



# Students get cultured

International Global Learning Community hosts 'Life in Korea'

BY DAVID DEMEO  
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"Annyeong-ha-se-yo," or "hello," in Korean, is one of the many phrases students and faculty learned Wednesday at an event geared towards educating people on Korean culture.

Titled "Life in Korea," the event consisted of International Studies Assistant Professor Jihyun Kim teaching the attendees various common greetings in Korean. As a native of South Korea, Kim introduced differences in cultural norms while using a variety of phrases.

Kim said her primary intention for the event was to promote cultural competence in a fun and engaging way.

"We wanted to use this opportunity to introduce Bradley students to Korean culture," Kim said. "It's a very easy language to learn. Understanding different cultures of [various] countries, being kind to people who are different ... I believe that this is something that can make a change in the way that we relate to each other whether it is to relate to

people from other countries or other people in America."

Students of various backgrounds had the opportunity to try different phrases in Korean, practicing the language and engaging with one another. One student in attendance was Brittany Horton, who described the event as a success.

"It's good to be able to meet other people who are interested in Korea as well," Horton, a graduate student in the curriculum and instruction program, said. "[It's nice to see] when everyone realizes that there is so much more out there to learn. Being able to interact with people from different religious groups, cultural groups, racial, ethnic groups ... socioeconomic backgrounds ... just being more inclusive and accepting. I feel like this group has brought [it] up all together [this evening] with that interest."

According to the organizer of the event senior John Roop, the discussion was hosted by the International Global Learning Community, a student organization on campus.

"The International Global Learning Community is comprised



Photo by Aamir Mitchell

Students converse in Korean with Jihyun Kim, assistant professor of international studies.

of students who have expressed interest in international affairs," Roop, civil engineering major, said. "We have had other events in the past, one discussing culture and life in Germany. We've had the [Study] Abroad Office come to speak on some programs available at Bradley. This is still the pilot year for the club, so we are still trying to figure things out."

Towards the end of the event, attending students and faculty were served Korean green tea and Kimchi,

a popular vegetable dish in Korea, as they learned to wish each other a happy new year in the language.

Students who are interested in International Global Learning Community can contact Roop at jroop@mail.bradley.edu. Those wishing to explore a new culture can register for a study abroad trip by contacting the Study Abroad Office at (309) 677-2562, located in room 246 of Bradley Hall. Applications for May term must be submitted by Jan. 31.

## Correction

On Nov. 17, The Scout published a front page article titled "Increased reports of rape, fondling and stalking in annual crime report" which reported incorrect statistics in the story, accompanying graphic and editorial. Both the article and graphic have been updated on our website to reflect accurate information. The Scout apologizes for the errors.

## New office aids international students

BY AJ LAMB  
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Undergraduate and graduate students from more than 30 different countries call Bradley home, but until recently, they did not have a permanent office on campus to service their needs.

This December, Bradley will be installing the Office of International Student and Scholar Services to improve upon the current resources available to international students.

"Most schools have an international student and scholar services office in some capacity, and Bradley was unique in that it didn't," Kayla Carroll, the director of international admissions and graduate services, said.

According to Carroll, these services were previously provided by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion as well as the graduate school, but she said a separate office has been needed for a few years.

"I have been doing dual roles both in the graduate school and in Diversity and Inclusion for three years, so since 2014, and it became apparent then that we could be doing more for our students," Carroll said. "But with transitioning the new [university president Gary Roberts] and the [new provost Walter Zakahi] and that leadership change, it kind of got pushed to the backburner. So we're really excited now that it's a priority, and the provost is encouraging new exchange agreements with other international schools and kind of making it a priority to serve those students well."

While the office was initially set to be open Dec. 4, Carroll said they still have a lot of to finish before they are ready to serve students.

"We're working to create a website with the web designers here at Bradley, ... We're doing all of the new office things, like ordering signs and letterhead and paperwork," Carroll said.

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Students converse in Korean with Jihyun Kim, assistant professor of international studies.

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BRIEFS

Fall Commencement

Bradley sends off its graduating students on Dec. 16 in Renaissance Coliseum. The event starts at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude at approximately noon. Parking will be available in the parking deck located at 900 N. Maplewood Ave.

Students in the ceremony must pick up their caps and gowns in the Peplow Pavilion from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7.

Tickets are not required for the event, and there is no limit to the number of guests who can attend.

Late Night BU's winter wonderland

The final Late Night BU of the semester will be held Tuesday, Dec. 5, in Markin Center.

Beginning at 9 p.m., the event will feature an escape room, a scarf-crafting station and include a cookie decorating stand.

Walking tacos and hot chocolate will be provided to attendees.

Students advised to renew New York Times subscription

Bradley offers students free subscriptions annually to gain access to the New York Times online. Students can access to all news articles, blogs and other features of the site through their online accounts.

Any students looking to sign up or renew their subscription from last year can go to [nyt.bradley.edu](http://nyt.bradley.edu) for a full year of access.

Library extends hours to accommodate finals

The Cullom-Davis Library extended its hours of operation this week to give students a place to study during finals. The library will remain open 24 hours a day until Tuesday, Dec. 12.

The library will also be serving coffee, tea and hot chocolate throughout finals week. The library staff recommends students bring their own cups for the beverages.

POLICE REPORTS

• A female student reported a male nonstudent of stalking to police at 5:47 p.m. Nov. 20 at the 1200 block of W. Main Street.

The student said the male contacted one of her female friends and tried to solicit sexual acts from the female. She said the male tried to contact her at a former college as well.

The student also said she saw the male at a mall in a different town and noticed he was following her.

The student said she has not encountered the male in Peoria, and no charges were pressed.

• Two juveniles jumped out of a car and fled after they were told to stop by an officer at 11:14 p.m. Nov. 26 at the 1400 block of W. Fredonia Avenue.

The officer saw the juveniles driving the wrong way and tried to stop the car to talk to them, but the driver backed it up and hit two cars as it reversed.

The juveniles then left the car while it was still in drive, and the car rolled forward and hit the officer's squad car. The juveniles tried to flee the scene, and officers located them in the bushes near Olin Hall.

The juveniles were taken into custody by Bradley University Police Department and were released to their guardians.

• A male student and a female student were seen play-fighting by an officer at 2:38 a.m. Nov. 18 at the 1100 block of N. Glenwood Avenue.

A faculty member saw the students play-fighting and thought they were actually fighting, so they reported it to BUPD.

While the students were play-fighting, the male student accidentally fell and hit his head, which gave him a cut to his forehead above his eye.

The two students said they had been drinking and called another student to take the male to the hospital.

• A female student fell off of her dorm ladder at 11:05 p.m. Nov. 27 at Harper Hall.

When police arrived at her dorm, the student explained she fell when she was attempting to climb down from her bed. The student said she was nauseous after the fall, so officers called an ambulance. Once the ambulance arrived, the student was allowed to sign a refusal to transport form.

Later, the student said she was feeling dizzy from the fall, and an ambulance was called. The student was transported to UnityPoint Health Methodist.

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NEWS

Isn't he 'Lauv'-ly?

BY SAMMANTHA DELLARIA  
Managing Editor

Indie pop singer Lauv is set to perform on campus at 8 p.m. Sunday in Michel Student Center Ballroom.

The concert is hosted by the Activities Council of Bradley University, which began preparing for the concert over two months ago, according to Kelly Wrobel.

"It all started when our middle agent had emailed us, and she said, 'Hey, there is an upcoming artist ... coming to campus, and if you're interested, just let us know,'" Wrobel, who helped plan the concept, said. "It was only for this date [Dec. 3] because he was just, like we said, in the area."

Earlier this year, Lauv found success with his single "I Like Me Better" and recently finished touring as the opening act for Ed Sheeran's Divide Tour in Asia. Additionally, Lauv has also written songs for various artists, including Demi Lovato and Charli XCX.

"He just was opening for Ed Sheeran, and I think that is cool to have someone like that on campus," Wrobel, a senior public relations major, said. "His music has over 2.5 million listens on Spotify. He wrote a song for Demi Lovato, so he has a really good track record. So I think that is really cool for us as a small school to have that opportunity here, and it is exclusive to Bradley students."

Currently, Lauv is performing at a variety of holiday shows and on college campuses. According to Wrobel, planning for the concert with only two and a half months notice is not typical. However, she and fellow event coordinator Sam Bondi, a senior English and public relations double major, were able to put together the show in time.

"Primarily, [ACBU's] events are planned a semester in advance," Wrobel said. "So, it was just one of those opportunities when if you want this, you need to snatch it now, like there is no wait time. So we decided

we had the funds, and we had the people who are willing to do it. So it was kind of crunch time, but also with his background, I don't think it was extremely stressful to try and market."

The concert is free to Bradley students, something Wrobel said she hopes the Bradley community will capitalize on.

"I am really hoping that people will take advantage of [Lauv's concert at Bradley]," Wrobel said. "Since his prices are going up for his show, and he's kind of blowing up. So I think that he is going to get pretty big in the next few months or year, and we can say, 'Oh, he was on Bradley's campus, and I got to see him for free.'"

While the concert is free to Bradley students, it is closed to the public. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, and only 500 will admitted into the Student Center Ballroom for the concert.



Photo via [www.idolator.com](http://www.idolator.com)

Holidays inspire giving spirit in students

BY HALEY JOHNSON  
News Reporter

Assisting the Trewyn Middle School isn't a new agenda for the Lewis J. Burger for Leadership and Public Service, and the partnership has continued to make a difference for children in need.

In an upcoming project, "A Hand Up for the Holidays," a service team of over 100 volunteers is collecting donations for new school uniforms, school supplies and clothing for more than 125 children this December.

Trewyn school is currently located in the poorest district in Peoria and often struggles to meet the needs of students beyond the classroom.

Ben Wright, assistant director of the LJB Center and head of the

project described the need for support as overwhelmingly high.

"Imagine wearing the outfit you're in every single school day," Wright said. "It's going to be tattered and worn, crumpled and unclean. A lot of these kids only have one uniform. Some wear them from year to year, too."

While winter clothing drives are always helpful during this time of year, Wright said the need resides in unexpected and every day items like socks, underwear and food items.

"There's actually an overflow of hats and gloves from previous donations, so now we're trying to focus on providing those basic needs they're not getting at home," Wright said.

The center held a book drive for the school earlier this year called

"Fall in Love with Reading." Students were asked to donate not to the schools, but directly to the students.

"At the library there, students can't take books home," Wright said. "The school is worried they won't bring them back. We wanted them to have access to these resources at home too."

According to Wright, the Lewis J. Burger service will continue to foster its relationship with Trewyn schools, working to provide resources underprivileged children. To get involved with the upcoming service projects, email Wright at [bewright2@fsmail.bradley.edu](mailto:bewright2@fsmail.bradley.edu).





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# Helping hurricane victims in the holiday spirit

BY ANTHONY LANDAHL  
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Harvey. Irma. Jose. Maria. These were the storms that struck the southern United States and Caribbean islands this past fall. Though the storms subsided, the damage is still affecting millions of lives. Maria, the most recent of the major hurricanes, resulted in a death toll of 55 and approximately \$95 billion in damage costs, according to CNN.

One student, junior Jessica Caraos, took action to raise money to help the victims of Hurricane Maria.

"It was the day after Halloween, and I was walking around campus listening to Christmas music, and the song popped up on my playlist," Caraos, an early childhood education

major, said.

The song she heard on her playlist was the 1984 hit single "Do They Know It's Christmas?" by Band-Aid. Band-Aid wrote the song to aid the victims of the 1983-1985 Ethiopian famine. Its famous chorus sings "Feed the world, let them know it's Christmas time again."

Though the project stems from the love of a song, Caraos said she believes helping people is the best way to support the victims of Hurricane Maria.

"I am a lover of all things Christmas but also a lover of helping out people when I have the ability to," Caraos said. "I thought about the history of the song, and thought about how cool it would be if I could get different student organizations to

participate in an effort to raise money for victims of Hurricane Maria."

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and organizing the project by herself.

"I will be filming the student organizations singing the different

**"All money that is collected from both the viewing party on campus and from social media fundraising will be donated to Hurricane Maria Victims through Red Cross."**

- Jessica Caraos  
junior early childhood education major

Hall Association, her passion for helping others and her Christmas spirit, Caraos was motivated to put the project together. She is editing

parts of the song, and compiling them into one video that flows together, where everyone is singing together," Caraos said. "Filming will take place

[Dec. 2 and 3] from 12 to 6 [p.m.], and I will be filming at different places around campus."

Caraos said she plans to complete the project by the week of Dec. 4, just in time for the holiday season. She is also planning a viewing party on campus that will present the final version of the project. Those attending are suggested to donate \$2.

"Once the video has been shown on campus, I plan on releasing the video on social media for people to share," Caraos said. "All money that is collected from both the viewing party on campus and from social media fundraising will be donated to Hurricane Maria Victims through Red Cross."

## Menorahs, jingle bells and snow

Students celebrate Winter Break in their own style

By Sara Fessler  
Off-staff Reporter

When students finally get to trek home after a series of finals-induced heart attacks, not everyone's trip includes jamming out to Michael Bublé. For some, break means sleeping and petting your dog. For others, break is a chance to celebrate holidays with family. Who needs Geisert's salad bar, anyway, when students have plans like this?



**Haleemah Na'Allah, Muslim, freshman political science and philosophy double major**

**Are you planning on doing anything holiday related over winter break?**

"No. Our two holidays [called Eid] change what time [of the year] they are according to the Lunar Calendar. One fell in June, another around Labor Day. There is a big prayer at the beginning of the day. Afterwards, you have a huge brunch. We have a month called 'Ramadan,' and we fast for a month. Every day, we don't eat from [dawn until sunset]."

Has the way you celebrate Eid changed throughout your life?

"When I was younger I lived in Springfield, and we had this tradition where all the young kids would go around to all the adults, and we'd be like, 'Happy Eid,' and they'd give us all money. You'd come home with \$50, and you thought that you were rich."



**Emily Banwart, Christian, senior elementary education major**

**What are some favorite childhood memories of the holidays?**

"My dad would [always] put up a huge wall of wrapping paper covering the door of whatever room had gifts in it. My parents always print out the meaning of Christmas, and we take turns reading different sections of the piece of paper. One year, when my youngest brother was smaller, after we read through the little sheet of paper we used him as a battering ram to go through the wall of wrapping paper."

**Do you have any traditions that you do with your family?**

"On Christmas morning we have a treasure hunt that can last anywhere from an hour to three. There are Christmas mornings where we don't open up our presents until three or four in the afternoon just because it takes us so long, and the ending point is opening gifts."



**Jared Vergotine, Jewish, freshman economics major**

**What are some misconceptions about Hanukkah?**

"One of the common misconceptions is that we get a present every day. That's not the case ... In my family, there's usually the one major gift, and then pajamas and then something else that I want. There didn't used to be gift giving on Hanukkah until it was given on Christmas, and then whoever the genius Jewish parent saw that and was like, 'Ooh, assimilation.' Props to them."

**What are some traditions that you celebrate?**

"It's traditional to eat a lot of food that incorporates a lot of oil. So we eat latkes, jelly donuts called 'sufganiyot,' we play dreidel, have gelt [which are] chocolate coins wrapped in gold foil, [and] go to services. Usually, you go on the first night and whenever Shabbat service is that year."





OPINION

Editorial

Fall 2017: Highs and lows



Thumbs down: u.Achieve

In mid-October, u.Achieve officially replaced DARS as the primary degree audit system used by Bradley. While the system provides benefits not previously seen in DARS, such as a neater layout and toggle-down options, there's no doubt it was a tough transition to make.

There was no seminar teaching advisors and students how to use u.Achieve. A new degree audit system is a substantial change for students, especially for upperclassmen who were accustomed to DARS.



Thumbs up: Bradley supports international students

Over 30 different countries are currently represented by Bradley's international student population.

This year's implementation of the Office of International Student and Scholar Services shows commitment to and understanding of these students' needs. The office will not only provide academic resources for international students, but it will also create more programming opportunities and cultural education opportunities.



Thumbs down: DACA Repeal

On Sept. 5, President Donald Trump announced an end to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. DACA previously protected immigrants brought to the United States illegally as minors and allowed them to apply for work permits and receive education.

Concerns began to grow on college campuses across the country, including Bradley's, over whether or not the repeal may deport any students covered by this program. While the actions of President Trump are out of Bradley's control, this move represents a lack of concern for a number of students pursuing degrees at American universities.



Thumbs up: All-gender restroom signs installed on campus

The installation of all-gender restroom signs in 30 locations on campus was completed in November. These restrooms are designated for any person to use regardless of what gender they identify as.

The all-gender bathroom sign project is one of many steps taken by the university as of late to promote inclusivity and diversity on campus. We anticipate even more action will be taken in the future to continue making Bradley's campus a safe and comfortable place for all students.

Column

An open letter to my high school



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When I began outlining this column, I planned on writing an open thank-you letter to my high school for how well it prepared me for college. But when I thought about the unfairness between alumni from my high school and less fortunate schools, I felt more angry than grateful.

Throughout high school, teachers and administrators always told the students that we would be more prepared for college than our classmates there, but I just thought they were feeling cocky from our recently awarded title "Best Public High School in Missouri."

However, I later realized I had an excellent high school education because we were held to extremely high standards. Every night, I completed hours of homework in preparation for difficult lectures, quizzes and exams the next day. Oftentimes, at least one day of my weekend was dedicated to catching up or getting ahead on readings. By senior year, my course load was just as difficult as some semesters at Bradley due to enrollment in Advanced Placement courses.

I witnessed my first taste of inequality during my junior year of high school, when two nearby schools became unaccredited. Attendees were forced to transfer if they wanted to earn a valid diploma, so my school accepted displaced students. Before then, I didn't even know schools could become unaccredited, since mine never struggled with test scores or teaching quality.

Although I came to Bradley knowing high school disparity existed, I still assumed most Bradley students grew up in environments similar to mine. I expected they obtained the same study habits and writing skills from difficult courses at their schools as well.

While many students did come from comparable backgrounds, I encountered freshmen who were

not as fortunate. Their high schools had fewer resources and held lower expectations. As one friend told me, her teacher advised her against applying to some colleges because she didn't have a chance of getting in. As a result, these students were inadequately prepared for the tough classes that Bradley offers.

Since I only had so many hours to study after school, I learned how to take effective notes in class and spend a minimum amount of time studying before exams. This skill has proved extremely useful in college because I usually only need to invest one night in preparing for an exam. Whereas, my classmates who come from schools with less demanding assignments need more time to study for the same tests. I do not believe I am any smarter than those classmates, nor did I do anything to deserve attending a privileged high school. Yet, I am still reaping the unwarranted advantages.

Inequality is revealed and actually perpetuated once kids arrive at college. For example, I receive benefits for being in the university Honors Program, through priority registration, more challenging classes, fascinating seminars and unique social events. Yet, it is much easier to meet the requirements for the honors program if you come from my high school than from a

school where the students receive less ACT and SAT preparation.

By taking advantage of priority registration, I can select the most interesting classes with my favorite professors. I'll most likely gain better grades in these courses and be able to include honors on my resume. Additionally, I can take lighter course loads each semester due to entering with 30 credit hours already from AP and dual credit classes. At Bradley, I found out that some high schools didn't even offer AP courses. Therefore, the perks of attending a high school with more resources influences us through college and beyond.

High school disparity and the consequences are awkward subjects to discuss because no one wants to brag or feel sorry for themselves. But, it's important to reveal inequalities, so we can start working to correct them.

As much confidence as I've gained in college, I fear that others are quietly losing courage, simply because of a difference in high school achievement.

I am still trying to figure out how to help rectify this unjust system, but until then, I hope that this column serves as a small start.

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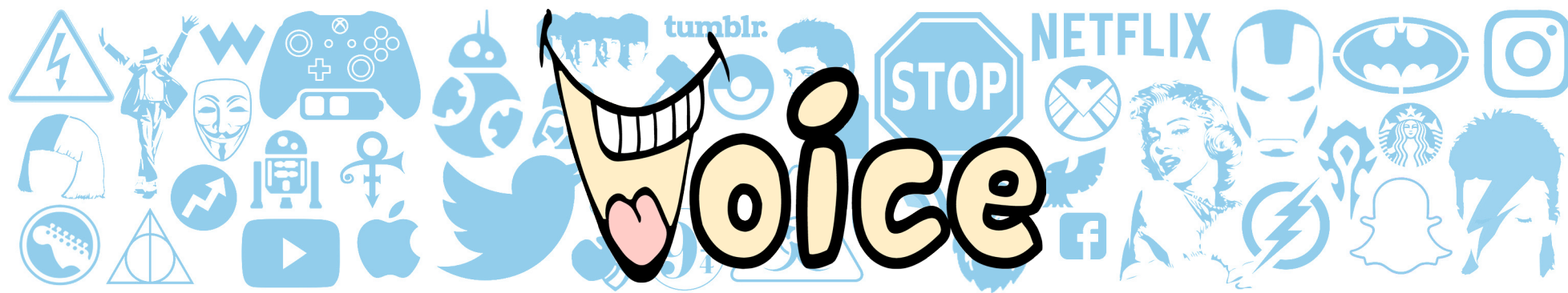
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## Clash of the caffeines

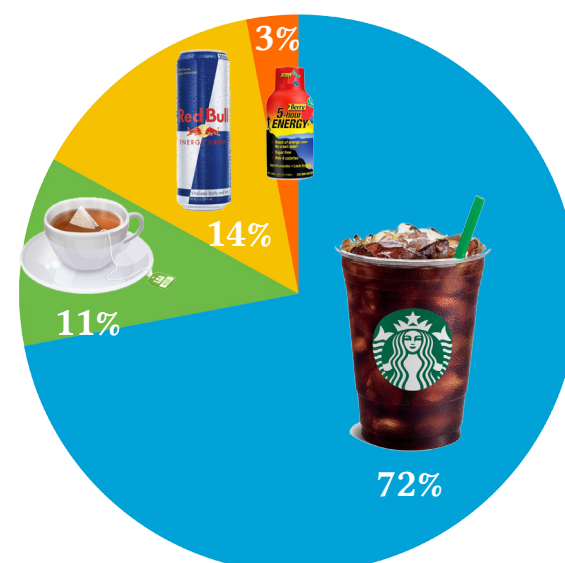
**BY BROOKE PISCIOTTO**  
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What would millennial culture be without its sleep deprived, overworked young adults thriving on caffeine? It's no surprise caffeine is the most abused drug in the U.S. This addictive substance has caused physical dependency in millions across the nation, and it's a necessary evil for many perfectionists like me – especially during finals season.

With slogans like “America runs on Dunkin’” and “Red Bull gives you wings,” representing caffeinated brands, it’s no wonder young people start their caffeine addiction early. It was love at first taste when my mom let me have a sip of her Starbucks drink at 8 years old, and I’ve become obsessed with the manifestation of bean water ever since.

But some people, if they're lucky, were never exposed to caffeine in all its glory when they were younger and were not affected by caffeine marketing campaigns. Regardless, now they're surrounded by it in college in the forms of coffee, tea, energy drinks, sodas and even supplements like 5-hour Energy.

So for the caffeine newbies out there or people looking for a way to get through those late-night finals study sessions, here are some options to get your daily dose of energy:



*In a Nov. 27 Twitter poll, 64 of The Scout's followers voted on their favorite forms of caffeine.*

### 1. Coffee lovers: Starbucks Americano



If you're not a fan of good ol' plain black coffee, then this may not be your beverage of choice. A grande Americano from Starbucks has none of the extra fluff like the flavored drinks and contains three full shots of espresso mixed with water – 225 milligrams of caffeine. It is the perfect amount to get through at least a few hours of studying. It's one of the cheapest drinks offered at the 'Bucks, and it gets the job done well.

## 2. Tea lovers: Green tea



For those who prefer leaf water over bean water, look no further for an energy boost. Green tea is tasty both hot and cold, and it's great for those counting calories, too. It offers anywhere from nine to 50 milligrams of caffeine per eight-ounce cup, according to [Livestrong.com](http://Livestrong.com).

### 3. Sweets lovers: Dark chocolate



This is an option for all you people who are sensitive to caffeine (bless your souls). Just one ounce of dark chocolate has 12 milligrams of caffeine, which is probably enough to wake you up a bit during a study sesh. Treat yo' self this finals week with a bar of dark chocolate. Studies show it's good for your heart, too.

### 5. Soda lovers: Diet Coke



Avoiding soda at all costs is something many of us try to do, but sometimes, you just have a craving for a fizzy, sweet drink. Diet Coke is a great go-to as it's sugar-free and contains 46.5 milligrams of caffeine per can, beating out its Pepsi competitor with just 36 milligrams. But, if you have a fear of artificial sweeteners and their carcinogenic consequences, drink this beverage as sparingly as possible.

#### 4. Energy drink lovers: Red Bull



I may be biased since I hardly ever try any other energy drinks, but nothing beats a can of Red Bull. This energy drink is proven to help you concentrate on whatever task you have at hand and even helps retain memory. In just a 12-ounce can, it contains 111 milligrams of caffeine — far more caffeine per ounce than the 89 milligrams in a 16-ounce can of Monster. Plus, you won't look like too much of a hardo drinking Red Bull compared to the edgy, skateboarding pre-teens who typically opt for Monster. When you're studying for that big exam, keep a can or two of the best energy drink at hand.

## 6. Effective energy lovers: 5-Hour Energy



Cheap, effective and straight to the point. 5-Hour Energy packs the punch with 200 milligrams of energy in just one shot. Buy a couple of these, drink one and save one for a few hours later, and you'll be able to knock out that final paper, no problem. You may need a chaser, though, because it tastes a bit like swallowing acid.



## The danger of high expectations in cinema

BY LISA STEMMONS  
Voice Editor

When expectations are at a minimum, everything greater becomes a maximum. In less obscure terms: when the bar is set low for a movie, it becomes an added bonus if it ends up being decent.

During the previews prior to “Lady Bird,” the theatre showed a trailer for “The Disaster Artist,” which was released today. It was a surreal moment, considering I already had the pleasure of viewing the film at a screening back in March. At the time, I knew next to nothing about the plot of the movie and was left virtually clueless.

Now when I look back, I’m thrilled I made it to the screening because it’s the talk of the town. James Franco’s performance as Tommy Wiseau has been receiving Oscar buzz since its premiere at the South by Southwest festival. To think I considered passing it up just because I assumed it would be a dud was absurd. I know if I had seen a trailer beforehand, I would have thought, “skip, looks dumb.”

To my complete surprise, I left the theater with my sides hurting. Even without viewing the cult classic “The Room,” which is the premise of “The Disaster Artist,” I still found it hilarious. It’s stupid-funny like “Napoleon Dynamite,” but funny nonetheless.

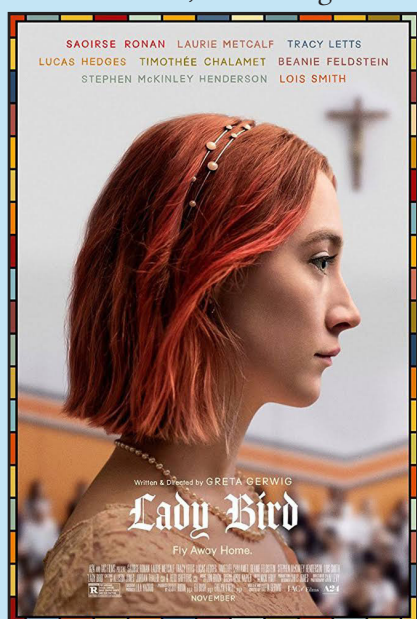
As for “Lady Bird,” I found it did not live up to the hype. Don’t get me wrong, I thoroughly enjoyed the movie. The acting was phenomenal and the mother-daughter dialogue held uncanny similarities to my own relationship with my mom. The storyline was a tad formulaic for a hipster coming-of-age movie but still an endearing flick worthy of a solid 7.5/10.

The problem is when the standards are set so high, you’re really just setting a movie up for failure. This doesn’t apply to failure in typical terms of box office numbers and critical acclaim, but in the reactions of audiences.

When a movie with such high praise reaches a certain point since its release, it will inevitably begin to receive some disapproval. This isn’t because it’s any less worthy of the best-reviewed movie in Rotten Tomatoes history but because of those darn lofty expectations. The converse effect is why sometimes, when something is reviewed negatively, it’s actually more appreciated by default because viewers are pleasantly delighted.

It’s certainly reverse psychology at its finest, but critics should really consider this when overpraising movies. The same can be said about producers when they package their movies. Along with the power of reviews, misleading or all-telling trailers are the second guaranteed approach for an expectation let down.

Maybe a film shrouded in disguise won’t initially rake in the dough, but it’s a better alternative than a trailer that gives everything away. Let’s get real, Hollywood. What’s worse: poor ticket sales or disappointed viewers who are left with a letdown of a movie?



## Leave Malia alone

BY LARISSA MORELAND  
Off-staff Reporter

Celebrity gossip is all around us. From tabloids at the grocery store to whatever is trending on Twitter, society eats up every latest celebrity scandal it can get its hands on.

Everyone knows fame and fortune comes with a price to pay: privacy. Some don’t have any choice in their fame, but have been thrust into the spotlight nonetheless.

Almost a decade ago, Malia Obama’s life was turned upside down when her father became president of the United States. Her family was under the critical eye of the entire world for most of her life.

But when the Obama family left the White House, they did not leave the national spotlight behind. In fact, 19-year-old Malia Obama has been the latest target for the tabloids as they continue to cover her every move while attending college at Harvard.

On Nov. 20, infamous tabloid site TMZ posted a video of Malia kissing a boy before the Harvard-Yale football game. People acted completely shocked at Malia’s behavior, talking about everything from the boy’s skin color to what her parents would think, blowing it way out of proportion. Then just four days later, a video of her blowing smoke rings went viral on social media, causing many

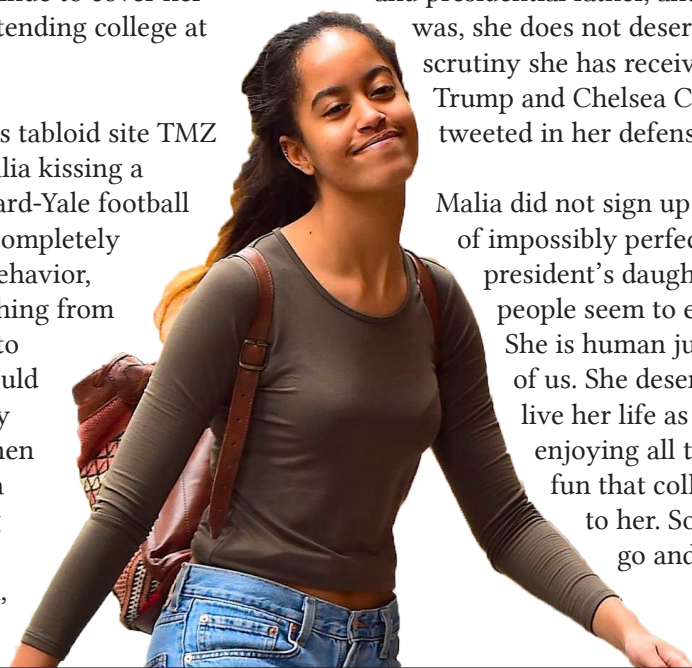
mixed reactions and vile comments.

The way people are reacting makes it seem like this was some sort of national scandal, but in fact, it is quite the opposite. Last time I checked, kissing a boy at a college football game or blowing smoke rings at a party is no sort of earth-shattering criminal act. If this were just an average college student, no one would think twice about it.

This wasn’t just a hot topic in the U.S. either. It quickly spread internationally. Newspapers and magazines all across the world were trying to learn more about Malia’s love life. In fact, The Telegraph, a popular newspaper in the UK, went as far as finding a bartender who worked at a pub near the boy’s home.

This is not only a breach of privacy but also blatant disrespect. Malia Obama is no longer in the White House with her family and presidential father, and even if she was, she does not deserve the public scrutiny she has received. Even Ivanka Trump and Chelsea Clinton have tweeted in her defense.

Malia did not sign up to be some sort of impossibly perfect and poised president’s daughter that some people seem to expect her to be. She is human just like the rest of us. She deserves to freely live her life as a young adult, enjoying all the mistakes and fun that college life brings to her. So, please, let it go and let her live.



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# New club spreads culture on campus

BY RON MARTINELLI  
Off-staff Reporter

Established earlier this semester, the Bradley University Intercultural Exchange club (IEC) is a brand new organization on campus offering students the opportunity to explore different cultures.

President and co-founder of the club Michael Timm, a senior religious studies and French double major, said he found inspiration to start the club after spending a year studying abroad in France. By experiencing the cultural differences, Timm said he wanted to bring a sense of cultural relativity to Bradley's campus.

"My involvement with the club stems from my interests in other

cultures, and differential cultural groups don't necessarily mix [well] on campus, especially international students and American students," Timm said. "I wanted to bring those two groups together."

Micah Yoon, co-founder of IEC, is currently the group's social chair and played a key role in the foundation of the club.

"[Michael] asked me after my shift [at Markin Family Recreation Center] and told me about this idea for this new club, and we started off from there," Yoon, a sophomore middle school education major, said. "We also have two other members on our [executive] board, our vice president is [junior] Eduardo Tapia and [junior] Abraham Barrantes is

our treasury officer."

By talking with peers and professors about the idea, Timm said his notion of a separation between international students and American students was confirmed. Because of that, Timm said IEC's goal is to connect students of all cultures, whether they're international or not.

"And of course, we're not just focusing on international students and American students," Timm said. "Obviously, there is a lot of cultural diversity just among Americans [at Bradley], and that's also an important factor for us."

Yoon said as a new organization on campus, there are endless possibilities for what kind of events they want to plan in the future, but they have

already started brainstorming ideas.

"We've been talking about having special events with other cultural clubs on campus," Yoon said. "They would be hosting it and introducing their culture to other students on campus."

According to Timm, IEC has started working toward making these ideas come to fruition.

"One idea is a potluck," Timm said. "We're actually hoping to work with a group from the Peoria community called Peoria Area Friends of International Students and they do potlucks annually."

Timm said the organization is also looking into other ideas such as mixers to provide students of all cultures on opportunity to interact.

As of right now, the organization's main form of communicating events is through its Facebook page, and they also post on the B Involved app. Additionally, IEC has weekly meetings on Saturdays at thirty-three Coffee Co.

Students interested in IEC can contact Michael Timm at [mltimm@mail.bradley.edu](mailto:mltimm@mail.bradley.edu).

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"We are going to start the transition Dec. 4 ... with hope to be fully running and introducing the new students arriving in January to

this office full-time starting in spring 2018."

International advisor Alyssa Braun was hired in August and has been working with the school to help set the direction of the new office.

"The main purpose of this office will be immigration advising, as

well as international programming," Braun said. "In addition to [those], we have a new visa category coming up called a 'J1,' and that could house anything from short-term scholars to faculty and researchers."

In addition to aiding international students' adjustments to both the

country and the university, Carroll said the office intends to educate the remaining students on campus about the office.

"We will be providing cultural programming for international students ... as well as trying to educate the greater Bradley community about

the different cultures that we do have in our international students," Carroll said.

The Office for International Students and Scholar Services will operate out of Bradley Hall room 215 and is planning to serve students by the spring semester.

Happy Holidays from The Scout!



The Scout would like to extend the warmest holiday wishes to our readers. Grab a mug of cocoa and enjoy the last Scout issue of the semester!



# Trending upward

After a 10-22 season, volleyball confident in contending sooner rather than later

BY NICK KONOW  
Sports Editor

For the fourth consecutive season, the Bradley volleyball team missed out on the Missouri Valley Conference tournament after finishing their 2017 campaign with a mark of 3-15 in conference play. The Braves' final match of the year came on Nov. 18 against Indiana State as Bradley fell in a three-set sweep.

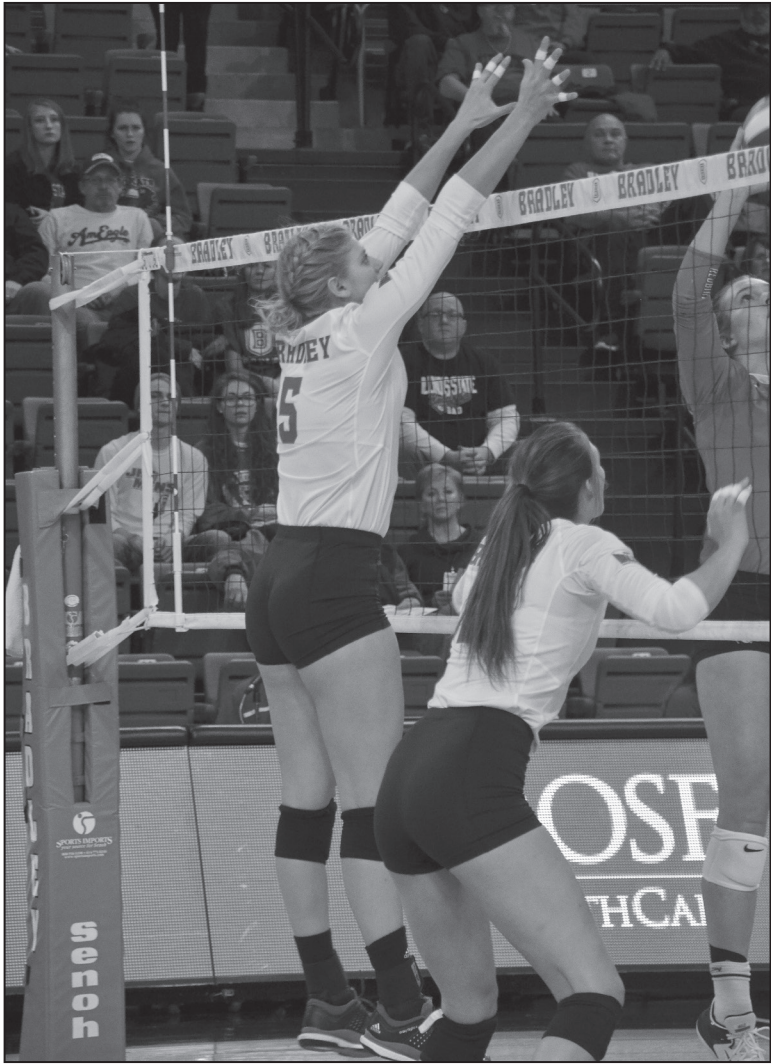
Despite not seeing a substantial increase in the win column, head coach Carol Price-Torok said she is happy with the way her team continues to progress from season to season since taking the reins of the program in 2016.

"I think we made great strides from a team standpoint this year," Price-Torok said. "I was just looking at stats, and the amount of times we pushed teams to three sets was a lot more than last year, so from that standpoint, it's nice to know that we're continuing to make strides and continuing to battle."

Though Bradley finished last in the MVC, Price-Torok said she believes the gap between her squad and the teams among the top of the conference is marginal.

"I think we're really close to being contenders," Price-Torok said. "This year in conference five through 10 were all beating up on each other all season, and a win here and a win there really turns the tide."

Next season, one advantage that Bradley will have is chemistry. With the Braves only graduating two members of this year's squad, Jamie Livaudais



Outside hitter Jamie Livaudais (left) finished her senior campaign with 246 points and 224 kills. photo by Kayla Johnson

and Taylor Thiele, the team will be one of the most experienced in the MVC.

Price-Torok said the program will still miss the intangibles that both of the seniors brought with them on and off the court.

"Jamie Livaudais and Taylor Thiele were astronomical from day one of coming in here," Price-Torok said. "They bought in to the culture of working hard, doing things the right

way and not cutting corners. Taylor kept us composed on the court, and Jamie was a really great leader, as well, so we're going to miss them both."

When she came to Bradley, Price-Torok said she had the goal of turning the program into one that competes year in and year out for conference titles and believes next year can be the start.

"My expectation is that we

## One-on-one

Where will Eli Manning end up in 2018?

Jacksonville Jaguars vs. Denver Broncos

Come Sunday when the Giants take on the Raiders, Eli Manning's historic starting streak will come to an end – and effectively his time in New York as well. In 2018, the two-time Super Bowl MVP will reunite with his former head coach Tom Coughlin and start under center for the Jacksonville Jaguars.

The Jaguars have been the surprise of this NFL season as they sit atop the AFC South with a 7-4 record. Astonishingly, the Jags have accomplished this with sub-par quarterback play from Blake Bortles, relying on their stellar defense and formidable running attack to win games.

Although Jacksonville picked up the fifth-year option on Bortles's contract for 2018, Manning would be a significant upgrade from their current QB, who has posted a 58.3 completion percentage, 204 yards per game, 12 touchdowns and eight interceptions.

In addition to Bortles's poor stats, he has proven himself unable to perform in the clutch. While Eli's getting up there in age, his career has been defined by making big throws when it matters most.

Eli going to Jacksonville also makes sense as it allows him to reconnect with Coughlin, who was his head coach in New York for 11 seasons. Coughlin is currently the head of football operations for the Jaguars.

Coming to Jacksonville makes the most sense for Manning and gives him a great shot at winning another ring.

Nick is wrong about Eli ending up in Denver, they already have too many quarterbacks and don't have the money to spend on Manning. His current \$10.5 million deal would leave the Broncos with just \$16 million heading into free agency.

- Cole Bredahl

With the recent news of Eli Manning being benched, it seems very unlikely the youngest Manning brother will be playing for the New York Giants next year. With several teams in need of quarterback help for the 2018 season, it makes perfect sense for Manning to join John Elway and the Denver Broncos.

Denver would be the perfect fit for Eli as he approaches the end of his career. The Broncos are one of the few teams hunting for a QB and they possess plenty of talent to surround Manning. Denver has a solid offensive line with great wide receivers, as well as a competent running game.

Even though they haven't played like it this year, the Broncos also boast one of the best defensive units in the NFL. Denver's performance at QB has been so bad that they've relied too heavily on their defense to win games – a strategy that just isn't realistic in today's NFL.

Elway has failed to bring in a quality QB since Peyton retired. Denver has turned to three different quarterbacks this season alone including Trevor Siemian, Brock Osweiler and Paxton Lynch, none of whom seem to be the answer.

Yes, I do think the Jaguars would also be a strong fit for the 36-year-old signal caller as the Manning-Coughlin combo would be back in action. However, I really don't think the Jags are ready to give up on the third overall pick from just three years ago in Blake Bortles.

Just like older brother Peyton, Eli will ride off into the sunset hosting the Lombardi Trophy in a Denver Broncos uniform.

- Nick Konow

go to the conference tournament consistently. I think that's going to be a staple as we move forward with this program," Price-Torok said. "I think we have a

lot of momentum heading into the offseason, and come next year, we'll be striving to make the conference tournament."

# Bradley duo runs in national meet

BY COLE BREDAHL  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Bradley cross country team was represented by two runners at the NCAA National Championship Meet. Senior Taylor FloydMews and sophomore Jake Hoffert competed at the meet in Louisville on Nov. 18th. Both Braves fared well in the highly competitive race.

FloydMews closed out his collegiate cross country career with a time of 31:06 in the 10-kilometer race, placing him 146th out of 254 runners. FloydMews's time was the eighth best in Bradley history.

Hoffert was not far behind FloydMews with a time of 31:12 and a 156th place finish.

It was both Hoffert and FloydMews's first time compet-



Senior Taylor FloydMews finished with a time of 31:06 in the 10-kilometer race. photo by Kayla Johnson

ing at the national level, and Hoffert said just participating in the meet helped him grow as a runner.

"It was a good learning experience," Hoffert said. "I have never run in a meet that competitive before."

Head coach Darren Gauson said he was pleased with the efforts of his runners at the championship.

"Just to make it there is really difficult, but for them to beat a good amount of strong runners is excellent," Gauson said. "I am really proud of what those guys did this year."

According to Gauson, running as an individual opposed to as a team presents additional challenges for a runner and makes competing even more difficult.

"It is always hard when you don't have a team and you just have two individuals," Gauson said.

Hoffert said it was nice to have a teammate in such a large race instead of running alone.

"You kind of look for him out

there during the race because he is the only guy out there," Hoffert said. "It is nice to have a familiar face to look for."

FloydMews and Hoffert were the second and third Bradley athletes in history to qualify for the meet. The first was Michael Ward last year, who redshirted this cross country season.

The championship marked the end of the season for cross country. Gauson said he is happy with how the team performed this year and hopes to build off the finish for next season.

"This meet caps off a great year for our program," Gauson said. "Next year, we will try to get the whole team at the national meet and finish better."



# Offensive struggles plague women's basketball

BY RONAN KHALSA  
Off-staff Reporter

After racing out of the gates to start the season, the Bradley women's basketball team recently fell back to Earth. The Braves dropped three of their last four games, evening their record at 3-3.

The women's squad fell to the University of Illinois 74-62 Nov. 18 before they traveled to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, to compete in the SEMO Classic Nov. 24 and 25.

According to junior forward Vanessa Markert, the early road trip helped the team strengthen their chemistry.

"We grow the most on the road," Markert said. "We spend a lot of time off the court with one another, which translates well to our chemistry on the floor."

Bradley's first matchup of the classic pitted the Braves against Nicholls State University. Bradley took advantage of early Colonels' turnovers and sophomore forward Chelsea Brackmann put up eight points in the first five minutes to key-in a 12-2 run.

Junior transfer guard Shunseere Kent posted her first double-double in a Bradley uniform tallying 13 points and grabbing 10 rebounds to help Bradley secure the 75-65 victory.

The second day of the classic saw the tables turned on the Braves as they found themselves down early against Southeast Missouri University. Careless turnovers and cold shooting from the Braves helped the Redhawks build a 27-10 lead.

Head coach Andrea Gorski said Southeast Missouri's physical style of play disrupted their offense.



After dropping three of their last four games, the women's squad will look to get back on track as they return to Renaissance Coliseum tomorrow for a matchup with Northern Illinois University.

photo by Kayla Johnson

cal style of play disrupted their offense.

"We didn't react really well to their physicality, and it affected us offensively," Gorski said. "It took us until the second half to figure out how to play against that."

A couple of late game runs sparked by Markert, who finished with 17 points, helped the Braves

grab their first lead of the game, 49-47, with just under three minutes to play. Despite the Braves efforts, the Redhawks ended up pulling away late and edged out Bradley 57-53.

The Braves' latest contest came Nov. 29 as the women traveled to DeKalb to take on Northern Illinois University. Another slow offensive start caused the Braves to try and play catchup yet again.

Every comeback attempt the Braves tried to mount was quickly extinguished by the Huskies, who went on the win 76-52.

Gorski said her team will be working on ridding themselves of their current offensive slump.

"We didn't hit our early looks. We had good shots and just couldn't finish early on, which allowed them to get out in transition,"

Gorski said. "Last few games we have been struggling to score, and we need to get that figured out going forward."

The women's squad returns to Renaissance Coliseum at 2 p.m. tomorrow as they host the University of Illinois - Chicago.

## Opinion

# Farewell 'Mike & Mike'

BY NICK KONOW  
Sports Editor

A longtime staple of not only my mornings, but millions of other sports fans, has come to an end. ESPN's "Mike & Mike" morning show, starring Mike Greenberg and Mike Golic, aired for the final time Nov. 17th.

Making their debut on Jan. 2, 2000 the Mikes have spent 18 years entertaining sports fans in the morning. The show utilized the classic "odd couple" formula by pairing Golic, a former NFL player, with Greenberg, a Northwestern grad with not one athletic bone in his body.

Along with covering relevant sports topics of the day, in their 18 years of broadcasting the pair came up with plenty of popular segments - my personal favorite was their yearly "Sheet of Integrity" challenge. The contest pitted the hosts and their March Madness brackets, against one another with the winner choosing a punishment for the loser.

Some of the more notable tasks that the loser was forced to complete include Golic recreating Kim Kardashian's infamous 'Paper' magazine cover and Greenberg dressing as Justin Bieber for an entire show.

With the pair having such long-lasting success, it came as a shock to many when ESPN announced on May 16, of this year that they would be canceling the show. I guess that proves all good things eventually come to an end.

"Mike & Mike" utilized its final week as a goodbye tour, which featured many prominent past guests of the show calling in to give their appreciation to the hosts. Goodbye messages were heard from the likes of NBA commissioner Adam Silver, to pro golfer Tiger Woods - even former president Bill Clinton thanked and wished the Mikes well.

The show's finale opened with Greenberg saying, "Math is not my strong suit. But with the help

of a calculator and a whole lot of estimating, I believe we have done right around 14,000 hours of 'Mike & Mike' going back to January of 2000. We have four left to do and will make them count."

By the time the final hour rolled around, both men's families joined them on set and Greenberg fought back emotion as he thanked viewers for tuning in throughout the years.

While it's only been two weeks since the final show, I have yet to find a replacement for "Mike & Mike," and doubt I ever will. Greenberg and Golic will forever be the standard of early morning sports talk and the airways will be silent without them.

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## SPORTS

## Hoffert places 156 at nationals

Sophomore Jake Hoffert and senior Taylor FloydMews competed in the NCAA National Meet on Nov. 18.

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Jake Hoffert

## Men's basketball continues to impress

BY NICK KONOW  
Sports Editor

The Bradley basketball team is beginning to turn some heads as their 6-1 start to the season is the team's best in 32 years. After finishing 2-1 in the Islands of the Bahamas Showcase, the Braves returned to Carver Arena on Nov. 22 to square off against Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Despite starting guards Dwayne Lautier-Ogunleye and Jayden Hodgson both going down with ankle injuries within the first five minutes of the game, the Braves cruised past the Miners, 79-47.

Junior Luqman Lundy stepped up in place of Lautier-Ogunleye and Hodgson, giving Bradley a much needed spark on both sides of the ball. Lundy finished with 2 points, 4 assists, 3 rebounds, 2 blocks and 3 steals.

Head coach Brian Wardle said Lundy, who is in his first season with the Braves after transferring from Northern Oklahoma College-Tonkawa, adds to their depth – not only is Lundy another solid point guard, but he's also a leader for the team.

"I've said all year we're 14 strong, and tonight 'L' got the opportunity to play a lot," Wardle said. "He's a leader in the locker room, one of our more mature guys. We brought him in to give us more depth at the point. When he plays disciplined defensively, he can make a lot of things happen."

The matchup with the Miners also proved to be a breakout game for freshman Elijah Childs. The 6'7" forward finished with 14 points and did not miss a shot, connecting on all seven of his attempts from the field.

Childs said he let the game come to him and did not try to force anything, which led to his successful night.

"When I get in, coach wants



The Bradley basketball team is currently ranked ninth in the nation in scoring defense. The Braves have held opponents to an average of 58.3 points per game.

photo by Justin Limoges

me to be active, have high energy, rebound and just get guys going," Childs said. "I just did my job."

After handling the Division II Miners squad with ease, Bradley faced their toughest challenge to date on Nov. 25 as Georgia Southern University came to town.

The Eagles entered the game averaging 83.5 points on 44 percent shooting, but a strong defensive effort from the Braves proved to be the difference maker.

Bradley held the Eagles to season lows in both points and field-goal percentage and narrowly pulled off the 62-57 victory.

The Braves' stifling defense was bolstered by their 7'0" big man, sophomore Koch Bar. The center made a few key plays down the stretch, in addition

to grabbing 14 rebounds and blocking two shots.

While the defense continued to surge against Georgia Southern, the Braves' offensive struggles were more prevalent than ever. Bradley finished 19 for 36 from the free throw line and an abysmal 34 percent from the field.

Sophomore guard Darrell Brown, who led the Braves with 19 points, said he is confident the offense will eventually come around.

"The shots might not be falling one day, but as long as we lock up and play defense, we'll be fine," Brown said. "We've got a great shooting team and share the ball. So it'll work itself out."

The Braves defense has been historic through seven games this season as they have held every opponent under 70

points. The last Bradley squad to do that over their opening seven games occurred 70 years ago.

Currently, Bradley owns the ninth-best scoring defense in the nation as they have held opponents to 58.3 points a

game.

After a five-day break, the Braves will be back in action tonight at 7 p.m. taking on in-state rival Eastern Illinois University at Carver Arena.

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-@TigerWoods ; 14-time major champion Tiger Woods, before teeing it up at the Hero World Challenge. Woods fired an opening round 69 at Albany Golf Club.

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