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# Student-led MFA protest wrecks **HAVOC** on campus

With tensions rising since last semester over Bradley's Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) program, displeased students recently took matters into their own hands by protesting against the hassle-inducing security measures.

Students gathered at Founder's Circle on March 28 wearing red "I Hate MFA" shirts and wielding "Do Away with MFA" signs, intent on marching around campus to spread their message and create widespread chaos.

The protest was spearheaded by fifth-year senior tomfoolery major Robin Banks who got so fed up with MFA that he threw his computer out of his dorm room window.

"I was trying to submit my paper at 11:58 p.m. like I always do, and it took me 30 minutes to get onto Canvas," Banks said. "By the time I logged on, the assignment submission was locked. I was shaking with rage and the next thing I knew, my Macbook was in pieces on the concrete."

One of Bradley's oldest staff members, youth studies professor Luke Warm, echoed Banks' frustrations over the unnecessarily complicated program.

"This MFA thing is ridiculous," Warm said. "Half the time I don't even remember my Blackboard password. For crying out loud, I haven't checked my email in six months."

Wanda Rinn  
Anti-Technology Advocate

The demonstration was intentionally hostile and disruptive. Groups of protestors interrupted classes across campus, going as far as logging professors out of their Bradley accounts knowing that they wouldn't be able to log in again for a month. Several students also expressed their strong feelings about MFA by spray painting insulting messages all over the outdated textbook-esque posters outside of Olin Hall, Heitz Hall and the bookstore.

"Oh, we did [the university] a favor with that," Banks said. "I don't know who came up with that, but now they have a reason to take them down. No need to thank me."

When students reached the Cullom-Davis Library, they displayed Olympic levels of athleticism as they leaped over the ID scanners and stormed the IT service desk. Workers behind the desk fled and called campus police as protestors began throwing desktop computers to the ground.

Within minutes, BUPD arrived and arrested all of the protestors. They weren't taken peacefully.

"Today, we stuck it to the man," Banks said as he was dragged out of the building in handcuffs.





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# Bradley University to be renamed Pierre Paul University

Ayeden Dittytheft  
Well, now who am I?

After months of deliberations and an extensive look into future strategies, Bradley announced that the university will be renamed Pierre Paul University, effective immediately.

The change was decided upon after university trustee Jimmy Van Crusencam brought the idea forward as an homage to recent Bradley graduate Pierre Paul, a man who's done innumerable good works for humankind.

Lydia Moss Bradley, the university's namesake, was certainly a commendable person who excelled in a variety of areas in her own right, but Van Crusencam believed it was time for a shift. He said the idea to give the university a new name came to him in a dream.

"We all love Lydia but let's be honest, Bradley has been around for 125 years," Van Crusencam said. "I don't even know how much history our students know these days and every time they walk past her statue, they're looking at Yik Yak and don't even notice her."

Paul graduated from Bradley in 2021 with master's degrees in every graduate program offered at Bradley. He began his undergraduate career here at just three years old when he single-handedly installed computers in every classroom in the early 2000s.

"Even after winning the Presidential Medal of Freedom from multiple countries, I consider this one of the highest honors I could receive," Paul said. "It's the kind of stuff you dream about in the womb."

Recently, Paul has achieved feats such as serving steaks in Geisert Dining Hall each night, teaching every bird in Illinois how to fly, attending 1,068,405 business meetings, inventing a cure for cancer and singing a concert in front of a crowd so large that it would make DMX at Woodstock look like a joke.

"I think there's only one thing Pierre doesn't know how to do and that's take a rest for just one day," Paul's friend Pat Myaz said. "I'm starting to wonder what that does to his mental health."

Classified documents from the board of trustees were released to The Scoop that revealed some shocking information: the university is paying Paul all of their money to change their name. The documents showed that Bradley was willing to list Harper Hall and Wyckoff Hall on Zillow in order to pay Paul a hefty signing bonus.

"I am the modern day Robin Hood," Paul said. "I will use this money to buy every grocery item at Hy-Vee to solve world hunger."



Students at the newly-dubbed university had mixed reviews on the name change, but received it positively overall. Each student was handed a complimentary shirt that read "1 (800) CALL-PAUL" on them.

"They really missed an opportunity to make shirts that said 'Prepare for Pierre,'" junior psychology major Reed Inyermind said.

Going forward, immediate changes to the university will consist of sidewalks on campus being ripped up and replaced with brick walkways that say "Dedicated to Pierre Paul" on each brick. An 100-foot-tall statue of Paul will be constructed out of pure marble and placed inside of the Business and Engineering Convergence Center. The university also plans to change its mascot's name to the "Paulers."

"I'm going to be honest, I did not expect this change, but as a coach, I always have to control the controllables," men's basketball head coach Ryan Mortal said. "What I want to know is if Mr. Paul has ever competed, defended or rebounded."

Paul said he plans to create a talking hologram of himself to give a thank you speech to members of the Peoria community. He is reportedly not available to attend the event in person since he is scheduled to be teaching anger management classes to the Russian government.



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# Breaking: Fraternity throws wild, massive darty

Margaret Blacklisted  
Greek Life Beat Reporter

On March 25, Fredonia Avenue was filled with the sound of Sigma Epsilon Chi brothers and their fans partying like there was no tomorrow for the fraternity's famous "All Night Longer" darty.

For those who are not familiar with this specific day party - or darty - it is filled with keg stands and chugging races, playing King of the Hill on the roof of the house and, of course, the worst pick-up lines known to man.

Typically, the darty lasts from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m., when the 20th keg is finished and the fraternity president needs to sleep after a long day of making sure everyone is drinking and having fun.

The Scoop was lucky enough to be on the list to attend and speak with members of the fraternity and partygoers of this year's insane darty.

One of the biggest parts of the darty is the famous keg stand race. Those participating attempt to outlast the person next to them in chugging beer straight out of the keg. This time, however, things went terribly wrong.

Vice President of Sigma Epsilon Chi and keg race champion, Darin Corona, broke his hand after his brothers dropped him on the keg after they were asked to go to McDonald's.

"My hand hurts," Corona said. "All of the brothers involved are getting fined for this assault against the office."

The brothers that dropped him have since been fined \$20 million for their actions.

That was the only thing that went wrong during the darty, aside from a couple making out on every single beer die table when others were supposed to take their turn in the game.

At 1 p.m. members gathered to play a giant game of King of the Hill while everyone else watched. The game involves participants gathering on the roof of the house and battling each other to see who could push the rest off the roof.

"It was really funny seeing a bunch of frat guys try and act tough," attendee Stephanie McChicken said. "I once bumped into one of them during their 'No Hands' rager and he cried because I accidentally spilled his cup of Natty Light."

Fraternity member Doug Slayer had finally won after he pushed member Tim Den off the roof while the distracted Den flirted with a girl on the ground.

"I ended up getting the number of the girl that Den was talking to with my rizz and my win," Slayer said.

Pick-up lines said by the brothers of Sigma Epsilon Chi were also a fan favorite. Per the tradition, the partygoers compile their favorite ones and frame them to give to the fraternity to replace the composite that gets stolen at every party.

"I remember one guy asked me if I wanted to see the x-ray for his torn ACL," Vera Lem said. "I did not want to see it but he showed it to me anyway, then I threw up on him."

Many people have said that this year's darty was one of the fraternity's best and that they can't wait until next year where they will play the game "Rattlin' Bog" in which brothers aim to finish each of the 20 kegs that the fraternity purchases.

"I better see every brother participating," Corona said. "I don't care if you 'don't drink' you either chug that beer or you are dropped."





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# Kaboom!’s iconic road to fame

Shicken Wang  
Kaboom! Enthusiast

Since his introduction in 2014, Bradley’s mascot Kaboom! has been known and loved for being the university’s professional hype man. Recently discovering bigger aspirations, Kaboom! has begun chasing his dream of becoming an actor.

Kaboom!’s interest in acting began very early, but he was never brave enough to take the leap of faith. Once he overcame his self-doubt, he realized that he was actually quite skilled at acting.

His skills were unknowingly developed through having to be cheerful for Bradley games and hype up the crowd, even if he was having bad days himself. Kaboom! also had to remain calm whenever the opposing team’s fans heckled him. Overall, his dedication to his job has aided his Hollywood career tremendously without him even noticing.

So far, Kaboom! has only landed minor roles, but he’s happy to be doing something that interests him. His most popular work began last year and he was able to star in movies such as “The Batman,” “Bullet Train” and “The Next 365 Days.” He starred as an extra in each film and was able to flawlessly execute diverse roles such as that of gravel, pavement, statues and even walls.

Kaboom! plays his roles so well that you can barely even tell it’s him. That level of acting takes a lot of dedication and natural talent.

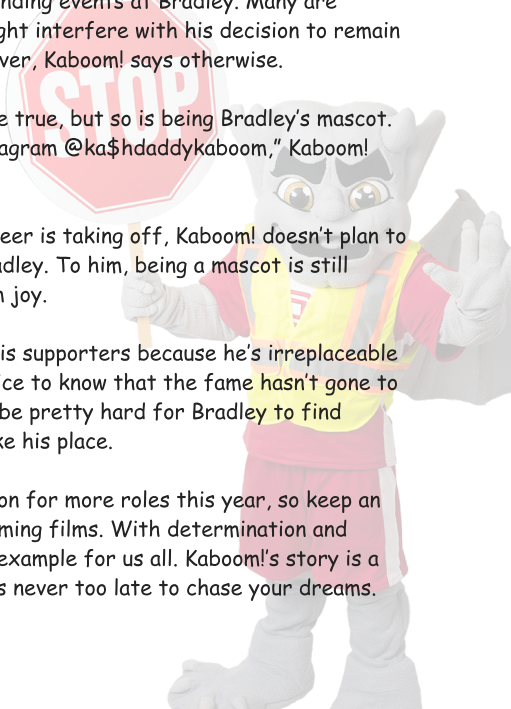
As expected, Kaboom! has a busy schedule now that he’s an upcoming star. He has to film in different locations and practice his lines while also attending events at Bradley. Many are concerned that this might interfere with his decision to remain Bradley’s mascot; however, Kaboom! says otherwise.

“Acting is a dream come true, but so is being Bradley’s mascot. Also, follow me on Instagram @ka\$haddykaboom,” Kaboom! said.

Although his acting career is taking off, Kaboom! doesn’t plan to quit his job here at Bradley. To him, being a mascot is still fulfilling and brings him joy.

This is good news for his supporters because he’s irreplaceable in their eyes, and it’s nice to know that the fame hasn’t gone to his head. It would also be pretty hard for Bradley to find another gargoyle to take his place.

Kaboom! plans to audition for more roles this year, so keep an eye out for him in upcoming films. With determination and bravery, he has set an example for us all. Kaboom!’s story is a great reminder that it’s never too late to chase your dreams.





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# The Hilltop is Under Squirrel Siege

Joe King  
Court Jester

There has been a startling movement taking place on our very own campus as rustling bushes and a chilling wind are an ominous sign of the unexpected: a squirrel invasion.

A charming and self-evident feature of the campus is the abundance of these small mammals. Sure, they look innocent, wholesome and even a little quirky in how they sit hunched over like tired uncles on the Alumni and Olin quads.

But what lies beneath these bushy-tailed rodents? A dark and disturbing secret hides beyond their beady little eyes. The squirrels have been seen congregating around the front of Bradley Hall where the Lydia Moss Bradley statue stands.

Every couple of nights, The Scoop has staked out near the statue and witnessed groups of squirrels emerging from underneath and running off to do unknown activities. When they returned, a makeshift altar and ornaments appeared with a diagram of Bradley Hall.

The Scoop was able to interview the statue the next day.

"I have to say those furry little freaks were bowing down and worshiping me all night when all I needed was some shut eye. I heard them squeaking some prayers about next year's basketball season and Bradley Hall," Bradley said. "I have no idea what they want with the building, but I did hear them lamenting about the previous season. At least there is always next time and that's the most important thing. I should know. I invested in horology for Pete's sake."

Considering the squirrels' suspicious behavior and the statue's testimony, it can be concluded that these squirrels seek to undermine Bradley as an institution, starting with overtaking Bradley Hall.

The Scoop intends to further analyze this ongoing development into an endless number of articles in the meantime. As journalists, we need to do our due diligence as too many publications rush out their articles to stay relevant. We value the irrelevance and untimeliness of our stories.

These squirrels are seen as innocent creatures but could they really be so harmless when they are gathering and plotting in the very center of our institution? Stay tuned.

## The Real & Official 2023 Lollapalooza Line Up (jk it's fake)

Grant Park  
Chicago, IL  
Aug. 3-6, 2023

Lollapalooza

JOANNE GLASSER  
(PERFORMING MVC  
SHUFFLE)

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SET) - MR. MET AND MRS. MET - GRANT MACDONALD - ICE SPICE -  
WE THE KINGS - SARAH PALIN - RAINI RODRIGUEZ - AUSTIN MOON  
- PHINEAS AND THE FERBTONES - LANA DEL REY BUT SHE'S NOT  
SAD - RANDY MARSH FROM "SOUTH PARK" AS LORDE - WOLFGAN  
AMADEUS MOZART - DUOLINGO OWL - CARL WHEEZER - LIL PUMP  
BUT SLOW SONGS - CAMP ROCK AND CAMP STAR - B JOSCHY JOSCH  
(FT. SGT. MCCUMBER) - BILL CLINTON AND HIS SAXOPHONE  
MATTY B - JACOB SARTORIUS - TEDDY FROM BACCIS - C  
VALENTINE AND JADE - THE ARCH DUKE OF LUXEMBURG





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# Rogue geese interrupt Bradley softball game

## Goose On First Bird

As temperatures start to rise and a new season officially begins, two things are bound to happen each spring: outdoor sporting events commence and geese migrate back toward the Midwest. But what happens when those two events mix? Just ask those in attendance at Bradley softball's most recent game.

During the Braves' matchup against North-South State on Monday, the otherwise typical contest became chaotic when a flock of geese landed beyond the outfield fence in the bottom of the third inning. The surly creatures began acting aggressively and honking loudly, alarming broadcasters Richard Wrong and Scotty Sources.

"I was talking about how excited I was about the game but then the geese caught the corner of my eye," Wrong said. "I asked Scotty if he could see them from his vantage point but he originally did not. Those geese are majestic birds of freedom and were having lots of fun!"

However, what happened afterward was not characterized as fun by onlookers, many of whom are traumatized by the harrowing experience. The presence of the angry geese caused murmurs among the stands and in each team's dugout as play proceeded with caution.

"Richard was highly distracted by the geese, which are not a common sight at the ballpark," Sources said. "But I just kept telling him 'Let's focus on the game, we're not here to birdwatch.'"

While Bradley's Faith German was at the plate, the flock loudly flew over the left field fence and descended upon the playing surface, attempting to bite multiple North-South fielders while defecating all over the field. A small number of geese flew into the stands to attack fans in what appeared to be an attempt to seize the stadium.

"This is intense Scotty, I hope the military doesn't have to get involved," Wright frantically said on the broadcast at that point in time.

With geese honking, fans screaming and players running to their dugouts for shelter, the scene was frightening for approximately 10 minutes. With Wrong and Sources still narrating what was transpiring, military members had to show up to remove the uncontrollable geese.

Wrong was taken aback by the visit from the armed forces, which further frightened him

"Oh no, Scotty! This is not good! The military is here!" exclaimed Wrong amidst the shrieks of petrified fans.

"Richard, who, by the way, was being an absolute baby about this whole situation, told me that we should flee the premises," Sources recounted. "But too many people say that there's not enough action in sports outside of basketball and football. I tell them they should try going to a softball game involving geese and the National Guard...that'll change your mind."

Roughly a dozen camouflage-clad soldiers went onto the field with large nets and cages to trap and corral the instigating birds. The Braves were not fazed by the events, however, as this was not the first time that winged creatures had taken a visit during one of their games this season.

"During a game in Florida earlier this year, we had two parrots fly onto the field," Braves outfielder Helena Homerun said. "At least those birds were friends to us and did not crap all over the place. I feel bad for our facilities manager Robert Driver who has to clean all of it up though."

A disgruntled Driver declined The Scoop's interview request.

Eventually, the military caught each goose that made the unwelcome visit to the raucous cheers of those who had not retreated to the safety of their vehicles. Wrong was relieved once the soldiers left.

"Common sense would have told me that they were here to remove the geese," Wrong said. "But in the panic of the moment, I was scared that they were here because what if they thought Scotty and I were conspirators or terrorists?"

While the Braves' field is undergoing repairs following the incident, the team will temporarily play their games in an enclosed venue that has yet to be determined.

"With our luck, our next game will be in the aviary of the Peoria Zoo," Homerun said. "However, I'm glad that no one was hurt and we can laugh about it in hindsight."





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# Gosh Kirkbacon outlasts Shooter McGavin at Gator Green Intercollegiate

Justin Case  
Sports Propagandist

With his career and house on the line, Bradley senior golfer Gosh Kirkbacon fired past hecklers, a cardinal and his rival Shooter McGavin at the Gator Green Intercollegiate last weekend. Throughout all the preparation in the weeks leading up to the tournament, his head coach and trainer Geoff LaRoast remained proud of the golfer's performance.

"He did an excellent job," LaRoast said. "Never in my life have I seen such poise on the green. He even got me my left index finger back from that darn bird. Now that's a leader."

Battling to keep his house after Hilltop Shacks and the NCAA discovered an unsigned tenant - Kirkbacon's grandmother - living with the veteran leader, the former hockey-player-turned-golfer was pushed against the wall for his golf eligibility and his grandmother's residence.

Lucky for him, an unlikely rival was there to offer a helping hand.

"Yeah, I bet him," longtime golf professional Shooter McGavin said. "Guy was frankly out of my [redacted] weight class. I eat pieces of [redacted] like him for breakfast."

After clarifying that he does not eat actual pieces of [redacted] for breakfast, McGavin's grand scheme came together when the pro talked with the NCAA. The duo then finalized in writing that whoever placed first at the Gator Green Intercollegiate would get the house and the loser's current golfing status would be denied

In the weeks leading up to the tournament, Kirkbacon knew that he'd face immense pressure. To overcome it, he took a road less traveled.

"That pitching machine has been there for me in my toughest times," Kirkbacon said. "I figured, if I could handle a fastball to the chest, I'd be able to handle anything McGavin threw at me."

After taking several heaters to the chest, Kirkbacon noticed LaRoast watching him from afar.

LaRoast, a former golfer himself, had to retire from the sport after a gruesome tournament at Illinois State where Reggie Redbird bit off his left index finger. He now devotes his life to training young golfers and Kirkbacon is his latest protégé.

"The way he stood in that box and took pitch after pitch to the chest, I knew I was working with a maniac," LaRoast said. "But I saw something no one else did: a kid that loved competition and loved doing things his own way."

After some mini-golf practice sessions - including one where Kirkbacon used his club to knock the red rubber nose off of a clown structure - the veteran was able to settle down and get set for the big showdown.

Not resting on his laurels, McGavin was busy setting up a variety of uncongenial obstacles for Kirkbacon to navigate through.

"Gosh, [Kirkbacon] won't know what hit him," McGavin said before the event. "That punk has been dominant but I'm much better than that hockey-swinging fool."

Once on the course, Kirkbacon quickly realized what McGavin had in store for him and the senior was rattled early.

"There was some guy standing behind me every swing, chip and putt," Kirkbacon said. "I once heard him yell with emphasis 'You will not make this putt... you [redacted]!'"

To make matters worse, an Illinois State polo-clad McGavin shot great to start and took an early lead on Kirkbacon who was still juggling the heckler.

All tied up with one hole left, Kirkbacon shook off the obstacles in his way to even the score. Just needing to finish a simple putt to win, Kirkbacon was suddenly hit by a Volkswagen that had driven onto the course. It was the heckler back doing his last bit of bidding for McGavin.

Most would have been unable to continue, but Kirkbacon's sense of urgency pushed him past the mere obstacle.

"My doctor was right by my side there, he told me to stay off my feet for a few days, but what does he know? He's just a doctor," Kirkbacon insisted.

Heroically limping over to make the winning putt despite a cell tower on the green directly in front of the hole, Kirkbacon slid the ball into the cup, saving his grandmother's home and his career.

With the new lease in his hands and eligibility intact, Kirkbacon found his grandmother and returned to their residence to celebrate. As supporters chased McGavin into the parking lot, it seemed that the Bradley's men's golf leader had won over not just the campus, but the nation.

His emotions were simple.

"I just feel so...happy."



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# Campus squirrels attempt to ascend to the Nuttyside in new musical

Trenton Treeclimber  
Squirrel Fanatic

While musicals haven't impressed audiences in the last couple of years, the squirrels on Bradley's campus are looking to change this with the announcement of a production heading straight for Broadway: "Squirrels."

"Squirrels" will be entirely unique and unlike anything fans have seen before. It's based off of a book of poetry that was allegedly written by Lydia Moss Bradley. The collection of poems, titled "Old Lady's Book of Practical Squirrels," involved several squirrels that she had grown fond of and named. Some of these notable creatures include Old Leviticus, Mr. Faustus and Doyle: The Murder Squirrel.

The stage production is going to take these poems and turn them into songs. Fans may be wondering, "How will a series of disconnected poems translate into a full-fledged plot and tracklist?" Producers are going to have all the squirrels compete to see who can realistically portray the desire to risk their lives.

The musical will follow a group of squirrels attending the yearly Rodicle Ball where one of them will get the chance to ascend to the Nuttyside Layer for reincarnation. In attempts to vie for the position, all the squirrels will present their abilities by performing massively egotistical musical numbers until one of them gets chosen.

"Squirrels" director Nutdrew Nut Nutter was asked in a later-translated interview with The Scoop how he came up with such a brilliant idea.

"You see, the squirrels on Bradley's campus just constantly want to die, like we're just constantly thinking about death," Nutter said. "We're actually pretty depressed. So, I wanted to communicate this struggle to the world. I want the audience to cheer for the squirrels' deaths as they ascend to the Nuttyside Layer. I came up with that name myself. I know. I'm a genius."

The interviewer was about to ask about the rumor that "Squirrels" is incredibly similar to the colossal failure that was the film adaptation of "Cats," but a dog cut the interview short by chasing Nutter until he ran up a tree. Most of what he yelled during the chase can't be repeated here. In a nutshell, he swore vengeance on all dogs and said that if Doyle was still alive then dogs would regret messing with the artistic might of the squirrels.

"Squirrels" starts production on April 1, and we can expect to see them ascend to the Nuttyside in 2024.





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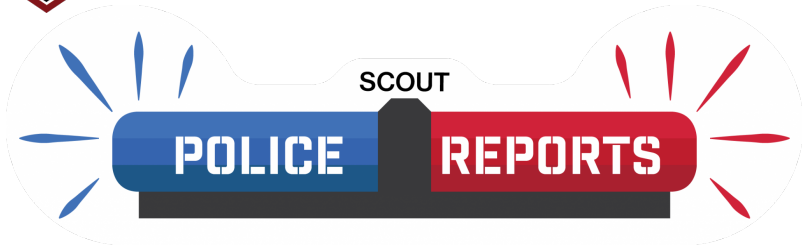
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At 1:02 a.m. on March 21 at Harper Hall, a non-Bradley-affiliated baby stole an unlocked vehicle and got into a high-speed car chase with the entire BUPD. The chase stopped after the baby pulled into Starbucks and got out to order a drink. The baby was then arrested and taken into custody. While being handcuffed, the baby spoke their first words: "Iced Caramel Mocha."

At 9 a.m. on March 23 on Olin Quad, a rabid squirrel bit three Bradley students. The students were taken to UnityPoint Health - Methodist Hospital, refused treatment and were released shortly after. The squirrel has not been found and a warrant has been put out for their arrest.

Around 3:52 a.m. on March 26 at Williams Hall, the building collapsed after a slight breeze swept across the campus. Ten minutes before falling, residents reported hearing cracking. At that point, everyone was advised to leave the building. No one was injured in the incident.

Around 5 a.m. on March 29 at The Scoop's office, string lights that were left on caught on fire and the office was set ablaze. The Peoria Fire Department arrived shortly after and put out the flames. The only items that survived were desks, chairs, a sombrero and a single miniature plastic trophy.

