



2018

STUDENT BODY ELECTIONS

The incoming 2018-2019 Student Body Officers all ran on the same ticket, **"Bradley & Beyond: Keeping Bradley Strong and Peoria Proud."**

They ran against three other individual candidates.



Mikki Tran (left)

Malini Wijesinghe (below)



Camille Sanders (above)



Nolan Ruthe (right)

Candidate results

— 963 total votes —

Mikki Tran — Student Body President



Malini Wijesinghe — Speaker of the Assembly



Camille Sanders — Secretary of Finance



Nolan Ruthe — Secretary of the Assembly



■ winner
■ runner-up

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'Bradley & Beyond' wins Student Body elections

BY SAMMANATHA DELLARIA
Managing Editor

A crowd of students clustered in the Michel Student Center Atrium Wednesday afternoon to hear the announcement of the incoming 2018-2019 Student Body Officer election results.

Voting for the elections began at 6:30 p.m. Monday following a debate held by the Student Senate elections board, which allowed candidates to answer questions from current

student senators and the student body. 55 people attended the debate, according to Student Senate check-in records. Voting ended at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, and a total of 963 votes were recorded.

Junior health science major Mikki Tran was voted as 2018-2019 Student Body President. Tran received 610 of the 871 valid votes recorded during the voting period, good enough for a 70.03 percent majority. According to Tran, she aims to strengthen the relationship between Bradley and the

Peoria community during her term.

"For this upcoming year, one of my goals is to build a strong relationship with the Peoria community and our Bradley community," Tran said. "Both of these entities possess very little knowledge about the other, and we want to change that. Peoria has so much to offer, and we hope to propel the student body into discovering all that Peoria has to offer. Overall, I want to bring awareness and give the student body the voice that they deserve while providing them with

the knowledge about Peoria."

Tran served on Student Senate this past school year, during which she worked closely with current Vice President of Campus Affairs Cal Weisman and the Campus Affairs committee.

"Through [Weisman's] leadership, I helped implement the on-campus food pantry, Lydia's Cupboard, to fight food insecurity within our student body," Tran said. "My first year on Senate taught me many useful skills, such as policymaking, effective

leadership, and the importance of teamwork and group cohesion, that I hope to use during my presidency."

Junior Spanish, biochemistry and philosophy triple major Malini Wijesinghe ran uncontested and received 900 of the 915 votes to secure the Speaker of the Assembly position. According to Wijesinghe, she looks forward to facilitating helpful and meaningful conversations between Student Senate and the student body.

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BRIEFS

Senior project to bring attention to community issue

Tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Moja Southern Kitchen, local organizations and Bradley students are coming together to raise awareness for the food desert crisis in the south side of Peoria with the Afford Fresh Health Fair.

Alongside Moja, Heartland Health Services and the Peoria Area Food Bank, Bradley public relations students will help Peorians learn about the issues facing their community. There will be food, music and booths from health organizations to educate residents on food services. Participants can also receive free health screenings.

Information can be found on the Afford Fresh Health Fair's Facebook page, and those interested in attending can contact Aimee Tiberi at atiberi@mail.bradley.edu.

Foster College to hold week of events

The Foster College of Business will hold its annual Foster Week from April 9 through April 12. Events include coffee and donuts in the library and Michel Student Center, presentations from business professionals and a movie screening.

The purpose of the week is educate students about different aspects of the college and professional worlds, as well as help students get to know each other and network outside the classroom.

More information about the week's events can be found on the Foster Week Facebook page. Students can also contact Ron Martinelli at rmartinelli@mail.bradley.edu to answer any questions.

Submissions to be accepted for spirited award

Students with ideas for raising school spirit on campus can now apply for the 2018 Joanne K. Glasser Endowed Tradition and Spirit Award.

Bradley has allotted \$2,000 to use on campus for qualifying ideas. The red Bradley street signs were the winning idea from 2017.

The deadline to apply is April 23. Students can find the application at bradley.edu/spirit.

Dinner and discussion to empower women

Sigma Lambda Gamma is hosting their second annual Women's Empowerment Banquet from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on April 9. This year's focus will be on "Women in the Workforce."

The banquet will be held in the Hayden-Clark Alumni Center and will provide guests a night of food and discussion with the Ladies of Distinction, Women Who Empower and Kappa Delta Sorority.

Anyone interested in attending must RSVP prior to the event. Students can find the link to RSVP by emailing avelazquez@mail.bradley.edu.

POLICE REPORTS

- A female student reported students smoking cannabis in her garage at 11:50 p.m. March 27 on the 1400 block of W. Barker Street.

Officers arrived and determined there were four students (one female and three males) smoking the cannabis. The officers then confiscated a small amount of cannabis, a grinder and a glass pipe from the students.

The students were told to leave the garage, and they complied.

- Officers received a report of an unknown male on a female student's property at 12:15 p.m. March 27 on the 800 block of N. Tobias Lane.

Officers reviewed the surveillance video, and it showed the male walking straight through the area. The male then turned and approached the student's residence. The male appeared to be reaching for something, but upon inspection, officers did not find anything missing.

No suspects have been identified.

- Officers were dispatched due to a broken windshield on a female staff member's vehicle at 2:30 p.m. April 2 at 1400 W. Bradley Ave.

Initially, the female believed her vehicle only had a broken windshield, but officers saw scratches on the hood of the vehicle, as well. The officers could not find the item that damaged the vehicle.

No suspects have been identified.

- Officers were dispatched due to an activated fire alarm at 4:25 p.m. March 27 at 1011 W. Saint James St.

When officers arrived at the building, they went to the basement and saw smoke. Students were vacated from the building, and the Peoria Fire Department came. They determined the fire alarm was activated due to a student overloading a washer and burning the belt to the machine.

The fire alarm was reset, and the student was informed of the situation.

- Officers responded to a report of a male student yelling at his roommate at 2:34 p.m. April 29 at 908 N. Frink St.

The student's roommate, another male student, reported that the first student threatened to destroy his personal property. The roommate said the male was banging on his bedroom door, and once he opened it, the male made strange claims about the roommate. The roommate said the problems with the male have escalated over the week.

The male was arrested for assault and transported to the Peoria County Jail.

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NEWS

Local bar heats up downtown Peoria

BY AJ LAMB
Senior Copy Editor

After four years of partying into the early morning and lighting up downtown Peoria, Berlin nightclub closed its doors and has been remodeled into a new type of bar.

The club was able to have a final party on New Year's Eve before owner Tyler Seibert shut down for a complete remodel of the building's interior, into the tropical-themed tiki bar, "Lava."

Upon graduation from the

University of Illinois School of Aviation in 1995, Seibert said he lost a passion for becoming a pilot but found a new passion working in bars.

"I actually started operating with a jukebox and some pool tables in about [1997] in bars," Seibert said. "I was going [to bars] to lease out the jukebox and pool tables, and I started working in bars at about that time as well, and that's what I loved."

Almost 20 years later, after previous owner Todd Scholl's death, the Scholl family reached out to Seibert to see if he would be

interested in purchasing Berlin.

"[His] family called me in 2014 to run Berlin; his mother owned it, and they made a call to me to run it," Seibert said. "I ran it for two years, and then [fully purchased] Berlin in 2016 and ... I owned and operated it all myself. I closed it on New Year's Eve of 2017 to remodel it into Lava."

According to Seibert, he felt the club was past its prime and was due for an overhaul.

"[Berlin] was kind of dated at the time and worn out. It needed a facelift and a change of pace," Seibert said. "I just decided at the time that I was going to make a change, so I gutted the whole thing."

Seibert also said he wants to attract a different group of people, by changing the hours and steering away from the club atmosphere.

"Berlin was only open Friday and Saturday nights, and it was a later night crowd," Seibert said. "I wanted to be open earlier, and I want to get an older crowd in the lounge and then phase into the younger crowd [later], just to get a little bit of both."

Seibert has traded in Berlin's dark colors and heavy beats, with Lava's colorful island paintings, bamboo and thatch tiki huts. After midnight, the bar will then shift back to a club vibe with DJ Gibbs playing every Friday and Saturday.

"After midnight, it's going to be more of a dance club feeling and will have a higher energy [like Berlin]," Seibert said. "[Before midnight], it has a more Jimmy Buffet feel ... a Margaritaville style with '80s and '90s music and a beach theme."

Seibert said he is working to come



photos via Tyler Seibert

The nightclub, located at 627 Main St., reopened as Lava, a tiki-themed bar, in March.

up with the bar's weekly drink deals this month and the cover charge will work like Saddle Up. Lava has a \$5 cover charge starting at 11 p.m. and cover gets guests into Saddle Up for free.

Lava is open 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday and is closed Monday and Tuesday.

Common Ground hosts inclusive prom night

BY HANNAH SNIDMAN
News Reporter

Tomorrow night, Common Ground will host its second annual Pride Prom event in the Hayden-Clark Alumni Center Ballroom from 7 to 10 p.m.

Common Ground is Bradley's LGBTQ+/straight alliance on campus. Pride Prom aims to give students a prom just like in high school, but this time with a focus on the inclusivity of the community. This is especially important if they were unable to bring their significant other or express their gender identity, according to former Common Ground president Gabrielle Hogan.

"High school proms are full of such a beautiful, youthful atmosphere, but many queer high schoolers don't get that opportunity to enjoy that because they're not out, or they're bullied for being out," Hogan, a junior English major, said. "It's so rare that queer people have spaces just for them, especially spaces where they're allowed to just have fun and exist. This is giving that adolescent milestone back to queer people and saying, 'Hey, you deserve this too.'"

Bradley's first Pride Prom was hosted last year in April, although other colleges have hosted similar events in the past.

"Last year's event was everything I could have asked for," Hogan said. "It

was tough work getting it together, but [it's] all worth it in the end to see so many people so happy and enjoying themselves in a world that often doesn't want to see their joy."

The event will be somewhat different than before. Last year's Pride Prom featured a drag queen performance. This year's prom will feature a raffle, hula hoop contest and inflatable beach balls.

"There's still going to be food, music, dancing [and] photo opportunities," current Common Ground President Melissa Dillon said. "We have a photo booth from ACBU and Student Activities, so we're going to get that set up in the corner. Then it's just going to print out pictures,

so people can get them the way you would at a high school dance and hang them on your walls."

The event is free for Bradley students, \$10 for non-Bradley students and \$15 for couples. All proceeds will be donated to the Center for Prevention and Abuse.

"We figured [the Center for Prevention and Abuse] is a good organization to work with," Dillon, a sophomore secondary history and social studies education major, said. "They do good things for the Peoria community and across the country for people that have been put in situations where they have to deal with abuse."

Common Ground's current and

past executive boards are working together to organize the event. Senior English major and former Vice President Daniella Alscher said they want to publicize that the dance is for everyone.

"I think [Pride Prom] is important for allies because it gives them a chance to show their support," Alscher said. "But it's also important for the LGBTQ+ students because it's their event, it's their chance to be comfortable with who they are, be comfortable with their own identities, and it's just a good chance for people to enjoy themselves."

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NEWS

Night owl keeps watch over library late shift

BY SARA FESSLER
Copy Editor

When it’s 3 a.m. and it’s time to cram for an exam or finish up a paper at the Cullom-Davis Library, no one is ever alone, even if no one else is in sight – because no matter what, there are always the late night librarians to keep you company.

Chrystal Pehm, Bradley ’08 alumna, is a night access services coordinator who has worked at the Cullom-Davis Library since 2016. While her job mostly consists of walking the floors, checking out markers and rooms for students and emptying out the drop box of books, she said she has gained a good sense of who the usual late night students include and their drive for academics.

“With some of the things they write [on whiteboards], I’m always impressed by their work,” Pehm said. “Everyone seems to be holding each other up.”

Though she was a student worker in the library starting in 2005, Pehm said she first began working as a night access coordinator in the library when she was searching for jobs. Erich Gilbert, an access services coordinator at Bradley, informed her of the job opening.

“This one just kind of jumped out at me,” Pehm said.

Now, she said she enjoys her job at Bradley and working alongside her coworkers.

“When we see each other, we just pick up from when we last saw each other,” Pehm said.

For example, Pehm often works alongside Allison Hunter-Rosene, a senior elementary education and music performance double major who has been a student worker at Bradley’s library since 2015.

“I love working with Chrystal ... She not only tends to the needs of all the students that are here studying, but also looks after the student workers,” Hunter-Rosene said. “She cares for all the students, even though she’s here till 4 [a.m.]. It doesn’t dwindle because she’s tired or anything.”

One way that Pehm survives the late nights is by reading books, which she says she has a huge collection of.

“Lit on Fire [712 W. Main St.] is one of my favorite used book stores,” Pehm said. “Unfortunately, the owner knows me way too well. Sometimes she knows what’s right, sometimes it’s, ‘I’ve already got it.’”

Additionally, most Bradley students, Pehm said she manages her



Chrystal Pehm, a 2008 Bradley graduate, works as a night access services coordinator at the Cullom-Davis Library.

photo by Cenn Hall

8:30 p.m. to 4 a.m. shift without a trip to Stacks café or copious amounts of caffeine. Her coworkers have even come up with a few loving nicknames for the night owl.

“[They call me] ‘Daywalker,’

because I’m a vampire who can survive in the daylight, too, or ‘witch,’ because I must have to have some sort of powers to survive in the daylight,” Pehm said.

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“As the Speaker, I hope to be able to mediate a lot of positive conversation about integral subjects to student success and development here at Bradley,” Wijesinghe said. “I also hope to be able to bring in guest speakers who will not only inform our senators, but challenge them to be positive and innovative leaders on our campus.”

Despite not having any previous Student Senate experience, Wijesinghe said she has been meeting regularly with current student senators, including current Speaker of the Assembly Kelsey Vogt.

Sophomore sociology major Camille Sanders won the majority for Chief of Staff by receiving 447 of the 867 votes. She has been a Student Senator throughout her time at Bradley including serving as the Geisert Hall senator during the 2016-17 school year and the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion this past year.

According to Sanders, she hopes to utilize her time as Chief of Staff to create stronger communication between not only the students but also the community.

“My main goal this year is to create more collaboration across clubs [and] organizations on campus [and] in the Peoria community,” Sanders said. “I think sharing resources and creating a stronger sense of community between clubs and the larger Peoria

community will be beneficial to everyone.”

Junior music education major Nolan Ruthe secured the Director of Administration position by receiving 579 of 891 votes. Ruthe said he would like to spend his term focusing on public relationships and connecting with students in person.

“My number one goal in terms of public relations is just communication,” Ruthe said. “Because I feel like a lot of time, students, whether they be individuals or student organizations, miss out on potential opportunities because they just don’t know because there is just so much information to sift through.”

Ruthe said he is also looking forward to working with his fellow Student Body Officers, who all ran on the same ticket during elections: Bradley & Beyond.

“I think we all know each other pretty well, and we have a good dynamic already,” Ruthe said. “So I am really just looking forward to take that chemistry and that connection that we have and really use it to benefit the student body.”

The installment of the new SBOs will take place during Student Senate General Assembly at 5 p.m. on April 16 in the Garrett Center. University President Gary Roberts will install the SBOs, and it is open to the entire Bradley community.

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Steppin' on campus with B Smooth Steppers

BY NELSON O. GUTIERREZ
Copy Editor

A new club has arrived on campus, one that supports not just dance, but some Steppin'.

B Smooth Steppers is a club on Bradley's campus devoted to teaching people how to dance. With a concentration on a style called Chicago Style Steppin', the budding club seeks to bring African-American expression to the student body.

"The club was basically started to provide awareness about Steppin'," Christian Early, president of the B Smooth Steppers, said. "Many people confuse it with Greek in terms of fraternities [and] sororities, when it is completely different. The club was also started to spark an interest in my generation, since there aren't many young people who know about this dance."

For Early, a junior psychology major, spreading that awareness comes not only through the act of dancing itself, but also knowing some of the history that made it what it is today.

"Steppin' came about once African-Americans began to learn swing dancing, which was popular in the 1920s," Early said. "By the time the '50s came around, African-Americans slowed down the dance and created a variant which they call the Bop. From the Bop, came Steppin' in the '70s, and it has evolved from there ever since."

For those involved with the club, the community of dancers is a warm and welcoming one that is accommodating of inexperience. Deja Monroe, sophomore marketing major and one of the dancers in B Smooth Steppers, said that under Early's leadership, even the struggling and inexperienced dancers are reassured

that everyone is learning the smooth style of dance.

"Chicago style is very smooth, hence the name B 'Smooth' Steppers," Monroe said. "Once you have it down, it looks so nice and smooth, like it comes so easy, and it's just flowing out of your body. It has viewers looking in awe and wanting to move their bodies and learn. It's like the two people are so in sync that you can't find a flaw in the stepping even if there was."

Standing atop the shoulders of dancers before them, the diverse mix of experienced and novice dancers have high aspirations for Bradley's campus.

"We are hoping to host a Steppin' Showcase next semester to fully unveil what Chicago Style Steppin' is," Early said. "But as far as accessibility to students, they are free to come into the practices we have if they're interested to see what we're about."

While most of Early's drive for the club's direction involves helping others, his own story sets an example of just how dance can benefit students.

"Steppin' in general has changed my life," Early said. "I used to be really shy in high school, and it was Steppin' that made me reach out more ... Without Steppin', I would not be who I am today."

Anyone interested in being involved with the B Smooth Steppers can do so by emailing Early at cearly@mail.bradley.edu, or, as Early put it, by simply "showing up at the practices" in Markin Family Student Recreation Center Room 30.

NEWS

COMEDIAN BRINGS THE LAUGHS



photo by Cenn Hall

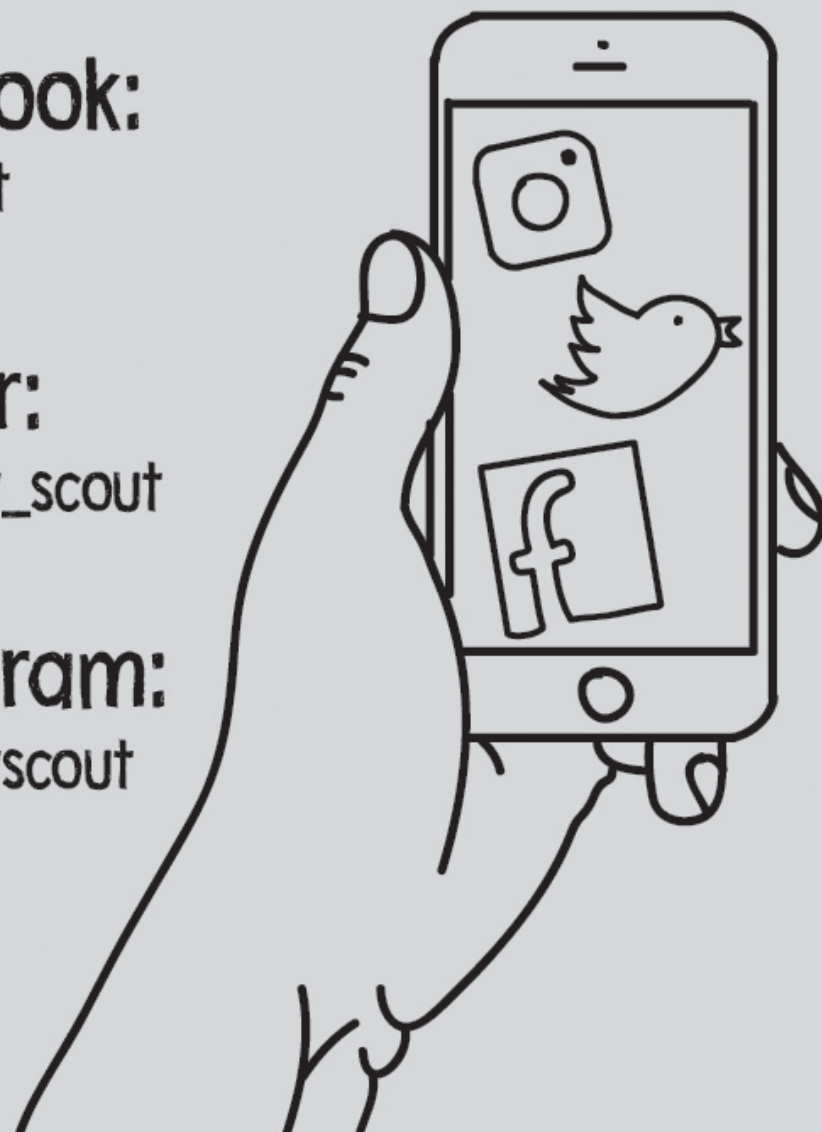
Comedian Jen Kober, who has acted on shows like "The Middle" and "Anger Management" before, performed on the Hilltop last night. The event was hosted by Activities Council of Bradley University.

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OPINION

Editorial

Lack of information fails student body

Student Body Officer elections were held this past week, and to be frank: we don't think Student Senate took it as seriously as they should have. Campus was not informed of the annual debate (held on April 2) until it was held March 30 – that's just three days of notice.

Is that alarming, or is it just us? The earliest evidence we could find of campus even being informed of an election happening was a tweet on Student Senate's Twitter account (@BradleySenate) from March 19: "There will be an informational meeting Wednesday March 21st at 8pm for those interested in becoming a student body officer in the Student Center in room 202. If you've ever wanted to be a student leader, now is your chance to learn more! #SenateSnippets."

If anyone thinks that's enough time for someone to gather a ticket, research positions and campaign on campus, they're wrong. We want to be led by students who are familiar with how our university is run, and

that's not possible if our leaders aren't given the chance to prepare.

It's also not enough time for students to get to know the candidates' platforms and goals – and The Scout wasn't able to do sit-down interviews with each student and run endorsements in the paper like we do every year. We weren't notified of the race ahead of time at all – we received the campus-wide email from the Student Activities Office on March 30 like everybody else, and saw the notification on Hilltop Happenings the day before.

Monday's debate was also an unacceptable and insufficient way to prepare candidates and students for the election ahead. It gave each candidate maybe 20 minutes to answer questions – some of which were asked by Student Senators themselves. Immediately after that wrapped up, voting opened – and only remained so for less than 48 hours.

One solution to this could be keeping Student Senate's website

updated for students who might have questions and want to check out the General Assembly meeting minutes.

But when The Scout tried to check Student Senate meeting minutes earlier this semester for an article, nothing had been uploaded since December of 2017. We're glad to see the website, which can be found at <https://www.bradley.edu/stuorgs/senate/>, has since been updated. Nonetheless, we challenge our Student Body Officers (especially the incoming officers who will handle that responsibility) to keep the student body informed of what Senate covers in their weekly General Assembly meetings.

So what's the cost of lack of preparation and information?

Voter turnout. Only 963 people voted in this year's election. That's it. Sure, that's up from last year's 536 votes, but the 2017 election was also uncontested. In 2016, when candidates there were multiple tickets running against each other, 1,694 students voted.

That's not great. Bradley is a school of over 5,000 students. How is it we were unable to get less than 20 percent of those students to participate in an election?

We would bet that not many students knew much about the candidates. Not many students knew about the debate. Not many students knew about voting.

Maybe next time, we can find out about how to choose the students who will lead us – those who will act as liaisons between students and administration – more than a week before it's time to decide who they will be. Maybe next time we can count on feeling more informed by those student senators we already look to. Then, when elections come around again next year, we won't feel like Student Senate is repeating this unfortunate chapter of history.

Senior Column

Hasta luego, Bradley: Part II



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In December of 2016, I wrote a column before I left for my semester abroad titled "Hasta Luego, Bradley." Since I decided I will be saying "hasta luego" to Bradley for good come May 12, I might as well create a Part II.

If I'm being honest, I was hoping to write something funny and clever for my senior column. But forced humor is not my strong suit – so I opted to go the sentimental route.

Before I graduate, there are a few things I want to officially say goodbye to, and a few things I want

to thank Bradley for: my love of language and travel, my boyfriend, my best friend and the Hilltop community.

Language & Travel

Last spring, I spent the semester in Madrid, Spain. I already considered myself to be a lover of travel, but it was my study abroad semester that made me fall in love with language and made my list of "Places to Travel To" double in size.

I saw so many amazing places – all of which show up on my Facebook memories and taunt me on the daily.

I met so many interesting and inspiring people. The learning curve I experienced was huge and indescribable. It was the most difficult thing I have ever experienced, but also the most wonderful thing to ever happen to me.

That whole experience wouldn't have been possible without Bradley. I am more and more grateful every day for "mi aventura madrileña."

My boyfriend

OK, I try to not be too mushy, but the reason I mention him is that he has been such a huge part

of my Bradley experience. We met as measly little freshmen in the Harper/Wyckoff game room, and we spent freshman and (most of) sophomore year as just friends.

We are both from Minnesota, but didn't meet until attending Bradley, and my mom is definitely salty that I went to school 500 miles away to "meet a boy who lives up the road."

Nonetheless, he has been here for a lot of my time at Bradley. We have spent a total of 126 hours in a car together in the 18 seven-hour trips we made between Peoria and Minneapolis. We have spent a ridiculous amount of time in the GCC studying and working on projects. We have watched an uncountable amount of Netflix shows and consumed an ungodly amount of cookie dough and Taco Bell.

I wouldn't trade that part of my Bradley experience for anything.

My best friend

When she reads this, she'll know who she is. She's been my day-one-A1-steak-sauce since freshman year – roommates for three years, late night crafting buddies, life coaches for one another. She's been the best Disney-loving, dancing, "It Wasn't

Me" pickle-eating friend I could have asked for, and my Bradley experience would have been so, so different if it wasn't for her. Love you, bae.

The Hilltop

The first thing I noticed when I came to visit Bradley was the community feeling on campus. It is a community that made me fall in love with the Hilltop over and over again throughout the past four years.

The friends I made here, the people I get to work with, the friendly faces all over campus, the people so proud to be Bradley Braves – it's these people who make the Hilltop the incredible place it is today.

You're all wonderful, passionate, inspiring and driven people (in my very humble opinion). I'll miss everyone beyond what words can describe. All I have to say is "Hasta luego, Bradley," and thank you for everything.

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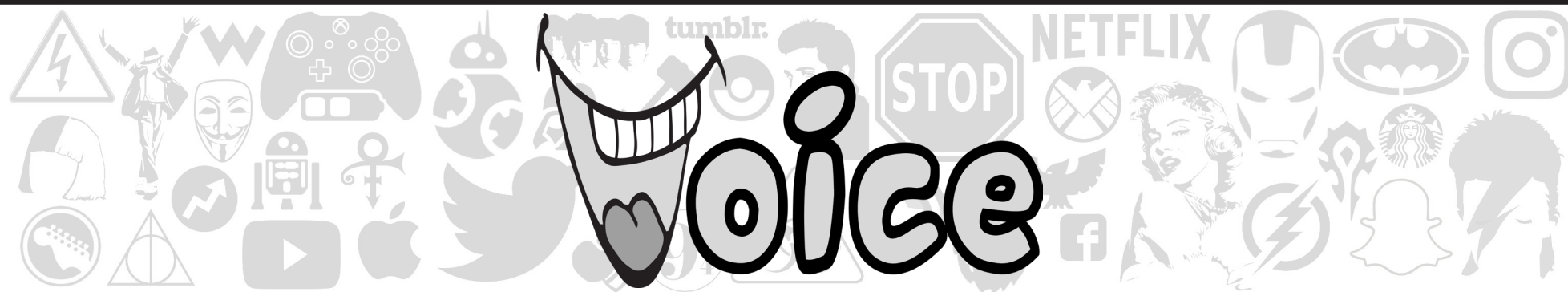
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Speech team - Bars - Sudoku

BY LARISSA MORELAND
Off-staff Reporter

This past Monday, “Magic Mike” star Channing Tatum and his wife Jenna Dewan issued a statement that left fans in complete disbelief. On Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, the couple announced the end to their eight-year marriage in just 220 words.

After explaining that they had “lovingly chose to separate as a couple,” they said they wanted everyone to know the truth because of how easily facts could be distorted. Tatum went on further, explaining there were no “secrets or salacious events” that motivated this, and they simply just wanted some privacy during this time.

It's one thing to go through a divorce or breakup, but it's another thing entirely to have the guts to publicly announce such a personal event for the whole world to see. The only thing the couple asked for in return was some privacy during such a life-changing event.

However, this is an impossible request. There are dozens of headlines from celebrity gossip websites such as “Inside Channing Tatum’s love story gone wrong” or articles claiming they had the “secrets” behind the couple’s split. I even found a video on YouTube where someone already made a video compilation labeled “Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan in happier times through the years,” a video reminiscing on their marriage just days after the two split up.

This is not the first time Hollywood has seen this kind of “mutual breakup” announcement

posted on social media. Couples such as Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux, Zayn Malik and Gigi Hadid and Usher and Grace Miguel had all made announcements this year claiming that their breakups were “mutual and loving decisions.”

Though I must admit that the suspicion is intriguing, it is not our place to know. Even if these aren't mutual breakups, you can't blame them for saying they are. Going through a breakup is hard enough, the last thing that you need is for everyone and their brother to know about the emotional, heated details of your personal relationships.

Rather than using their personal lives as a form of entertainment or gossip, the least we can do is respect their wishes and give them some much-needed privacy.

“You know you go to Bradley if ...”

BY MADDY WHITE
Assistant Voice Editor

Once you graduate and eventually leave good ole' Peoria, your memories of Bradley are going to be accompanied by the little things that make our school unique. We asked students how they know they went to Bradley, and this is what they had to say.

"You walk outside your house and the air smells like fish," sophomore nursing major Megan McGee said. (Don't worry; you get used to it).

“Half of your closet is Bradley gear, and you didn’t pay for any of it,” junior sports communications major Cal Weisman said.

"If you've been to Bacci's after 11pm," junior nursing major Aaron Rapp, said.

“Everyone wears red on Fridays to get free stuff,” senior international business major Imani Evans, said.

“You have more than five outstanding parking tickets,” junior political science major Pierre Paul, said.

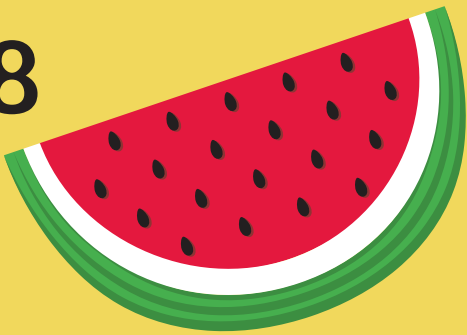
"If they've been fixing the Wi-Fi longer than you've been attending," junior finance major Hanna Alexander said.

“You tailgate for soccer,” senior sports communications major Andrew Vest, said.

These are the things you'll take with you when you leave this place (hopefully a degree is one of them). At Bradley, by the end of your run you are fully prepared to take your experiences "onward ever onward."

Hello Summer Sessions 2018

ONLINE COURSES



May Interim I	
Course	Course Name
ART 131	Art Appreciation
BIO 430	Soil Ecology
BLW 342	Legal Envt of Business
CHM 112	Engineering Chemistry
CIS 698	Dir Ind Studies CIS
CJS 130	Intro to Investigations
COM 386	Media, Race & Gender
COM 491	Topics in Comm
ENG 115	Intro to Literature
ENG 130	Intro to Native Amer Lit
ENG 301	Adv Writing, Argumentative
ENT 280	Entrepreneurial Creativity
ETE 116	Intro Field Experience
ETE 234	Language Development
ETE 238	Pract Teach Engl Learners II
ETE 239*	Pract Teach Engl Learners III
ETE 270	Physical Dev & Health
ETE 280	Explor Div: Learn, Fam, & Com
ETE 313	Meth of Lit I: Rdg, Writ, Lang GR 1-2
ETE 324*	Early Childhood Spec Ed Meth
ETE 371	Assess & Techn, Mid Sch & HS Teachers
ETE 650	Topics in Ed
FCS 300	Consumer Issues in America
FIN 322	Business Finance
HIS 201	Violence, Crime, Punish US Hist
IB 206	Intro to International Bsnss
ML 350	Managing for Results in Orgs
ML 353	Ops Mgmt in Orgs
MTG 315	Principles of Marketing
MUS 109	Music Appreciation
PLS 105	Intro to Amer Govt
PSY 321	Industrial & Org Psych
QM 262	Quantitative Analysis I
RLS 332	Religions of World II
SW 358	Human Behav in Social Envt II
SOC 100	Sociological Perspective

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Course	Course Name
ATG 604*	Controllership
ETE 219	Human Dev & Eff Field Exper
ETE 236	Assess, Engl Lang Lnrs
ETE 335	Meth Teach SS Gr 1-6
ETE 402	Ed Meth, Strat, and Eval Tech
ETE 643	Assess & Eval Pract, Lnrs w/ Exceptionalities
ETE 664	Classroom Assessments
ETE 678	Lship & Collab in Spec Ed
ETE 698	Creative/Rsch
IB 656	Internatl Bsnss Admin

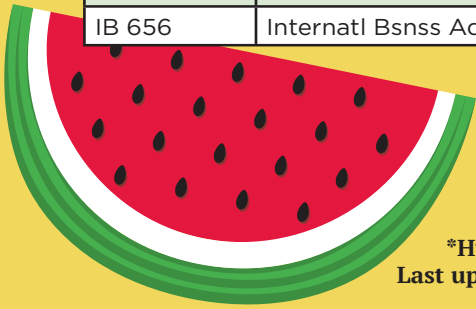
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BIO 101	Diseases of Life
BIO 111	Intro to Cell Biology
CIS 300	Computers & Society
CIS 698	Dir Ind Studies CIS
CIV 101	Western Civ to 1600
CJS 360	Drugs & Crime
CJS 380	Topics Crime, Law, Justice
COM 305	Persuasive Process
COM 388	Social Media Comm
CS 625	Oper Systems Design
CS 681	Prof Pract CS
CS 698	Dir Ind Studies CS
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ENC 540	Human Growth & Dev
ENC 681	Seminar Ed Admin
ENG 115	Intro to Literature
ENG 305	Adv Writ Tech Writing
ENG 306	Adv Writ Bsnss Comm
ENG 495	Independent Study
ETE 100	Technology Apps
ETE 216	Eff Plan Instr for Teach
ETE 230	Adapt Curr to Support Inclu Envts
ETE 425	Life Plan Lnrs w/Exception
ETE 426	Assess Lnrs w/Exception
ETE 663	Schooling Diverse Wrld
FCS 220	Consumer Issues Health Care
FCS 301	Nutrition Today
FCS 375	Hospitality Pract I
FCS 462	Comm Wellness Pract I
FCS 475	Hosp Pract II
FIN 322	Business Finance
HIS 333	Cross-Cultural Contacts
IME 522	Manufacturing Qual Cont
ML 353	Ops Mgmt in Orgs
ML 356	Human Capital in Orgs
MTG 346	Internatl Mktg
PSY 101	Principles of Psych
PSY 420	Psych of Addiction
RLS 332	Religions of World II
SOC 100	Sociological Perspective
SOC 333	Sociology of Violence
SW 354	Human Behav in Soc Envt I
WLS 202	Intermediate Spanish 2

Summer Session II	
Course	Course Name
ART 206	Graphic Dsgn Meth & Process
BIO 101	Diseases of Life
BIO 202*	Microbio & Immunology
BIO 300	Population, Resources, Envt
BUS 610	Grad Bsnss Pract
CHM 104	Essentials of Gen Chem
CIS 681	Prof Pract CIS
CIS 698	Dir Ind Studies CIS
CIV 100	Western Civ
CJS 301	Theories Crime & Justice
CJS 380	Topics Crime, Law, Justice
COM 103	Oral Comm Process
COM 201	Journalistic Writing
COM 220	Advertising as Comm
COM 391	Topics: PR Process
COM 491	Topics in Comm
CS 561	Artificial Intelligence
ECO 222	Prin Macroeconomics
ENC 582	Grant Writ Nonprofit Lship
ENC 604	Rsch Method & Apps
ENC 681	Seminar Ed Admin
ENG 301	Adv Writ Argumentative
ENG 306	Adv Writ Bsnss Comm
ETE 215	Strat Eff Teach
ETE 235	Meth Teach Engl Lang Lnrs
ETE 365	Teach Rdg Content Areas
ETE 515	Math Meth Mid Sch
ETE 631	Resources Strat Rdg Teacher
ETE 653	Inst Strat & Designs
FCS 300	Consumer Issues in America
FIN 220	Personal Finance
FIN 322	Bsnss Finance
GES 101	Prin Earth Science
HIS 315	US Social Mvmnts
IM 355	Inter Media Theo, Concep, Practices
IME 522	Mfr Quality Control
ML 350	Managing Results Orgs
ML 357	Leading Orgs
ML 459	Topics Mgmt
MIS 173	Info Systems & Bsnss Apps
MTG 350	Consumer Behavior
PLS 105	Intro to Amer Govt
PSY 321	Ind & Org Psych
QM 262	Quant Anal I
SW 310	Child Welfare I
SW 356	Topics in SW
SOC 315	Gender & Society
WLT 140	Global Lit in Trans

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‘Night Before Nationals’ shines

BY MACKENZIE NEWMAN
Off-staff Reporter

It isn’t easy being the best. However, the Bradley Speech Team makes being the “most successful extracurricular team in history,” according to the Associated Press, look effortless.

Last Friday night, I watched one of four performances hosted by the Bradley Speech Team as a preview of what these students will take to their national competitions. Never having watched the Speech Team before, I attended the 9 p.m. performance, R-rated for language, with low expectations and a worry I wouldn’t understand what was on the stage before me.

I was partially right. There is no way I will ever understand how all six performers gave such thought-provoking and culturally relevant speeches while still managing comedy in the right places. As for my expectations, I was wrong to set them so low.

The first performance, a duo from juniors Matt Friedhoff and Greg Huber, was almost too believable. Presenting a speech about empathy and sexual assault, the connection these two speakers shared, along with the in-sync

choreography and their emotional performances, was gripping.

“I felt like I was drawn into their scene because of their amazing acting capabilities and chemistry,” junior public relations major Ruth Bertram said.

There could not have been a dry eye in the house after the pair told a story of individuals connected through the sharing of a similar trauma. In ten minutes, these two alone took my viewing experience from hesitance to completely engrossed.

Throughout the remainder of the show, I was never disappointed. Not when sophomore Brenna Fuhr pulled off an impromptu speech about accountability and trust based on the audience’s quote of “b*tch better have my money,” nor when sophomore Cassie Edlund performed a powerful prose interpretation about weight and the struggles of negative self-image. I couldn’t take my tear-filled eyes away from junior Megan Magee’s poetry interpretation, where she expertly blended several poetic pieces together to craft a beautiful and devastatingly real story about cancer.

Each of these students gave a different view on the world – the content was real, relatable and in some cases, heart-wrenching. Yet, even when these speakers were presenting topics that were hard to bear, they had the audience’s rapt attention. They deserved it; they commanded it.

“[The performance was] something I didn’t know I needed,” junior psychology major Alex Wyman said. “They tackled real life problems that very much spoke to me and made me think, without crossing a line.”

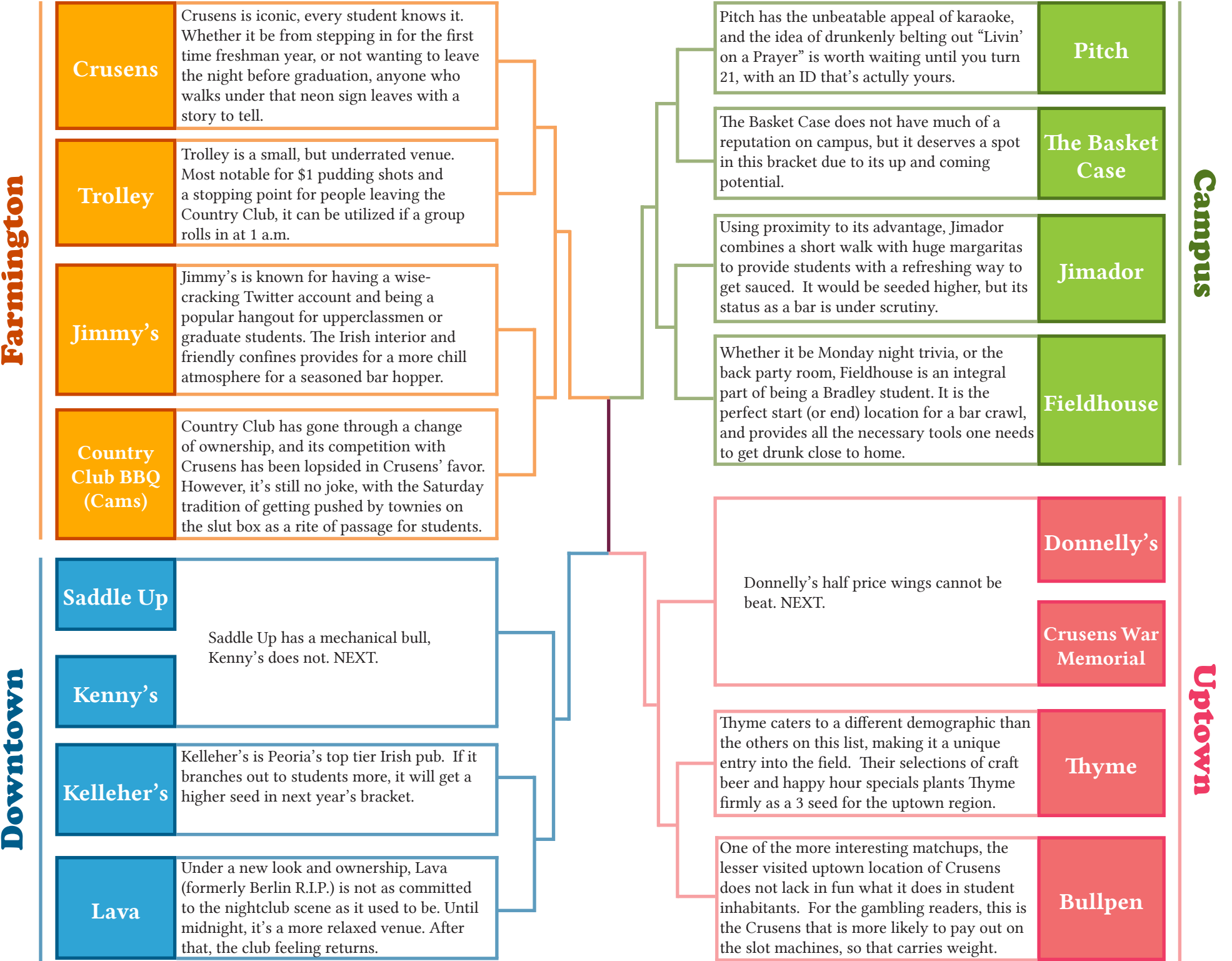
The night ended as shockingly well as it began. Senior Sarah Brashear delivered an after-dinner speech about white women and privilege with perfect comedic timing. Her enthusiastic and snarky call to action for white women to get out their planners and start making a change in their lives was the perfect mix of pointed and hilarious, overall a great wrap to the night.

It takes an abundant amount of skill, preparation and talent to discuss such controversial and emotional topics while still leaving an audience happy, but the Speech Team effortlessly delivered a night of laughter, tears and a refreshingly honest dose of the real world.

Peoria bar bracket

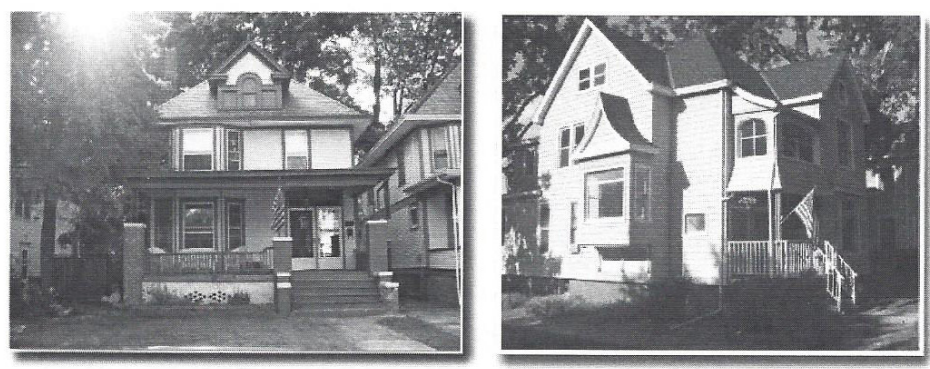
BY DAN KAMINSKI
Off-staff Reporter

March may be over, and Villanova may have taken the tournament, but here at the Scout we aren’t done with bracket madness quite yet. Enjoy a condensed Peoria bar bracket below.



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SOLUTIONS POSTED ONLINE

NEWS

Letter to the Editor

The students of Bradley have recently been called blind frogs who never look up from their phones in a PJ Star article. I wanted to provide a student perspective of the jay walking issue. I believe that student jaywalking is a non issue at Bradley. The students do so in order to arrive at class in a timely fashion, safely, and for the betterment of local traffic flow

It is often necessary to jaywalk because the fifteen minutes between classes may not be ample time to wait for a signal. Crossing at a crosswalk does not maintain our safety anymore than jaywalking. There are a few ‘yield to pedestrian signs’ that can be activated by someone trying to cross. At these crosswalks, however, the traffic does not slow down and the stu-

dents are therefore doing the same thing as when they jaywalk. They put there phones down, look both ways, wait for a break in traffic, and cross the street. Lastly, student jaywalking is better for the traffic patterns if done correctly. We wait to go in between natural traffic breaks inside of stopping traffic as a whole causing severe backups on already busy

roads. I propose the addition of more ‘yield’ type crosswalks (particularly one between St. James and the SAC) to protect the students right to cross at more convenient points so that we don’t have to worry about a fine as we worry to get to class and stay out of the elements. If that isn’t suitable a fine senior project for the civil engineers would be to

design a pedestrian bridge. Most easily, we can petition the city to lift the sequence “J” designation from University Street.

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Judge connects dots for students

BY MEGHAN ANDERSON
Off-staff Reporter

Chief United States District Judge James Shadid was welcomed to campus to “connect the dots” between students’ votes and their elected or appointed judicial branch on Monday. The event was hosted by the Center for Legal Studies and Institute for Principled Leadership in Public Services.
Shadid, a Bradley alumnus, served in private practice and as a public defender before he was elected to be an Illinois state court judge. In 2010, President Obama nominated Shadid to judge for the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois. Then in 2011, he was confirmed unanimously by the Senate and sworn in.
Having experience in both elections and appointments, Shadid explained the concepts behind the two processes, as well as the importance of citizen involvement.
“Your vote matters, whether you vote directly for a judge or for the president or governor who appoints the judge,” Shadid said.
Brad McMillan, executive director of the Institute for Principled Leadership in Public Service, said he wants students to have a “better understanding

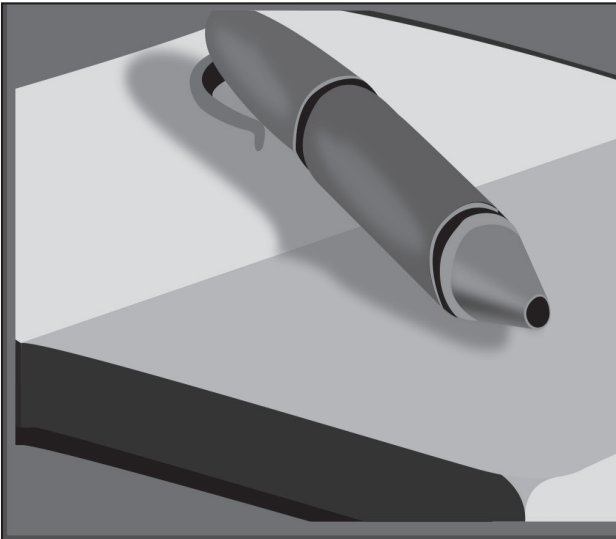
of all aspects of democracy.”
“Our goal is to not only get Bradley students voting, but to be informed voters,” McMillan said.
Shadid noted that, unfortunately, voters typically do not pay much attention to their judicial vote.
“[Judges] are at the bottom of the ballot,” Shadid said. “I think, oftentimes, people have no idea who the person is.”
With no prior research, voters tend to just select the judge in their political party, according to Shadid. However, Shadid said he believes party affiliation should not matter in judicial elections.
“Say you’re in my court ... Do you want [my decision] based on your party affiliation, or do you want [my decision] based on fact, based on the law?” Shadid said.
Shadid also commented on citizens’ unwillingness to vote and the lack of support for the judicial branch.
“I think it’s pretty toxic, actually ... the attack on the judiciary, the attack on institutions,” Shadid said. “Some people want to turn off the lights in the courtroom rather than strengthen a safe space.”
According to Shadid, judges are meant to be fair, impartial and even-tempered. Choosing the right judge is important because the judicial branch

makes decisions that affect citizens’ everyday lives. Shadid said it takes leadership in all political parties to create a more functional system and informed voting by citizens to make change happen.
“If you want diversity, your vote matters ... Whatever you want, your vote matters,” Shadid said.
John Collin, sophomore sports communication and professional selling major, said the lecture provided him with new insights.
“I had never heard a judge’s perspective on the [election] process before,” Collin said. “It was interesting to hear because I didn’t know the politics behind [judicial election and appointment].”
Shadid’s message also resonated with Valeria Ruiz, a freshman political science major.
“Nothing will get accomplished or changed unless the people make their voice heard through election, whether local or national, because the local elections later set the stage for national decisions,” Ruiz said.

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NEWS



SCOUT ON THE STREET



What three things would you bring with you on a desert island and why?



Troy Carlson

"I think I would want to have a cow to make ice cream because I adore it. Then I would need a freezer to store said ice cream and then a solar panel to charge the freezer."

- Troy Carlson, junior finance major

"I would bring a hammock so I can 'mock, a kayak so I can go 'yakin' in the water and a horse that I can ride around the island."

- Kayla Lippincott, freshman chemistry major



Kayla Lippincott



Kevin Foodie

"I would bring a snorkel with goggles so I can look around for fish. Then I would bring an air hammock just to chill in, plus it floats so I could use it as a raft. And then a big, [old] bottle of sriracha to use on the fish."

- Kevin Foodie, sophomore industrial engineering major

"I would bring a hatchet because it is a useful item, a tent for shelter and a fishing pole so that I can fish."

- Bryce Hastings, sophomore mechanical engineering major



Bryce Hastings

BY ZANE JUD
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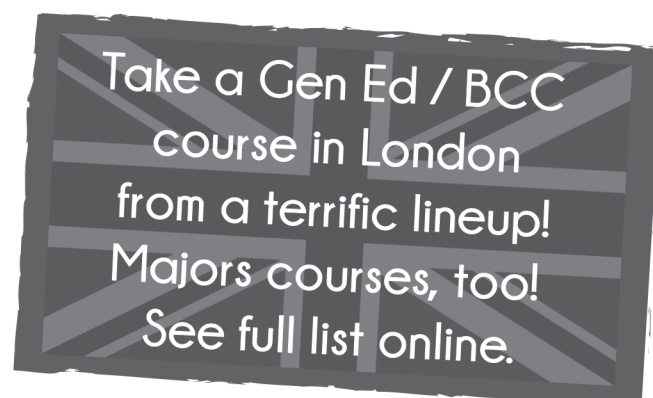
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SPORTS

Drake slides by Braves in three-game series

BY ANTHONY LANDAHL
Assistant Sports Editor

Last weekend, the Bradley softball team (13-18) visited Drake (25-9), that has beaten the Braves in their previous six meetings. The last win for Bradley occurred in 2015.

Drake started off scorching hot in Friday's opener, scoring seven runs in the bottom of the first inning on seven hits. The Braves then put two runs on the board when senior Maria Schroeder reached base on a Drake error.

The Bulldogs scored three more times to seal the easy 10-2 win on just 10 hits. Schroeder said early miscues and tough pitching contributed to the loss.

"[Drake] jumped on us in the first inning and we made a lot of defensive mistakes," Schroeder said. "They took advantage of those. With their pitching, it's hard to come back from seven runs."

Drake pitcher Nicole Newman, who ranks second in strikeouts per seven innings in the nation at 11.5, stifled the Braves' bats all day. Bradley, however, was the first team to score on Newman since Drake played Oklahoma State on March 9.

Head coach Amy Hayes said despite the loss, the team successfully strategized against Newman.

"We did a really good job of figuring her out, and [we] made some good adjustments on her," Hayes said. "We just didn't have enough innings to make up [for the deficit]."

After dropping the first game, the Braves attempted to dig themselves out of the hole in the latter of Friday's doubleheader. Bradley jumped out early this time, scoring six runs in the top of the second. Freshman Stacia Steeton capped off the offensive barrage by doubling to left field which drove in Schroeder, junior Gabby

Stoner and sophomore Allison Apke to spur a 6-2 lead.

Hayes said she attributed the early start to staying positive and entered the game utilizing her philosophy of scoring perseverance.

"You've got to be positive between the doubleheader," Hayes said. "What we want to see is putting runs on the board every single inning. When we keep pushing and keep punching is when we get our W's."

Schroeder scored again in the top of the sixth inning off senior Elizabeth Leonard's single up the middle to make the score 8-5. Drake tied the game in the bottom of the sixth and walked off with a 9-8 victory in the bottom of the seventh.

Hayes said the Braves could have won, but need to focus on securing a lead to win games.

"We have to find a way to finish," Hayes said. "Defensively we have to find a way to be there for our pitchers and hitters and stay aggressive."

In the 36-degree frigid finale of the series, Drake jumped out to a 5-0 lead when Bradley broke into scoring off an Apke two-run homer. With bases loaded in the top of the seventh, the score 6-3, the Braves had one more chance to tie or take the lead. Unfortunately, a ground out to third base extinguished the Braves' chance. The win extended Drake's conference record to 8-0.

Schroeder, the only Brave to play all 31 games, said the team needs to work on comebacks and consistent play moving forward in the season.

"We rally late in the game, but we need to find a way to be consistent throughout the whole game and not live or die in those last few innings," Schroeder said.

Halfway through the season, Hayes has praised the Braves' pitching and offense. The Braves have scored in all but seven of their



Freshman Stacia Seeton scores a run in a game against Illinois earlier this season. Seeton is hitting .346 with 17 RBIs.

photo via Scout archives

31 games, but Hayes said improving defense would be significant to the rest of the season.

"[We] were just giving up too many hits and too many walks," Hayes said. "We [have] got to get the ball on the ground and let our defense

work ... Defense wins championships and that's what we need to hone in on."

This weekend Bradley will play against Indiana State (16-14, 4-4 in conference) in a three-game roadtrip. The expected weather is cloudy and

cold with a chance of snow, but Hayes said she does not anticipate a cancellation. The first game will start at 11 a.m. tomorrow in Terre Haute.

Opinion

SuperNova

BY AUSTIN SHONE
Assistant Sports Editor

A dynasty is usually considered to be a line of hereditary rulers of a country; a succession of people from the same family play a prominent role in business or politics. Dynasties are easily identified with power and dominance; the Ming in China, the Joseon in Korea, the Speech Team at Bradley. The word "dynasty" is now more often seen in a sports or competitive context, and we just witnessed the beginning of a new one Monday night in San Antonio.

The Villanova Wildcats were crowned the champions of college basketball after defeating the significantly less-talented Michigan Wolverines. It was their second championship in the last three years, which many broadcasters claimed cemented their status as a blue blood program. As there becomes less and less parity throughout sports, the dynasties are here to stay.

So, what defines a dynasty? The answer is simple: winning

championships across multiple seasons constitutes a dynasty. You'd think that because of rotating rosters in college, dynasties would be harder to come by, but you couldn't be more wrong. The greatest college basketball dynasty of all time was UCLA, who won 10 championships in 12 years. The UConn women's basketball dynasty has won 10 rings since 2000.

In college football, Alabama defines dynasty perfectly. The Crimson Tide won three of four championships between 2009 to 2012. Alabama has since won two of the last three BCS title games. Separate dynasties cradled inside one large dynasty.

Although their dynasty is spread out over a longer stretch of time, the New England Patriots have been to seven consecutive AFC Championship games and have won 5 Super Bowls since 2001.

There is something to be said about the differences between what constitutes a dynasty in college versus in the pros. Players only have four

years in college, while professional careers span much longer. Take a look at the NBA, where the Warriors can further their dynasty status with another Finals victory this year. Kobe and Shaq three-peated their way to a Lakers Dynasty from 2000 to 2002, which was then followed by the Spurs dynasty from 2003 to 2007. The Heat tried to form a dynasty with LeBron, Bosh and D-Wade, but they only won two championships before disbanding.

In the pros, three-plus championships with the same core group of players should be considered a dynasty: the San Francisco Giants from 2010 to 2012, the Yankees from 1996 to 2003, the Dallas Cowboys from 1993 to 1996. In college two out of three is dynastic. If Villanova can win one more with a player from this year's roster, it will be undisputable.

If you don't believe college basketball runs on dynasties, just look at a breakdown by conference. Kansas has won 14-consecutive Big XII regular season titles. Kentucky has

won six of eight SEC Tournaments since 2010. Gonzaga has won 21 conference championships since 1994. Wichita State was so dominant in the Missouri Valley Conference that they left for the more competitive American.

Villanova has the dominance factor. They won both Final Four games by at least 16 points. They won every tournament game by at least 12. The Wildcats have a win-loss record of 103-9 over the last three seasons, and they don't plan on slowing down any time soon.

Only three other teams since 1991 have won the NCAA tournament championship two out of three seasons: Florida, Kentucky and Duke. None of those teams went on to win another championship in the next four-year cycle.

This Villanova team is different. Although they have the potential to lose Jalen Brunson, Omari Spellman and Mikal Bridges to the NBA, this team has a solid core to build around seemingly every year. Donte

DiVincenzo's 31-point outburst in the title game wasn't a fluke. He's a genuine star. Eric Paschall is as versatile a player as you'll find in the Big East.

Jay Wright has built a strong family, a strong succession of players that identify with a tough, winning mentality, that's become hard to find in the era of one-and-done's. While other coaches have had to re-stock their rosters by recruiting young talent each year like Kentucky, and recently Duke, Wright has held his group together and stuck with the next man up philosophy. It's more than paying off.

Is Villanova already a dynasty? Or are they one step away? What do you think constitutes a sports dynasty? We'd love to know what you think. Tweet your response @ScoutSportDesk

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TRACK WEATHERS THE STORM

BY COLE BREDAHL
Sports Editor

The Bradley men’s and women’s track teams split up last weekend as several athletes travelled to compete in the Stanford Invitational and the San Francisco State Distance Carnival in California. The rest of the team competed at the Eastern Illinois Big Blue Classic.

The athletes in California dealt with 90 degree weather in the middle of the afternoon on Friday while the athletes in Illinois struggled through temperatures in the 40s and gusts approaching 20 miles per hour. Head coach Darren Gauson said

the weather at both meets affected athletes’ times.

“[In California], our athletes and a lot of other athletes struggled in the heat. The times really weren’t that good,” Gauson said. “We battled and still had some really good times, but it is hard to get regional times with the weather we had.”

The Braves managed to put up top times despite the weather. Junior David Shadid won the 400- meter run at Eastern. He posted a time of 48.91 to beat the other 27 runners.

“If he gets some good weather with no wind, I think he will be able to get his [personal record] in the next few weeks,” Gauson said.

Sophomore Scott Seymour finished 22nd in the 1,500 meter run in San Francisco with a time of 3:54.48. At Stanford, redshirt freshman Alec Hartman had nearly an identical time, finishing in 3:54.83.

One of the team’s top runners, redshirt junior Haran Dunderdale, ran his first race in over a year after being redshirted in cross country and indoor track. Dunderdale finished the 3,000 meter steeplechase in a time of 9:04.66. According to Gauson, Dunderdale did not run his best due to an injury.

“He was in really good shape, but he has a little foot injury,” Gauson said. “He still has time to put up a

regional mark this season.”

Despite the crutch of a foot injury, Dunderdale said it was nice to get back to competing with his teammates.

“It’s been a long year of redshirting,” Dunderdale said. “For me to just be able to compete with the team is going to be fun. Myself and the team have big goals for the season, so hopefully we can hit them and get people talking about Bradley’s program.”

On the women’s side, freshman Imani Hanson placed ninth in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 1:05.76, good enough for the fifth best time in school history.

“It is great to see her getting a top time in the record books,” Gauson said. “She will probably end up scoring at conference.”

Junior Niamh Markham put up a best time of 4:31.29 in the 1,500-meter run. Markham’s time puts her eighth in school history. Gauson said he was impressed with Markham’s progress.

“She ran really well with a massive [personal record],” Gauson said. “She will be fairly close to hitting a regional time, so we just need to decide if the 800 or 1,500 is her best race.”

The track team will travel to the Gibson Invitational at Indiana State after the meet scheduled for Western Illinois was cancelled Tuesday.



Redshirt junior Haran Dunderdale returned to the track for the first time in a year last weekend.

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One-on-one

Who will win the Masters?

Justin Rose

VS.

Rory McIlroy

Every year, the Masters brings a lot of excitement to the golf world, and this year is no exception. The anticipation for the tournament this year has been centered on the return of Tiger Woods in his first Masters since 2015. Many believe his improving level of play this season going into the back nine means he is ready to win his fifth Masters, but I believe the victor will be a first-time green jacket winner.

This year, Justin Rose will win the Masters. Last year, Rose seemingly had the tournament won until Sergio Garcia finished strong and beat Rose in the playoff. Rose will harness the frustration of letting a green jacket slip off his back as motivation to win his first.

Rose is coming into the Masters playing his best golf. He finished in the top-five of his last two tournaments and already has three victories this season. He currently is the No. 5 in the world golf rankings.

Rose has also had success at Augusta National finishing in the top-25 of the last eight Masters he played in. He was the runner-up in 2015 and 2017. Despite just one major win in his career at the U.S. Open in 2013, Rose always seems to be hanging around the top group, but just hasn’t been able to finish. This year will be his year to break through and join the most elite group of golfers when he puts on his first green jacket.

Rory McIlroy is only a Masters win away from the career Grand Slam, and this weekend in Augusta, he is finally going to complete the achievement. He took care of the 18-month winless streak last weekend at the Arnold Palmer Invitational and it was a big boost of confidence that he desperately needed.

McIlroy has been remarkably consistent at the Masters, with four consecutive top-10 finishes, but he has yet to take his performance to the next level. He has had chances to win in the past, like when he blew a lead on Sunday back in 2011, but this time the pressure is not squarely on his shoulders. With the heralded return of Tiger Woods and a number of other young golfers looking to be in the spotlight, his nerves should be at bay. He has also practiced a lot at Augusta recently, with 54 holes played in the last week in Georgia.

Additionally, McIlroy has history on his side this weekend, as it is his 10th Masters appearance. Both Ben Hogan and Sam Snead won their first Masters in their tenth appearance. Plus, Arnold Palmer was also 28 years old when he won his first of four. McIlroy has the history, confidence, pedigree and skill to finally get his first green jacket.

Don’t let the hysteria of Tiger Woods’ return fool you, as Tiger is too far removed from real championship level golf to make it happen. Justin Rose has similar qualifications to McIlroy, except he has less championship prospect, and the ghost of his playoff loss last year to Sergio Garcia may haunt him. Ultimately, McIlroy will finally get the proverbial monkey off his back and claim the career Grand Slam, and his first green jacket.

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Redshirt senior Zach Jewell led the Braves last weekend with a score of seven over par to tie for seventh.

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Men's golf finishes sixth at D.A. Weibring

BY JUSTIN LIMOGES
Sports Reporter

The Bradley men's golf team tied for sixth at the D.A. Weibring Intercollegiate this past weekend, finishing with a team total of 902 in three rounds at the par-71 Weibring Golf Club in Normal.

The opening day of play started off with some challenging wind, rain and even snow for the 17 teams competing.

Bradley head coach Jeff Roche said the conditions weren't what the players wanted, but they stayed strong throughout the event.

"I think [the event] was really good for us," Roche said. "We went from some cool wind chills on the first day to snow on the second day. From a mental standpoint, we were really tough and strong. I thought there were a lot of positives."

Redshirt senior Zach Jewell had the best two rounds of the day, with a pair of 2-over 73s. Jewell tied for fourth at four-over par 146 – three shots behind individual leader and University of Wisconsin-Madison golfer Griffin Barela.

The Braves concluded day one with a 308 on the first round and

a 303 on the second to come up with a 43-over 611 team total. This tied Bradley at sixth with Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. Duke University led the opening two rounds with a team score of 19-over 587.

Jewell said he wasn't phased by the weather but instead made sure to remain focused on his play.

"The first day, I tried to not think about anything," Jewell said. "I didn't know what a good score for the day was, I didn't know what a good score for the round was. I just tried to go out there and worry about each hole

as it came. At the end of the day, I ended up with a good score."

The final day was highlighted by senior Matthew Specht finishing with a season-best 1-under par 70 and Jewell tying for seventh at 7-over par 220, thanks to a 3-over 74 third-round finish.

This was Jewell's second straight top-10 finish to lead the Braves. As a result, Bradley finished the third round with a 291 to tie IPFW's score for sixth at 902. Duke University won the team title with a total of 871.

Jewell said he was happy to finish in the top 10 again and believes that

the overall changes to his practice routine really helped make his game more steady.

"It's just nice to be consistent now," Jewell said. "[During] the fall season, I didn't feel like I played that consistently; my game was kind of all over the place. But we really did some good things over the off-season. We kind of changed the way we practiced, trained and think."

Next up, the Bradley men's golf team will be competing April 9 and 10 at the Ryman Hospitality Intercollegiate in Nashville, Tennessee.

Losses mount as tennis kicks off conference play

BY KEVIN LINDGREN
Off-staff Reporter

The injury-riddled Bradley women's tennis team was back on the road this past weekend as it kicked off Missouri Valley Conference play against ISU in Normal. Despite some strong performances, Bradley couldn't defeat its I-74 rival and fell to the Redbirds to start 0-1 in conference play.

The Braves struggled out the gate, dropping all three doubles matches, and falling behind early 1-0. However they, rebounded quickly, collecting singles victories from senior Alexa Brandt and junior Malini Wijesinghe. Brandt and Wijesinghe both won their matches in single sets. Unfortunately, the Braves failed to collect another singles victory, losing 5-2 to the Redbirds.

Head coach Matt Tyler touched on the performances from Brandt and Wijesinghe.

"Both of them played outstanding,"

Tyler said. "[We] couldn't be happier for the two of them to come away with wins against ISU. I think their play this past weekend really bodes well for these next couple weeks for us."

Brandt's victory puts her in a tie for fourth-most singles victories in Bradley history with 58. Brandt is currently tied with her senior teammate Aimee Manfredo. Tyler explained the importance of Brandt's accomplishment.

"She was that first recruiting class that raised the level of Bradley tennis four years ago and has really had an outstanding career," Tyler said. "She had a rough sophomore year but bounced back. [She] really played well junior year and continued that this year."

Saturday's match marked the tenth straight loss for the Braves. Injuries and illnesses have riddled the team all season. Despite the frustration, Tyler's team continued to

compete and look at the positives.

"We certainly need to play a little better," Tyler said. "Having six players out there was a huge step. Kind of a moral victory for us. [We're] trying to really focus on the positive things that we're doing and carry that into this week's practice and into the match."

Bradley will head home for their next match against Missouri State at the Clubs at River City at 1 p.m. Saturday. The match will be one of Bradley's two home conference matches this season. Tyler emphasized the importance of turning that switch and playing well against their conference rivals.

"This part of the season is the most exciting for us. The in-conference rivalries, everybody gets amped up for that. I still firmly believe that we're capable of setting ourselves apart from other teams in the conference, and I'm looking forward to seeing us compete," Tyler said.

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Brandt in record books

Senior Alexa Brandt moved up to fourth on the all-time singles victory list last weekend.

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Alexa Brandt

BASEBALL BATTLES IN CONFERENCE OPENER

BY NATHAN NUNEZ
Off-staff Reporter

Late-inning drama highlighted each of the three games that took place last weekend, as the Bradley baseball team traveled to Indiana to win its conference opener, taking two of three games from the Valparaiso Crusaders.

Game one marked the Crusaders' first game in conference history, and they jumped out to an early 2-0 lead after the first inning. Bradley answered back, taking a 3-2 lead after the top of the sixth. The Crusaders tied the score in the bottom half of the inning, and eventually scored the go ahead run in the bottom of the eighth.

Down one run in the ninth, junior Luke Mangeiri got things started for Bradley after reaching base with a single. Senior Andrew Ivelia would double in his at bat, scoring Mangeiri on the play. With two outs in the ninth and the score tied at four, sophomore Brendan Dougherty drove in Ivelia for the go ahead run, setting up junior pitcher Matthew Richey for the save in the bottom half of the inning, as the Braves picked up a 5-4 win.

With rain in the forecast for Saturday, the teams played a second game Friday night. Sophomore Ryan Hodgett started the second game of the evening's double-header and took a no-hitter into the fifth.

Bradley took a 2-0 lead after Dan Bolt doubled to right field which scored fellow sophomore Luke Shadid. The game headed to extras after the Crusaders tied the game in the bottom of the eighth. In the bottom of the tenth, Valparaiso's Zack Leone then hit a walk-off three-run home run to tie the series at one game apiece.

Head coach Elvis Dominguez turned to redshirt junior pitcher, Sam Lund, for the final game of the series on Sunday.

Despite the cold temperatures, Lund said he used the weather to his advantage.

"Cold weather is [tough] to

play in, personally I think it's more difficult for the hitters," Lund said. "My mentality was to go out there and throw mostly fastballs, let [Valparaiso] put the ball in play and allow our defense to make plays."

Lund pitched six innings and handed the ball off to senior Alex Gray with the Braves trailing 3-2 after six innings.

The Braves took the lead in the eighth on a pair of RBI singles from Bolt and junior Jean-Francois Garon, heading into the ninth with a 4-3 lead.

Bradley erupted for six runs in the top of the ninth, after drawing six walks and tallying only one hit as Valparaiso used four pitchers to get out of the frame.

Junior right-hander Bobby Johnson took the mound for the last inning, giving up a run. The Crusaders would load the bases, but Johnson escaped the jam, and the Braves took game three by the score of 10-4.

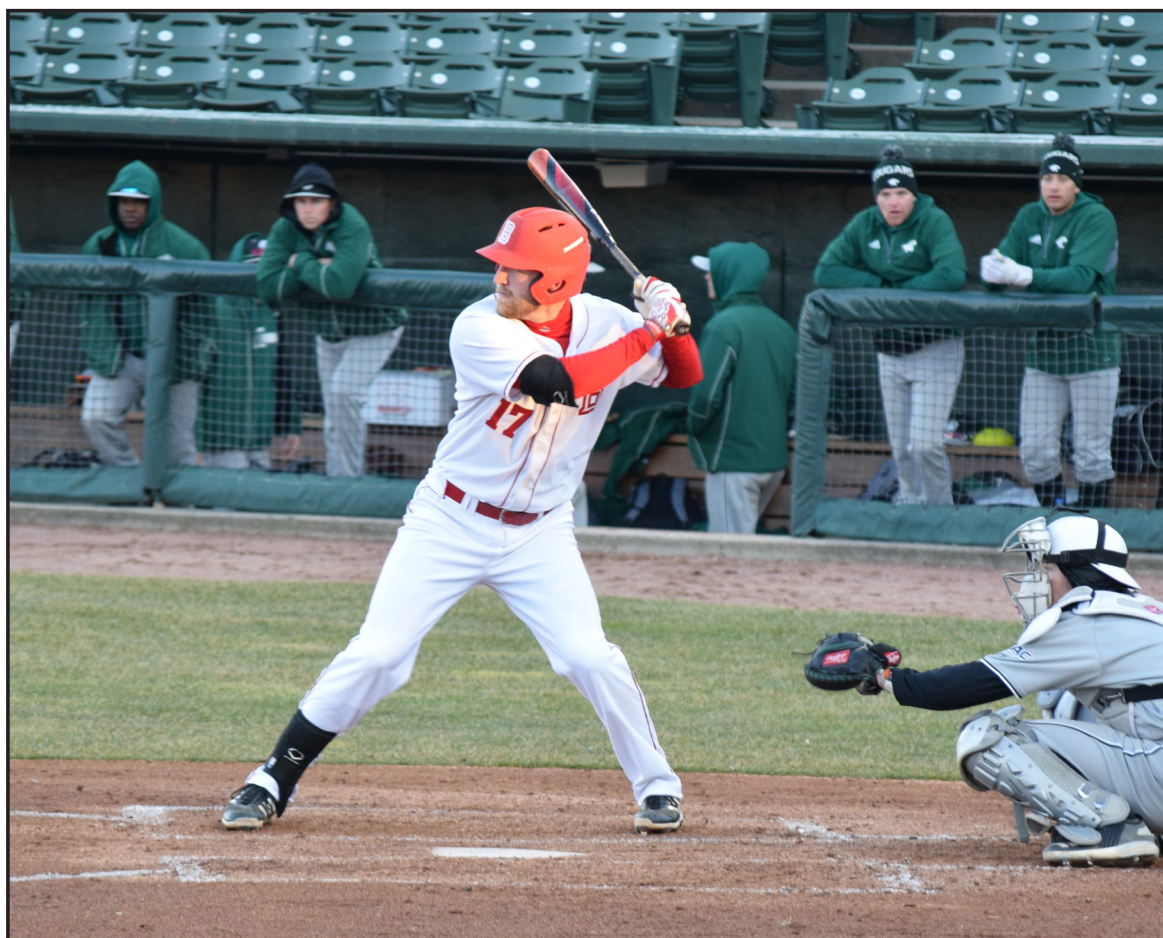
After taking two of three from the Crusaders in the first conference series, the Braves share first place in the Missouri Valley Conference with Missouri State and Southern Illinois. Dominguez said he believes an early series victory will help the Braves throughout the rest of conference play.

"Anytime you can start off winning a conference opener, it sets the momentum going forward," Dominguez said.

The Braves concluded their five game road trip by traveling to Western Illinois University Wednesday evening, to take on the Leathernecks.

Bradley throttled Western for 14 runs as every starter reached base. Junior Pitcher Mitch Janssen picked up his second win of the season as the Braves cruised to a 14-7 victory.

Next up for the Braves is their first home series of the conference season. Bradley hosts Indiana State at 2 p.m. this afternoon, and at noon on Saturday and Sunday.



Junior Luke Mangieri leads the Braves in hits and total bases this season.

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