a thirst for knowledge and a willingness to serve his country," Field said. "He was a dedicated, focused and energetic young man. He chose a major that required a sound working knowledge of mathematics and physics as well as good reading and writing skills."

In December 1967, Lawrence was killed at the age of 32 in a crash at Edwards Air Force Base, located in California. That same year, the Major Robert H. Lawrence, Jr. scholarship was established at Bradley in his honor.

Many other tributes have been established by Bradley to honor the memory of Lawrence. According to Field, everyone involved with the chemistry department knows Lawrence's story as some of the academic areas are named for him.



photos by Bradley University Marketing

Robert Lawrence, the first African American astronaut, graduated from Bradley in 1956 with a degree in chemistry.

"All in the department are familiar with Robert Lawrence's accomplishments," Field said. "Our students know who he is and his accomplishments because all of them take at least one class in Olin Hall room 164; this classroom bears his name, and his portrait is displayed on the north wall."

In 1988, the Lawrence Visiting Lectureship was established at Bradley, which brings visiting scholars to the university who serve as role models to all students, especially minority groups.

Field said it is with great pride

to be able to say Lawrence is a member of the Bradley community.

"Bradley has a substantial number of alumni, like Robert Lawrence, who have distinguished themselves nationally and internationally," Field said. "We are proud of them, and their successes serve to remind us and our students that great things await once they have left the Hilltop. I'm sure that if Robert Lawrence were able to speak to our students today, he would stress the importance of time-management skills."



Art gallery brings the world together

BY MADDIE GEHLING
Managing Editor

Although it may be a hidden gem to students on campus, Bradley's 36th Annual International Print and Drawing Exhibition is anything but secret to the artists and galleries involved.

Held every other year, the exhibition is the second-longest running print and drawing show in the U.S. It includes over 130 pieces from artists living across America and the world.

"It features work by both established names in graphics and new and emerging talent," Erin Buczynski, exhibition and gallery coordinator at Bradley, said.

This year, the art and artists were chosen by event juror Kathryn Polk, a printmaker based in Tucson, Arizona. Polk also gave a presentation at the kick-off event for the exhibition in

early March.

"This year we had [approximately] 800 entries, and [Polk] narrowed it down to 131 accepted works of art," Buczynski said.

Graduate student Michael Brown's pencil drawing "Hydra" will be displayed at the Prairie Center for the Arts. As Bradley's full-time gallery assistant, he also helped hang the pieces in each gallery.

"It is really exciting to have such a prestigious show hosted here at Bradley ... [and] unpacking works of art from all over the world," Brown said. "It was fun seeing all the different countries represented at the show."

For Buczynski, the show means hours upon hours of work - "making the show happen beginning to end."

"As artworks arrive to campus, we inventory them according to the gallery location they will be displayed



photos by Cenn Hall

Bradley's International Print and Drawing Exhibition features over 100 works of art. Selections can be viewed at any of the exhibition's five Peoria gallery locations.

at," she said. "We then spend approximately two weeks installing the exhibition at all the venues. This means unpacking all artworks, reviewing works for condition issues, creating and posting exhibition show titles and labels and hanging all 131 of the artworks."

Brown said he's excited to show his art in a professional setting with the exhibition.

"This was definitely the most fun show I have set up since being here at Bradley and I feel honored to have

had a piece in the show," he said. "The Bradley International Print and Drawing Exhibition is an amazing show filled with amazing talent and I think it is an amazing opportunity for Bradley students and the community of Peoria to check out ... Whether you're an art enthusiast or just the occasional observer, it gives people from all the Peoria area the chance to see some world class art in their hometown."

The artwork is being displayed throughout Peoria this year: the

Contemporary Art Center, the Prairie Center for the Arts, the Sunbeam Building and Bradley's Heuser Art Gallery and Hartmann Center Art Gallery will all play host to 20 to 30 prints and drawings through the end of the exhibition on April 17.

"We are so fortunate to be able to collaborate with each of these fantastic gallery spaces, as there is no conceivable way we could possibly make this show happen otherwise," Buczynski said.



NEWS

Taking the unexpected road

BY AJ LAMB
News Reporter

After 13 books and 39 years, Robert Fuller is still researching and teaching at Bradley University. But it's not where he imagined his life would take him.

When the Michigan native started at Denison University in Ohio, he was planning on a career in the courtroom instead of the classroom.

"I did not think I would ever be a college professor - I thought I would be an attorney," Fuller said. "To fulfill a general education requirement, I had my choice, when it came down to it, of taking either introduction to philosophy or introduction to religious studies. Just because it fit into my schedule, I took introduction to religious studies."

Fuller said he had a wonderful professor and was instantly hooked on everything he studied, so he decided to take another course in the subject.

"What is more interesting about being humans than what we think and how we feel?" Fuller said. "And what's more interesting about all of our thoughts than our thoughts about religion and of all our feelings - religious feelings?"

After continuing religious studies coursework, Fuller said he decided

he would change his major to religious studies but still planned on pursuing law school.

"By my senior year, I thought, 'No,'" Fuller said. "This is a field that I'm very fascinated by and applied to my Ph.D. program, and here I am."

Once he made the switch, Fuller went to the University of Chicago for his graduate program, and then it was on to the job market.

"I was looking for something that wanted somewhat of a generalist and someone who specifically wanted American religion or psychology of religion," Fuller said. "One of the job openings that I thought my background [fit] was Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, a city I had never been to ... I applied for it and was brought down for an interview, and I fell in love with it right there."

Fuller said he found his perfect fit coming to Bradley due in part to the expectations the university has for its professors.

"When you graduate from a top graduate school, you need to make a decision yourself: 'Did I go into this because I want to do research, or did I do it because I want to teach?'" Fuller said. "I knew that I wanted both, but the biggest emphasis would be on the teaching ... and that's the beautiful thing about Bradley; we consider ourselves teacher-scholars."

Fuller said he enjoyed the ability to pursue teaching, which he said he adored, while still being able to research new and exciting topics. "In the last three or four years, I've teamed with expert people in our Psychology Department, specifically Dr. Hermann, Dr. Derrick Montgomery and Dr. Dave Schmitt, to do experimental study of religion ... We now have a cross-disciplinary lab for the psychology of religion, and we have produced some really interesting articles," Fuller said.

Fuller said his research is typically based on readings and others' findings, but the lab's experiments are brand new for him and the department.

"I don't want to be ending my career in a tired [manner] or [with] a sense of repetitiveness or boredom," Fuller said. "That's why I've challenged myself to do this work with the psychology professors."

Fuller said his new skills and research methods could not be possible without the help from the other talented professors, but these new findings may not lead to a 14th book at this time.

After 13 of them, I'm really working on journal articles," Fuller said. "But I'll never say never that there won't be another one."

HUMANS OF THE HILLTOP



ROBERT FULLER

photo by AJ Lamb

Robert Fuller has published 13 books during his 39 years of teaching on the Hilltop.



SCOUT ON THE STREET



What is your favorite general education class, and why?



Jamie Lankford

"My favorite gen-ed was CIV 101 (Western Civilization to 1600). I had Dr. [Seth] Katz, and he's amazing. It's definitely the best history class I've ever taken."
- Jamie Lankford, junior photography major



Diana Meza

"Last semester, I took English 115 (Intro to Literature). I had Professor Bush, and he was so fun. He picked good readings, so all of the readings were interesting."
- Diana Meza, freshman sociology major

"I'm really enjoying IS 250 (Normative Theories of International Studies), and it's just really satisfying to see what we're learning in class being applied everywhere in the world today. Even after the first day of class, you can see the motivations behind actions of world nations. It's probably one of the only gen-eds that I've truly felt engaged in."
- Carson Piedmonte, sophomore mechanical engineering major



Carson Piedmonte



Claire Sebastian

"I am currently in THE 131 (Introduction to Theatre). That's my favorite because the professor [Travis Stern] makes the class engaging, and it's a nice break from all the other technical courses I'm in. I did theater in high school, so it's something I'm passionate about and enjoy learning about."
- Claire Sebastian, sophomore mechanical engineering major

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Editorial

Q&A with the SBO candidates

This year, there was no public forum or debate as a result of one uncontested Student Body Officer ticket. After interviewing the candidates, The Scout picked out the most important information from each candidate for students to review before voting on the ballot March 27 and 28. Read up on some of their important talking points here.

Dave Jensen, Student Body President

What is your main goal for your term?

My main goals include increasing event partnership between our student organizations, increasing Sexual Assault Awareness not just during the month of April, and focusing on the inclusion of all students on campus. My main goal directly related to Student Senate is more campus outreach. I want to be sure that everyone knows who their elected representatives are, because everyone's opinions matter.

What is one new idea you'd like to implement this year? I think that our Rise of the Red

(ROTR) campaign is going really well ... Lack of school spirit is a concern that is largely voiced by the student body. While ROTR is great, I hope to find a way to encourage school spirit by attendance at events ... Every event on this campus is unique and fun. All we need to do is find a way to get students to break out of their comfort zone, meet new people and try new things.

How do you keep a student voice when working so closely with administration? Sometimes it's tough, since questions like, "Where is that funding?" or, "What's the proposed timeline?" pop up in my head when a fellow student approaches me with an idea. But no matter what, it's important to keep those ideas coming ... I also think it's important to have a couple of student leaders that work closely with administration to always ensure the student voice is heard.

Kelsey Vogt, Speaker of the Assembly

What is your main goal for your

term?

One thing I really want to focus on is more collaboration ... between students and [other] students. That's an issue that I'm starting to see not only between some organizations that could be collaborating to create better things for this campus, but within organizations themselves.

What are some current initiatives you'd like to work on?

[I think we can work on] the timeliness of some things. If Senate comes up with an idea, and we create a proposal and vote on it ... it goes to the University Senate to be approved. They don't have meetings as often and sometimes they take a little bit longer than we would hope, and so creating the communication that there might be a deadline ... and hopefully they will see it as a priority at that point.

How do you plan to motivate senators to fulfill Senate goals?

I am a firm believer in leading by example. So if I am asking other people to participate in something that I'm saying is super meaningful, if I don't go to it and I don't participate,

why would that carry on to them?

Kalah Anderson, Secretary of the Assembly

What is one idea you'll bring to Senate?

One of our overall goals for our team ticket "Brave For You" is really focusing on making sure that diversity and inclusion is something that is brought up into the campus. [We're also] making sure that those that are in that inclusion category aren't just those with disabilities, but highlighting all inclusions. I think there are gender biases and things of that sort that a lot of those students feel like they don't have a voice, and we really want to be a voice for those students.

How will you maintain relationships with other organizations?

I definitely plan to make sure I communicate with them right away ... putting a face to a name and letting them know that I am an open book if

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Column

Spring broken



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This spring break was one of the most relaxing I've ever had. Too relaxing, actually.

I don't remember the exact moment it happened, but some-

where along the road, I tore my meniscus, probably by over-exerting my physical capabilities in pick-up basketball.

So I got the pleasure of having surgery and the wonderful things that followed. My parents took me in early in the morning, I slid into everyone's favorite hospital gown and Dr. Greenberg sliced me open and stitched up the cartilage.

I had only been under anesthesia on one other occasion – when I had my wisdom teeth removed. When I woke up that time, I felt like I was in heaven. No worries, somewhat dizzy and a little out-of-sorts, but I was in a slap-happy place.

They must have given me a larger dose this time around, or a different type, because when I started to "see the light," I wasn't a happy camper. I remember trying to tug off my oxygen mask like a caged gorilla trying to

break free. Apparently, that was frowned upon. Pardon me.

Eventually I came to my senses, but I think I got my money's worth irritating the nurse (sorry, nursing students).

Once the unconscious portion was over, the recovery was underway. I was not allowed, under any circumstances, to bend my leg for the next five days. As you can imagine, this made everyday activities slightly difficult.

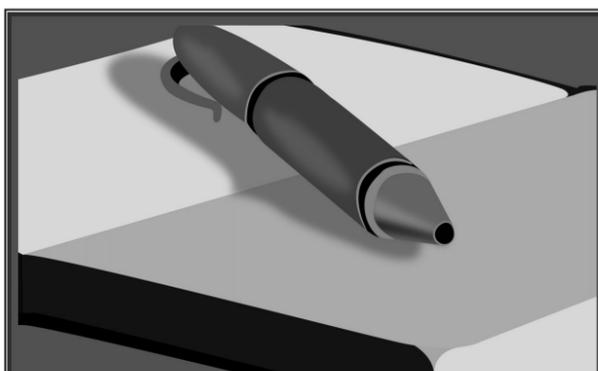
When I took the wrapping off a few days later, I was surprised to see all the hair on my knee was shaved off (glad I don't have to do that on a normal basis). There were three incisions – two for the scope and one where they mended the meniscus. I was impressed.

Walking on crutches isn't too bad if you rule out the ridiculous arm-pit soreness, but since my hands are constantly attached

to the crutches, I can't really carry anything. I won't even talk about going to the bathroom and taking a shower. It's a major loss of independence, but it's taught me to be patient and not to take anything for granted.

Who am I to complain, though? I didn't have to lift a finger. I had my family around to help, and they sacrificed a lot of time for me. I may not have partied at the beach or hit the slopes, but I did win a complete game of Monopoly, read a great book and watched a portion of every March Madness game. I lost my ability to walk, but I gained quality time with my family.

So if you see me hobbling my way to class, don't feel bad. Don't walk slow behind me either. Put your blinker on and hop into the fast lane or challenge me to a jousting battle. I don't like my chances of survival, but my reach is better than yours.



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Spring Bonkers

IRON FIST

BY ZACHARY DIXON
Off-staff reporter

"Daredevil" was a strong start, "Jessica Jones" was a surprise hit, and "Luke Cage" was a solid statement. Yet it seems the magic has run out for Marvel, because their new Netflix series "Iron Fist" did not deliver on any of the hype that surrounded it. It's a slow burn that fizzles into obscurity rather than blazes an exciting trail.

The plot starts off simple. Danny Rand survived a plane crash 15 years ago and has been training with monks to become the Iron Fist, a mystical warrior and protector of the mythical city Kun'Lu. However, Danny abandons his post to return to his home to reclaim his family company and name, Rand Enterprises.

The season starts slowly as we are introduced to characters and their motivations. And then it goes nowhere with that.

Danny is introduced as a character who wants to save the world, which doesn't mix well with corporate America. His biggest weakness is his naiveté and his penchant for getting betrayed by everyone while missing the blatantly obvious. I found myself tearing my hair out as the characters had to spoon feed Danny to obvious conclusions that everyone else had come to.

Normally, I'd bring up the rest of the cast, but they're all passable. Not a single supporting cast member brings anything worthwhile to the table. The Meetchum family look like they belong more in Mad Men than a supernatural kung fu show. Meanwhile, Colleen Wing feels like a forced love interest rather than a badass kung fu master in her own right. Even recurring character Claire Temple – who's been in every Marvel series on Netflix thus far – is there for the sake of a cameo at this point.

The weakest part of almost everything in the Marvel Comic Universe has been the villains, and here they are just as bad. The Hand returns as the sworn enemy of the Iron Fist but, once again, they're reduced to just being guys that our protagonist has to beat up. Even worse than Daredevil season 2, we're not even given true motivations for them to be in the world. Why are they opposing Danny? Why are they even around? What are their goals? These are the questions we never receive answers to; the only saving grace is Madam Gao, who, if nothing else, is an amusing old lady.

If anything, the fighting choreography should have been a must see, but even that wasn't memorable. You'd think a man with a glowing fist and martial arts training would be entertaining but the fight scenes, like the poor writing of this show, fell flat almost every time.

There isn't one thing in "Iron Fist" worth mentioning. The show isn't the worst thing I've ever seen, but it's skating the edge. It falls so short of the expectations that have been built up over the past two years of the Netflix homebrew. Give it a try yourself, but measure your expectations sharply.

BY BRIEN JACKSON
Voice Editor

As college students, we all know spring break can get pretty crazy. Take a look at some of the craziest mishaps of spring break 2k17.

Doing the "shark shotgun"

If you haven't seen the viral (and controversial) Instagram video, I'll inform you: a group of spring breakers used the teeth of a beached shark to open a can of beer. I know, pretty disgusting and cruel ... I want to fight them.

Jumping in shark tanks is apparently a stunt trend

Speaking of sharks, there was an incident of someone jumping into (or being pushed into) a shark tank. With sharks. That were alive. In the words of Ronald Weasley, "How thick could you get?"

Using loans for spring break

Apparently, a group of students

decided to use their student loans to pay for their spring break. Honestly, this wasn't a terrible idea — short sighted, but resourceful. I just hope they won't be surprised when they get a call from Sallie Mae.

Knock someone out

In Port Aransas, Texas, a large group of spring breakers decided to get drunk and fight each other. It got so bad the local police had to come out in droves to restore order. Hopefully no one suffered from any bruises or (spring) broken bones. I'll see myself out.

Some moron gets arrested

A 19-year-old University of Alabama student got to enjoy his spring break in jail. He was pulled over by police for speeding, then arrested for having seven 30-packs of beer and marijuana in the center console ... On top of that, he had a fake license saying he was 24. He just might get a whupping when he gets home.



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DISTRACTIONS

THIS WEEK IN DRAKE

BY MADDY WHITE
Assistant Voice Editor

Take every preconceived thought you have about Drake and throw it away, because March 18 he released his new album "More Life," and it changed my life.

Ok, maybe my life wasn't changed, but every previous Drake album that made me want to watch the rain and think about my heartbreaks (ex. the album "Take Care") has nothing on this album.

The album is unlike like any of Drake's previous work. He features lesser-known artists like singer Jorja Smith and London-native rapper Giggs as well as more well-known rappers like Young Thug and 2 Chainz.

The album uses different rhythms and sounds that we don't normally hear from someone with the "hip-hop" label attached to their name.

According to a spin.com music review, "More Life" exhibits "highly rewarding underground subgenre of British dance music called funky house, which blended traditional house with polyrhythms influenced by the percussion of Africa."

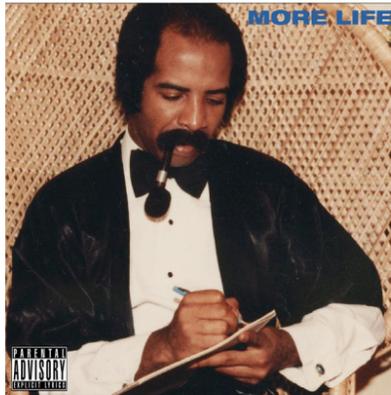
Similar to his last hit "One Dance," Drake samples various dancehall and tribal beats in a few of his songs on "More Life," making them

more taking-shots-with-friends" songs, rather than drinking-wine-alone songs.

This is an album that you'll love or hate. Drake ran off to find a lot of new sounds this year, and you'll either enjoy the material he's brought back, or you'll let him keep running because you are a firm believer the "Summer Sixteen, Thank Me Later" Drake reached his peak as an artist.

If you are someone who thinks the Canadian artist should stick to his roots, have no fear, this album still caters to you. Songs like "Free Smoke," "Portland" and "Gyalchester" still give off the hip-hop vibe you're looking for. The songs that stray away from his more conventional style are "Passionfruit," "Get It Together" and "Madiba Riddim."

Even if you're a little skeptical, this whole album is worth listening to at least once because every now and then artists running with new ideas return with something worth while.



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Musical jams served at Coffeehouse



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Nelly's Echo performed at ACBU's (Activities Council of Bradley University) Coffeehouse acoustic music series Wednesday. Nelly's Echo performed on Season 3 of hit TV series *The Voice*.

Industry professionals to visit Soft Skills Symposium

BY MITCHELL TAYLOR
News Reporter

The Smith Career Center will host a Soft Skills Symposium, the first of its kind, March 29 and 30. Sponsored by Caterpillar Inc., this event will feature presentations and discussions from prominent Peoria leaders on various topics, including professionalism, critical thinking and cultural sensitivity.

The aim of the program is to benefit students and faculty from the insights of local professionals and to learn how they can develop their own soft skills with others and within the workplace.

"We designed the program like you would a professional development conference," Dawn Koeltzow, Director of the Springer Center for

Internships, said. "[There will be] a keynote, breakout sessions and lunchtime roundtable discussions, and we thought the students could kind of come and go as it fits their class schedule."

Koeltzow said she hopes students utilize the program to improve their skills before entering real-world professional settings.

"We want there to be a program where students can reflect and think about where they're at with their soft skills and maybe leave the sessions with ways they can improve," Koeltzow said.

The program will also include a lunch buffet and a chance to network with companies from Bradley's employer advisory board, which Koeltzow said will benefit students of all years and majors.

"It's really good for not only upperclassmen who will be entering the work place soon, but for freshmen and everyone going into an internship," Koeltzow said. "You want to start demonstrating these professional skills right away."

According to Koeltzow, the breakout sessions seek to educate and develop skills that aren't formally taught in the classroom.

A keynote speaker for the program is New York Times best-selling author Lindsey Pollak, who is recognized for being outspoken on how young professionals can succeed in today's work environment.

"[Pollak] came here very early on in her career ... we've wanted to get [her] back to Bradley for many years," Koeltzow said. "She's the perfect mentor for professionalism and

soft skills development. She's a role model."

Junior criminal justice major Brandon Sheraden will be hosting a session on diversity and inclusion, and he said he believes the topic is important in everyone's personal and professional development.

"It's important in itself because once you get in the work force or even in a group project here on campus, you'll meet people from all different kinds of backgrounds and socioeconomic statuses," Sheraden said. "You get to see different viewpoints of topics that you're discussing that you may not have thought of before ... and also just how to relate to one another."

Sheraden said he also believes people should take their time to develop skills like communication and team-

work, as they may be hindered by our attachment to technology.

"In the workforce, you're going to need to relate to other people, and you need to develop these skills," Sheraden said. "Because if you don't do it now, once you get out there and you try to talk to someone, it won't end up too well."

Other speakers include Lisa Plantamura from UnityPoint Health and Steve Lawrence from Caterpillar, among others.

Advanced registration for the event is being taken now for the symposium, which will begin in the Student Center Ballroom at 2 p.m. March 29 and continue at 10 a.m. March 30. Registration can be found on the Smith Career Center's website.

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sured the improvement.

Additionally, another perspective of the slogan "Together. Stronger." is "To get her. Stronger.", which represents another issue Sullivan said

she is passionate about — the female population.

Sullivan said she utilizes her role in the Caterpillar Foundation to educate young girls and women by using Caterpillar's brand and reputation.

McCord Professor of Executive Management Development Joshua

Lewer said he views Sullivan as a role model.

"She has to overcome more obstacles than [the average person], and yet, she's been able to do it, so it makes her an inspiration," Lewer said.

Lewer said hopefully students will also see Sullivan as an inspirational

figure to motivate them.

"Students are going to come away from [the McCord lecture], I hope, inspired to knock down those challenges they see in front of themselves, to [not] take 'No' for an answer, to overcome life's challenges and move forward in a positive direc-

tion," Lewer said.

According to Sullivan, she said a specific African proverb represents her view of how the Caterpillar Foundation should be run.

"If you want to go fast, go alone," Sullivan said. "If you want to go far, go together."

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Dellaria.

"Typically, in the past, it has been

at least two candidates running for each [SBO] position," Dellaria said. "I think because the process was pushed up so early this year, people might not have been aware. I know a lot of people have been asking, 'When are

candidacy forms due?' or 'What's the process?'"

However, Dellaria said the new system should make for a smooth transition within Senate.

"Technically, by the end of elec-

tions, we should have pretty much a full senate except for the freshman seats, so ... they'll have two practice [General Assemblies] at the end of the semester," Dellaria said. "Everyone else will be used to the

system, so we don't have to take two or three meetings explaining rules and going over that stuff in the fall."

According to Dellaria, the number of senator seats will slightly increase from 46 seats to 47.

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they have some event that they want us to broadcast or they want us to be at or whatever it may be.

How will you best organize and facilitate Senate records?

[I will be] working with Google

drive ... [and] utilizing the Hilltop Happenings to communicate different events, too.

Luke Versweyveld,
Secretary of Finance

What is one new initiative you would like to see implemented?

I think that last year there [were]

some organizations that didn't get funding and I know that really hurt them ... I know we can only do so much with the money we have, but if there is any way that I can individually step up and help them get funding in other ways ... I would love to see that happen.

What would you like to work on next year?

With a limited budget ... We should put our money where our mouth is and make sure the money is going to those who need it.

What are the three main issues facing Bradley?

1. School spirit doesn't always have to be tied with athletic success. I think we are doing a really good job with the Rise of the Red.

2. Making sure our diversity groups on campus have the support they need and making sure Bradley is a place of inclusivity and support for each other.

3. [I want to] advocate for all organizations [and sit] down with presidents for as many organizations as I can to maintain positive relationships.



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Softball slowed by Salukis

BY AUSTIN SHONE
Assistant Sports Editor

After compiling a 14-11 record in its non-conference season, the Bradley women's softball team began its Missouri Valley Conference season this past weekend by dropping two of three games at Southern Illinois.

Saturday's doubleheader saw the Braves struggle to get much going at the plate. The Braves only scored one run in each game as SIU hurlers Brianna Jones and Savanna Dover both went the distance in their starts, beating the Braves 6-1 and 2-1.

"They are two of the best pitchers in the conference," head coach Amy Hayes said. "They do a good job of throwing a pretty big mix. Some of their success is going to depend on what the zone is like. We just didn't do a very good job of making adjustments from at-bat to at-bat."

In game three, the Bradley hitters made the necessary adjustments at the plate. The Salukis took a one-run lead into the seventh inning, but the Braves rallied.

"Our approach to game three was to focus in on the little things that can make the biggest difference in the game," senior center fielder Caitlyn McCarron said. "For hitters, it was to make the adjustments as soon as we can. Our team does an excellent job of keeping our composure no matter the situation we are in or who is playing. We all have confidence in one another to get the job at hand done."

Senior left fielder Kelly Kapp led off the frame with a single, and McCarron delivered the go-ahead two-run homer.

"My goal was to just get the ball in play and do the best I could to get Kapp in," McCarron said. "When I saw the ball in the zone, I knew I wasn't going down without a fight, and then all of a sudden I saw it go over the fence, and I couldn't contain my excitement."



Senior Caitlyn McCarron hit the go-ahead home run in Sunday's win over SIU.

photo via Bradley University Marketing

That gave the Braves a 6-5 lead going into the bottom of the seventh when senior pitcher Jaelen Hull closed out the game to earn her seventh win of the season.

"[Hull] has really embraced this role as a closer for us," Hayes said. "You don't always see that in softball. I think [sophomore pitchers] Julie Kestas and Megan Mahaffey set her up really well this weekend."

After dropping the first two games of the series, McCarron said getting the win in the third and final game was very important.

"Now that we are in conference, every win and loss makes a difference in our record," McCarron said. "One win or loss can determine where we are ranked overall for the conference, and the higher up the ranking, the better seat we

have in the MVC tournament."

Kapp also set the Bradley record for career steals this weekend with 90 while also becoming the third player in Bradley history to notch 200 career hits.

Bradley also dropped a mid-week non-conference game at Illinois Wednesday night. The Fighting Illini got out to a 4-0 lead after three Bradley errors in

the first inning and never looked back as they went on to win 7-1.

The Braves will continue conference play this weekend at Evansville with a double-header at noon Saturday and game three at the same time Sunday.

Tennis proves vulnerable in Vegas

BY NICK KONOW
Off-staff Reporter

The Bradley tennis team traveled to Las Vegas over spring break to take on Rutgers, Southern Utah and nationally ranked University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

On the first day of play, the Braves took on No. 45 ranked UNLV. The Runnin' Rebels downed Bradley in a 7-0 sweep.

Despite the loss, head coach Matt Tyler said he was happy with the effort his team gave.

"For all three matches in Las Vegas, I thought we played well, but I think we could have played better," Tyler said. "Against nationally ranked UNLV, I thought we played them really tough even though the score didn't necessarily

reflect that."

Family bragging rights were on the line the next day as Bradley faced off against Rutgers. In a matchup of sibling head coaches, older brother Tyler took on his younger sister Hilary Ritchie, head coach of the Scarlet Knights.

"I was nervous for it, and I knew they were a very good team going in," Tyler said. "It was certainly one that I wanted to win, but I don't think we approached it any differently than we do any other match."

The lone bright spot in the match came when junior Aimee Manfredo rallied for a 3-set win at No. 5 singles. She earned the team's only point in the match as Bradley fell to the Scarlet Knights 6-1.

Even with two straight losses,

Tyler said his confidence in the team remains unshaken.

"I think the first two days we were adjusting to playing in a different atmosphere," Tyler said. "We played Rutgers just as tough as we did UNLV, and I know that we're capable of beating teams like them, it's just a matter of getting over the hump."

Whether that "hump" was mental or physical, Bradley got over it on their final day in Las Vegas against Southern Utah. The Braves were able to earn a 5-2 win over the Thunderbirds, ending their spring break trip on a high note.

"We played our best tennis of the trip on Wednesday," Tyler said. "People were playing a position higher from three on up because [freshman] Natalia Barbery was

out of the lineup with an injury, and we were still able to come out, play well and get the win," Tyler said.

Although the Braves were only able to pick up one win over the trip, Tyler said he was happy that the team was able to get some experience playing in outdoor conditions.

According to Tyler, playing outside is important for the team, especially as it moves closer toward the conference season.

While the trip helped get the team ready for the start of the conference season, it also helped solidify team morale, and senior Ariel Dechter said she is happy with the way the team is coming together.

"The trip gave us the chance to bond as a team. We all stayed in

the same house and were together a lot of the time both on and off the court," Dechter said. "We really did everything together. We went on a team hike, and we got the chance to walk around and see some of the sights. I think we're coming together great as a team. We cheer for each other, and we're all there for each other when we need it."

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Junior Ethan Brue's strong play helped the Braves win both of their Spring Break Tournaments.

Golfers dominate down south

BY JOSH NELSON
Sports Reporter

The men's and women's golf teams both found success over spring break in their respective tournaments, with the men taking first place in the Bradley Spring Break Invitational in Dallas over spring break and the women earning a second place finish.

The men controlled the Invitational from start to finish as they took a 26-shot lead heading into the second day where they shot a 278, good enough for the lowest team round in program history.

Following the opening round dominance, the Braves finished at 18-over par (858) on the tournament, which was also the lowest 54-hole score in school history. Men's head coach Jeff Roche attributed the achievements to the weather and exceptional play.

"The first day, the temperatures were cool and it was pretty windy, and it kind of played havoc with the other teams while we were able to stay in there," Roche said. "Then the last day, we just really played solid and such that it created a bigger margin that way."

The men then competed in the Twin Oaks Intercollegiate on Monday and Tuesday in Springfield, Missouri, where they finished in first again. The Braves trailed Missouri State by two shots heading into the final day when they shot a two-under 282 to win the tournament.

Junior Zach Jewell, who

matched the lowest round in school history with a five-under 66, was a big reason the Braves were able to come out victorious.

"He really stayed patient," Roche said. "He didn't get ahead of himself. With golf being a four-and-a-half hour long game, as you get going and you get going really well, there's a lot of time in between shots to start thinking too far ahead. He really just stayed patient and hit each shot as it came."

The women's second place finish was powered by its second-lowest 54-hole score on the season with a three-round total of 909, which also tied the 10th lowest 54-hole score in program history.

"Dallas is a great spring break

destination for us in the sense that the conditions can be pretty similar to the Midwest," head coach Mary Swanson said. "It was a little cooler and windy ... I honestly feel like because of the conditions, the girls know, 'Hey, we can get this done even in tough conditions.'"

The women's team also finished second at the Cardinal Challenge in Beaumont, Texas, last weekend. As a team, the Braves shot 909 over the three-day tournament, finishing behind NIU.

Junior Ally Scaccia was a key contributor to the women's team success last week, as she finished tied for seventh in Dallas and then tied for fourth in Beaumont.

"I think she just really

One-on-One

Who will win the NCAA Tournament?

North Carolina Tar Heels

Kansas Jayhawks

North Carolina has been one of the most dominant teams in the country all year, and I see no reason why the Tar Heels won't come out on top in the end this year's tournament.

The Tar Heels boast one of the strongest front courts in the nation, led by Kennedy Meeks and Isaiah Hicks. Their depth in the frontcourt has allowed them to dominate the boards this season as they led the nation with 43.8 rebounds per game. When you can dominate the battle of the boards this late in the season, that gives you a significant advantage over the opposition.

The rebounding advantage leads to more transition opportunities and, hence, more scoring. Justin Jackson and Joel Berry II anchor a solid offensive unit that has been terrorizing opponents all year, especially in the tournament.

Besides their obvious advantages over most opponents, they have a pretty weak path from here to the Final Four. They take on Butler today, an undersized team who relies on the dribble-drive penetration to win. It's tough to get in the paint against North Carolina's athletic guards and massive forwards.

If they win today, then they'll face either UCLA or Kentucky, both of which rely on the jump shot and transition opportunities to win. Good luck making enough shots and grabbing enough rebounds against the Tar Heels, guys.

Are you going to listen to Cole, who's endorsing Bill Self of all people, king of the early tournament exit? Kansas is lucky to make it this far. Go with the right choice in North Carolina.

- Alex Kryah

Kansas will win the NCAA tournament this year. The team boasts a 30-4 record and won the regular season Big 12 title. Now the Jayhawks have rolled into the Sweet Sixteen with wins over UC-Davis and Michigan State.

Kansas can score unlike any other team in the tournament. They averaged 83.4 points per game throughout the regular season and seem to be continuing their high scoring with 190 points in their first two games of the tournament.

The Jayhawks are led by senior guard Frank Mason III, who averages over 20 points per game. Guards Josh Jackson and Devonte' Graham average 16.6 and 13.3 points per game, respectively. The Jayhawks can also shoot the three ball, ranking in the top 10 nationally, which can be an important factor in a tight game.

Another big factor in the NCAA tournament is location. Though games are played at neutral locations, the next two games for the Jayhawks will be played in Kansas City, which is just down the road from Lawrence. Playing in front of a heavy home crowd can be a huge advantage in the playoffs.

Finally, Bill Self has won it all before, including multiple trips to the Elite Eight and Final Four. Self is one of the top coaches in college basketball and one of his strengths is being able to make major adjustments throughout games.

Kansas is the clear winner of the tournament this year. Arizona may look good, but the West Coast is soft, and you can't trust anyone who thinks otherwise.

- Cole Bredahl

committed to whatever it took to get the ball in the hole," Swanson said. "She didn't let either a bad swing or a bad hole or two get in her way. She really was able to recover quickly. I think she just handled adversity well and trusted that her short game could bail her out when she needed it."

The men's team travels to Normal to participate in the I-74 Individual Challenge tomorrow while the women's team is gearing up for the Bradley Spring Invitational next Saturday, April 1, at Weaver Ridge Golf Club in Peoria.

 THE WEEK AHEAD  					
	Friday March 24	Saturday March 25	Sunday March 26	Monday March 27	Tuesday March 28
Tennis		Saint Louis/IUPUI Renaissance Coliseum 9 AM / 6 PM			
Baseball	RMU Peoria Dozer Park 6 PM	RMU Springfield Dozer Park 2 PM	Eureka College Dozer Park 2 PM		Illinois Champaign 6 PM
Softball		Evansville (DH) Evansville, IN 12 PM	Evansville Evansville, IN 12 PM		
Men's Golf		I-74 Individual Challenge Normal			

Tough schedule tests baseball team

BY ALEX KRYAH
Sports Editor

The Bradley baseball team hasn't had it easy in its first month and a half. The Braves have played the 13th toughest schedule in the country to date, according to various college baseball sources, and the difficult competition has contributed to the team's 6-12 record.

Digging a little deeper than the record, Bradley's Rating Percentage Index (RPI) is 62. That means if the season ended today, the Braves would be receiving an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament, which is optimal for the Braves.

"I'm feeling good," Dominguez said. "I think we're right where we should be. Obviously we'd like to win a couple more games ... we just have to somehow find a way to win."

Unfortunately, wins have been a bit tough to come by lately. Bradley has dropped three of its last six games, including a 12-1 drubbing by Iowa on Wednesday. The Braves allowed all 12 runs in the first and third innings, and Dominguez said that is where the game was lost.

Freshman Ryan Hodgett started the game on the mound and only lasted one inning, allowing a pair of free base runners and a grand slam to set the tone for the game. Sophomore Matthew Richey relieved Hodgett but delivered similar results. Richey allowed six runs on two hits and four walks, which have plagued Bradley recently.

"We can't throw strikes," Dominguez said. "We put ourselves in a hole, and when they do get a hit, we ended up giving up a grand slam ... you can't continue to do that and have a chance [to win]. I think our guys are just pressing a little bit, but somehow, some way we have to attack the strike zone."

Aside from the free passes, early runs have been a problem for the Braves. In each of its last three losses, Bradley has allowed four or more runs in the first three innings. Going down early in a ballgame takes a burden on the offense, Dominguez said, and is certainly not a recipe for success.

"We are just beating ourselves by



Sophomore Luke Mangieri has led the Braves offense this year with a .384 batting average.

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putting on too many free runners," Dominguez said. "It's just a matter of guys being able to command the strike zone, and it's tough to play from behind all the time. Even though we're scoring a lot of runs and hitting the ball extremely well, we have to have better starting pitching."

The offense, as Dominguez mentioned, has been operating like a well-oiled machine this season. The Braves are averaging just over six

runs a game and have a team on-base percentage of .359. Dominguez said he is confident putting out any lineup of hitters, which is crucial as the conference season looms.

"Everybody is just producing, and we've been able to produce runs one through nine, and we've even had some guys who've come off the bench who've done well when given the opportunities," Dominguez said. "It's just a matter of [stopping] an

opponent from scoring."

Falling behind early in games has limited what the Braves can do offensively, Dominguez said. Once they solidify their starting pitching, Dominguez said he is confident the wins will start coming.

The key to fixing the pitching woes? Simple – throw strikes.

"Our strength of schedule isn't easy," Dominguez said. "If we can [throw strikes], we can climb the

charts even faster than we have been."

The Braves finally return home after 18-consecutive road games to start the season. The men host Robert Morris-Peoria at 6 p.m. tonight, Robert Morris-Springfield at 2 p.m. Saturday and Eureka College at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Opinion

March monikers

BY AUSTIN SHONE
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Every year when February turns into March, college basketball moves to the forefront of my attention span. Conference tournaments heat up, automatic bids are won and the rest of the field of 68 is filled in on Selection Sunday.

Although the games themselves are great, there's one aspect of college basketball that separates it from all other sports ... the names of the players that make the sport (Ryan) Funk[y].

This year, NCAA basketball was

filled with food, allowing fans to fill their plates. For breakfast there'll be a (Arlando) Cook (Koh) Flippin Pancake[s] (Thomas) and frying up (Dewayne) Bacon. For lunch, fans munched on (Andrew) Pickles, (Geoff) Beans, (AJ) Cheese-man, (Travis) Rice and a Tacko (Fall). And for dessert, why not (Jack) Purchase a (Jordan) Strawberry Shake (Milton) with (J'Breun) Sprinkles and a (Myles) Cherry on top?

As it has come to be known, March Madness is one tough (Tyus) Battle. In order to succeed, the Admiral[s] (Schofield) and (TayVaughn) Major[s] will have to lead their teams through

various (Max) Hazzard[s] and hope no one gets held (Will) Ransom by (Steven) Santa Ana and his (McKay) Cannon[s]. At the end, there can only be one squad with the (Stafford) Trueheart of a (Robert) Champion.

It's only natural some players get (Michael) Hurt along the road to the Final Four. Health is Precious (Ayah). That's why all the teams are insured by (Ernest) Aflakpui.

Of course, college basketball wouldn't be the same without some Divine (Miles) intervention – just recall Paul Jespersion's buzzer beater to lift Northern Iowa over Texas last year. There's actually many biblical stories that could be re-created on

courts across the country. (Eli) Cain was a (Kethan) Savage who killed his brother with something (Stephon) Sharp. (Jonathon) Isaac was (Kale) Abramson but wasn't quite as wise as (Mitchell) Solomon, who used his abundance of wealth to build a (Grant) Golden (Matthew) Temple.

Everyone has a different strategy to fill out their bracket. Some fans have a lot of (Corey) Bias and pick their (David) Favorite teams, while others take a Chance (McSpadden) in attempt to gain (Josh) Fortune.

The early round upsets can make any (Tyson) Jolly fan (Melo) Trimble, give them the (Ahsante) Shivers or

cause them to (Tres) Tinkle. This year, I already (Trevon) Bluiett. My bracket was DouDou (Gueye).

From Alpha (Diallo) to Omega (Harris), the Unique (Maclean) names of college basketball sure are the Shizz (Alston Jr.)

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Golfers Dominate

The men's golf team earned a pair of titles, including setting a school record, over spring break.

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Zach Jewell

Tennis to the Coliseum

BY ALEX KRYAH
Sports Editor

Playing indoors is nothing new to the Bradley women's tennis team. Most of the team's home matches this season have been played at the Clubs at River City, an indoor tennis facility. But for the first time ever, the tennis team will host the "Coliseum Classic," as it brings its competition to the Renaissance Coliseum.

"I hope people recognize what a unique event this is going to be," Bobby Parker, associate athletic director for communications and operations, said. "We're not aware of anyone ever hosting a dual tennis match inside their basketball arena, so I hope people want to see the novelty and want to support the tennis program."

The Coliseum court, which normally hosts the volleyball and women's basketball teams, experienced a makeover Thursday as the hardwood court was topped with synthetic panels across the entire floor.

By playing the event in the coliseum, Parker and head coach Matt Tyler said they expect to host over 1,000 fans with hopes of breaking the collegiate tennis attendance record of 1,032 from 2016 in a match between Florida and Georgia.

"Most of the time, our highest attendance numbers are 40-50 people on a great day," Tyler said. "To have several hundred, hoping for over 1,000 is maybe a little intimidating, but at the same

time, what a cool experience. Very rarely do tennis players get to play in front of a crowd like that."

Parker said he initially came up with the idea for the indoor meet while walking along the Coliseum concourse in January. Once he and head coach Matt Tyler began discussing the plan, Tyler found Flex Court International, and from there, he said everything seemed to fall into place.

"You kind of get excited about an idea, and pieces came together fairly quickly," Parker said. "There was a weekend that presented itself as a good opportunity, and the ball just kind of started rolling pretty quickly."

The planning for the Classic has taken less than two months, which made the last couple months of the season difficult for Tyler. However, he said it will ultimately make the Classic more rewarding.

"I wish we would have had like, a year, to plan for it because it's been kind of manic," Tyler said. "We did it on a really tight timetable, which I think has actually been good because we've been able to create a lot of excitement ... It's not announcing it a year ago and people forgetting about it. We've made this big push of making [it] visible for everyone."

Tyler said he gives Parker "99 percent of the credit" for the project, saying that Parker has organized most of the marketing initiatives and the rest of the



photo by Justin Limoges

Junior Alejandra de Lasa is 1-4 this year in singles play and 1-1 in doubles play.

logistics. Parker said he's been doing the best he can to organize an event that has never previously been done at Bradley.

The court surface is markedly different than anything the women have ever played on, too. Tyler said the surface is almost like "a cheese grater," which will limit the amount sliding and will create a slower pace of play.

Though the court surface will

affect the play of the team, senior Ashley Thai said the biggest hurdle will be mentally handling the sheer number of fans.

"I am really excited but also extremely nervous," Thai said. "As tennis players, unless you're going pro, you're never going to get to experience anything like this, so I don't think any of us are prepared for what we're going to be feeling."

Tickets for the event are free to students, faculty and staff, and you can purchase a "VIP experience" for \$100, which includes preferred seating, admittance to the hospitality room, catered breakfast and dinner and an hour of court time from March 23 to 26.

The Braves play St. Louis at 9 a.m. and IUPUI at 6 p.m. tomorrow.

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