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University president Gary Roberts to retire in 2020

BY TONY XU
Editor-in-Chief

Bradley University president Gary Roberts announced his plan to retire in May 2020 when his contract expires.

Roberts made the announcement the day after the May commencement ceremony. As of May, Bradley will start a nationwide presidential search for his replacement.

Roberts graduated from Bradley in 1970 with a Bachelor of Arts in economics and minors in history and speech. He returned to the Hilltop in January 2016 in succession of Joanne Glasser. Roberts is the 11th president in Bradley's history.

After he graduated from Bradley, Roberts received his J.D. from Stanford University in 1975. He has served as the deputy dean at Tulane University for 24 years and dean emeritus of McKinney School of Law at Indiana University.

During his tenure, Bradley has launched a faculty salary initiative, expanded the online degree programs and started the construction of the Business and Engineering Complex. Phase one of the construction is scheduled to open this fall, and total completion is projected for December 2020.

"As a 1970 graduate of Bradley, this is bittersweet. I love Bradley and all of the people I have worked with here," Roberts wrote in his email sent out to students and staff. "Despite the challenges that Bradley faces as higher education is disrupted and transitions its business model, I am optimistic about Bradley's future, and I still hope to be a part of it."

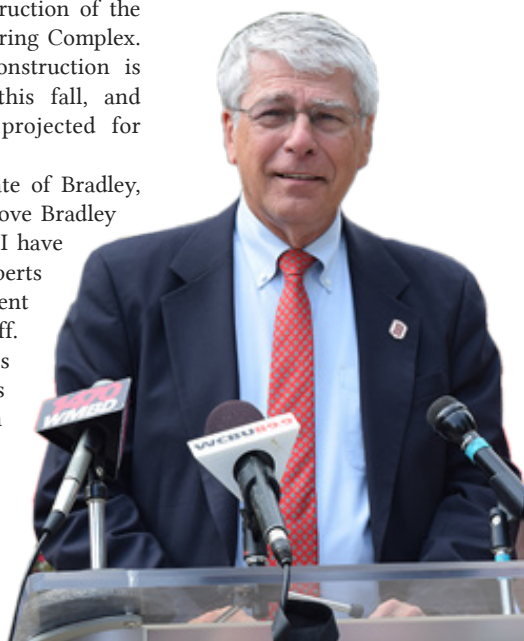


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Bradley's 2019-20 budget, approved by the Board of Trustees in May, projects that the university will run on a \$6.9 million deficit this year. According to Bradley's spokesperson, the university does not want to simply transfer the financial pressure to students via tuition fees but to continue look for ways to reduce operational cost.

Last year, the university faced an enrollment shortfall with a historically low student retention rate, which has cost the university an operational deficit of around \$5 million.

According to the email statement sent by Roberts, the university's Board of Trustees will form a search committee co-chaired by the board's Vice Chairman James Shadid and Secretary Kathi Holst.

Additional trustees, faculty and student representatives will sit on the committee. The university will retain a search consultant and begin laying out the process and identifying candidates this summer.



Costing over \$100 million, the Business and Engineering Complex project broke ground the summer of 2017. Current phase one of the complex is set to open in August for classes. photo by Tony Xu

BY ANGELINE SCHMELZER
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It's hard not to notice the construction that has taken over Baker Quad and the cranes surrounding the site. The once-visible endoskeleton of a building can now be recognized as the new Business and Engineering Complex.

Baker Hall was demolished two summers ago to make room for the construction of the \$100 million, 270,000-square-foot building.

According to planning supervisor Kim Green, the east side will be dedicated to the business college, while the west side and basement will contain engineering labs. The middle atrium will serve as a collaborative space and convergence center.

"There are some shared lab spaces," Green said. "The engineering and business students will come together and work on various projects and really kind of cross over and cross-pollinate in their areas of expertise. It's going to be a great asset to the university."

Eight computer labs, 28 classrooms and 200 offices will be distributed throughout the building. There will also be 46 specialized labs and 30 collaboration and meeting spaces with technology.

"It's really intended to draw the campus together in that particular facility," Green said. "We hope that ... it will catalyze those opportunities."

The building will also include energy recovery equipment to make its use more efficient due to the large size. Green said the building is planned to be built to the LEED Silver standard, the rating system used by the U.S. Green Building Council to measure a building's sustainability and resource-efficiency, but do not plan to seek the certification.

Bradley currently has one LEED Gold and one LEED Silver certified building, Westlake Hall and Alumni Center, respectively.

An enhanced commissioning process has brought in a third party to ensure systems such as heating, ventilation and air conditioning and lighting perform properly.

As of May, furniture has been ordered and the delivery process will move in phases. Signage and audio-visual packages will also be installed throughout the summer.

Faculty is planned to move in around Aug. 1 after the building receives the approval from the city. Classes are still scheduled to begin in the fall.

"We are very actively working with our consultants and our contractors everyday, all day, looking at things that could potentially derail the process," Green said. "I can say that we have a substantial team that is working on this particular project."

The faculty and staff are also playing a role in moving to the new building through repurposing, recycling, organizing and throwing away equipment and objects in their offices.

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Community-based food system plan for Peoria

Local Foods, Local Places (LFLP) is a federal initiative to aid neighborhoods in developing a local food economy. Peoria is one of 15 communities chosen to participate in the program. LFLP held a workshop on May 22 and 23 for participants to find ways to improve the Southside Neighborhood's access to food and nutrition resources.

The Art of the Brick – The World's Most Elaborate Display of Lego Art

Contemporary artist Nathan Sawaya constructed over 100 elaborate displays of Lego artwork. Pieces include versions of famous works like "Starry Night" and "Mona Lisa." Visitors can also see a life-size man ripping his chest open, a Lego skull and a 20-foot long T-Rex skeleton. The collection is made entirely of Lego bricks and is displayed at the Peoria Riverfront Museum from May 25 to Sept. 2.

Wonderful world of learning

World of Wonder (WOW) is two sessions of one-week programs for gifted and talented students entering first through eighth grade. The curriculum features language arts, social sciences, literature, art and STEM classes. Sessions are held June 17-21 and July 29 to Aug. 2 at Bradley Hall.

Speech Team hosts Summer Forensics Institute

The Bradley University Speech Team will be holding its Summer Forensics Institute July 7-20. The instruction focuses on different areas of speech including special occasion speaking, impromptu, interpretations and duos. Deadline to register is June 21 and the residential fee is \$1,195.



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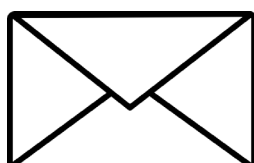
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NEWS

10 *hidden* gems in Peoria

By Jade Sewell, Assistant Voice Editor

When living in Peoria, it can become all too easy to exclusively solicit the same widely known businesses within the “Bradley Bubble.” Instead of falling back into routine when school starts this autumn, try visiting a few of Peoria’s hidden gems listed below.

1. Ribbon Records



Located right down Main Street, Ribbon Records allows patrons to purchase vintage clothing, books and, of course, records. With every musical genre from classic rock to hip-hop, and with clothing dating from the 60s to the 90s, Ribbon Records has something for everyone. Owners Matt McClellan and Jenny Foster make sure to keep items affordable for the budget-conscious. But regardless of whether you want to purchase something or not, Ribbon Records offers the unique experience to visit a business “stuck in time.”

Address: 641 W. Main St.

6. Gone in 60 Escape Games

For those seeking a challenge, Gone in 60 offers discounted escape rooms to all Bradley students. By locking cell phones in a separate area, Gone in 60 allows groups to connect with each other without the use of technology. Detailed storylines and eerie interior design include the coven, the contagion and the morgue. Gone in 60 escape rooms provide an outlet for patrons to “escape reality” for an hour.

Address: 1028 SW Adams St.

2. Lit. on Fire Used Books

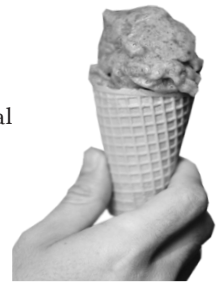
Just down the block from Ribbon Records, Lit. on Fire Used Books provides students another opportunity to shop affordably while also receiving an experience unlike any other. Lit. on Fire maintains a book collection that represents nearly every genre, including literature from local authors, as well as multiple comfortable areas to get cozy and read. In addition to selling books, Lit. on Fire hosts an open mic night every Wednesday for local artists and an LGBTQ book club that meets monthly.

Address: 712 W. Main St.

7. Las Delicias Helados y Paletas

Las Delicias is a family owned and operated ice cream restaurant located on Main Street just beyond Campustown. Las Delicias serves customers homemade ice cream and smoothies using fresh juices, fruits and vegetables. Owner Jenni Vega claims that her ultimate goal is for people to feel like they’re at home or in Mexico.

Address: 837 W. Main St.



3. Art at the Bodega



Across the river in nearby Washington lies a quaint and welcoming art studio: Art at the Bodega. Regardless of skill or ability, patrons of Art at the Bodega can enjoy a night of painting pottery, canvases or messing around with clay. Because of its setup, a group of friends can pursue different activities while still being able to enjoy each other’s company. Art at the Bodega also serves food and drinks, making it an ideal location for a group party or event.

Address: 2407 Washington Rd.

8. The Hindu Temple of Central Illinois

The Hindu Temple of Central Illinois allows visitors to hike its trails for free during open hours Monday-Friday. The Hindu Temple trails are located just eight minutes from campus and are the perfect way to enjoy Peoria’s diverse ecology while immersing oneself in nature.

Address: 4224 W. Prairie Ln.

4. Broken Tree Coffee

Only a few shops down from Lit. on Fire, Broken Tree Coffee offers its customers made-from-scratch pastries and organic coffee. Aside from serving food, Broken Tree actively supports the Peoria arts scene by hosting local musicians and displaying works by local artists.

Address: 700 W. Main St.

9. Riley’s Vegan Sweets & Eats

Riley’s Vegan Sweets and Eats started as a regular bakery in 2018, but by the end of the year, the business completely transitioned into producing exclusively vegan pastries. Today, it also serves “vegan lunch boxes” that include a meal and a dessert.

Address: 1233 W. Brons Ave.



5. Northmoor Observatory

Illinois’ oldest telescope is free and open to the public on clear, cloudless nights every weekend from May to October.



Located just 15 minutes from campus in Donovan Park, Northmoor Observatory allows its guests to see the Moon, Saturn and other planets in real time, while also providing informational space displays in the main reception room.

Address: 5805 N. Knoxville Ave.

10. Jukebox Comedy Club

Peoria’s self-proclaimed “Home for Comedy Since 1990” is located just down the hill on Farmington Road, across from the race tracks. Every Wednesday night, The Jukebox allows its guests to listen to several of Peoria’s top comedians for free, as long as they’re willing to get up and tell a few jokes themselves. On the weekends, The Jukebox hosts big named talent at affordable prices. Past comics include Marlon Wayans from “White Chicks” and Kevin Heffernan and Steve Lemme, the creators of “Super Troopers.”

Address: 3527 W. Farmington Rd.

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Engineering equipment will be moved to the new building from Morgan Hall, where industrial and manufacturing engineering previously took place, and Jobst Hall. After Jobst is completely vacated, demolition will begin during the fall semester and is planned to take roughly two months.

About 200 people are working on the project, including 50 electricians. Green said the number of employees will likely increase by 10 percent.

Contractors will stay for phase two of the project until December 2020 which consists of constructing approximately 15 percent of the building.

“We have an incredible team of contractors and consultants that are working on this project and that’s what makes it possible,” utilities supervisor LeRoy Neilson said. “The quality of those people out there doing the work is what’s going to make it all happen.”

According to Green, there are pieces that have to wait until the building is fully enclosed before being installed, including networking and access control systems. Some of the final steps will be going in after the building is open and classes have started.

“To turn it all on and make it all work right is right at the tail end,” Neilson said. “Any construction project, regardless of the size and this one’s a biggy, requires very careful sequencing to make sure that all these things are done in the proper order.”

Green said security systems will be modified as they observe the full operation of the building. She said they will be working behind the scenes during the school year.

“Up until this time, we’ve been working pretty much in a two-dimensional world,” Green said. “You introduce the faculty, the staff and the students and things become very evident, so we will be tweaking this building for a year.”

Green described the basement and the penthouse on the roof as the “heartbeat” of the building. Both will provide essentials such as water, fire protection, electrical, mechanical, cooling and heating.

There will be entrances into the building from the quad and Main Street. The open glass structure will allow natural light to illuminate various part of the complex.

“It’s really intended to be an open and inviting and pretty magnificent building,” Green said. “It’s really intended to draw our campus community as well as the Peoria community to this focal point for the university.”



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The 270,000-square-foot building includes eight computer labs, 28 classrooms and 200 offices.

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NEWS

Welcome Week sets the tone for the school year

BY VERONICA BLASCOE
Copy Editor

Every August, scores of Bradley freshmen haul their suitcases up the narrow stairs in Wyckoff or spend countless minutes waiting for the Geisert elevators.

After hours of unpacking, they bid farewell to their tearful family and prepare for the whirlwind of festivities and activities that mark their introduction to Bradley: Welcome Week.

Welcome Week often keeps new students busy from sunrise until well after sunset.

“Bring an emergency supply of baby powder, you walk a lot, so the chafing is real,” said Noah Steinbaum, a senior political science major.

As busy as it can be, the many activities of Welcome Week allow students to familiarize themselves with the culture of the campus and the community.

“I enjoy the Activities Fair because it allows you to see all of the activities on campus and gives you the opportunity to talk to people in it to see if it’s something you’d be interested in,” senior health sciences major Anne Marie Sales said.

Events like Taste of Bradley allow students to experience their dining options, while the traditional block party on Fredonia Avenue shows off Bradley’s Greek system.

“We know that not every student is going to want to do group fitness on the quad,” Cara Wood, the director of Student Activities which organizes the Welcoming Week, said. “So we definitely look for a

variety of events.”

According to Wood, creating the schedule for Welcome Week is a lengthy and involved process. Traditional events such as shows from hypnotist Frederick Winters get scheduled first, and then other, newer events are filled in, including the recent addition of laser tag on the quad.

Every year begins with B United, a pep rally held at the Renaissance Coliseum, which leads into the first Late Night BU of the school year in the Markin Recreation Center.

“Those are what we would consider the cornerstone kickoff programs for Welcome Week,” Wood said. “They’re things that are open to all students, but we highly encourage and hope that all of our first-year students attend.”

The Student Activities department partners with multiple other groups on campus, such as cultural groups who hope to host their own events. Student groups who receive funding from the Student Activities Budget Review Committee can try to get their own events on the schedule as well.

“Keeping students busy and helping them get acclimated and meet their peers is one of our primary goals,” Wood said. “So that they start the first day of classes knowing someone.”

Often, friendships are formed that can last throughout a student’s time at Bradley and beyond.

“I remember that I met one of my now close friends at my first Late Night BU freshman year,” senior political science major Emily Vanko said. “She and I have been friends ever since.”

Nursing course emphasizes teaching

BY HALEY JOHNSON
News Editor

As the school year comes to a close, some students have to turn in their final papers, projects and presentations. But for students in the Women and Health course, they had to do all of the above at the Women and Health fair, inviting the Bradley community to learn about issues affecting women today.

The class broke up into about 12 groups, each focusing on a different topic ranging from Postpartum Depression to Testosterone in women athletes.

Assistant professor of nursing Kirsten Boyer instructs the Women and Health course and has been running the annual spring fair for the last few years.

“As a nurse, part of your role is educating, whether it’s patients or just others in the community,” Boyer said. “This fair is also overall purposeful for all, getting across health awareness.”

According to Boyer, students were given the freedom to choose their topics and present them in the way they felt most effective, whether it be as a poster, slide-show or through flyers.

Sophomore health science major Jem Salomon said she chose transgender transitions in order to shed light on newer medical procedures available.

“There are constantly new

developments in things like gender reassignment surgery and medications available to the transgender community,” Salomon said. “And honestly not a lot of people know much about this topic.”

Sophomore health science major Jake McGiles chose the topic of contraceptives because it is relevant to college students.

“Birth control needs more awareness on campus,” McGiles said. “Organizations like HEAT do a good job describing the different methods, but our presentation goes a bit deeper of how effective each type is.”

Sophomore health science major Paige Kateeb chose the topic of eating disorders for the same reason.

“Students should come to this fair because it’s set up in a way that they can choose a topic or two from the many booths that they relate to and hear their 30-second elevator pitch, where they will learn something new,” Boyer said.

Boyer said she feels the event has been successful, and hopes to expand it in the following years.

“This event has been growing throughout the years,” Boyer said. “In order to involve the Peoria community as a whole, I’d like to hopefully partner with the health department and expand educational opportunity.”

SCOUT ON THE STREET

What is your favorite memory of freshmen year?



Shelby Hitchcock

“My favorite memory was hanging out with my friends in the Wyckoff lounge, even though I didn’t live in Wyckoff.”

—Shelby Hitchcock, sophomore game design major



Alex Scranton

“When I went to Denmark with other Bradley students, and we went on a cruise between Copenhagen and Oslo. We sat on the back deck of the ship, drinking wine and watching the sunset.”

—Alex Scranton, recent music business alumna



Manuel Esparza

“Hanging out in Wyckoff lounge [and] going outside watching the sunset.”

—Manuel Esparza, sophomore, academic exploration program



Steven Shellstrom

“Being able to get out and experience college as a whole. In high school, I was an introverted person, so when I came here, I wanted to get more involved on campus.”

—Steven Shellstrom, sophomore, undecided engineering major



Isabel Meshulam

“My favorite memory was being able to start my education courses.”

—Isabel Meshulam, junior education major



SUMMER SIZING STRUGGLES

BY MACKENZIE NEWMAN
Voice Editor

The pressure to have the perfect summer body is often intimidating. With three months of scrolling through Instagram posts of seemingly perfect people showing their greatest summer highlights and flawless moments finally here, it's easy to feel the need to measure up.

But measurements are a tricky thing, especially when it comes to sizing individuals' unique bodies. Until 1983, the National Bureau of Standards, now the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology, supplied a standardized system that most manufacturers followed, specifically when mass-producing women's clothing.

In today's world, brands across the globe have abandoned universal sizes for clothing sold in women's sections. While those who shop in men's sections can mostly identify themselves across stores by length and width, everyone else is typically left going from a size two to a size 10, oftentimes within the same store.

Stores use these different sizing guides for a multitude of reasons. Some are notoriously smaller in sizing numbers to portray the individuals who often model for their brand or promote their clothing, including Topshop and Urban Outfitters. Others are known for being more inclusive and feature sizes from 00 to 36, such as Aerie or ASOS. Each brand is free to determine sizing on its own, though the societal ramifications of those choices make it clear these numbers might merit a second thought.

Speaking from experience, there's no moment more devastating than watching one pair of size two shorts slide off your waist only to be incapable of getting a practically identical pair of size eight's up to your thighs. These stressful dressing room moments are bound to happen across brands, but they're especially anxiety-inducing when they happen within a single store. Describing the sinking feeling in one's stomach when they're forced to go up a size is unnecessary. Sadly, it's a feeling most have been forced to experience.

Though there is plenty of body positive rhetoric swarming in popular culture and media, these messages have yet to penetrate the age-old teachings that size matters. Countless students across the country are spending more time grimacing at the number on their swimsuits or berating themselves for not fitting into the same size swim trunks than they are enjoying their months off.

The joy of buying a new wardrobe for that summer road trip or joining in on upcoming trends is stripped away when your worth is connected to a number that has no meaning but seems to carry immense weight in our world.

Struggling to feel comfortable in one's own body is hard enough, but when the pressure to be "summer ready" includes more than putting on sunscreen and drinking lots of water, the season becomes less about relaxing in the sun and more about hiding in the shadows. Many have chosen to bypass attempting to reform this system. Instead, they work to remind individuals that the number on your clothes, or on the scale, is not one of your defining features.

Don't let these months meant for warm days and sunny memories be ruled by measurements without meaning. Wear what you love and do it because it makes you feel comfortable, because size means nothing.

Prevent your first week on campus from being 'welcome weak'

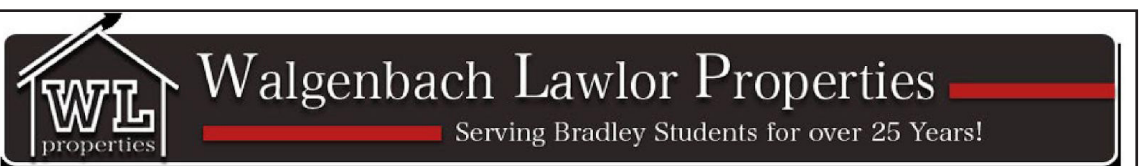
BY JADE SEWELL
Assistant Voice Editor

Freshmen,

Summer is here and your first year at college is rapidly approaching. But before you come to campus, here are some things you need to know about Welcome Week, the greatest 7-day period of your life.

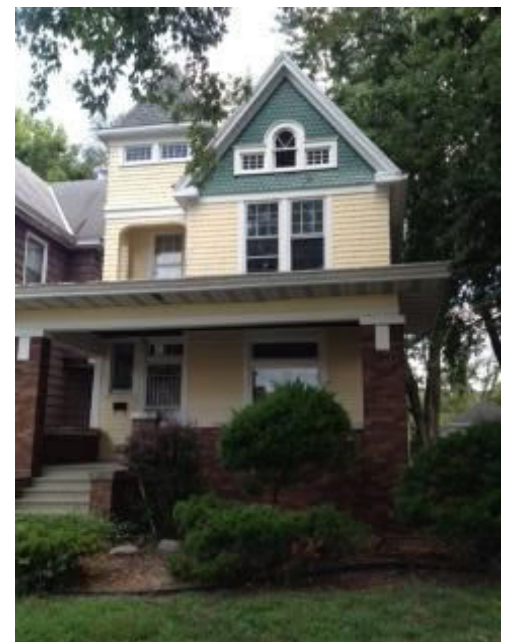
1. Your friends from orientation are cool, but this is the time to branch out. Welcome Week is the only time on campus where you have the opportunity to meet nearly everyone at Bradley. While it's nice to go to the block party or Late Night BU with friends, make sure you're talking to new people as well.
2. In the same vein as number one, you have all year to get to know your roommate: you don't need to spend every waking moment together in order to "forge your roommate relationship." You'll find a groove that works for both of you, just give it time.
3. Bradley is filled with unique and interesting clubs, but you can't join them all. At the Activities Fair, talk to all the clubs that catch your eye, but keep your top two or three in mind. Once school actually starts, two or three will be about all that you can manage. Being an off-staff reporter for The Scout should be number one on your list, obviously.
4. Taste of Bradley will be your last opportunity to have a home cooked meal until you leave campus for fall break. Keep this in mind and invest in food tickets as you see fit.
5. Most importantly, get out of your comfort zone! If you're a relatively introverted person, try going to events like the block party where you have the opportunity to meet new people, but aren't forced into anything. If you absolutely hate it, at least you know it isn't for you and you can easily walk back to the comfort of your dorm. On the other hand, if you love to socialize then heading to Late Night BU is a great way to join most of campus in a night of fun, games, and free food.

As exciting and intimidating as the first week can be, keep in mind that everyone on campus has been in your shoes at some point or another. If you have questions, just ask. There are so many wonderful people and resources here on campus who would love nothing more than to tell you where Westlake Hall is and why everyone uses the BUguest Wi-Fi network.



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Must see summer movies

BY JADE SEWELL
Assitant Voice Editor

Summer blockbusters are some of the most notable hits or misses of the film industry's year. There's a long list of anticipated releases in the next three months, but below are a few of the top movies to look out for before coming back to campus.



'Aladdin' - May 24

The first film on this list to be released this summer is one of Disney's latest live action remakes. Previews for Will Smith's Genie have stirred backlash from Disney fans with his new spin on the iconic character featuring more of a blue-painted man than an otherworldly being. Love it or hate it, Naomi Scott (Jasmine) and Mesa Massoud (Aladdin) are sure to bring a fresh take on one of Disney's most iconic couples.

'Spider-Man: Far From Home' - July 2

The first of the Marvel films to be released after "Avengers: Endgame," Peter Parker's latest adventures as the friendly neighborhood Spider-Man are set to take him and his friends across the pond and into deeper waters than ever before. As Parker (Tom Holland) tries to simultaneously save the world and balance high school, viewers are set to see how this hometown hero takes on a more serious role in the Marvel Cinematic Universe.



'Men in Black: International' - June 14

After watching the on-screen chemistry of Chris Hemsworth and Tessa Thompson in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, their debut as Agents H and M respectively has the potential for comedic gold. Straying slightly from the predecessors in the franchise, this "Men In Black" film focuses on a mole within the organization, instead of an outer space big bad for the agents to focus on.

'The Lion King' - July 19

Anticipation for this film has yet to waver as fans not-so-patiently await this star-studded cast. Beyoncé (Nala), Seth Rogen (Pumbaa), Donald Glover (Simba), James Earl Jones (Mufasa) and more have packed this cast list with incredible vocal talent and ensure can't-miss performances, even if they are CGI. The story remains the same as the original, though these stars are sure to bring their own flare.



'Toy Story 4' - June 21

There are a lot of mixed feelings when it comes to this (potential) last installment of a beloved childhood story. Woody (Tom Hanks), Buzz (Tim Allen) and the rest of the gang are taking on the world with a new kid to call their best friend. Theaters are sure to be packed with kids of all ages when this movie opens (but those of the millennial variety should get first dibs on seating, since we've waited this long for a conclusion to the series).

'Once Upon a Time in Hollywood' - July 26

Set in 1969 Los Angeles, the film depicts the story of a worn-out Hollywood actor and his stunt double who are trying to make it big in Hollywood's Golden Age. With a stacked cast featuring Leonardo DiCaprio, Brad Pitt, Margot Robbie, Al Pacino and more, the expectations surrounding this Quentin Tarantino movie are high.



With three months study and homework free, there will be plenty of time to see what lands and what doesn't in the box office this summer.

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Editorial

Presidential search is crucial to Bradley's future

With Bradley University president Gary Roberts announcing his plan to retire next May, Bradley will launch a search for its 12th president this summer. This search is an important and influential one for Bradley's long-term future.

The next president will have a long list of responsibilities. The biggest task will be solving the enrollment issues Bradley encountered last fall.

In the fall of 2018, Bradley had an enrollment shortfall of 243 students from budgeted numbers. The shortfall was represented in nearly every group of students including freshmen, sophomores, upperclassmen and on-campus graduate students. The only group that exceeded budgeted number was the online graduate students

The lack of tuition dollars from those students

will result in an operating deficit of around \$5 million for the fiscal year that ended May 31, 2019. When the shortfall was announced, Roberts said there was not going to be immediate changes to the staff, but Bradley needed to change the way it does business.

"Bradley needs the faculty and staff to get on board with the notion that we have to do things differently," Roberts told The Scout in October.

Roberts cited the many adjustments that need to take place as a reason for his departure.

"I believe that many of the changes that need to occur at Bradley will take several years to implement fully, and having a president who can provide continuity of leadership throughout that transitional period will be a big plus for the university," Roberts said.

Roberts is right that the landscape of higher

education is changing, and Bradley needs to make massive changes just to keep up and stay competitive. The changes that need to be made will take time to implement. With this, Bradley needs a president that will commit a lengthy tenure to the school.

This president will hold Bradley's future in their hands and will need to have an immediate impact on the financial situation.

In order to have a president that will be successful in this high pressure capacity, it is important the search committee hires a candidate that has a background in solving enrollment problems and turning a school profitable. Experience is key because the next president will need to act quickly.

Column

Look, Mom! I'm doing it!



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 Managing Editor

As I enter my third year of the Bradley experience, I've become closer to the end of college than the beginning. It's a purely surreal feeling. Recently, I've reflected on myself over these college years.

Two years feels so short, but at the same time, I feel like I was a completely different person at the beginning than I am now. My appearance is still the same - though I will say I finally found a facial moisturizer I like - and I

even maintain the same wardrobe.

But still: I am not the same person as I was when I first met the Peoria humidity in the summer of 2017.

I had an idea of what I wanted my life to be like in college: I wanted to get an internship. I wanted to be the hardest worker in school. I wanted to say 'yes' to every opportunity. I wanted to perfect every class assignment, final exam or Scout story.

I ended up landing an internship in summer 2018 as I planned, but it was a couple of days a week and some health problems prevented me from experiencing more of what it had to offer. Not exactly what I had dreamed of.

I was a hard worker, but I rarely slept. I said 'yes' to every opportunity and I found myself too busy to do my laundry or wash my dishes. I drove myself crazy striving for perfection, only to learn that excellence and consistency were more valuable.

It was all about developing a process of how I could be a great reporter. How could my material be the best material out there?

How could I write the stories that changed the community? Hell, how could I change the world?

It became less about the work ethic and more about the work. It was all about the impact of the story; it was all about doing the story that got people talking; it was all about the story that got me the "1st Place" plaque..

But what would that do? Would it confirm the notion that I was the best? Would it change me? At the end of the day, I still had the same clothes, same hairstyle and same (but relatively new) facial moisturizer.

What would be left after I had done the story of the century?

I'll tell you: I would go back to my dorm, reheat penne and breadsticks from the Geisert cafeteria, hunch over my laptop, prevent the pasta grease from slipping off my plate onto my keyboard and start my next project.

And why? Because I wanted to. I learned that it was all about passion.

Even after accomplishing my goals of becoming a staff

reporter and an editor and even after experiencing the Bradley basketball team's surprising postseason run in St. Louis and Des Moines, the only thing I wanted to do was start another project and begin again.

Recently, a shipment of new microphones was sent to The Scout office, offering us the possibility of expanding the potential of our podcast network. We also acquired a photo backdrop and light kit, giving us the option to record quality videos.

I opened those boxes and looked at the fancy devices like a kid on Christmas morning, and I never thought about the projects that would win awards. I just thought about the projects that would be fun to make.

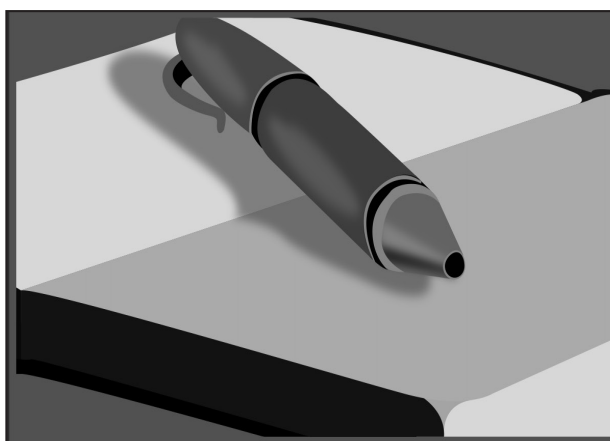
All I can say is that it doesn't matter what your work ethic, your determination or your abilities and skills are. As long as you are passionate about what you do in life, you will be happy. And that's something we're all striving for.

All letters to the editor must be received by 5 p.m. Tuesday in Sisson Hall 319 or emailed to bradleyscout@gmail.com for inclusion in Friday's issue. Letters longer than 500 words will not be accepted. The Scout reserves the right to edit letters for inappropriate content. All letters must include the writer's name, contact information and relationship to Bradley. Responses to published letters will be eligible for print only the week following their appearance in the Scout.

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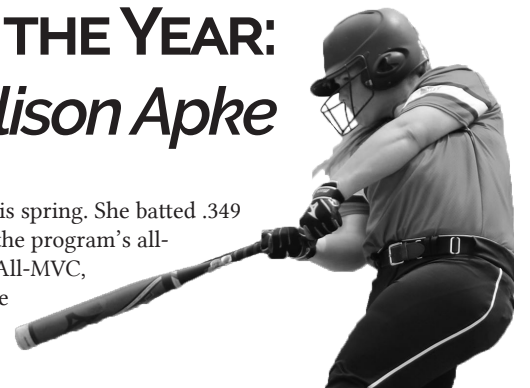
**Coach of the Year:
Brian Wardle**

Wardle, in his fourth year as the men's basketball head coach, guided the team to the NCAA Tournament. He has improved or maintained the team's record each season at the helm. His efforts led Bradley back from an 0-5 start in Valley play, in addition to an 18-point second half comeback in the MVC title game. The team only suffered one loss when Wardle wore his shiny red dancing shoes.



**FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:
Allison Apke**

The junior first baseman hit third and was the heart of the Braves softball lineup this spring. She batted .349 and led the team in on base percentage. Apke slugged 12 home runs and became the program's all-time home run leader. The Teutopolis, Illinois native was named to Second-Team All-MVC, First-Team MVC Scholar-Athlete and Third-Team NFCA All-Mideast Region after the season. She helped the softball team reach the semifinals of the MVC Championship for the first time since 2014.

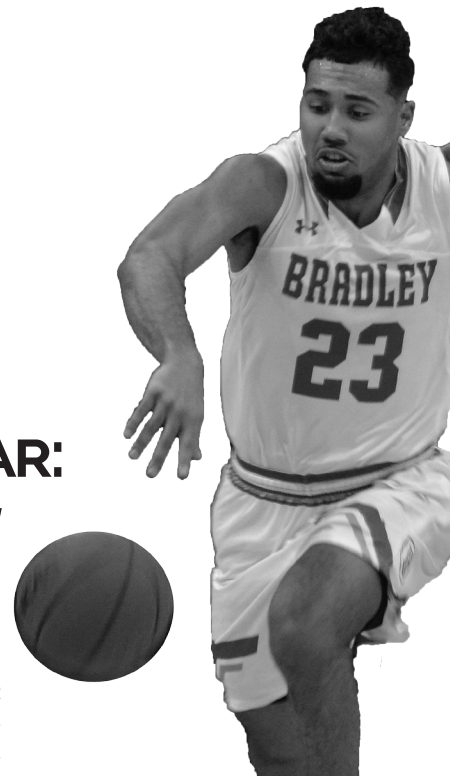


**MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:
Mitch Janssen**

Janssen, a senior right-handed pitcher, led the Bradley baseball pitching staff this spring. As the Friday starter, he pitched to a 2.06 ERA. The Princeville native used his nasty breaking-ball to lead the team in strikeouts with 71 and limited opponents to a batting average of .199. Before this season his career ERA stood at 5.80. Janssen three-hit Southern Illinois in route to the first complete game of his career April 12. Since graduating from Bradley this spring, he plans to continue to work as a charter flight pilot.

**TEAM OF THE YEAR:
Men's Basketball**

The men's basketball team arrived on the national scene for the first time in 13 years. The team beat SMU and Penn State in the early season Cancun Challenge. Despite losing its first five MVC games, the squad battled back to win nine of its last 13 regular season contests and earned the No. 5 seed in the conference tournament. Bradley defeated Missouri State, defending champion Loyola-Chicago and Northern Iowa in St. Louis to capture the program's first MVC tournament title since 1988. The team made its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament since 2006 and as the No. 15 seed, and fell to No. 2 seed Michigan State after leading at halftime.



**NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR:
Lasha Petree**

Petree scored 13.2 points per game her freshman season, good for second on the women's basketball team. Following the successful campaign, she was named the MVC Freshman of the Year and MVC Sixth Player of the Year. The highlight of her season came on Feb. 8 when she scored 13 points and recorded three steals in a 46-second span to earn a comeback win for Bradley over Indiana State.



**BREAKOUT PLAYER OF THE YEAR:
Walid Kherat**

The defender did not see any game action in his first three seasons on the Bradley soccer team after making the team in a preseason tryout. Kherat, a fourth-year junior from Peoria, started all 17 games and logged the most minutes of any player. He was named the MVC Defensive Player of the Week Sept. 5 after recording his first collegiate assist and goal. He was also named to the College Soccer News National Team of the Week for helping limit Bradley's two opponents to a total of six shots on goal.



SPORTS

Dan Bolt provides jolt to baseball's game plan



Left fielder Dan Bolt led the team in both slugging (.595) and on-base (.453) percentages this season. He boosted his batting average from the previous season 57 points.

photo by Kayla Johnson

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reached a postseason tournament this fall and increased its MVC play win total by 12 since Price-Torok was hired for the 2015 season.

Bradley's less followed programs impress me even more. For the last four years, men's cross country has won the MVC Championship. This fall they placed second in the Midwest Regional meet, eventually finishing 24th at the NCAA Championship.

Women's cross country has been dominant in the Valley as well and has finished 15th, sixth and ninth in the regionals the past three seasons.

Both men's and women's golf have been improving. In 2018 the men won the MVC Championship for the first time in school history, just a year after finishing seventh of nine.

The women lacked a full-time women's golf only coach; however, it hasn't held them back from placing in the top four the last three years. This past April, the women were predicted to win the MVC Championship, and although they finished third, I have to commend the effort.

Lastly, tennis set a program record with 16 dual match victories. They went 4-1 in conference, improving from 2-5 in 2016-17.

There you have it. I still can't believe the turnaround. Simply outstanding. Here's to hoping the Braves continue to brighten spirits on the Hilltop.

Go out and support; we don't suck. Sports lead to camaraderie and that's what Bradley needs. I doubt the success across the board will carry over to next year due to many key athletes graduating, but we'll see if the youth can meet the challenge.

The men's basketball season slogan of #TheArrival can expand to the entire department. The Braves as a whole did just that. Here's why Bradley was successful; they were consistent, tenacious, and above all, Brave.

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BY RONAN KHALSA Sports Editor

Rising senior baseball player Dan Bolt is living up to his last name.

His legs have allowed him to steal seven bases this season and make plays in left field. More importantly for the Braves, his bat puts a jolt into every ball he hits.

Bolt is one of nine Bradley baseball players who grew up within an hour and a half drive of Dozer Park, home of the Single-A Peoria Chiefs and Bradley baseball team. The park was nothing new to Bolt his freshman year, having played there in high school with the Morton Potters.

Head coach Elvis Dominguez said throughout his time at the helm of the baseball program his staff targets local players in recruiting like Bolt and believes the program is in a better place because of them.

"My goal has been to try to keep the best local talent here," Dominguez said. "Whether they choose to come here or not is up to them, but we are going to go hard after them. Dan was one of the better guys in the area. We are very fortunate that he's here."

Bradley has always had Bolt's rooting interests. As a child he went to basketball games but wasn't connected to the university otherwise. He did, however, keep

his mind open to the possibility of playing for Dominguez.

"Growing up, Bradley was always around and I'd cheer for them," Bolt said. "There's a bunch of local guys [on the team] who I played with before which is good for chemistry."

The outfielder took the Braves up on their scholarship offer and joined the team for the 2017 season. As a freshman, Bolt only received 14 at-bats

Dominguez said Bolt was recruited for his hitting ability, but his outfield defense needed significant attention. Bolt just wasn't ready for the rigors of Division I baseball.

Bolt agreed he was behind the curve his freshman year and needed to learn the college game. He credits hitting coach Kyle Trewyn and a stint playing with the summer league Springfield Sliders following the 2017 season for his maturation.

"Danny came in and we obviously always liked his bat and thought he was going to hit, but from his freshman year he has worked so much on his weaknesses defensively," Dominguez said. "He has become a very, very good outfielder. He took it upon himself and took ownership of it."

This season, Bolt hit at a .327 clip, led the team in slugging and on-base percentages and only committed one

error in left field. He played in all 50 games, starting in all but one.

"This year is a lot different," Bolt said. "I think I'm smarter from an IQ standpoint. I understand the game better and understand what I need to do to be better."

Bolt bats fourth in the Braves lineup and knows his role on the team is to drive in runs. He has the third most team RBIs and has 11 homers to his name this season.

Bolt said it's the most he's hit in a season. The most he's hit in a week for Bradley came April 14-20 when he homered four times on the road at Big-10 opponent Illinois and MVC-powerhouse Dallas Baptist.

He was recognized among 16 players by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper as a National Player-of-the-Week and a Missouri Valley Conference Player-of-the-Week the following Monday.

Bolt said his home run total increasing by six from the year before is partially because of his confidence at the plate and preparation.

"I'll be the first to admit I'm not the strongest guy on the team but knowing what pitches I can hit home runs with and what pitches I need to drive is really key [to my success]," Bolt said. "My main focus is just to put a barrel on the ball every time. Sometimes I get lucky and it ends up

going over the fence."

Bolt said when his coaches and fellow players have confidence in his ability it pushes him further.

"[By batting fourth] it shows that the coaches have confidence in me," Bolt said. "It says a lot especially with Coach [Dominguez] being around for a long time. When a guy like that has confidence in you, it means a lot."

Bolt is the first member of his family to play collegiate sports and said his success is a credit to his parents and grandparents funding his baseball career since first grade.

They also taught him the importance of an education. As he graduates next spring, Bolt doesn't like to think much about playing professional baseball. He plans to use his finance degree to build a career in wealth management after he hangs up his cleats.

"If the opportunity [to play professional baseball] comes about, that'd be awesome and I would for sure look into it," Bolt said. "[With finance] I don't like a ton of math, but I enjoy numbers. I like seeing those things, breaking them down and analyzing businesses."

Until then, Bolt will continue to break down opposing pitchers and drive in runs for Bradley.

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Kaboom!

Softball falls to Drake, ends first winning season since 2007



Softball reached the semifinal round of the MVC tournament for the first time since 2014. The team hit .295 and pitched to a 3.78 ERA collectively.

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BY LARRY LARSON
Assistant Sports Editor

Bradley's high-powered lineup was the driving force behind its fourth-place Missouri Valley Conference finish this season. The Braves averaged 6.2 runs per game in conference play, led in slugging percentage and finished second in home runs with 32.

That same lineup, however, did not have an answer for Drake pitcher and All-American Nicole Newman, who struck out 18 Braves in her fifth perfect game of the season helping the Bulldogs to a 7-0 semifinal win. It was the first time Bradley made the conference tournament semifinals since 2014.

Despite the sour ending, the Bradley softball program celebrated a season in which it increased its win total by nine to boast a 29-21 record, going 15-10 in Valley play.

"Last year, we kind of lost out on the fun, we kind of forgot how fun it was to play softball and to be a team with each other," senior pitcher Julie Kestas said. "This year, we had a really good balance of trusting each other and maintaining a culture but also just enjoying the game."

Finishing her 11th year, head coach Amy Hayes thought the team had great composure throughout the spring, helping it capture its most victories since 2004. The fourth-place finish is the team's highest since 2014 despite being picked to finish eighth in the preseason poll.

"We had a group this year that really bought in and stayed focused on what was important," Hayes said. "I think they made a real commitment to each other and to some of the things we were asking of them. They did an

awesome job."

Bradley found production up and down the lineup, posting a team batting average of .295, while slugging .514 and hitting a team record 68 long balls during the three month season.

For the first time in program history, three players hit 10 plus home runs. Junior catcher Kealia Wysocki hit 13, and junior first baseman Allison Apke and sophomore utility player Stacia Seeton slugged 12 each.

Apke, who earned Second-Team All-MVC honors, anchored the Braves lineup, leading the team with a .349 average, and a 1.143 on-base plus slugging percentage.

Wysocki was not far behind, slugging .775 to lead the team by 100 points, while posting a .421 on-base percentage.

The Braves bats garnered lots of attention, but the team's pitching staff was also key to its success. Freshman Grace French, senior Megan Mahaffy, Kestas, junior Emma Jackson and sophomore Taise Thompson combined for a collective 3.78 ERA, sixth in the conference.

"One of the biggest shockers was probably in the circle for us," Hayes said. "We got good innings out of [French] and [Thompson], and then it's very rare to have three kids who can start for you. Their consistency in the circle really helped propel us to that fourth place finish."

Kestas said first-year pitching coach Desiree Ybarra played a big role in that success.

"I would give all the credit to her," Kestas said. "She was really motivating through everything. She created a really positive atmosphere, which correlated with the stats on the field."

Bradley's newcomers also had an impact. Most notably, freshman shortstop and leadoff

batter Lucy Mead ranked third on the team in batting average at .337 and led in total bases. Freshman Keller van Breusegen posted a .296 average, despite battling injuries early in the season. French ended the season with the team's only sub-three ERA with a 1.79 mark.

"[The freshmen are] very gritty, they're very competitive and they like to have fun, but they're a very focused group. They're very goal oriented," Hayes said. "They came in and they reinforced and backed up everything the seniors were asking and everything the coaches were expecting."

Kestas, despite graduating this spring, is excited for what is in store for the softball program.

"[Our underclassmen] made a statement on our program in just their first [couple] years," Kestas said. "When you have freshmen that are willing to step up and say 'Let's do that again, we can be better than that,' that helps us seniors that can't be everywhere all at once."

All but four players will return next season and Hayes is thankful for the departing players' contributions.

"We're losing four key components; the steadiness of Mahaffy, the headiness of Habryle, the softball sense there, the competitor in Stoner and the heart in Kestas," Hayes said. "They really were four cornerstones for us this year, and I think they laid a really good foundation."

While the team ultimately fell short of an MVC championship and bid to the NCAA tournament, Hayes said she believes the young program has the potential to make some real noise.

"They know they can do it ... I think they're ready to go, the young ones all got a taste of it, and they all want that ring," Hayes said.

Column

Looking back: It's hard to believe

BY RONAN KHALSA
Sports Editor

It is too bad that most people on the Hilltop don't care much about Bradley sports. Since my freshman year I've been a fan and the Braves have been trending up since I arrived in Peoria.

Bradley has a rich history and usually leads the Missouri Valley Conference in men's basketball home attendance. But when I got on campus in August 2016, the athletic department only had one successful program: men's and women's cross country. We weren't particularly competitive in any other sport and that was abundantly clear.

On March 17, 2015 Chris Reynolds was hired as the athletic director. As a young man from Vermont who knew nothing of Bradley before enrolling, I now have discovered that the day he was hired was an important one for the university and city. The Bradley administrators and the NCAA surely agreed as his title is now vice president for intercollegiate athletics.

Since his return to his childhood city of Peoria each program has improved. Reynolds hired four new head coaches that he claims to be really good thinkers with cutting edge ideas who are smarter than himself.

I commend his decision-making when it comes to hiring volleyball coach Carol Price-Torok, women's golf interim head coach Grant Escue, men's basketball's Brian Wardle, women's basketball coach Andrea Gorski and cross country and track coach Darren Gauson.

This past academic year, the Braves were impressive on the fields, courts and courses. Looking back to my freshman year, I cannot believe the positive change.

Men's basketball went from five wins in 2015-16 to giving No. 2 seed Michigan State a run for its money in the NCAA Tournament. Women's basketball finished with a winning record in the Valley for the first time since 2009-10.

I came to Bradley a huge baseball fan, but in 2016 they finished 6-14 in the MVC. This year, they won 11 and were near the top of the conference standings the entire spring. Softball "shocked the Valley" and earn a double-bye in the conference tournament after finishing 15-10.

In the fall of 2016 I went to the homecoming soccer game, Bradley lost 2-0 to Evansville. That season the team finished with two wins. This past season the team did not suffer a loss until its 10th game. Plus we tied with Gonzaga, Wisconsin and Cincinnati.

The most remarkable improvement for Bradley's programs is volleyball. The team

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