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The Smith Career Center hosted its fall Job and Internship Fair that featured over 200 employers.

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Vape-nation or health deterioration?

BY HALEY JOHNSON
News Editor

How harmful can a puff of cherry-flavored smoke be? College students and health professionals are finding out.

According to the Center for Disease Control, there have been 380 lung-related illness cases over the past year and a half, and each involves the use of vaping products.

On Tuesday, New York became the first state to ban flavored electronic cigarettes. The next day, Michigan followed suit and became the second state to ban the sales of flavored e-cigarettes products.

Health officials in California confirmed Monday that another person has died from a vaping-related illness, marking the seventh victim of this crisis.

Tulare County, California health officials said they're officially "warning community members about the dangerous effects of using electronic cigarettes, or e-cigarettes."

College students using e-cigarettes and electronic vaporizers has nearly tripled from 6.1 percent to 15.5 percent in one year, according to a national study by the University of Michigan.

"Vaping has seen a very dramatic increase in use in young adults and college students due to clever marketing campaigns by the manufacturers," Jessica Higgs, the Bradley Director of Health Services, said. "Unfortunately, as evident by the recent number of deaths, these devices have not been fully vetted in the potential consequences."

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Search committee to find the next Bradley president

BY VERONICA BLASCOE
Copy Editor

The imminent retirement of university president Gary Roberts has made it necessary to begin the search for a new president to lead Bradley into the coming years. The selection process is long and involved, but the first steps have been taken.

"We are in some critical times in higher education," said University Senate president Amahd Fakheri, who helped select the committee. "The next person is going to have an extremely, extremely important impact on Bradley, so this is an extremely important process."

The committee consists of two co-chairs, seven members of the board of trustees, three members of faculty and one student representative. The co-chairs are James Shadid and Kathleen Holst, vice chair and

secretary of the Board of Trustees, respectively.

The co-chairs will only receive one vote between them, and can only vote in case of a tie. The faculty handbook dictates that no less than one-fourth of the committee must be faculty, and provides for a process of choosing them.

The initial formation of the committee stated this summer, when most faculty members were not available. Three faculty members were selected as temporary members of the committee to handle some preliminary work, but an election for the formal members was held at the start of the year. Fifteen members of the faculty were either nominated or self-nominated to serve on the committee.

The Executive Committee of the Senate (excluding the Provost) then narrowed the field to six, ensuring

that the list contained at least one member of each college, and taking into account diversity of gender and emphasizing length of service and involvement in the Bradley community.

"We wanted to make sure they are people who understand Bradley and that care about the university," Fakheri said.

Two weeks ago, the elected members of the Senate voted to select the final three committee members: Laurence Weinzimmer, a Caterpillar professor of strategic management from the Foster College of Business; Jacqueline Hogan, a sociology and anthropology professor from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Tanya Marcum, an entrepreneurship, technology and law professor, also from the Foster College of Business.

There is also one student member

of the committee, student body president Megan Brezka.

"My role within the Presidential Search Committee is to represent the best interests of our student body as we develop the candidate profile and determine which of the candidates would best fit within the Bradley community," Brezka said.

After the committee identifies a preliminary group of candidates, the final decision on Bradley University's next president will be made by the Board of Trustees.

"An ideal candidate is not only a strategic professional, but also someone interested in personally engaging and interacting with our student body," Brezka said. "They would seek to become an active member of the Bradley and Peoria community."



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BRIEFS

Gender shaping conversations

Cheryl Cooky, associate professor of American Studies and Women's, Gender and Sexual Studies at Purdue University, will be presenting from 7-8:30 p.m. on Sept. 23 in the Hartmann Center for the Performing Arts. She will be addressing how gender shapes sports experiences, cultural meanings and organizational structures in sports and other related topics. For more information contact the department of communication at jrc@bradley.edu.

'Peter and the Starcatcher'

The theater department will put on its first production of "Peter and the Starcatcher" at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 26 in the Hartmann Center for the Performing Arts. The prequel to "Peter Pan" tells the origins of Peter, Wendy, Captain Hook and many other characters. Performances will continue to be given until Oct. 6. Ticket prices are \$20 for adults. Faculty, staff and senior citizens are \$18. Students are \$10. To order tickets either call the Box Office at 309-677-2650 or visit the Box Office in Hartmann Center.

Oktoberfest in Peoria

Peoria's Oktoberfest will take place on the RiverFront from 5-11:30 p.m. on Friday, 12-11:30 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. on Sunday. The event features authentic German food, music, a parade and many other activities. Admission is \$7 before 5 p.m., \$10 after 5 p.m. and free for ages 12 and under. For more information, visit www.oktoberfestpeoria.com.

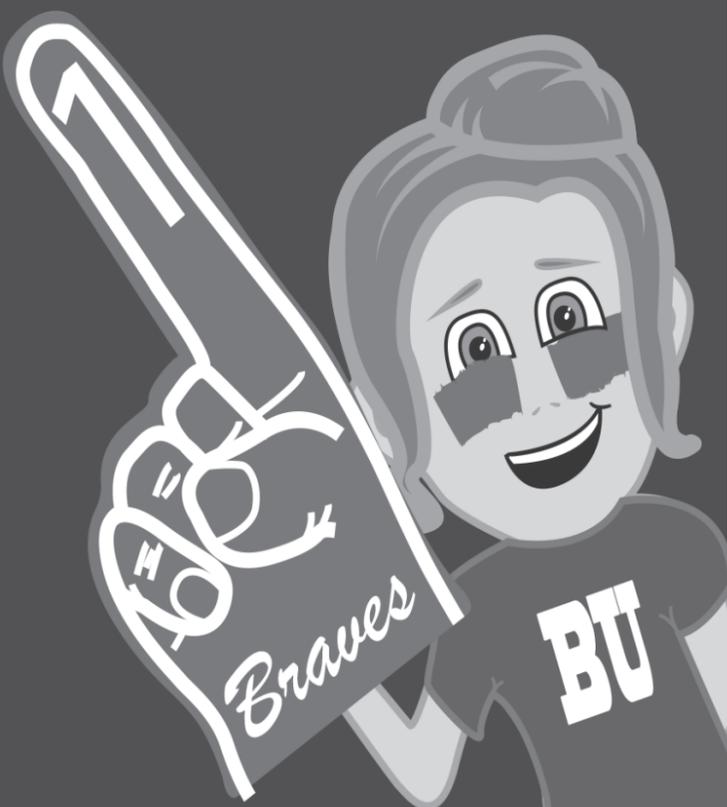
Concert on the quad

At 4 p.m. today, on the Alumni Quad Bradley Bands such as the Symphonic Winds and Symphonic Band, directed by David Vroman, are putting on a free concert. The Bradley Jazz Ensemble, directed by Todd Kelly, will also be performing.

POLICE REPORTS

- At approximately 11 p.m. on Sept. 14, BUPD received a report of an unconscious female in the fourth-floor restroom in Harper Hall. The female was alert and admitted to drinking several shots. She was evaluated by medics and allowed to sign a transport refusal form.
- A silent witness reported a party of underage attendees at approximately midnight on Sept. 15. Officers were dispatched to the address with negative results.
- At noon on Sept. 15, a male reported that a package was delivered while he was at class and signed for by an unknown suspect at 1800 W. Bradley Ave.
- Three juveniles were found riding bicycles in the Duryea Parking Deck after curfew at approximately midnight on Sept. 16. The juveniles were returned to guardians and with verbal warnings.
- An unaffiliated female reported on Sept. 16 that her purse was missing from her unlocked car while she was walking on the track. This matter is still under investigation.

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NEWS

Revamping Homecoming Week

BY KAPRICE YOUNG
Off-staff Reporter

Homecoming week kicks off next, and this year, ACBU is deciding to switch things up. Homecoming coordinator Jacob McGiles said he is confident that the changes will be for the better.

For the first time since 2003, there will be a parade. McGiles and co-coordinator Morgan Dunham are reintroducing the parade to conclude the Homecoming Week.

With organizations already signed up for floats, the parade will begin its route on campus.

“This has not been done for quite some time at Bradley, so we are excited to see how it goes,” McGiles said. “We also are trying to get the community engaged with the parade this year. We think this will be an easy way for Bradley and the Peoria community to come together.”

In addition to a parade, McGiles and Dunham are also starting Homecoming Week off differently.

In recent years the Lighting of the “B” took place on that Monday. This year comedian Matt Bellasi will take center stage Monday and

perform in the Renaissance Coliseum. Coordinators said they feel a bigger named comedian will start the week off well.

ACBU is also introducing a faculty vs. student food drive. Throughout the week, collections will be taken up for the Midwest Food Bank along with a charity trivia night.

Even with the new additions, participants can still expect some of the traditional activities.

“I’m looking forward to all the fun surprise contests and events that happen during Homecoming Week,” Imani Shamsuddin, a sophomore Television Arts major, said.

The Friday before the official Homecoming Week begins, students can participate in the Painting of the Lydias. The decorated Lydias will be displayed in various locations around campus during Homecoming Week.

However, one of the most anticipated events of the week will be held on that Friday night.

Students, alumni, faculty and the community are expected to be in attendance and fill the area in front of Bradley Hall to experience the Lighting of the “B” Friday.

Not only will the B be lit, but the sky will be too. Fireworks will take place along with the announcement of the food drive winners and the crowning of Homecoming King and Queen.

Saturday’s parade will conclude the festivities.

Most universities have a football game during homecoming. Bradley differs from most because it does not have an NCAA football team. Coordinators feel that having a homecoming with a soccer match is just as school-spirit orientated.

“People at Bradley support each other and show their pride with or without a certain team,” McGiles said. “That is what is so great about the Bradley community and homecoming here is because everyone shows support for the school that they love.”

Albert Williams, a sophomore undecided major, is especially excited for the soccer game.

“At the end of every soccer game, no matter if we win or lose, they do fireworks. They put me in the school spirit,” Williams said.

VAPING

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According to Higgs, Bradley Health Services “fully backs” the Center for Disease Control’s recommendation that students should refrain from vaping until more information surfaces.

“Vaping has been presented for several years as the ‘safe’ alternative to smoking cigarettes, but the end result is still introducing chemicals into your lungs,” Higgs said.

In response to the crisis, President Donald Trump and the Food and Drug Administration are preparing to remove all non-tobacco flavors of e-cigarettes, including mint and menthol, from the market within 30 days.

Junior political science major Isaiah Harlan believes the ban isn’t an appropriate response to the outbreak.

“People must take responsibility,” Harlan said. “Since one does have to be 21 to buy e-cigs and tobacco products in many states, it can be assumed that they understand the risk associated with buying and using these products. A ban on legitimate e-cigarettes will only create a black market for foreign made, unregulated vape products.”

Professor and associate dean of the college of education and health

sciences, Lori Russell-Chapin, recently published an article on healthline.com on how smoking affects the brain.

“Although research on e-cigarettes is limited, we know so far that they can have a negative impact on your brain and overall health,” Russell-Chapin said.

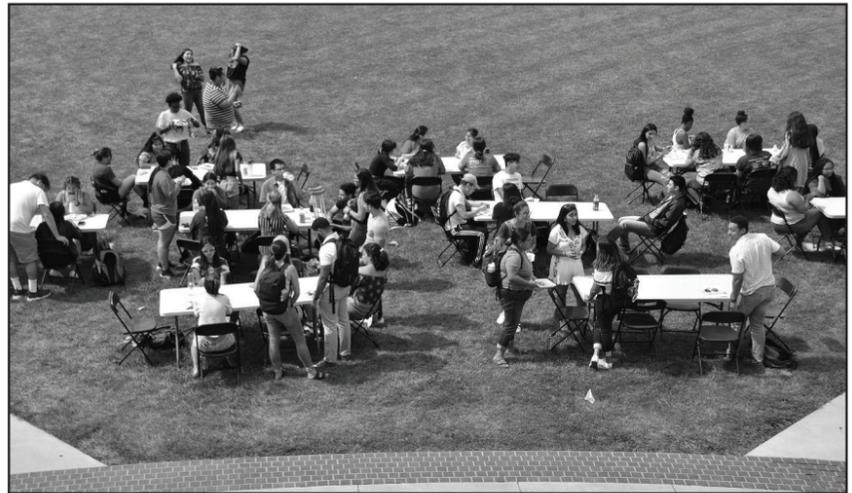
Senior advertising major Samantha Kestler said this recent outbreak has caused her to vape less.

“I told myself I’ll be off it by graduation [in December],” Kestler said. “I know nicotine is bad for you and I got myself addicted, but the few case studies that have saturated the media are alarming enough to get me to try and actively quit.”

Kestler said that from what she’s observed, Bradley students don’t seem to be concerned, and vaping remains popular.

“I think they’re concerned about the outbreak, but they act like they’re not,” Kestler said. “I think it comes down to the idea of ‘It won’t happen to me’ and they focus on the statistics showing only a number of cases.”

ALAS hosts Levanta Tu Bandera



To kick off the celebration of Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month on Sept. 13, the Association of Latin American Students hosted Levanta Tu Bandera, or “Raise Your Flag” in the Circle of Pride by the Alumni Quad.

photos by Kayla Johnson

NEWS

Bradley students get called out

BY VALERIE VASCONEZ
News Reporter

Talking about privilege is not easy for most people. But for Kat Lazo, it's just another day on the job. The director, producer and host for Mitu, a media company with a focus on Latino audiences, came to Bradley Monday. She spoke on issues facing the Latinx community.

The event filled the seats in the Michel Student Center Ballroom, even if half of the students came for extra credit, as Lazo joked about. In addition to a Latinx presence in the room, there was a diverse audience ready to hear about the elephant in the room for another culture.

"Lazo was chosen to come to campus because she is very knowledgeable on issues found within Latinx culture," said Abigail Fuentes, senior family and consumer science major. "She is most famously known for her series 'The Kat Call' featured on Mitu, where she debunks common taboos [and] misconceptions found within the Latinx community."

As Lazo explained in her presentation, she was invited to create content for Mitu but wanted to do it on her own terms. She decided to expand from one demographic, looking at multiple ethnicities and backgrounds to elaborate on hard hitting issues.

Although the title "The Kat Call,

Calling Us Out" can sound daunting, Lazo informally adds "With Love" to the title to expand the importance of changing these aspects of the culture.

"It's concentrated on holding Latinx folks accountable to the ways we can hold both privilege and oppression," Lazo said. "Only when we acknowledge that we have both will we be closer to liberation and freedom."

The slideshow for the night covered how people holding toxic traits can hurt the individual and others and how these issues can be resolved. These issues can be taboo, but for people looking from the outside, who never had to deal with such topics, it can give them perspective.

"I thought she sent out a powerful message tonight," junior psychology major Isabella Pumo said. "There's something for not just the Latino community to learn about but for everyone else that came here tonight. The white community, black community or even other communities came here and learned something new tonight."

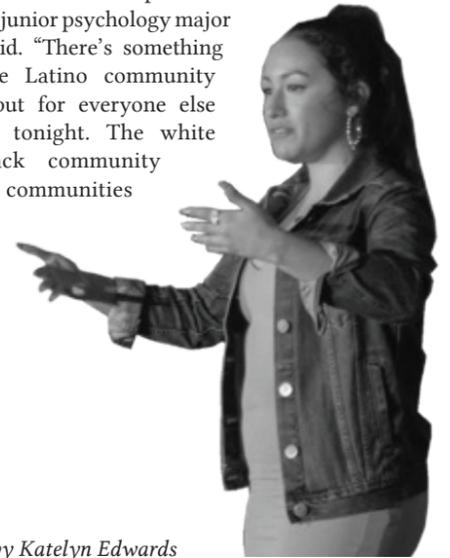


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Freshmen sworn in as senators

Eight freshmen were sworn into Student Senate on Monday after being elected on Sept. 12. They were assigned to their committee during the General Assembly.



David Daye

Major: Political science and organizational communication

Committee: Diversity and inclusion

Platform: "All throughout my years, I've been advocating for people and leading and so I really wanted to bring that here ... We all know that freshman year is a transition for most people and I really want to make sure that - in a time that can be so crazy - that we can find some peace and also a voice in the midst of all of what's going on."



Eric Winkelman

Major: Civil engineering

Committee: Campus affairs

Platform: "I learned about [Student Senate] at the Activities Fair and it seemed like something interesting to me ... One of my goals is to be the best person I can possibly be."



Amine Filali

Major: History

Committee: Campus safety and community relations

Platform: "I just want to make a difference in the community around Bradley and try to make it better for everybody here that attends and also doesn't attend in general."



Kaitlyn Johnson

Major: Undecided communication

Committee: Public relations

Platform: "I did senate in high school and I really loved the experience. I think it's important to take ownership in making your school a better place and I definitely want to be a part of that experience ... My goals would be to just really get to know the other senators and just reach out to other Bradley students to know what people want and what they want to see accomplished and just try to figure out what role I can play in achieving that."



Alyssa Mueller

Major: History secondary education

Committee: Campus safety and community relations

Platform: "Eventually, I want to get into a career in politics ... I'm actually interested in making real policy changes on campus, so I like the opportunity to be able to, not just hear people complaining about things or even having positive feelings about things, but being able to actually implement the change that people are talking about."



Jennifer Reyes

Major: Public relations and advertising

Committee: Public relations

Platform: "I had a lot of leadership opportunities in high school and I decided to do the following and college is better and also be more involved, so I was pretty excited for that."



Sierra Kaplan

Major: Health science

Committee: Diversity and inclusion

Platform: "I wanted to represent the out of state population, who aren't from Illinois or the surrounding states. Since I'm from the east coast, I wanted to make sure everyone had a voice in Student Senate and make sure that the outside perspective were seen. One of my goals is just to make sure that everyone is aware of what Student Senate is doing and just to make sure that everyone who wants to be is involved and give everyone the opportunities to be involved."



Dylan Konop

Major: Mechanical engineering

Committee: Diversity and inclusion

Platform: "I joined Student Senate to help make a difference at Bradley and help make a better place for the students."

BY ANGELINE SCHMELZER
Assistant News Editor

NEWS

The U.S. and China's rocky relationship

BY CONOR MCENTEE
Copy Editor

The Peplow Pavilion at the Hayden-Clark Alumni Center was filled with concerned citizens and Bradley students alike to hear one man's experience dealing with the Chinese government.

Stephen Orlins, president of the National Committee on U.S. and China Relations, presented a speech last Monday night about the future of the U.S. and China's relationship and its impact on Peoria and the rest of the world.

Orlins said U.S. Congressman Darin LaHood encouraged him to speak at the event.

"Congressman LaHood felt it would be important for me to hear the views of the people of Peoria, and I think I heard the views of the people of Peoria, as well as the views of the students at Bradley," Orlins said.

Throughout the night, he talked about how he was deeply pessimistic about China in the short term, but was optimistic about the long-term run of the relationship. He described the paths that both parties are taking, citing a speech from former president Dwight D. Eisenhower.

"Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone," Orlins said.

According to Orlins, the threats to both countries are ones that Americans fear all too well. They include pandemics, terrorist threats, economic crisis and climate change. Orlins explained that if these threats are not addressed through the cooperation of the United States and China it could all be too real all too fast.

Orlins ended his speech by describing the ending of the movie, "The Martian" starring Matt Damon. He hopes to see both countries celebrating and cooperating together.

Some students were impressed with his optimistic tone and agreed that cooperation was the best solution.

"There's a lot of problems facing our world and the best way... to actually fix these problems is working together with other countries instead of opposed to them," Jonathon Braun, senior computer systems major, said. "He gave some answers I wasn't fully

anticipating and he definitely had to optimistic route to it and maybe we should be going for more optimistic route for a lot of things in life."

The Peoria Area World Affairs Council (PAWAC) helped arrange the event. Angela Weck, executive director of PAWAC, hoped students took a lot from the presentation.

"I think there is a lot of bad publicity about how 'bad' China is and how evil (it is), that they're stealing all our jobs, and I think a little perspective is helpful," Weck said. "So, they're neither bad nor good, but that's important to put into your brain ... they're good in areas and not so good in other areas and that's what I hope everyone figured out tonight."

Orlins said he hopes students start educating themselves after the event and to continue taking steps towards building a better society.

"[Students] need to speak up," Orlins said. "The U.S.-China relationship is critical for the peace and prosperity of the United States and that [students] need to get educated to participate in the public debate."



Stephen Orlins takes questions from students and public on the future between the United States and China. photo by Miguel Agyei

What do employers really want?



Students pitch their work experience to each employer in hopes to achieve further contact.

BY COLE BREDAHL
Editor-at-Large

Bradley students spend countless hours preparing for the annual fall Job and Internship Fair, which occurred on Thursday, but what are the 207 employers at the fair even looking for?

The answer is a combination of a lot of factors. Do employers think classroom performance is important? Yes. Do they care about past internship and part-time work experience? Sure. Do they also want prospective employees to have soft skill? Of course.

"[Employers] are looking for competencies like career competencies which is inclusive of soft skills," said Jon Neidy, executive director of the Smith Career Center. "We know that our students are developing the strong technical skills that they might need in their workspaces. What sometimes are lacking the part of those work competencies that are considered the soft skills."

Paige Jordan, a project manager at Executive Construction and a 2017 Bradley graduate, said Bradley does a good job providing students with the necessary skills.

"I feel like our school does put out some high caliber students," Jordan said. "Since we are a construction company, we know our engineering program is phenomenal and student have real-world experience."

However, there is more to it than just having technical skills.

Mark Sargis, a senior mechanical engineering major, who has gotten an internship and a co-op from past Bradley fairs, said employers want a well-rounded student.

"They are looking for someone that can do more than just an engineering job," Sargis said. "They want someone that fits into the work environment and is personable."

Lindsay Hermer, a human resources manager with Executive Construction, echoes Sargis's statement.

"[We look for] a cultural fit," Hermer said. "Our culture is work hard, play hard, so that is what we are looking for."

One of the most important areas many students need to improve on is communication, according to Neidy.

"There is something to be said for learning how to communicate professionally versus learning how to communicate casually," Neidy said. "Sometimes recent graduates and current students aren't able to differentiate between the two. So, there is a giant need for the soft skills."

Neidy said many blame the greater need for soft skills for millennials and Generation Z members comes from the increase from technology, but he believes it is a different cultural change.

"They may not have had the opportunities to learn those soft skills as a result of how parenting has changed culturally and work expectations have changed," Neidy said.

OPINION

Editorial

It's time for the foggy conversation

It is not uncommon to see a student casually vaping on campus. Whether you catch someone taking a hit on the quad or see a puff of white fog float out of a hoodie sleeve in the library, the act has been normalized.

But that needs to change.

Earlier this week, several states banned flavored electronic cigarettes and the sales of flavored e-cigarette products.

According to Jessica Higgs, director of Health Services, Bradley "fully backs" this temporary ban because there seems to be a misconception about the harmful effects of e-cigarettes. Higgs recommends students refrain from vaping until more information is available.

The health problems caused by cigarette smoking are well-known and now the issues

with vaping are being brought to light. The results of both are not far off: they can be fatal. Given this, we believe Bradley students should become more educated about the potential dangers of e-cigarettes.

While Bradley HEAT now mentions vaping in its orientation presentations, we believe a greater effort should be made to emphasize its adverse effects. Likewise, the university should take a serious look into policy changes and updates to building regulations.

Under Illinois law, smoking cigarettes is prohibited inside of buildings or anywhere within 15 feet of air intakes of a building. However, vaping and e-cigarettes fall under a gray area where only limited regulations would apply.

Under the housing Bill of Rights, Bradley prohibits any e-cigarette usage in all residential halls. However, other Bradley facilities and academic buildings, including the library, have been left unregulated.

If this trend is as serious as it is perceived to be, then we would advise Bradley to take precautions to encourage students to avoid the harmful habit in the same fashion of their warnings against binge drinking and drug use. If they intend to help spread accurate information to students about the dangers of different aspects of college culture, they need to cover the whole spectrum.

Bradley should think ahead in regards to handling predicaments like these.

Column

Call it 'The Mike'



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Last year, just like most freshmen at Bradley, I was enrolled in the Bradley Core Curriculum course COM 103. Better known as simply "public speaking."

For our final speech of the year, we were assigned to give a persuasive speech to the class.

While many of my classmates elected to give their speeches on serious topics like the compensation of college athletes, the increase of minimum wage or the legalization of marijuana, I opted for something a little more lighthearted.

The student center should be nicknamed "The Mike."

What started as a joke amongst a few of my friends has turned into an actual nickname that I'd like to introduce to the campus lexicon.

Not many students know that the building we all know as "The Student Center" is officially titled "The Robert H. Michel Student Center" in honor of one of Bradley's most distinguished alumnus and former US Congressman, Robert "Bob" Michel.

In all seriousness, nicknaming the student center would be good for campus. At best, it would make the student body more aware of one of the university's most

successful alumnus. At worst, it would simply create a fun nickname.

Michel represented the 18th Congressional district of Illinois, which includes his hometown of Peoria, for 38 years from 1957 until 1995. While in office, Michel served as House Minority Leader for the Republican Party for 14 years and was known for his civility and bipartisanship, in stark contrast to many of today's politicians.

Before being elected to office, he served in World War II and was present at the famous storming of Normandy Beach. He was wounded in machine gun fire and was awarded two bronze stars, the Purple Heart and four battle stars for his valor.

Michel was an honorable man who deserves to be remembered by Bradley students, so why not shorten Michel to "Mike" to create a catchy nickname in his honor?

We have nicknames for plenty

of other buildings on Bradley's campus, such as "The GCC," "RenCo" and an affectionate tag for Geisert that isn't appropriate for print. "The Mike" would make a nice addition to the campus culture.

After all, the existing title is pretty dry. "The student center" sounds like a place you have to go in order to attend some sort of mandatory meeting you have no desire to go to.

On the other hand, "The Mike" sounds more like a fun gathering spot where you can chow down on Chick-Fil-A after a long Saturday of dartying.

So, next time the squad is in search of a late-night snack and somebody suggests the student center, correct them and call it "The Mike." While you're at it, be sure to tell Bob Michel's story. It's only right that we make sure a true American hero's legacy continues on the Hilltop.

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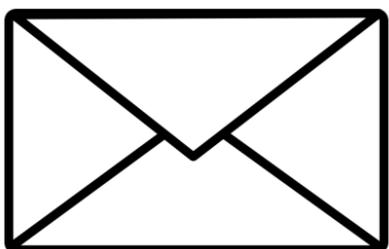
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Here we go again: backstage at Mamma Mia!

BY CAMERON DINGERSON
Off-staff Reporter

Eastlight Theatre, a community theaters in the Peoria area, held auditions for "Mamma Mia!" in July. Now, after two months of long and strenuous hours of rehearsals, the cast was finally ready to perform in front of an audience. The production, directed by the talented Lexi Grant-Zellmer, runs from Sept. 13-15 and 18-21.

One of the principal members of the cast is Clarissa Dolan.

"I have so many mixed emotions," Dolan said. "I'm excited and honored to be playing the role of Tanya. What a fun and sassy character who gets to sing amazing music. I was also nervous at first [because] everyone knows and loves this musical along with all the characters. They have this expectation on how it should be and I wanted to make sure that I was able to deliver that."

Along with the eight principal characters, the talented cast also featured an ensemble, which included member Casey Nabors, a Bradley student.

"I absolutely love being a part of Eastlight," Nabors said. "I am new to the area and was looking for a way to make friends. My in-laws and husband convinced me to audition for 'Mamma Mia' and I'm so glad I did. Everyone has been so friendly, welcoming and kind. Performing at Eastlight has been so much fun and I hope to be a part of their future productions."

Slav Asenov, a sophomore at Bradley, attended the show on Sunday, Sept. 15 and praised the production.

"It was an enjoyable, hilarious dramatic production with great casting of both principals, especially Sophie [Tiffany Riech], and the ensemble," Asenov said.

While many performers audition for Bradley productions, anyone who loves theatre should also consider auditioning for shows in the Peoria area. Anyone performing in theatre, community or otherwise, can reap many substantial benefits.

One of such benefits include that, through the extensive rehearsal process, you can cultivate amazing friendships, which may last for long even after the production's final curtain call.

Furthermore, while the countless hours of rehearsing are fun and sometimes tiring, the experience of performing in front of an audience cannot be replicated by anything. For that, it does not matter where you perform.

Although performing in the community instead of on campus does provide logistical challenges, for example, having to go to school for part of the day, do homework and then go to a five-hour rehearsal, a person who loves theatre should never be afraid to branch out and get as much theatrical experience as possible.



Final Fantasy VI: The paragon of its series

BY MADDI TROLINGER
Off-staff Reporter

Have you ever wondered what our world would have become if Hitler had won World War II? Are you curious to know how different our lives would be if today's technology coexisted with magic? Have you ever thought about what you would do if the world ended?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then "Final Fantasy VI" is the game for you. One of the most popular role-playing games (RPGs) to date, "Final Fantasy VI" is truly a beautiful and imaginative game. Released on April 2, 1994, "Final Fantasy VI" rapidly rose to stardom and became an icon for both Square Enix (originally Square) and Nintendo.

"Final Fantasy VI" is not only a masterpiece of its time but perhaps the best game of its franchise. The opening montage depicts the struggle between powerful magic and advanced technology. This struggle, "The War of the Magi," drives the events of the game. Though a thousand years have come to pass since then, great tension remains as "there are some who would enslave the world by reviving the dreaded, destructive force known as magic," according to the game.

From there, the main plot follows the battle between a resistance group called "The Returners" and the tyranny of Emperor Gestahl and his empire. The dark story of "Final Fantasy VI" is handled excellently and splits into two parts: the "World of Balance" and the "World of Ruin."

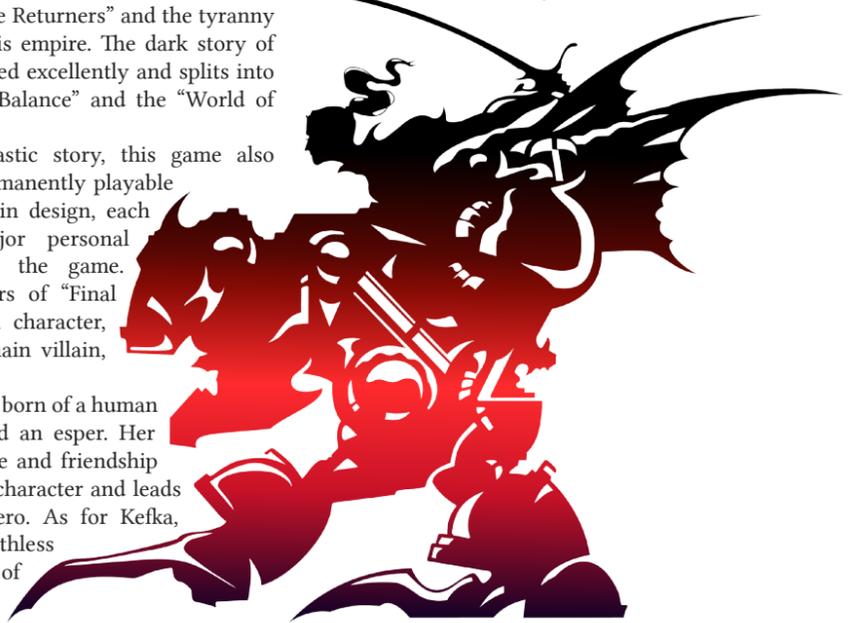
In addition to a fantastic story, this game also showcases a cast of 14 permanently playable characters. Vastly diverse in design, each character undergoes major personal developments throughout the game. Among the best characters of "Final Fantasy VI" are the main character, Terra Branford, and the main villain, Kefka Palazzo.

Terra is a young woman born of a human and a magical being called an esper. Her struggle to understand love and friendship is the driving force of her character and leads her to become a great hero. As for Kefka, he is a maniacal and ruthless psychopath, reminiscent of Hitler with his genocidal

tendencies. Well-known for his haunting laugh, Kefka's unquenchable thirst for power, destruction and death leads him to become the god of magic and the final boss of the game.

As well as plot and characters, Final Fantasy VI also has remarkable game mechanics and an absolutely stellar soundtrack. In terms of mechanics, classic turn-based RPG battle style is essential. What's unique about this game is the ability to form your own parties of characters, equipable relics which can provide stat bonuses and abilities, and of course, the equipable esper "magicite shards" that allow all of your characters to learn magic. As for the soundtrack, this game presents 61 songs, the longest being the epilogue. Perhaps the best piece of the whole game is "Dancing Mad." This dramatic, four-stage song plays during the final battle against Kefka and is available on Spotify.

All in all, "Final Fantasy VI" is the culmination of what made its franchise great, and this emotion-evoking game represents an entire childhood for many people. Though "Final Fantasy VI" is over 25 years old, it continues to be a beloved favorite of many gamers because of its intricate plot, revolutionary game mechanics and timeless novelty.



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- Conor McEntee



“Firefly”

Nathan Fillion is hot.

- Veronica Blascoe



“The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air”

After the death of James Avery, I'd like to see Will Smith become the mentor.

- Anthony Landahl



“That 70s Show”

It would be an interesting concept with millennials.

- Larry Larson



“Jimmy Neutron”

Because Jimmy is sick, and I liked him when I was a kid.

- Ronan Khalsa



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- 6) Flat-necked snake
- 11) It may be skipped in alphabetization
- 14) "I, Robot" author Asimov
- 15) Head piece?
- 16) Bottom seam
- 17) "Pronto!"
- 19) Monte Rosa, e.g.
- 20) United Kingdom brew
- 21) Psychology 101 topic
- 22) Trike rider
- 23) International agreement
- 27) Mass-to-volume ratio
- 29) Outburst from Homer Simpson
- 30) Cows' chew
- 32) Some bread loaves
- 33) ___ few rounds (box)
- 34) Susan Lucci character
- 36) Lauer and LeBlanc
- 39) Carpenters and harvesters
- 41) Cause of some food poisoning
- 43) Ill-mannered one
- 44) Send for consultation
- 46) Fabric with patterns
- 48) Not to be trusted
- 49) Curtain that no longer exists
- 51) Hand part
- 52) Feel feverish
- 53) Surgically ties
- 56) Class within a class
- 58) Flightless bird
- 59) Android offering
- 60) Chairman in The Beatles' "Revolution"
- 61) Damage superficially
- 62) Now-or-never time
- 68) Store in casks, as wine
- 69) Kind of silence
- 70) Crystal-bearing rock
- 71) They are not positive
- 72) Searched for bugs
- 73) Old-fashioned music hall

Down

- 1) Power-drill accessory
- 2) Type of pile at a campground
- 3) Mai ___ (tropical beverage)
- 4) Hurriers make it
- 5) High school subject
- 6) "Elementary" network
- 7) Dinner table crumb
- 8) Emulated a sheep
- 9) Horseshoe score
- 10) Contrary word?
- 11) "What I meant was ..."
- 12) Old serf
- 13) Ready for a refill
- 18) Kind of study or trail
- 23) ___ Allan Poe
- 24) "There's ___ here but us ..."
- 25) "Makes sense"
- 26) Formal proclamation
- 28) "Clapping" animal
- 31) Ice-cream utensil
- 35) Name on a wanted poster
- 37) Early spring bloom
- 38) What the rich live in?
- 40) Evening, in Milan
- 42) Light
- 45) Spins, as the earth
- 47) Commerce stoppage
- 50) Certain male relative
- 53) Lake ___ (Lake Geneva)
- 54) Adult insect
- 55) Church steeple
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- 63) Tentative taste
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- 66) Shakespeare's "Much ___ About Nothing"
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Working hard, dreaming big

BY MARTIN GONZALEZ &
ANGELINE SCHMELZER
Off-staff Reporter &
Assistant News Editor

Among FUSE posters and stacks of books about Latin American history, Lorena Chica works toward her degree.

Chica, a senior history major with women and gender studies and sociology double minors, has been studying part-time at Bradley and working full-time in the interactive media department.

Not only does Chica work at Bradley Monday through Friday, she also works at Chili's in East Peoria 20 hours a week and takes six credits at Illinois Central College and tutors a high school student in Spanish.

"It's pretty crazy," Chica said. "There's so much more that I would like to do but I just really don't have time ... I'm constantly going from one thing to another."

Chica was a student at Bradley in 2011, but with the support from her family she returned to finish her degree. She's 26 years old, making

her a non-traditional student.

She expects to graduate in May and plans to continue her studies at Bradley by applying to the non-profit leadership masters program. After that, she plans to pursue a Ph.D. in history with a focus in Latin American history and U.S. borderlands.

"I think it's important, especially when you're trying to navigate predominately white spaces, it's hard to know where you came from," Chica said.

Chica's parents came to America from El Salvador and became citizens under President Reagan's amnesty law. She is doing her own research study to learn more about Salvadoran history.

While at Bradley, she wants to make sure Latin American students feel comfortable on campus. Chica said she wants to see a welcoming environment and give students the opportunity to talk with someone they feel comfortable within the Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI).

"I think that maybe having

advisers through that ODI office would be great," Chica said. "Especially because a lot of students don't feel comfortable going to their own adviser, so we can have an alternative thing from that office."

She said she has several academic role models working at Bradley, including executive director of ODI Norris Chase.

"I really like doing diversity work, so that's really my end goal, wanting to do diversity work like he does," she said. "I look up to what he's doing."

Even though she has a busy schedule, Chica is there for students when they need advice.

Sophie Orlet, a sophomore animation major, said Chica is a good resource in the interactive media department.

"She's the first person you can go to if you're a student," Orlet said. "Because she has roughly the same authority as the higher ups, but she's still a student, so you feel more comfortable talking to her than the adults in the department, especially if the issue isn't too serious."



Lorena Chica is a history major and gender studies and sociology double minor.

photo via bradley.edu

It's the season for the Olympic applications

BY PATRICIA DIAZ VELAZQUEZ
Off-staff Reporter

It's a process that only happens every two years, but this semester Bradley students will have a special opportunity to apply to the NBC internship program for the 2020 Summer Olympics.

The position is open to all undergraduate students in the nation, but Bradley students can take advantage of the university's relationship with NBC to get ahead of the competition. However, getting on the special list wasn't any type of quick string pulling.

The partnership between NBC

and Bradley originated sometime after 2009, when the communications department wanted to add an international dimension to the new sports communication major that had just opened.

Professor of communication Paul Gullifor was one who sought support from NBCUniversal to set up an opportunity for Bradley students.

"We wanted something in addition to coursework that would focus on the international-global aspect for sports, and there's nothing more global and international than the Olympics," Gullifor said.

Gullifor said NBC didn't want to trivialize its other relationships

with universities that were already involved in the Olympics. He said he didn't want to replace another school, but "set another placemat at the table."

"I kept telling them that we have students who not only have the communication skills you seek, but they [have] sports backgrounds," Gullifor said. "We have exactly what you're looking for."

This year, applicants had to submit applications by Sept. 13 and are currently waiting for the next round, a follow-up video interview. Upon receiving the notice, students have 24 to 72 hours to complete the interview.

Following those interviews, finalists will be selected for the internship. The experience will last from late July to early August and has the option for applicants to work in the host city, Tokyo, or in Stamford, Connecticut where the NBC Sports Group is headquartered.

Sophomore television arts major Kathleen McPartland is one of the students who applied this year. She said she was nervous about applying.

"The Olympics have always been one of my favorite things to watch," McPartland said. "This would be an absolute dream come true if it were to happen, which makes it so exciting."

Bradley alumna and assistant



photo via Haley Krus



Haley Krus interned during the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

photo via Haley Krus

director of public relations Haley Krus was once in McPartland's spot and just as nervous. She interned with the Olympics during the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

She added that Bradley was a great help in laying out all the steps she needed to complete the rigorous application.

While mingling with other interns from different universities, Krus realized they had to go through

the preparation for the application process alone.

"When I actually got to my internship and talked to students from other schools, they didn't have anything like that at all," Krus said. "They were kind of on their own figuring it out."

According to an email Gullifor sent out to the applicants on Sept. 13, NBC expects to have interns selected by November.

Women engineers connecting in the STEM field

BY KAPRICE YOUNG
Off-staff Reporter

With over 100 majors to choose from, members of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) chose the STEM life. With the support of each other, Bradley's own SWE strives to make a difference in the STEM world.

The group's president is Amanda Wagner, a senior mechanical engineering major.

According to SWE's website, it is an organization that "values trust, integrity, an inclusive environment, professional excellence and mutual support." To achieve this they have general meetings, both national and regional conferences and community outreach events.

The general meetings include different aspects of college and business life. There are interactions with professional engineers as well as recreational activities.

While the general meetings are on campus, club president and senior mechanical engineering major Amanda Wagner said the regional and national are more broad.

"All the chapters from around the country gather in a specific place. This year it's in Anaheim, California," Wagner said. "There's a large career fair where you can network with people".

In addition to national affairs, SWE finds it essential to serve in the local community.

By visiting local Peoria schools, SWE extends its knowledge to the youth by educating them about STEM Through community service and school visits, their target is young girls.

"It's just to introduce them to STEM because not a lot of them have resources to learn what it's like to be in STEM," Wagner said. "So, we go to them and teach them about it."

SWE holds outreach with each other in high standards as well.

Through serving others and focusing on their career paths, the women of SWE said they have developed close relationships with each other.

"Most of my friends, I've met through being in SWE," Wagner said.

Concetta Gendusa, a senior mechanical engineering major, is

the chairperson of the group and operates a mentor program. The goal is to pair freshmen and transfer student engineers with junior and senior engineers.

"Throughout the year, those who participate will be doing different events," Gendusa said. "something to build the connection. They will be helping them decide which classes to take and career chances."

The members' dedication to uniting has paid off. Wagner said she along with most other members have received internships based on their membership with SWE.

Uplifting other female engineers is the group's driving force.

SWE said they feel their group is relevant because women are often looked down upon in the STEM world. Members say companies particularly look to SWE members because they know that members are trying to change that stigma.

For upcoming events, people are encouraged to follow their Instagram page @swebradley. SWE meets every other Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.



The Society Of Women Engineers presents STEM information to a local Peoria school.

photo by Kaprice Young

SCOUT ON THE STREET

What is the last show you binge watched and what made it binge-worthy?



Keila Tinoco

Gilmore Girls

"There's a lot of sarcasm involved, which is great."

— Keila Tinoco, freshman



Abel Yassin

Power

"[The show] revolves around a drug business in New York, so there are a lot of little things that constantly get mixed up with groups ... The first episode is awesome; it hooks you."

— Abel Yassin, sophomore



Brandy Wayne

Madam Secretary

"I like how it explores current events through the eyes of a female Secretary of State."

— Brandy Wayne, sophomore



Dainaly Campuzano

Grey's Anatomy

"I like all the drama, and since I'm studying for biomedical science, I also enjoy the medical aspects of [the show], even though my life will not be like that at all."

— Dainaly Campuzano, junior



Kylie Mignone

Big Brother

"It is very entertaining because it's a reality show and a game show combined, and people do some crazy things for the \$500,000 prize."

— Kylie Mignone, senior

SPORTS

The end of a streak brings the start of a new one

BY ALLAN KABESE
Off-staff Reporter

Friday the 13th was not kind to Bradley soccer, as the team's 17 game non-conference unbeaten streak was snapped after a 1-0 loss to Eastern Illinois. The weekend proved to be a forgettable one for the Braves, as they are now on a two game losing streak, bringing their record to 1-2-2 on the season.

The Panthers' last win against the Braves dates back to 2009. That season the Braves were on an eight game unbeaten run with an impressive 7-0-1 record.

This year, Bradley dominated the game from top to bottom but couldn't find the back of the net. The Braves had a total of 12 corner kicks to the Panthers' two. They had 19 shots to the Panthers' six, but only six were on target. Eastern Illinois only needed two shots on goal to send a ball at the back of the net.

The lack of finishing came back to bite the Braves when Eastern Illinois' forward, Munir Sherali, took advantage of a ball mishandled by Bradley's goalkeeper, Nick Gasperi, to give the Panthers a 1-0 lead in the 68th minute. They were able to hold the lead and get a narrow win despite being outplayed.

"That's just soccer, you outshoot somebody, but the ball doesn't go in, but we have to control those things better," head coach Jim DeRose said. "I always say this to the guys: every analytic or metric goes your way, but there's only one that matters, and that's the goals you score."

On Sunday afternoon, Bradley played Northern Illinois in DeKalb for its first road game of the 2019 season.

The Huskies outplayed the Braves from the early stages of the game. Jan Maertins and Nick Markanich scored two goals within two minutes of each other at the 31st and 33rd minutes.



The soccer team's unbeaten streak came to an end at 17 games. They will look to reinvigorate the offense tonight at Drake. photo by Kayla Johnson

Northern Illinois led the game with 18 shots to Bradley's six and allowed only one shot on goal from the Bradley offense.

DeRose said the lack of offensive urgency also was a problem for the team Sunday.

"We just missed a couple of chances early in the game, and we just got punished for it," DeRose said.

The Huskies frustrated the Braves with a high and relentless press, which forced Bradley to clear the ball away on multiple occasions.

In the 62nd minute of the game, senior defender David Schulte Südhoff gave the Braves some hope

with a great volley from the top of the box, but the team was unable to tie the game and conceded their second straight defeat.

Schulte Südhoff was happy to have scored his first career goal, but that didn't diminish his disappointment following their second loss.

"The goalkeeper nearly got his hands on the ball, so it was close," Schulte Südhoff said. "I was happy, but in the end it wasn't enough because we lost anyways."

He echoed a similar sentiment as his coach concerning the team's goal scoring woes.

"We play very well until the final

third, but sometimes it's bad services, sometimes it's a bad pass," Schulte Südhoff said. "In the final third, we have to improve our performances, we have to score goals."

DeRose said he believes his team has done a serviceable job at getting the ball in dangerous goal-scoring areas over the past two games but have failed at making the last determining choice.

"In the final third, we just lacked that composure," DeRose said. "The ability to make the last pass, the last shot or the last dribble."

The Braves will now turn towards what is expected to be a tough

conference season.

"I think it's fair to say that everybody that we will play in our conference will be the best team that we played to date so far," DeRose said. "If we feel sorry for ourselves too long, it's going to turn into three or four losses."

The Braves will now try to forget the rough weekend and focus on improving in their first conference games at 6 p.m. Saturday in Des Moines, Iowa against Drake and 7 p.m. Wednesday in Chicago to face Loyola.

Men's golf drives for improvement

BY JACOB STEINBERG
Off-staff Reporter

Two seasons removed from a Missouri Valley Conference title, the Bradley men's golf team finds itself focused on developing young talent.

The team had a rough start to the season, finishing in last place at the Crusader Collegiate with a 920-overall score. Head coach Jeff Roche is viewing the events of the tournament as a learning experience.

"It's really not a failure if you look to learn from it and get better every week," Roche said. "If you take one shot over time you can't evaluate anything off one shot and you can't really evaluate it off one tournament."

Though the team improved its score in each round, Roche said there is still more to work on.

"I thought we did a decent job mentally but need to get our skill level up," Roche said.

Junior Jalen Hodges, a transfer from Parkland College, stood out for the Braves this weekend as he shot a 5-over-par 221 to finish 30th overall in his first Division I tournament.

"With not knowing what to expect, I feel like it was a good week, but it could have been better," Hodges said.

Other notable highlights include redshirt-senior and lone returnee Alex Ciaramitaro shooting a career-best 3-over-par 75 in the final round to earn a share of 60th overall at 230.

This season's roster looks incredibly different than last season's. Freshmen Nick Armbrust, Josh Kirkham, and John Stillman as well as Hodges are the four new faces this year in a roster of five. Roche is excited for their developments and believes that their skill levels will improve as they get a feel for the college game.

Normally these types of seasons are referred to as a rebuilding year. Roche said he is hesitant to refer to this season as such, instead calling it a "building year."

With a roster that is also getting to know each other, Hodges and Roche both agree that the team's chemistry is good and that everyone is pushing each other towards improvement.

While the expectations remain unclear, a specific goal of Roche's is to consistently improve throughout the season. He urged fans to value patience.

"What we look like this tournament will be vastly different than what we look like as we move forward," Roche said.

The Braves look to establish consistency as they return to action next Monday at the Derek Dolenc Invitational in Madison, Wisconsin.

A look ahead

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SPORTS

Tennis' roster echos a larger global diversity

BY JOSH SCHWAM
Off-staff Reporter

In the late 1990s, American tennis was at its pinnacle. The sport went straight from John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors dominating the men's game into Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi setting seemingly incomprehensible records, some of which still stand.

American women's tennis had seen better days with champions like Chris Evert and Billie Jean King, but future hall of famers Lindsay Davenport, Monica Seles and Jennifer Capriati were in their primes. Not to mention, Serena and Venus Williams were starting their streak of dominance in the sport.

Statistically, there should be a wave of children who grew up around the turn of the century who found an interest in the sport, and

take it seriously to the point of elite competition and success.

This is not the case.

According to the Collegiate Tennis Committee of the United States Tennis Association (USTA), 24.95 percent of Division I collegiate tennis players are international residents. It's so noticeable, the aforementioned committee has a public FAQ list about the amount of international tennis players and its impact on United States collegiate tennis.

Bradley's women's tennis team, which is coming off its best season in program history, has one American sprinkled in on a roster of seven. The other six student-athletes are natives of Serbia, Canada, Spain, Bolivia and Hungary.

Building great players starts with creating an interest in tennis for kids at a young age. Only recently has the USTA began adjusting

equipment, rules and regulations to accommodate children who are not big enough or strong enough to use full size tennis racquets and balls.

"I think the way the USTA has changed the progression of tennis is more conducive to producing some kids," head coach Matt Tyler said. "I think that will start to bear fruit in a couple years."

Bolivia, Hungary, and Serbia are three of the most booming tennis countries in the world. They produced four of the seven members that make up Bradley's women's tennis team.

As of the 2017, the three countries have a population that combines to less than one tenth that of the United States.

Floridian Nikki Perlwitz is the lone American on the team, and came up through the USTA system that may have failed many young talents.

With the premise that, based only

on population, the U.S. should have more college tennis players than most other countries, why is that not the case?

The USTA has youth programs in all 50 states, as well as designated competitions for kids as early as 12 and under. The infrastructure for producing talent is evident, which means there has to be excessive money at the USTA's disposal.

Perlwitz thinks the issue is more related to the lack of incentive in competition, rather than the quality of services the USTA provides.

"At the end of the day, the USTA can host all these tournaments and provide all these opportunities to move up in the sport and the rankings, which you need if you want to play college tennis and go anywhere [in the sport], but people actually have to want it," Perlwitz said. "Just because these tournaments

are offered doesn't mean people are actually going to go to them. Kids actually have to want it."

With many athletes not taking the next step from recreational player to elite competitor, along with Perlwitz's confidence in the infrastructure and opportunity the USTA has provided, the lack of talent in NCAA tennis seems to be more a culture issue.

Whether this proves to be true relies largely on the forthcoming impact of the rule changes. Should the ease and accessibility of tennis to kids have a large-scale impact, and more Americans start making college tennis teams, than the USTA found the solution they have been looking for.

However, if no real change in demographics are recorded over the next several years, all the effort the USTA put into developing talent may have been counterproductive.



Bozana Iojpur - Canada



Sandra Maketin - Serbia



Nikki Perlwitz - USA



Kinga Kovacs - Hungary



Victoria Sanchez Bronze - Spain



Nina Marjanovic - Serbia



Natalia Barbery - Bolivia

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VOLLEYBALL CHASES A RHYTHM

BY JOEY WRIGHT
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Entering a four-match homestand that will take them into Missouri Valley Conference play, the Bradley volleyball team finds itself in search of a rhythm.

The first nine matches of the 2019 campaign have produced a mixed bag of results for the Braves, who's current record sits at 3-6. While it hasn't been a disastrous stretch, as Bradley has competed against highly-regarded teams from established conferences, it marks a stark contrast from the 7-2 record that the team boasted at the same point in 2018.

Sure, there have been peaks thus far: the Braves claimed the title in the CEFCU Invitational at Renaissance Coliseum on Sept. 6 and 7. But Bradley was also swept in the season-opening SMU Invitational in late August, and only claimed one match against Sacramento State while dropping two last weekend at the UIC Invitational.

"I think we're still continuing to battle

consistency," head coach Carol Price-Torok said. "Just finding that right recipe of new players on the court in starting roles and sixth rotation roles that haven't been there."

One detriment to finding consistency has been the schedule, which was designed to prepare the team for conference play by featuring highly-regarded teams from other conferences. Bradley opened its season with a four-set loss to SMU, who ranked fifth in the American Conference preseason poll. Additionally, the Braves fell in five sets to preseason-Ohio Valley Conference favorite Murray State on Sept. 14.

With South Dakota and Northern Illinois at the CEFCU classic at home this weekend, the Braves see an opportunity to build some momentum.

"We have a great home crowd," Price-Torok said. "We're used to the ebbs and flows of our gym serving and passing-wise. I think that's something that's really important to us and helps us stay consistent. When we're serving really well, it gives us a little of that extra step ...

I think that really helps us."

Sophomore outside hitter Rachel Pranger also sees the benefits that playing in familiar territory provides.

"It's a pretty big deal, especially because we have all of the people come out and watch our games," Pranger said. "That really just gives us a lot of momentum. It's nice to be in our gym... we're comfortable there, we can serve and pass well there. It's just really nice to be at home."

Pranger, who currently ranks second on the team in kills and third in digs, says that the team is working hard to establish a stronger measure of consistency.

"Coach will put us in some drills where we're behind and we've gotta get back and just finish off the game," Pranger said. "It really helps with our consistency, and we've just gotta keep working on it each day."

Bradley hosts South Dakota tonight at 7 p.m. and Northern Illinois tomorrow at 2 p.m. inside Renaissance Coliseum.



Sophomore outside hitter Rachel Pranger tallied 38 kills and 60 digs at the UIC Invitational.

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SPORTS

Bradley DII Hockey kicks off 51st season with sweep of SLU

BY MATT HARRINGTON
Off-staff Reporter

After falling short of expectations in last year's playoffs, the Bradley Division II Club Hockey team had several questions that begged to be answered.

Who would contribute in the absence of six departing seniors? How would new head coach Brian Hamilton adjust to the DII level?

If this past weekend was any indication, then the Braves are right where they want to be. Bradley completed a 2 game sweep of St. Louis University this weekend, winning 6-1 over the Billikens Friday night and again 5-2 on Saturday afternoon.

In front of a packed house at the Owens Center on Friday, Bradley jumped out to a 2-0 lead after two periods. They poured it on in the third period, collecting three goals in a three minute span, more than enough for the 6-1 victory. Seniors Kyle Tintera and Cole Harris each picked up a goal and an assist in the win.

"You can't help but feed off the crowd energy," Brian Hamilton said. "You can't help but get jacked up knowing that the crowd is there for you."

On Saturday, the Braves picked up right where they left off, scoring twice in the first four minutes of the game. Harris and sophomores Seth Bishop and Ryan Spence all added goals for Bradley in the second period, enough for a 5-2 win.

The goaltending tandem of junior Joshua Soule and freshman Devun Schneider certainly impressed, combining to allow just three goals in two games.

Offensively, veteran forward Harris had a big weekend, collecting three goals and one assist. DII newcomers Bishop and sophomore Nick Sorrentino also played a huge role for the Braves. Sorrentino had two assists and Bishop scored in each game. Hamilton was pleased with what he saw from some of the newcomers.

"I was happy with [Bishop and Sorrentino's] advancement up here [on the DII team] and their level of

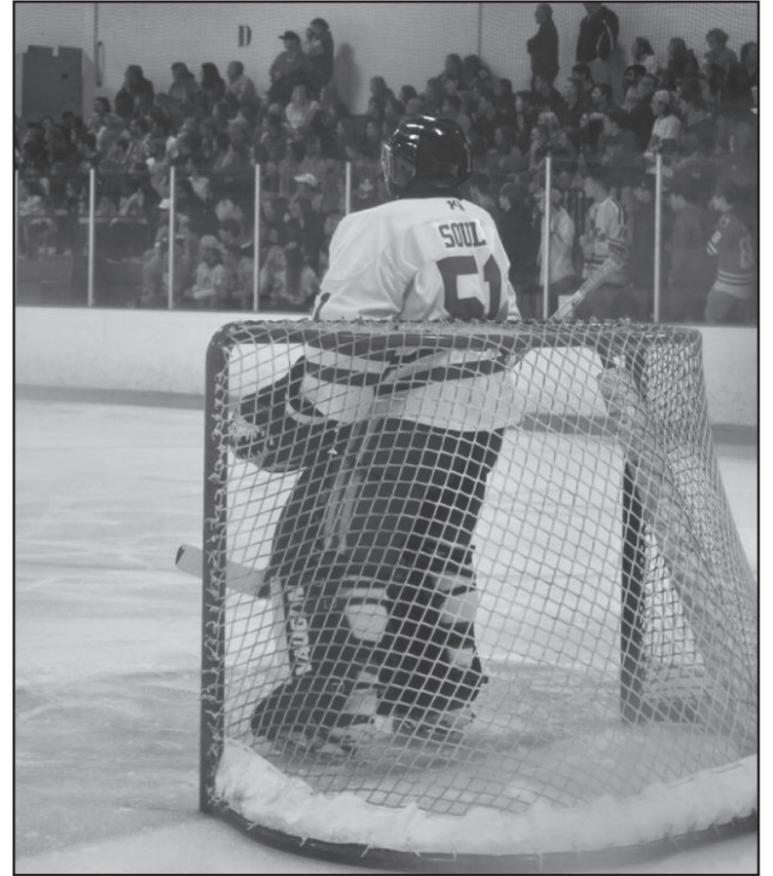


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Goalie Joshua Soule tending net over the weekend for Bradley's DII team. Bradley won both games over Saint Louis University.

play," Hamilton said. "Sorrentino understands what I want and is a guy who can get out there and lead the way a little bit. Bishop is a tough, gritty player who has that little bit of finesse when he needs it."

Hamilton credited the success of this weekend to former DII head coach JP Fitzgerald.

"Originally our plan was not for me to be ready for the DII team yet," Hamilton said. "But as life has it, I jumped up here early. I think this weekend is a great credit to JP."

In addition, Harris noted the importance of team chemistry moving forward.

"So far the team is meshing really well," Harris said. "To me, the new

guys fit right in. As we continue this season I know this team will become very close, which will transfer to some great on-ice chemistry."

The team will travel to St. Charles, Missouri to play perennial powerhouse Lindenwood University in a two-game series this weekend. Despite the challenges, Hamilton's confidence level remains the same.

"With our system, we are going to take it to them," Hamilton said. "I tell the boys that we dictate how the season goes. If we stick to the system, I don't think it really matters who's on the other bench."

Bradley's DII team won't return home until Nov. 15, when they host Iowa State.

ONE-ON-ONE

Who will win the the MLS Cup?

L AFC vs. Atlanta United

Much remains to be decided with just three weeks left in the MLS season, but first place in the Western Conference standings is not one of them. Los Angeles Football Club's record stands at a league best 19-4-6. The team clinched first place and a first round playoff bye in turn.

The best in the West will soon prove to be the best in U.S. professional soccer. LAFC is my pick to win the MLS Cup.

Not only has the team clinched the West, but also they have the best record in the entire league. Despite its late-season struggles, LAFC needs just nine points in its final five games to break the MLS single-season points record of 71.

By finishing with the league's best record (and barring an implosion of epic proportions, they will) LAFC will be guaranteed home-field advantage throughout the postseason. That's a big perk for a team that is 11-1-2 at Banc of California Stadium, where it sold out all 32 MLS games it played there. It also allows them to avoid a trip to Mercedes Benz Stadium, the home of the defending champs, Atlanta United FC.

With 76 goals, LAFC needs just 10 more to break the league record in the category. Its explosive offense is led by Carlos Vela, who is looking to break a scoring record of his own.

Vela has 28 goals in 27 matches this season, a total that has him on track to challenge the single season record of 31 goals set by Atlanta's Josef Martinez in 2018.

With a four-goal lead in the race for the 2019 Golden Boot, which includes Martinez as the closest challenger, Vela is favored to claim that honor as we hit the final stretch of the regular season.

Vela is also just five assists shy of 20 and if he reaches the mark, it would make him the first MLS player with 20 goals and 20 assists in the same season. If Vela and his teammate Diego Rossi combine for two more goals they will become the most prolific teammates in league history with 44 scores.

For all these reasons LAFC, will win the franchise's first MLS Cup later this fall.

- MITCH KAMINSKI

Due to the many offseason moves, critics remain skeptical of Atlanta United's ability to repeat as MLS Cup champions. They lost South American wonder Miguel Almirón to English side Newcastle in a record transfer. On top of that, head coach Tata Martino decided to leave to coach the Mexican men's national team.

Despite the transactions, it still kept MLS single season goal record holder Josef Martinez. He has proven to be key to their offense so far scoring 26 goals in MLS games. On top of that, Martinez has an active 11-game scoring streak.

Supporting Martinez in the midfield are some key players, including Julian Gressel and Gonzalo Martinez. Both have done a phenomenal job leading the team in assists. On top of being able to set up Martinez, both Gressel and Gonzalo lead the midfielders in goals scored, proving that Atlanta has goal power outside of Martinez.

It won't be an easy road for Atlanta. The United currently sit third in the Eastern Conference standings. However, with only one real tough matchup against the current conference leader New York City FC remaining, Atlanta has the opportunity to get hot right before the playoffs.

In addition to winning the MLS Cup last year, Atlanta United has momentum built up this season from amazing performances in other competitions. They beat Minnesota United in the 2019 US Open Cup. They also are currently the only MLS side to beat a Mexican team in a competitive final in the 2019 Campones Cup.

On top of all the momentum they have, they have proven they can beat Western Conference sides. Recently, they have shut out the Portland Timbers, the Los Angeles Galaxy and the Houston Dynamo.

LAFC has clearly been the most dominant team throughout the season, but they will choke. Dominating teams are often upset in the playoffs and the same will happen in 2019.

Ultimately, after winning the MLS Cup in 2018, keeping some key players and building some great momentum, I believe that the Atlanta United is set up for another successful MLS Cup run in 2019.

- HERNAN GUTIERREZ

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bradley women's golf finished fourth of 11 teams at the par-304 Cardinal Classic in Yorktown, Indiana on Tuesday. Sophomore Elyse Emerzian tied for 12th while junior Maddie Hawkins finished in a tie for 17th individually. The team will play at the Missouri Valley Conference Preview in Burlington, Iowa on Monday and Tuesday.

The tennis team opened its season with individual flights at the CSU Cougar Invite over the weekend at Chicago State. Bradley finished 12-5 in singles competition and 7-1 in doubles play. The team hosts the Bradley Invitational today through Sunday at the Markin Tennis Courts.

Kyle Dillon has been named Director of Operations for the women's basketball team. He will oversee team travel and supervise the team's managers and practice players. Dillon spent the last two years as director of operations at College of Charleston. He replaces Dee Davis.



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Which team will win the MLS Cup?

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Hoffert brothers focus on the four-peat

BY LARRY LARSON
Assistant Sports Editor

Heading into his fifth season as head coach, Darren Gauson has led the Bradley men's cross-country team to four consecutive Missouri Valley Conference titles.

Set to begin their fifth season on the team at the Bradley Intercollegiate today, redshirt seniors Jake and Luke Hoffert have been there every step of the way.

After the brothers finished first and second overall, respectively, in the IHSA 2A state cross-country meet at Detweiller Park in Peoria their junior and senior seasons for Yorkville High School, the twins redshirted their freshman season at Bradley.

Since that first year on the Hilltop, the transformations are evident to the Hofferts.

"It's amazing how much this team has grown since I've gotten here," Jake said. "You gotta give a lot of that credit to Coach Gauson because we're pretty much on the same boat as him. We all came in at the same time."

"I just remember the very first week of practice, just starting," Luke said. "Being able to take that first week of practice and looking where I am now, it's really amazing how much confidence this team has grown and how much

competitiveness we bring to everything we do now."

In the recruiting process, the twins ultimately chose Bradley over Notre Dame, citing the great team atmosphere. In retrospect, they have no regrets choosing the mid-major over the power five school.

"I definitely made the right decision," Luke said. "All of my awesome memories I've had at Bradley, I don't even know if I could've had those at Notre Dame."

"Everyone that I've met here, and every experience that I've had has been so phenomenal, even the bad experiences, they all [allow me to] learn," Jake said. "I always tell recruits, 'Bradley is a really good decision, and I never regret not going anywhere else.'"

As some of the top athletes on the team, the brothers' contributions to the team have been undeniable, on and off the course.

"They lead by example," Gauson said. "They're very well-respected and really well-liked."

Jake was named the MVC Freshman of the Year in his debut season and has been named to the All-MVC and NCAA All-Midwest Region teams every season he has competed for the Braves. In 2017, he became the first Bradley male to win the individual MVC Championship in 52 years and earned an invite to the NCAA Championship meet.

After only racing twice in his redshirt-freshman season and battling injuries as a sophomore, Luke had a coming out party in his junior season. Following an 11th place finish at the MVC Championship, he was named to the honorable mention

all-conference team.

He continued his postseason success by being the highest Bradley finisher in the NCAA regional meet, helping the Braves to a second-place finish that earned them their first NCAA championship bid in program history. As a result, he was named to the NCAA All-Midwest region team.

Both have received a laundry list of academic honors as manufacturing engineering majors, including being named to the MVC honor roll four times.

While many sibling athletes can be intense competitors, the Hoffert brothers don't see their relationship as a sibling rivalry.

"It's more of a hold each other accountable than it is a rivalry," Jake said. "If he's gonna get out there and do something, I gotta get out there and do it too."

Gauson said he only sees a "rivalry" when the two are engaged in fun competition.

"The important things, like academics and their athletic career here, it's more of a partnership and a collaboration than it is a rivalry," Gauson said. "They'll joke, and so will our team if one finishes in front of the

other, but Jake is always rooting for Luke and vice-versa."

After graduation, both brothers plan to focus on their careers in the mechanical engineering field but won't rule out post-collegiate running.

"I've thought about training for a marathon or two after college, but we'll see what the body allows me to do," Jake said.

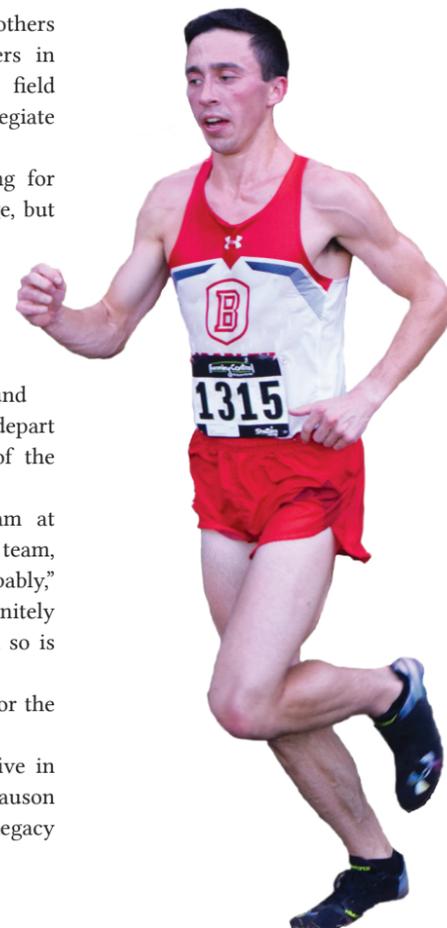
"It's getting tough on the knees now," Luke said, with a chuckle.

Things will be different around the program after the Hofferts depart the team following the end of the upcoming track season.

"I've never coached a team at Bradley without them on the team, so it'll be really strange, probably," Gauson said. "They're definitely going to be really missed, and so is their family."

For now, though, the goal for the present is clear.

"If they can help us win five in a row, that would be huge," Gauson said. "That would be quite the legacy they'd be leaving behind."



Both Jake (left) and Luke (above) Hoffert were named to NCAA All-Midwest regional team.

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