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SCHAEFER SHAKES THE BALLROOM

Two-time Emmy-winning comedian Sara Schaefer performed in the student center ballroom on Wednesday night. photo by William Craine

BY ANGELINE SCHMELZER
Copy Editor

Bradley students were treated to a night of laughs Wednesday, courtesy of stand-up comedian Sara Schaefer. The former co-host of MTV's "Nikki and Sara Live" and two-time Emmy winner for her work on "The

Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon," took the stage to a packed room. Schaefer's performance included bits on peeing her pants in a New York grocery store as a grown woman and people who need signs with inspirational quotes. The crowd was pleased with Schaefer's performance with some

people almost falling out of their chairs. "I think Sara Schaefer was an absolute treat," Colleen Flynn said, a freshman undecided major. "I was literally crying I was laughing so hard." Before Schaefer came out, Bradley's improv group, Barbeque

Kitten, warmed up the stage for her. Lexi Oswald, freshman nursing major, said having two great acts with two different senses of humor made the show well-rounded. see **Comedian** Page A8

PAFIS brings friendship and fun

BY HANNAH SNIDMAN
News Reporter

Studying in a brand new country can be challenging and sometimes lonely if students don't know anyone in an unfamiliar place. However, Peoria Area Friends of International Students (PAFIS) works to pair international students with local residents in order to facilitate relationships. The program started in 1957 by Bradley professor Lawrence Lew.

Marjorie Woods Reynolds was also involved with the program during her lifetime. She left behind money for scholarships that are now given out every year. "She went to many different countries and did not stay in any hotel, not a single time," Laura Corpuz, Inter Library Loan Coordinator and PAFIS treasurer and membership co-chair said. "She went around the world and she stayed with the students, she made friends with when they were here at Bradley."

International students in Peoria can be paired with friendship partners. These are individuals or families in the area that can take students on tours, visit sites, go shopping and more. "I think in Peoria, we have this deep need to welcome everybody and anybody to our community," Randy Mogler, PAFIS friendship partner coordinator, said. "We're saying we're open to you and I think it's a real important thing. I don't think the students at Bradley, the American

students, realize the richness that's possible with interactions with international students." Many PAFIS board members have lived internationally themselves. Corpuz came from the Philippines, Mogler studied in Japan and president Helja Antola Crowe was originally from Finland. "I know what it is like to come to a see **PAFIS** Page A8

The fight for composting

BY BELAL KHERALLAH AND HALEY JOHNSON
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Why let it spoil when you can put it in the soil? Senior accounting and Spanish double major Abby Ihrke researched the topic of composting as she was writing a proposal for an English class. However, this research turned from writing a paper into a proposal with serious potential. "My big goal is to one day have full-time composting back here at Bradley. We've done it once and I believe we can do it again," Ihrke said. According to food service director Gayle Hanson, the university discontinued its composting project in 2014 when the company, located in Bloomington, IL, facilitating the project no longer offered the service. "We, as students, waste approximately 260 pounds of food per day within the dining halls specifically. At a cost of \$1.70 per pound, this totals to about \$35,000 per semester," Ihrke said. After seeing these numbers, Ihrke said she was motivated to take action.

"In an attempt to get information for my paper, I met with dining services," Ihrke said. "The meeting was super insightful and helped me realize that this proposal could be more than just a project." Ihrke said she had always been interested in helping to keep the environment clean, and it seemed as though this opportunity had begged for her to take it. "Getting the composting program moving required getting in contact with somebody willing see **Composting** Page A8



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Bradley's first Philanthropy Festival will be held on Sept. 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Phil Fest features music, food and more; proceeds will benefit the Center for Prevention of Abuse, Jewish Women International and United Service Organizations. It is coordinated and run by Alpha Chi Omega, Sigma Delta Tau and Theta Chi.

Peoria Oktoberfest

Peoria's German-American Central Society and Peoria Park District are hosting a weekend celebrating German culture from Sept. 21 to Sept. 23 along the 200 block of Water St. For a schedule of events including music, drinks and more, look to www.oktoberfestpeoria.com.

Latinx Regional Conference

The Association of Latino Professionals for America will host the third annual Latinx Regional Conference on Sept. 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is a day long event of workshops, celebrations and networking with other Latinx students, alumni and professionals.

Ninth Annual Latinx Heritage Banquet

The Association of Latin American Students will host their ninth annual Latinx Heritage Banquet on Sept. 22 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Students can attend free of charge to this dinner, which includes a keynote speaker and dance.

POLICE REPORTS

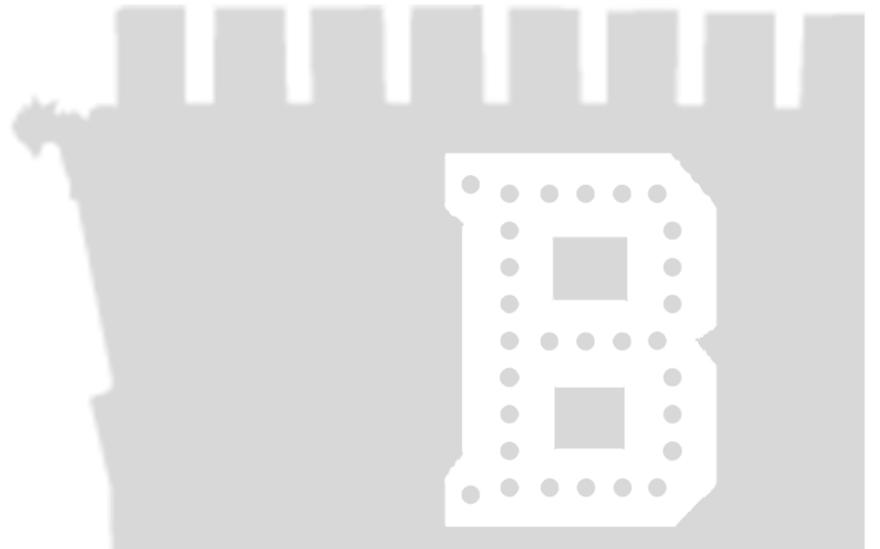
- On Sept. 12, a male student notified police saying that someone attempted to cash two of his checks. The student said that his car was broken into two days earlier at 1608 W Barker, and the checks were missing from his console.

- Officers were notified by a concerned staff member who witnessed a student driving erratically on Sept. 14 at approximately 9:50 a.m. According to the witness, the driver went through two intersections near Duryea Pl. and St. James St. and almost hit several pedestrians. Police tracked down the driver who said she was in a hurry and would drive more safely in the future.

- On Sept. 14 at approximately 9 p.m., on patrol BUPD officers heard loud music coming from a fraternity house at 1408 W Fredonia that could be heard from several blocks away. The house had received numerous complaints in the past, so they were issued a citation.

- At approximately 3 a.m. on Sept. 19, BUPD was called to 1200 W Main St. after an intoxicated student was unable to pay his cab fare. The male student blew a .250 BAC and was then found to be in possession of a fake ID. He was then transported to Methodist Hospital by paramedics for further evaluation.

Homecoming 2018



1) Painting of the Lydias
Friday, Sept. 21
Markin basement 3 p.m.

2) Lighting of the B
Monday, Sept. 24
Olin quad 7 p.m.

3) Bradley Dash
Tuesday, Sept. 25
Garrett Center 5 p.m. (check in at 4:45 p.m.)

4) Homecoming Pageant
Wednesday, Sept. 26
Student center ballroom 6 p.m.

5) Bradley Bowl VI
Thursday, Sept. 27
Alumni quad 5 p.m.

6) Homecoming Concert
Friday, Sept. 28
Olin quad 5 p.m.

7) Soccer Game
Saturday, Sept. 29
Shea Stadium 7 p.m.

NEWS

BUPD Blue Ribbon Race hits close to home

BY COLE BREDAHL
Managing Editor

Attendees of the first ever Bradley University Police Department Blue Ribbon Race were shown firsthand how their support of a charity for fallen police officers makes a difference.

The five-kilometer race took place on Saturday as a part of Family Weekend. The proceeds from the run benefitted the organization Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) to help support families of officers who have died in the line of duty.

Sophomore Conor McEntee and his mother, Mary McEntee, were recognized at the race.

McEntee, a journalism major from Saint Louis, was just seven years old when his father, Sgt. William McEntee, was shot and killed in the line of duty.

"There was a lot of changes that day," said Mary McEntee, widow of William McEntee. "There was a lot emotion. Your whole dynamics change. You don't know where to go."

After the loss of her husband, Mary McEntee used the services of C.O.P.S.

"C.O.P.S. stepped in," McEntee said. "I cannot say enough about what this organization has done for me. They have so many support systems for families."

One of the ways C.O.P.S. supported the McEntee family was the kids camp, at which all three of the McEntee boys attended several times. The camp had a long lasting impact on Conor.

"I was really young, being just

seven when it happened," Conor McEntee said. "Just seeing kids there that had been through the same thing as I had made us form a special bond."

Another way the organization supports families affected is through an adult retreat each year in Missouri, where spouses of fallen officers come from all over the country.

"In 2007, there [were] 98 of us. I went last year, now there [are] 200," Mary McEntee said. "Unfortunately, a lot of police officers are dying in the line of duty."

According to event organizer Lt. Sean Savage, it made a huge difference having a personal connection to C.O.P.S. for people to see.

"I personally have a little experience with C.O.P.S., but nowhere near the impact Conor did," Savage said. "As soon as I found out, I knew I wanted him and his mother here. It is personal to every cop, but to have a family here who is willing to talk about this and support it in the way they did is incredible."

Being the first race put on by BUPD and with plans for this event to continue next year, Savage said there is room for improvement.

"There is a lot to learn about organizing races, but I think I am just going to stick to copping as a career," Savage said.

The event had 59 runners and raised \$500, enough for Savage to call the event a success. Of the 59 runners, some ran wearing police vests weighing up to 24 pounds.

"The whole goal behind it was to support C.O.P.S as much as possible," Savage said. "We had a lot of generous donations."



The first Bradley University Police Department Blue Ribbon Race raised money and support for the Concerns of Police Survivors. (C.O.P.S.) supports families of officers who have died in the line of duty.

photo by Katelyn Edwards

Love your body

BY ANGELINE SCHMELZER
Copy Editor

Bradley students, staff, and faculty are raising awareness about the acceptance for every body type through the body project. The body project is promoting just that through events and their newsletter, "Body Talk."

Mary Kate Paetow-Fanning is the event planning and programming intern for the body project.

"We want to spread awareness about the seriousness of eating disorders as well as the importance of positive body image," Paetow-Fanning said.

Dr. Danielle Glassmeyer and Lisa Fix-Griffin from the counseling office are the faculty advisors of the group. Glassmeyer has two goals in mind for the body project.

"[I want] to help challenge the

appearance ideal and bias against bodies that don't fit that ideal, whether because of size, shape, skin color, age, gender, sexuality or ability," said Glassmeyer. "[And] to provide students high quality, real-world experience through our internship team opportunities."

The body project started at Bradley in 2007 with Jackie Hogan, a professor in sociology and a professor from Illinois State University. They received information about body image and eating disorders through research done by students for a class.

Hogan also began raising awareness for the National Eating Disorder Association (NEDA).

"[They began] doing a number of things around campus to build up awareness and working to start removing the stigma associated with eating disorders," Glassmeyer said.

The group focuses on every type

of body, regardless of shape, size, color, etc. Events and programming for the group hit on many topics such as racism, sexism, fatism and eating disorders.

"Body Talk" is something new the team is trying this year to complement their social media content including articles and videos about body image and eating disorders.

The first issue is out now and covered the myth of the "Freshman 15." Future newsletters are planned to cover a variety of topics such as "health at every size" and "ditching the diet."

"Eating disorders are a much more prevalent problem than people may think so it's important to know about it," Paetow-Fanning said. "The best way to start breaking the stigma is by educating people, so we want to ensure that people are geared with the right knowledge about eating

disorders and body image issues."

"I hope this newsletter will be an outlet where team members can share information and facts that they've gathered through research in ways that support members of the Bradley community as they strive to challenge unrealistic body image in their daily lives," Glassmeyer said.

According to Paetow-Fanning, many college students struggle with body image.

"Everyone has felt insecure about some part of their body at some point and it's always nice to remember you're not alone in that," she said.

"We would like to one day see a world without eating disorders or distorted body image, but short-term we're hoping to just help Bradley students to be accepting of the bodies they're living in as well as be free of judgement of other people's bodies," said Glassmeyer.

The team plans many events throughout the year. In November, they will be showing a film about individuals' struggles with eating disorders with a discussion afterwards.

A speaker will discuss eating disorders and body image during NEDA Week in February. The annual NEDA Walk in April will raise money for the cause. There will also be speakers discussing how eating disorders have touched their lives personally.

Students can join the mailing list for "Body Talk" by reaching out to the body project at bubodyproject@gmail.com.

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NEWS

Families flock to Bradley for family weekend

BY CONOR MCENTEE
Copy Editor

Come one, come all, Bradley family weekend kicked off this fall.

The university held its annual family weekend, hosting some unique events for both students and their families to enjoy around campus.

Families walked around, discovering the university and various activities offered by Bradley.

"I think it went great," said Cara Wood, director of student activities. "This was the first year I fully planned and executed the event. I was able to observe last year's program, having last year's [family weekend] to compare to, I was very happy with the results."

As always, family weekend can always be improved. Hearing from parents and recognizing faults in events, the office of student activities is planning to make it better each year.

"On an operational standpoint, always the efficiency of getting information out to parents from the get-go about registration," Wood said. "And the logistics surrounding some of our larger events can always be improved like our picnic, trying to plan for 1,300 people to eat during a two hour period is one thing we try to work on."

According to the student activities

office, 405 families preregistered for the event this year and pre-purchased tickets for events.

Friday night, a dueling piano concert was held in the student center ballroom. Two men played on a piano, performing popular songs.

On Saturday morning, Fellows hosted a pancake breakfast benefitting Easter Seals; they presold 800 tickets. Many Bradley families attended this event in droves, looking forward to warm and delicious pancakes.

Later on Saturday, a picnic and pep rally was held on Olin quad. There, they announced the winner of the parent of the year award. Randy Largent, father of Becca Largent, won the coveted award.

Then later that evening, Sailesh the Hypnotist performed in the student center ballroom, presented by ACBU. The event quickly became packed, exceeding expectations and reaching full capacity 10 minutes before the show.

On Sunday, a small fitness breakfast was held in Markin Family Student Recreation Center, which gave students the opportunity to impress their parents with their workout routines. Families also partook in a 30-minute workout and a small grab and go breakfast.

Some parents enjoyed a weekend with their children, partaking



Bradley's annual family weekend featured a variety of activities for visiting families including a dueling piano concert, a hypnotist, a picnic and more.

photo by William Craine

in events, but some had different experiences.

"I cooked with my son at his frat and shopped for snacks for his dorm," said Leah Vergotine, mother of sophomore Jared Vergotine. "I like how close everything is in the campus. Next time I'd like to see more of the campus instead of all the

frat house though."

Some parents enjoyed having quality time with their kids outside of Bradley as well.

"I brought my mom. We went to the mall and I showed her ice cream shack," said Alyssa Grove, sophomore actuarial science major. We also attended [Sigma Kappa]

parent weekend and I showed her my sorority house. It was nice having her here, I was starting to miss her; she's my favorite person."

Many students bid their families good-bye on Sunday after another fun weekend spent with loved ones and looked forward to the next opportunity to meet up.



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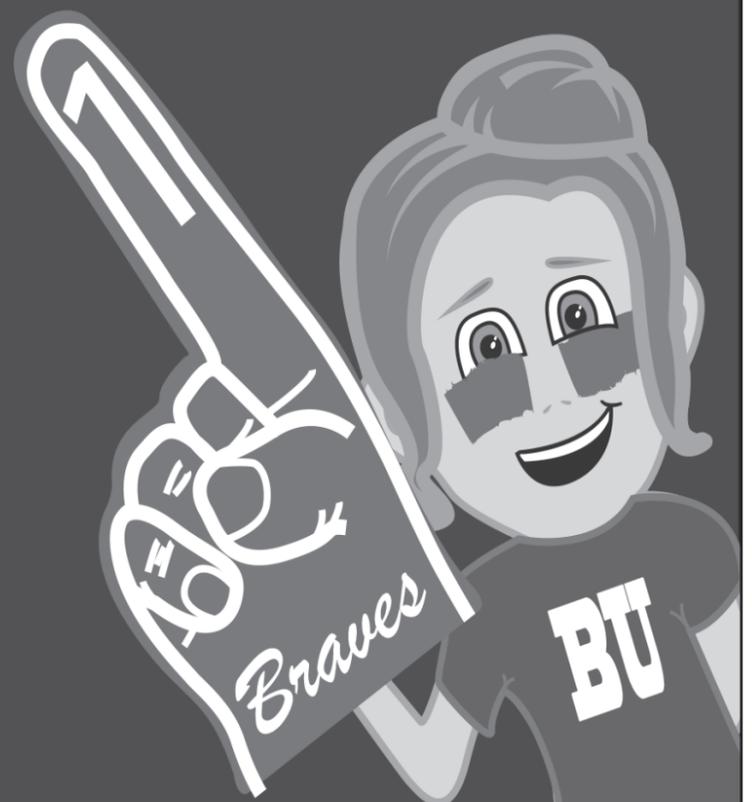
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NEWS

Humans of the Hilltop: An extraordinary parent

BY CONOR MCENTEE
Copy Editor

Randy Largent seems like your average father, but there is something different about him.

He is a devoted single parent of two young women, one being a Bradley student, senior Becca Largent.

This past Saturday, Randy Largent, retail director of Bradley dining services, was presented the Parent of the Year Award. It was a humbling and reassuring experience for him.

"I certainly did not expect to win, and as I listened to the letter being read I realized that it was about me," Largent said. "I was exceptionally surprised and shocked. I felt very honored to have won the award and it made me realize how much I love being a dad and getting to be a part

of my daughters' education."

As a single father, Largent played dual roles of mother and father. A hectic job that, according to him, paid off well in how he raised his daughters.

"It made me proud that as a single father, playing the roles of both mom and dad, I was able to raise two incredibly smart and strong women," Largent said. "It just shows with a little hard work people can succeed at whatever they set their mind to."

Out of all the nominations, his stuck out the most. This is interesting because his daughter, Becca, a senior music and psychology double major was the one who nominated him for the award.

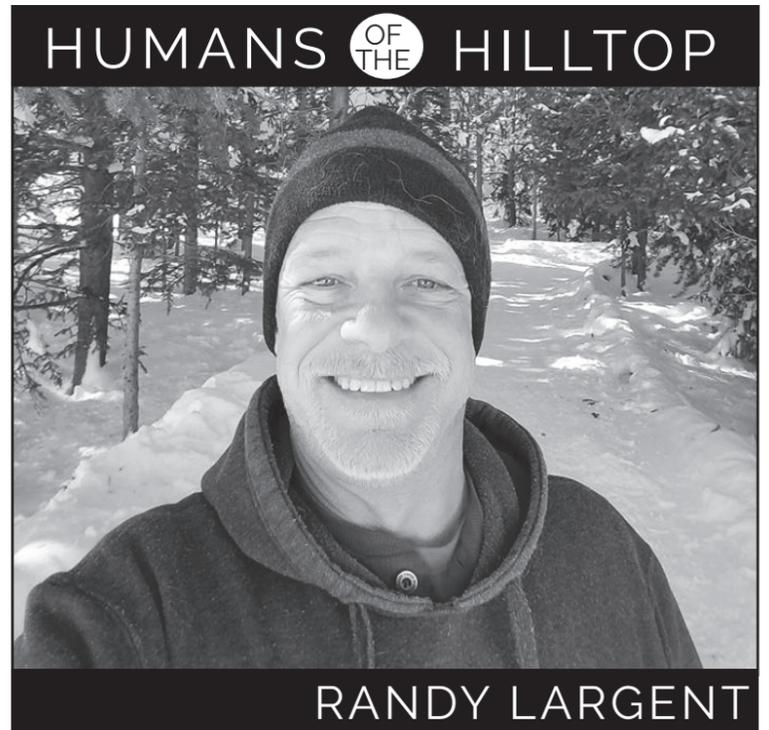
"Because my father has worked incredibly hard to provide for both my sister and I and give us every opportunity to achieve our dreams and goals," Becca Largent said. "He

has never wavered in the amount of love and support he has provided me and my sister, and I could not be more thankful for that."

The award ceremony was informative for many, thinking about how their parents have made an impact on them as Randy Largent has done with his family. Specifically for Becca, it was a great day to honor her father and all of his hard work.

"He is always there, not only for his family but also anyone else that needs a helping hand," Becca Largent said. "It takes huge amounts of dedication to give so much heart to others, and my dad does that every day with no reservation."

The award ceremony displayed how much love and devotion Largent gave to his family and still does to this day. An experience Randy Largent will not forget anytime soon.



Randy Largent received the 2018 parent of the year award.

photo via Randy Largent's Facebook page

Peoria's doughnut hole in the wall

BY DANIELLA ALSCHER
Off-staff Reporter

It's not very often that you drive past a giant plastic rooster in Peoria. It's also not very often that you come across homemade food from a restaurant. However, East Peoria has a hidden gem that provides hungry students and locals with both of these things and more: Carl's Bakery and Restaurant.

The restaurant's story began 60 years ago when Carl Weber first opened the bakery. The menu was just as modest as the bakery itself.

"My dad started with the doughnuts, chicken and pizza," said Carla Armstrong, Weber's daughter.

Armstrong has worked at the bakery since seventh grade. In the 55 years since then, she has expanded the menu with new items such as cheeseburgers and tenderloins. She's also become the new owner. Her husband, Dave Armstrong, retired from his full time job 20 years ago and is now the co-owner.

"My husband does all the baking," Armstrong mentioned.

While there are plenty of breakfast chains around East Peoria, Carl's Bakery and Restaurant is something different. The freshness of the food at the bakery is a trait that Armstrong is especially proud of.

"Everything is made from scratch. We don't bring the donuts in frozen, we make them here," Armstrong said.

Carl's isn't only home to some of the best doughnuts and apple fritters

in Peoria. They also have a small, affordable lunch menu.

"Our homemade tenderloin is very good," Armstrong said.

The homemade concept is hard to come by nowadays, making Carl's Bakery a popular place to stop by for comfort food. Although people don't always stay for more than a couple of hours, Armstrong is confident when it comes to the loyalty of her customers.

"We have a lot of regulars," she said. "[But] every day we'll have someone come in that says 'I've never been here before.'"

Armstrong said after over half a century of serving people doughnuts, she feels it never gets old.

"It's rewarding when people come in and they love the doughnuts homemade because you can't get them anywhere else like that," Armstrong said.

As if the farmhouse isn't easy enough to spot, Carl's Bakery and Restaurant is home to an eye-catching, giant, plastic chicken that proudly guards the local joint.

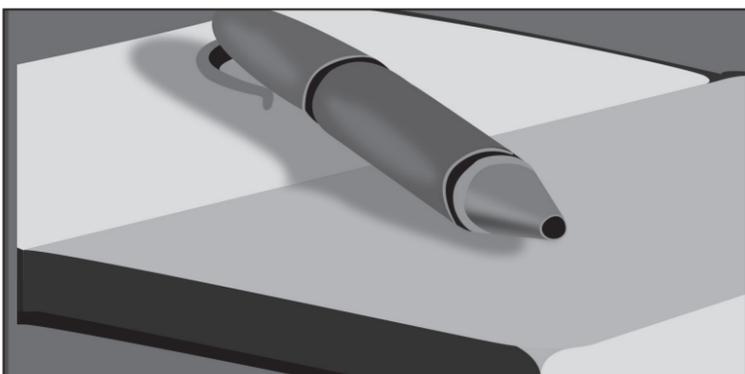
"The big chicken is our trademark," Armstrong said. "My dad bought [the rooster] at a restaurant show and it's been here for over 50 years."

The Armstrongs carry on Weber's throwback bakery, starting their days before the sun rises. The restaurant is open 5:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, located at 819 E. Camp St. in East Peoria.



Carl's Bakery & Restaurant is located at 819 E. Camp St. in East Peoria.

photo by William Craine



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OPINION

Editorial

Keep us composted

While tons of food go to waste every month, Abby Ihrke, senior accounting and Spanish double major, makes her contribution to protect the environment by composting food waste from Geisert dining hall.

As Ihrke's composting project is not the first one nor the only student-led project that has made a greater impact on campus, this is another great demonstration of Bradley's vision to be "the leading in student engagement."

With the efforts of the environmental club, led by Ihrke, they were able to compost a few

times throughout the year. With the limitation of winter season, the Environmental Club and Ihrke's efforts are even more limited.

Student efforts are limited by many factors, but it doesn't have to be like this.

Since Aramark, Bradley's contractor for dining services, stated on their Bradley specific website that environmental sustainability is a fundamental part of their mission, food waste shouldn't be ignored and left with students. Although, to their credit, they did add more posters and other promotions in dining halls to

encourage students to reduce wasting food.

That is not enough, and we should be doing more than that.

While Bradley has done composting in the past, the discontinuation of the composting service shouldn't be the reason to stop composting and to allow food wastes to go to landfills each year.

We understand there will be difficulties and limitations even if the university decides to compost food wastes, and it will increase operational costs. But if "sustainability" is one of the six menu tabs on their website,

the dining services should invest more than just posters; they should actually help Ihrke to achieve her goal and bring back the compost project.

Composting food waste does not only help to reduce our carbon footprint, but can also benefit local gardens with more organic soil.

It may not be the cheapest option in the short run, but it is definitely beneficial in the long run.

Column

Movies are my escape



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There's nothing I love more than walking into a movie theater. Immediately, you're immersed in a world that smells like overpriced

popcorn. The walls are lined with posters featuring familiar faces and names that greet me like an old friend. The ICEE machine is calling my name, knowing I will pay any price to freeze my brain while kicking back in front of the silver screen. Time stops and reality is left at the door.

It doesn't matter what I decide to see. Whether I'm racing to the opening weekend of a Marvel movie or giving an indie film a chance, the feeling is always the same. Nothing makes me happier than getting to spend a few hours traveling to a galaxy far, far away without ever having to leave my seat.

Movies are the least judgmental form of therapy because you no longer have to be yourself once you pass through those double doors. Movies will take you on any journey you choose and they'll help to cast aside your worries if you let them.

You'll find yourself battling Thanos or joining the crew of the

Enterprise on the days you can't keep your head above water. You can dance along with Donna Sheridan or cast spells beside Newt Scamander during the times life seems to hit the hardest.

My adoration for going to the movies is the reason why the growing number of people who think the experience of going to the movies isn't worth it anymore devastates me.

Don't get me wrong, I'm all for watching a movie or binge watching a series on Netflix from the comfort of your own home. But, the movie theater is one of the few designated places the real world isn't allowed to touch.

There's no reason to bring your worries and drama past the ticket booth. Your stress doesn't have to join you as you recline your chair and open your snuck-in snacks before the movie begins (which you should do because it's proper movie etiquette).

My love for this experience runs so deep that I even enjoy seeing a film by myself and will rarely turn down an invitation to the movies. I'm always wide-eyed and slack-jawed no matter what I'm watching. I'll gasp at every revelation and cry with the characters in each heart-wrenching scene. I cannot help but fully dive into the world on the big screen.

Next time you're feeling the weight of the world on your shoulders, I recommend making a trip to see my favorite therapist: their name is the big screen.

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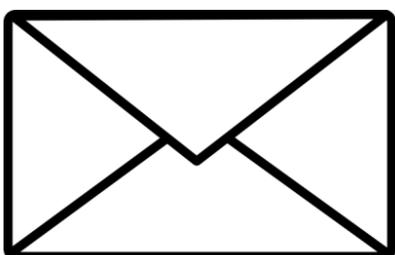
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Club scene - 'A Simple Favor' - 90s Toys

The spectacular indie film

BY RICHARD MICHALSKI
Off-staff Reporter

Watching “The Spectacular Now,” reminds me why I love watching movies. It’s a film that’s been released for a little while now, but I found it as an excellent opportunity to make a point about film itself – more specifically, the oft-forgotten indie film.

Smaller stories tend to get thrown into the shadows of big blockbuster films, and finding these little morsels, especially films we haven’t even heard of, can be like finding a present under the Christmas tree.

“The Spectacular Now” is a coming of age, romantic comedy starring Miles Teller as Sutter, a hotshot senior in high school whose world turns upside down when he meets Aimee (Shailene Woodley), the ‘nice-girl’ of his school.

Original, sure.

I had seen it once before, but after re-watching it and looking past its clichéd surface, I discovered that it is truly one of the last great rom-coms in the lifespan of great rom-coms.

We don’t see films like this nowadays, especially in the rom-com genre. Aside from a few exceptions like 2011’s “Crazy Stupid Love,” 2013’s “Don Jon,” and 2018’s “Love, Simon,” the American rom-com genre as a whole has been plagued by films pandering to a

target audience with nothing deeper to say.

Films such as “The Kissing Booth” seek out an audience looking for the next teen fairytale. Nothing about them is original or feels genuine. With lazy writing meant to tug at young heartstrings, these films lose that feeling of being in the real world. It seems that everyone in rom-coms fall in love at first sight.

What makes films like “The Spectacular Now” so special is that they let us spend time with our characters and build their relationships so that the audience can feel as if we’re a part of it. It’s just, to put it simply, good storytelling.

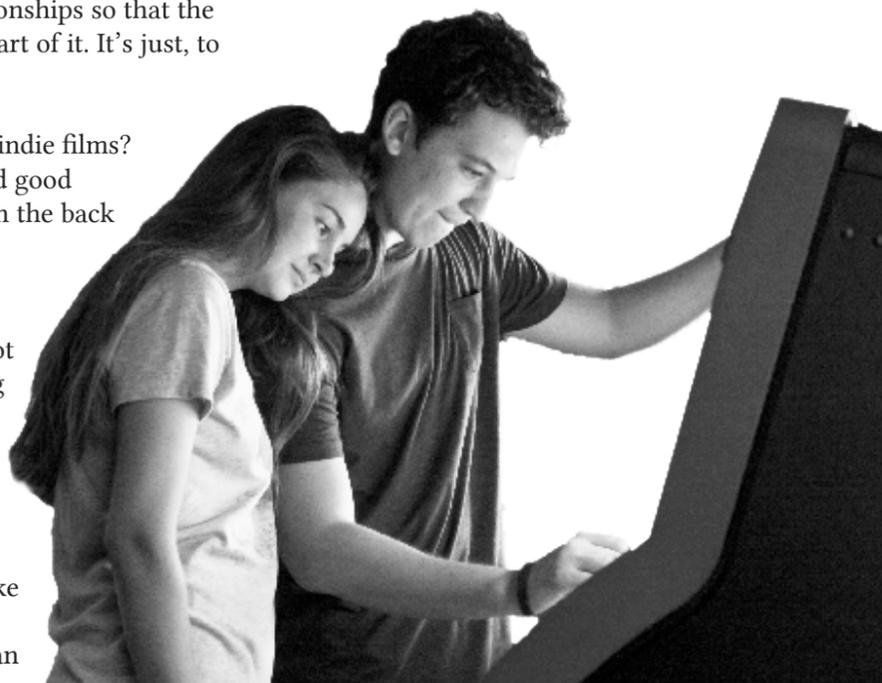
So why aren’t people watching indie films? They’ve got great characters and good storytelling, so why put them on the back burner?

We are flooded with the big blockbuster films, and while a lot of them are great, the marketing campaigns behind them make it nearly impossible for a smaller budget film to get advertising out into the public eye.

People rarely talk about films like “The Spectacular Now” because they don’t know they exist. It can

also be hard to find some of these films. While larger theatres will play indie films sometimes, you have to actively search for them and know what you’re searching for. Smaller theater chains tend to play these independent movies and if you can find one of these theaters, I suggest supporting them.

Like “The Spectacular Now,” some of these smaller films are true gems. Simply browsing through Netflix, Hulu or iTunes can allow you to find some of these smaller films that you may not have seen or even heard of before.



‘That time time I’ fell off wooden bars in my backyard

BY CASSANDRA TORRES
Off-staff Reporter

All of a sudden, everything is flipped. Your brain begins to betray itself. You are so deep into your thoughts, you forget you are upside down, and BOOM – you do a whole 360 degree turn facing the ceiling with both legs and arms on the floor. You weren’t the only one who felt like a clumsy monkey for a few seconds. Freshman Coco Liao rolled down the same way you did.

“When I was younger, I used to climb onto monkey bars and hang upside down, but I would do it frequently at the park where they had metal monkey bars,” said Liao.

Now, don’t tell me you have never pretended to be a monkey at the park on the monkey bars. For Liao and her cousin, they had the time

of their lives on that treacherous playground obstacle fit for “American Ninja Warriors.” However, Liao’s inner monkey spirit wasn’t ready for another round on the monkey bars.

“One day I was trying to show off to my cousin that I can hang upside down, but I wanted to show her on the playground my dad had bought us ... however, those were wooden bars – not metal.”

It’s clear Liao and her cousin bit off more than they could chew. Perhaps they should’ve gotten a camera to record it all, or call dad for any help that might be needed. Nevertheless, eight-year-old Liao believed she could do it herself.

“So I hung on the wooden monkey bar and fell off of it. The wooden bar broke off, and I fell on my back and bit a part

of my tongue off.”

As she laid on the floor near-tongueless, she realized she was stuck in a nasty situation. Liao said she felt like she was mute for the rest of her life because she couldn’t get any words out of her mouth.

Then her hero, the one and only Mr. Liao, came to the rescue.

“My dad came and picked me up from the floor,” Liao said.

Liao’s cousins watched everything happen all at once from a far distance. The event ended with her father treating her monkey bar wounds.

Aside from it being a fun, albeit pedantic playdate, it turned into a bitter, distasteful lesson in pride and agility. Don’t be fooled folks – wood



and metal can be quite tricky.

Liao will never forget this moment alongside her cousin and dad. It goes to show that sometimes our eight-year-old selves can be tougher than our 18-year-old selves.



The club scene at Bradley

BY NELSON O. GUTIERREZ
Voice Editor

Bradley provides many venues for creative and academic expression on campus. However, arguably one of the most notable mediums of that expression can be seen in the clubs and organizations students construct.

Clubs give students an avenue to advance whatever special interests they feel are important. A brisk walk through the activities fair of student organizations will provide everything from the straightforward to the niche.

The Bradley students that collaborate to make these clubs happen have different goals in mind. From further preparing students for their chosen career paths, to providing a place to come together and connect or even to have a hearty laugh at a ridiculous movie, there is always opportunity to find a new place of belonging.

“Student organizations provide a venue for students to learn and grow outside of the classroom,” Cara Wood, director of student activities, said. “It is important for students to take advantage of membership in a student organization, because it can help them to establish a

community of peers, make connections, learn life skills and have fun.”

Sierra Doss, senior television arts and Spanish double major, as well as president and executive producer of Hilltop Films, says clubs provide opportunities to learn more abstract skills, such as leadership and time management.

“It’s a great opportunity for leadership; people come to you with questions, and it feels really good when you have the answers,” Doss said. “I love when my team is thriving, and watching other members grow into leaders themselves. The biggest challenge is that you’re not only making sure things are running smoothly, but you’re also looking ahead, looking for outside opportunities to showcase your organization and collaborate with others. [It’s] a good, but hefty, responsibility.”

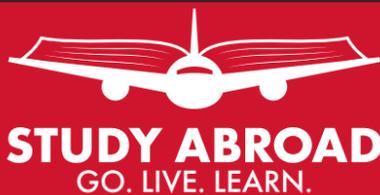
However, participation isn’t the only element of a student club. Whomever decides they have an idea for a group they wish to start, the road to compiling the resources to get it up and running may sometimes be a bumpy one.

Chris Noonan, senior television arts major, as well as president and founder of the Bad Movie Club, experienced firsthand the journey of putting a club into working order.

“We already had Movie Club, but I wanted to start a club that was more in the style of ‘Mystery Science Theater 3000’, where we can talk during the movie and just watch trash with friends,” Noonan said. “And it was difficult getting started. Being a movie club, we have to get funding to buy the rights to the films so we can screen them. And it’s usually \$300 per film. Our very first semester we didn’t get any funding, so all of our films had to be public domain ...”

Clubs at Bradley range from practical collaborations to labors of love. From cultivating new skills to indulging new hobbies, they serve as the fingerprints of the diverse student body on campus, and are vital components to social and professional wellness in one’s academic year.

For more information on clubs like Hilltop Films (reachable at sdoss@mail.bradley.edu) or the Bad Movie Club (reachable at cnoonan@mail.bradley.edu), visit the student activities office in the bottom floor of the student center.



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A Simple Favor: review

BY MACKENZIE NEWMAN
Assistant Voice Editor

You can pick your friends, but not their psychotic tendencies.

That is a fact Mommy Blogger and PTA MVP Stephanie Smothers, played by Anna Kendrick, is forced to discover rather quickly in “A Simple Favor,” directed by Paul Feig. This dark comedy is a new version of the overdone “whodunit” film, with a plot that walks the line between predictable and shocking with every turn.

Based on the novel of the same name by Darcey Bell, the movie sets the stage with the unlikely friendship between Kendrick’s Stephanie and femme fatale Emily Nelson, played by Blake Lively. The contrast between Stephanie’s mom of the year personality and Emily’s overworked, under attentive and typically intoxicated lifestyle is stark.

Within the first half hour, the two form a wildly unbalanced friendship centered around sipping gin martinis and conveniently ignoring their sons so viewers can learn the dirty secrets that become important later on.

Kendrick’s performance is bubbly and nauseatingly optimistic, while Lively’s poise and beauty traps the audience in her web, much like her character wrapping everyone around her finger.

Until she goes missing.

The movie proceeds to follow the tried-and-true thriller storyline. Stephanie, acting as the distraught best friend, becomes the key to uncovering the truth about Emily’s disappearance. Her sleuthing unravels a complicated and somewhat cringe-worthy storyline of long-lost siblings, betrayal, and forbidden love.

Advertised as a thriller, “A Simple Favor” was not what I expected. As an avid avoider of horror movies, I went in prepared to be scared. But, I wasn’t. This isn’t an “on the edge of your seat” film, though it does its best to add a jump scare or two.

Audiences are bound to be enthralled. Though many of the answers behind the twists and turns don’t require Sherlock Holmes-level detective work, the race to uncover each character’s next move

keeps viewers actively questioning.

Just when you start to get comfortable, the unexpected happens. These are the moments jaws drop. The balance between predictable and shocking is what makes this movie more than just another murder mystery.

With a rating of 83 percent on Rotten Tomatoes after its first weekend, it’s clear the movie has done well enough to be worth viewing, but it hasn’t wowed.

The moments that surprised me were exceptional, but the ones I saw coming didn’t differentiate themselves from the thousands of other thrillers I could’ve chosen.

“A Simple Favor” opened and closed a mystery in less than two hours with very few loose ends and a satisfying ending, and sometimes that’s all we can ask for.



The 90s toys we almost forgot about

BY SYDNEY FILLIPI
Off-staff Reporter

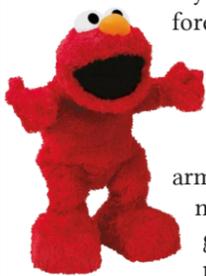
In prehistoric times, also known as the 90s, dinosaurs such as the Gameboy and Tamogotchi roamed the earth in search of AA batteries. While many toys shaped our childhoods in positive ways, others left a lingering sense of horror that make us say, “What were they thinking?”

Tickle Me Elmo

As far as terror goes, no list would be complete without Tickle Me Elmo. Just like its Gremlin counterpart, no one was ever truly able to turn it off. It was almost as if the power switches were universally broken, or not even put in at all.

Elmo’s soft red fur was useless in its attempt to make up for the hard, metal interior that made cuddling this fuzzy friend nearly impossible. We won’t even mention the deafening laughs that came from it if you even so much as looked in its general direction.

As a child as big as Tickle Me Elmo, my one true fear will forever be that giggling terror who taunted me with his jazzy hip movements and signature arm waves. There’s nothing I wouldn’t give to erase those memories.



Furby

One of the best selling toys of the decade was none other than the infamous Furby. Furbies were advertised as being your best friend, but were actually your biggest nightmare.

Furby is the most terrifying thing to hear in the middle of the night as it creaks out a demonic “come play with me” from your closet, even though you know you took the batteries out six years ago.

From time to time, we all reminisce about the little Hasbro monsters that haunt us to this very day. However, in reality, the 90s were a time before horror censors and parental guidance warnings.



Baby Alive

Not much needs to be said about these guys.

Nothing says fun like a wailing doll that somehow is more potty-trained than the actual child playing with it. Baby Alive is a brand that has sustained a steady market even today, despite the failures of some of its rivals.

The dolls have captivated children all across America with the idea that taking care of a living baby is more exciting than it actually is. Although, the toy is part of the “If You Walk By Me, I Will Make Noise” aisle in the store, it has created excellent babysitters, who have now all been replaced by an iPad or an Xbox.



SnackTime Cabbage Patch Kid

Finally, one of the more fearsome toys of the decade, especially for people with long hair, was the SnackTime Cabbage Patch Kid.

As the doll munched and chewed on its “snacks,” children would be overwhelmed with curiosity and a desperate need to put anything they could find into the Cabbage Patch’s mouth. Crayons, markers and fingers would become the casualties of these garbage-disposable-mouths, never to be the same again.



As we’ve grown up, our childhood toy traumas have kept their places in the back of our minds. From terrifying laughter to the fears of parenthood, the 90s have continued to haunt us. Someday, if we are lucky enough, we will finally be able to truly forget the toys of the 90s.

DISTRACTIONS

Crosswords

ACROSS

- 1) Eight ball's rebound
- 6) Shower with affection (with "on")
- 10) Dillon on "Gunsmoke"
- 14) Long way from slim
- 15) Dress, as in one's Sunday best
- 16) Miscellaneous collection
- 17) Cope
- 20) Nice leisurely walk
- 21) Like some positions
- 22) "To your health!"
- 25) Took a stab at
- 26) Common '70s hairstyle
- 30) Common one of ancient Rome
- 32) Type of trial or diagnosis
- 35) Rub the wrong way
- 41) Coroner

- 43) Resurrection Day
- 44) Makes larger in stature
- 45) "Normal" starter
- 47) Ushers do it
- 48) Papas' counterparts
- 53) Aquatic South American rodent
- 56) Paper-folding art
- 58) Like a proper marching band
- 63) Certain crime solver
- 66) Features
- 67) Brother of LaToya
- 68) Laptop instruments of yore
- 69) Saucy or spirited
- 70) Dental woe
- 71) Exercise, as influence

Down

- 1) Oft-filleted fishes
- 2) Help in the wrong way
- 3) Caboose place
- 4) Norway's biggest city
- 5) Cries weakly
- 6) Banned insecticide's letters
- 7) Sound of admiration
- 8) Aquarium reptile
- 9) Certain sword
- 10) Wisdom tooth, e.g.
- 11) It can keep you out of jail
- 12) What every film has
- 13) Monkeyed around (with)
- 18) Sort or type
- 19) Red, carpenter or velvet
- 23) Certain gem
- 24) Quickly, musically
- 26) Cartoon coyote's favorite company
- 27) Circus bug
- 28) Frees (of)
- 29) Tending to a problem
- 31) Hillside, to the Scottish
- 33) Rocks in a glass
- 34) Bellyache
- 36) Anti-smoking org.
- 37) Picky criticisms
- 38) You can get down on one
- 39) Chanteuse Horne
- 40) Formerly, in days of yore
- 42) Revealing photo?
- 46) Like vinegar
- 48) Finish a wet, messy job
- 49) Ceased lying?
- 50) Athlete running 5,280 feet
- 51) Feed livestock
- 52) ___ fly (RBI source)
- 54) A la mode item, sometimes
- 55) Family man
- 57) Prefix with "physical"
- 59) Underworld river
- 60) Spare item
- 61) Lasting starter?
- 62) Mosquito, gnat or fly
- 64) Bible verb ending
- 65) Stocking stuffer?

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SCOUT ON THE STREET

What is the strangest dream you've ever had?



Nancy Vergara

"I went to the park with my older brother ... Suddenly, it started to rain and the park flooded into the lake, to the point that the streets and anything else visible was gone [and] we noticed the water was a murky, black color ... Complications started popping up more and more, like zombie-like people coming out of the water and trying to attack us."

- Nancy Vergara, junior graphic design major



Rachel Plasch

"One time [during] my senior year of high school, I had a dream that I had [gone] through the entire day of school and as soon as I got home and put my backpack down, I woke up and had to go to school."

- Rachel Plasch, senior vocal performance major



Nat Maranto

"When I was younger I had a dream where I was in D.C. and the roads all turned to lava."

- Nat Maranto, freshman game design major



Robyn Batsell

"I was going to my 8th grade English class and when I got there we started singing songs like 'High School Musical.' I realized my friend was lying on the ground in the middle of the class and I couldn't tell if he was dead or not. Everybody just ignored his body."

- Robyn Batsell, freshman television arts major



Kaleb Campbell

"Most of the dream was me walking up a tree house like the one in 'Codename Kids Next Door.' I got in a fight with one of my friends at the top and I fell for the rest of the dream."

- Kaleb Campbell, senior mechanical engineering major



Kain Schott

"So, the weirdest dream I ever had was one where I was trapped in my room and the house caught on fire. I felt the door and it was hot so I escaped through my window and my mom woke me up right after that and she told me that I was saying the bathroom was hot."

- Kain Schott, freshman mechanical engineering major

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Hypnotist packs room

BY HALEY JOHNSON AND ANGELINE SCHMELZER
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Chances are if you were in the Michel Student Center Ballroom last Saturday, you were on the edge of your seat. Activities Council of Bradley University (ACBU) hosted Sailesh the Hypnotist.

Megan DeSmet, junior nursing major, was one of the ACBU coordinators who brought the man named "The Best Hypnotist on the Planet" by MTV Europe to campus.

DeSmet said she was amazed by the turnout, even though the show took place during family weekend.

"We did not expect so many people," DeSmet said. "During last year's family weekend, we had a

mentalist duo who performed things like mind reading tricks. I think more people just get excited when they hear 'hypnotist'."

Sailesh put over a dozen students under hypnosis. He made the students dance in various ways causing the crowd to break out in laughter. Some students twerked and played freeze dance.

The hypnotist pretended to be multiple personas for those hypnotized. The students believed he was "People's Sexiest Man Alive" and the most beautiful woman they have ever seen.

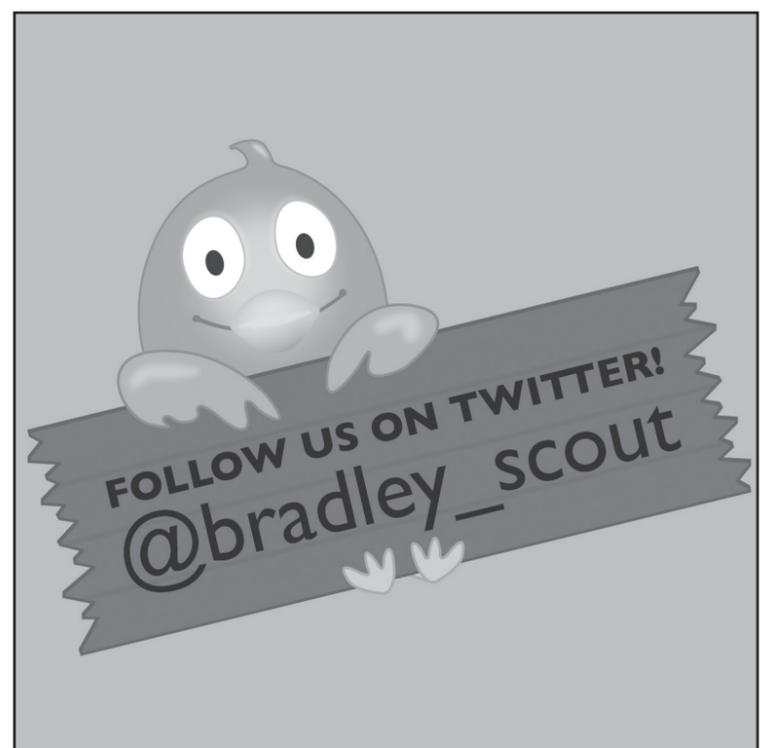
Sailesh also let the students be unique superheroes with non-traditional powers. They also believed they were the opposite gender trying to find what they wanted in a date.

Because of the unexpectedly high turnout, the student center ballroom seating filled up 10 minutes prior to the show.

Dawson Hubbs, sophomore international studies and political science double major brought his brother to the show.

"My brother and I had a blast and would go back if we didn't have to stand in the back. It was worth it seeing though seeing kids on stage making fools out of themselves," Hubbs said.

Sailesh ended the show by giving the students hypnotized a sense of euphoria. He claimed that they would be more self-confident and feel better when they look in the mirror.



NEWS



Comedian Sara Schaefer was joined by Bradley's own Barbeque Kitten Improv in helping the crowd at the Michael Student Center ballroom roar with laughs.

photo by William Craine

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"I thought Barbecue Kitten was really funny in the beginning and Sara really just brought it home afterwards," Oswald said.

Schaefer's set included many jokes about the downfall of society and anecdotes from her personal experiences.

Schaefer stayed on stage after the show to sign autographs for the students. She also sold CDs and "rustic pieces of driftwood," which

went along with her routine.

Schaefer joked that people with "inspirational quotes on rustic pieces of driftwood in multiple font" are what is wrong with society. She said that people should not need signs that say to laugh in order to partake in the act.

Schaefer ended her show with a bit about peeing in her pants as a grown woman in a local grocery store. This true story created a crowd full of belly laughers, and maybe even some slightly wet undies.

Ian Fournie, comedy coordinator for ACBU and sophomore television

arts and management and leadership double major, planned the event, and said he was satisfied with the result.

"I thought it was fantastic," Fournie said. "I think we had a really great turn out. Everyone couldn't stop laughing and I think the ice cream we served was an added bonus."

Some people say "laughter is the best medicine" and can be a great stress reliever.

"After a long day of classes, her jokes were exactly what I needed to be able to make it the rest of the week," freshman journalism major Martin Gonzalez.

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to take out waste, helping them set up a simple compost structure, getting approval from our dining services to collect and finding a few awesome people to help me collect," Irhke said.

When reaching out to staff members, Irhke chose Hanson to help her out with the idea.

"Abby has a passion for sustainability," said Hanson. "She came to me last year and said she really wanted to come up with an idea, so she put together a business plan and I reviewed it with the [former] executive vice president of finance Gary Anna and we also reviewed it with the director of public relations, Renee Charles."

Hanson said the next step was to determine if composting could be done with a local gardener. It was approved, and the Environmental Club, led by Irhke, took over the project.

"A large part of why I try to do this is to help make people aware of the consequences of wasteful living," Irhke said.

So far, the group has tested out composting a few times last spring, and have plans to continue the efforts this fall. They are planning to work with Good Earth, a local company that provides composting service.

"Moving forward I want to inform as many people as I can. Truthfully, the program is quite small in the grand scheme of it all, but if a few people come away from it having learned something, then I am happy," Irhke said.

This doesn't mean, however, that Irhke is willing to settle. Irhke said making Bradley University environmentally conscious is both a step towards the idea of the school that the administration talks so much about, and a step towards ensuring that we have a clean, healthy earth for our children to live on.

Sept. 24 will be the last composting for the semester.

According to Hanson, dining services is making efforts beyond composting to reduce waste by posting statistics each year. Currently, these numbers range between 900 and 1,000 pounds of wasted food per week.

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place where you know nobody; where you're just learning the language and trying to get the ropes of the place," Crowe, director for the center of teaching excellence in learning, said. "And so, we are here really to welcome all visitors who are coming here as students of the American culture... We can learn with and from each other so much just by being open to their experiences and by developing perspectives."

This year, there are 150 international students from 40 different countries. This number is lower than in past years due to students having difficulties with visas.

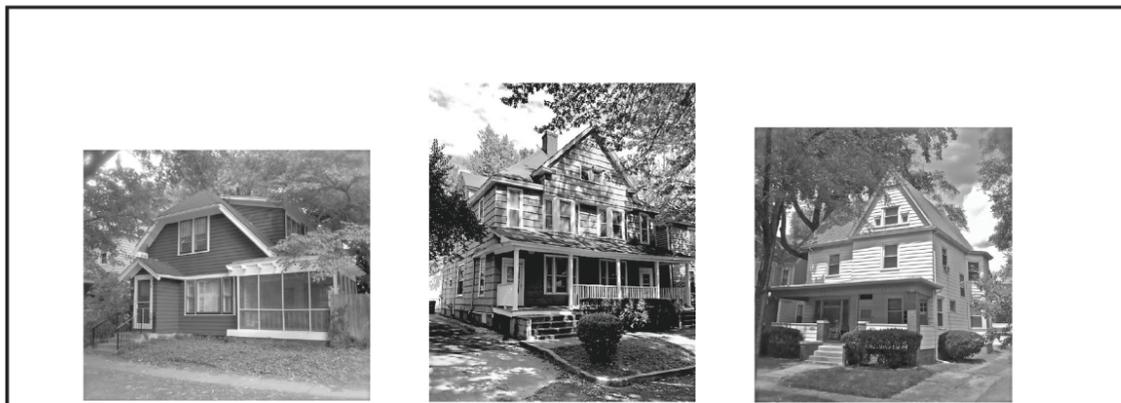
"We have [fewer] international students because of, you can say [the] Trump administration," civil engineering graduate student

Abhishek Bhandari said. "We have a long process. We have to apply for a visa, face an interview; actually, I got denied on my first try and got a visa on the second try."

Once international students enter the United States for the first time, they experience some cultural differences. Industrial engineering graduate student Pream Nath said he noticed traffic and weather differences between Peoria and his city of Chennai in southern India.

"I don't see anybody on the streets. Nobody walks. Everybody goes in cars and there we don't have that," Nath said. "This is our winter temperature. It gets even hotter for us, but then our winters are very mild."

PAFIS enjoyed their fall picnic social last Sunday and will host a Harvest Dinner in November.



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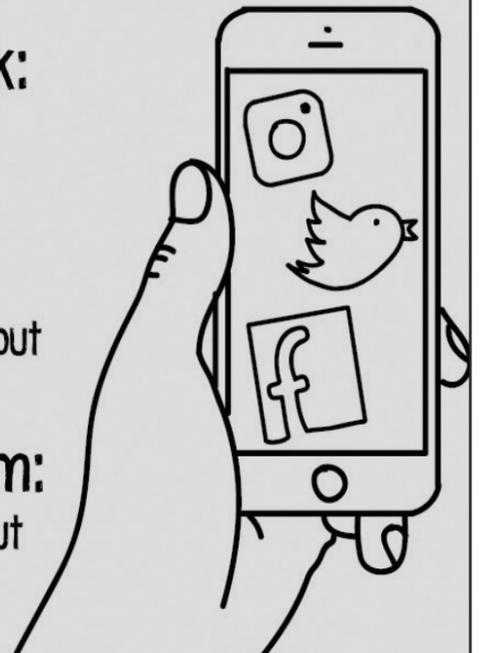
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SPORTS

COME ON AND SLAM

Thompson boosts Braves' attack

BY LARRY LARSON
Off-staff Reporter

It's been a common occurrence to hear the "Space Jam" theme boom through the Renaissance Coliseum speakers this fall. And no, it's not from women's basketball practice.

It's actually freshman volleyball player Hannah Thompson's serving song, and she has played a crucial role in the best 12 match start in team history.

"I hoped to contribute in some way, but I didn't think I'd be in this big of a role," Thompson said.

The outside hitter has averaged 11 kills and has a .202 hitting percentage in the team's 10-2 start to the 2018 campaign. Her efforts have garnered her plenty of early season hardware, as she was named to the all-tournament team in the CEFCU invitational and Eagle Challenge, in addition to earning MVC Freshman of the week on Sept. 4.

"It just speaks to the caliber of the kids we're recruiting and bringing to the program," head coach Carol Price-Torok said. "Obviously we want them to be able to fill the shoes of the seniors that we have graduating, so to see [freshmen] come in and do that right away, and consistently as [Thompson] has is pretty great for us."

Thompson has local ties to Peoria, as she was born and raised in Pekin. However, she never saw herself attending Bradley until later in the recruiting process.

"When I first started the [recruiting process], I did not want to go to Bradley, because it was too close to home," Thompson said, "But once I started talking with coaches and getting on campus, and after seeing a bunch of other places, I was like 'this

is where I want to go.'"

Volleyball is in Thompson's blood. Her mother played Division I volleyball for SIU Edwardsville and was also her high school coach at Pekin High School.

"She taught me the game. I've grown up in the gym with her. My volleyball IQ comes from her," Thompson said on her mother's influence.

Thompson is on the short side for an outside hitter, listed at 5 feet 8 inches. In comparison, all the other outside hitters on the Braves' roster are 5 feet 11 inches or taller. However, she prides herself on her volleyball instincts, which she says makes up for her size.

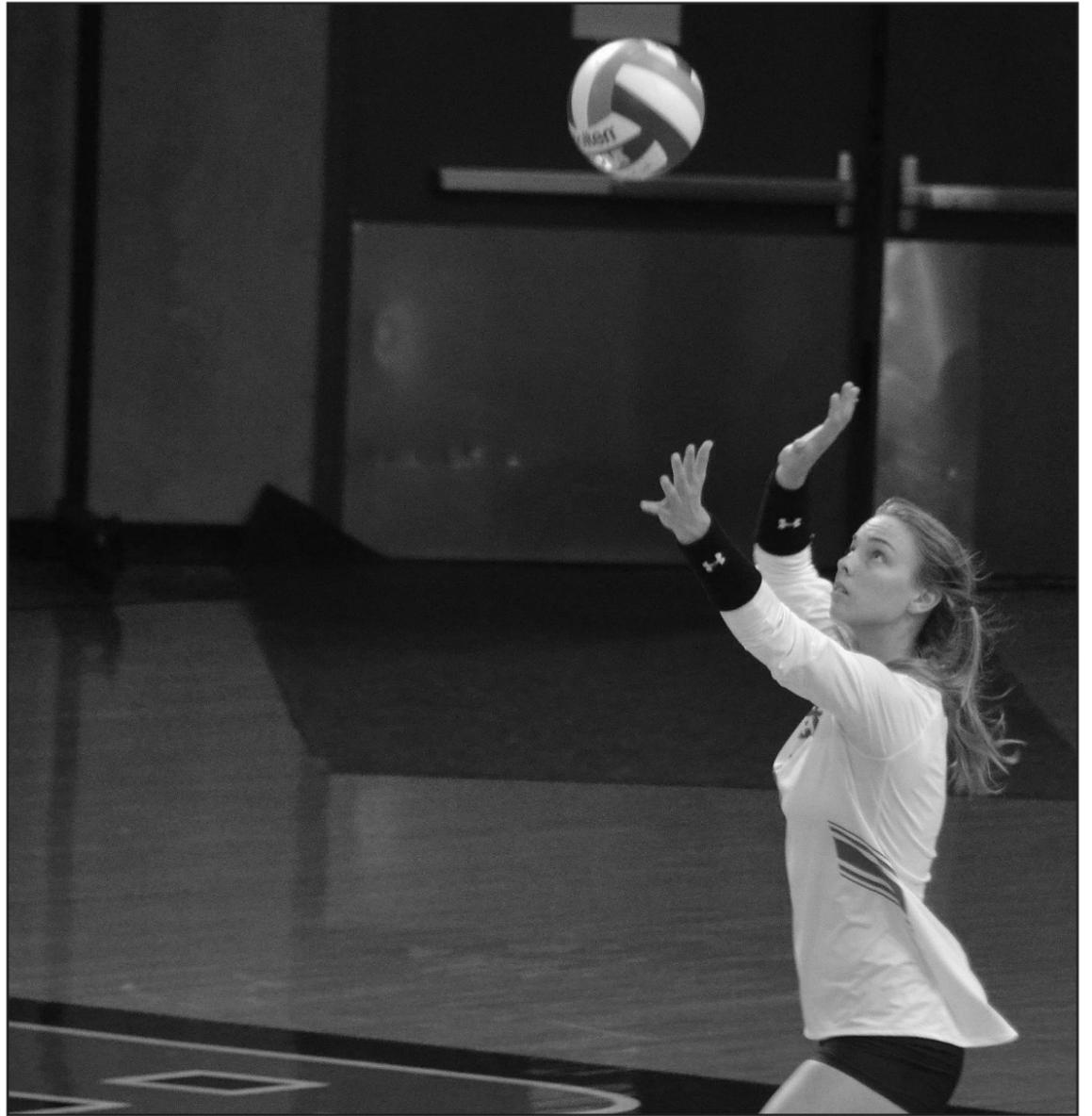
"[I make up for it] with my volleyball IQ, my defense and my reading abilities. From a hitting standpoint I see the block really well, and the defenders, and so I move the ball around maybe better than some bigger hitters," Thompson said.

Her ability on defense is evident, as she's averaged over 14 digs a game including a 29-dig performance against Western Illinois on Aug. 31.

Thompson is in great company at the outside hitter position, playing alongside senior Erica Haslag, who has had one of the more accomplished careers in recent team history.

"[Erica] has a lot of great shots, and she pushes me to develop those shots, so I like watching her hit. Seeing the way she plays helps a lot," Thompson said.

The addition of Thompson has immensely impacted an already talented team that could provide a tough challenge for MVC opponents. With her career just starting, Bradley volleyball fans will have to start getting used to "Space Jam."



Freshman Hannah Thompson focuses on her serve on Saturday at the Renaissance Coliseum.

photo by Kayla Johnson

Men's golf wins Crusader Classic

BY AUSTIN SHONE
Sports Editor

The resurgence of redshirt senior Dan Lensing sparked the Bradley men's golf team this week at the Valparaiso Crusader Collegiate in Chesterton, Indiana. Lensing led the Braves to their first tournament victory of the season as he fired a 5-under 211 en route to his first career win.

Every Bradley golfer finished in the top-20. Senior Michael Mounce tied for ninth place at 219. Junior Charles Jahn finished two shots back of Mounce at 221. Seniors Branden Mounce and Drake Bushong finished 14th and 17th overall to round out the scoring.

"They really battled and Dan did a phenomenal job," head coach Jeff Roche said. "The guy that he was battling for the individual title was in his group so they were just going back and forth ... and he was just rock solid."

Lensing explained that consistency in his short game and his ability to remain cool under pressure allowed

him to take home the victory.

"I was able to stay consistent throughout the whole tournament because I stayed very patient and didn't let any bad shot affect my overall performance," Lensing said. "I also knew when and how to calm myself down when I needed to hit a crucial shot when the pressure was on."

Lensing, a fifth-year senior, has struggled to stay healthy during his time at Bradley but feels his game is coming together in his final season.

"It means the world to me to succeed as an individual and have my team win as well," Lensing said. "I have had a few injuries in my career at Bradley, but learning to adapt my golf game in accordance with my body has been a truly rewarding challenge."

"He's had the potential to be a solid player all these years but to battle through all the injuries he's had and to stick it out for a fifth year, I was so excited for him to come away with the individual title," Roche said. "Resolve is a great word for him. He

works hard on his swing and he's a great student. He's a good young man and a great representation of what we have."

Although he entered as an individual, sophomore Miguel Montelongo tied for seventh at 218 earning him his first top-10 finish at Bradley.

"Our depth is there and it allows for competition to be created in practice that pushes everybody and people can't just sit back and just relax ... because you have guys like Miguel," Roche said. "This is the first time I've really seen him just play freely, use his ability, and I was really happy for him."

Elsewhere in Indiana, junior Megan Medinger led the way with her first career top-ten finish, shooting a five-over-par 221 to finish fifth. The women finished fourth of 16 teams at the Ball State Cardinal Classic in Yorktown.

"She's really progressed a lot and is probably getting a little more comfortable with how to practice and how to get better every day and the

scores are starting to show it," Roche said. "She's played really solid and has been a nice addition to the roster."

Senior Frankie Saban finished second on the team, securing her 15th consecutive top-3 team finish at 9-over 225. Saban was followed by senior Brooke Thompson (231), sophomore Maddie Hawkins (233) and junior Taylor Ledwein (234).

"[Saban] is one of the hardest workers on our team, and she goes about it by putting a lot of thought into which areas she needs to work on," Roche said. "We have a small window when you consider you're competing in a five-week period, so you have to take advantage of that time and she does it the best."

The women will take a week off before playing at the Johnie Imes Invitational in Columbia, Missouri from Oct. 1-3. The men will be back in action on Monday and Tuesday at the Derek Dolenc Invitational in Madison, Illinois.

MEN'S TOP FINISHERS

Pos.	Name	Score
1	Dan Lensing	211
T9	Michael Mounce	219
13	Charles Jahn	221
T14	Branden Mounce	222
T17	Drake Bushong	223

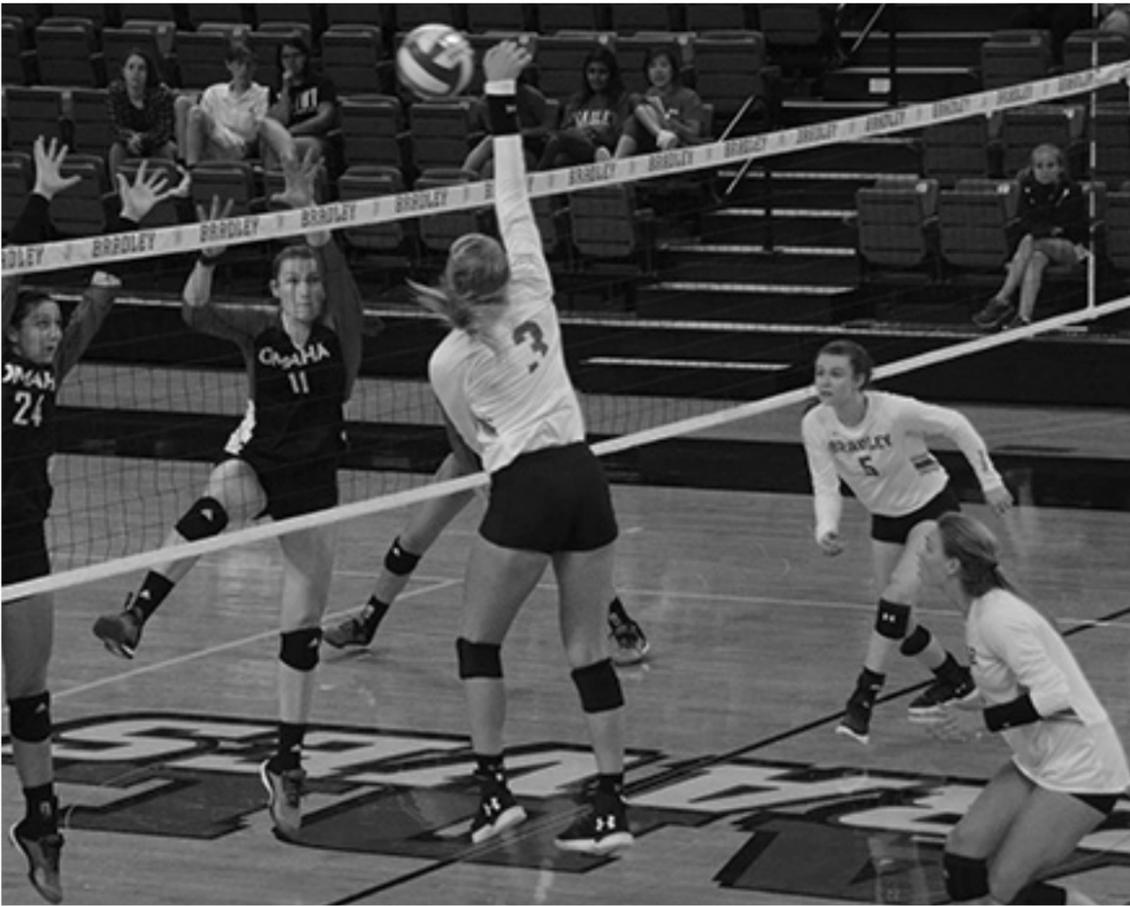
WOMEN'S TOP FINISHERS

5	Megan Medinger	221
T15	Frankie Saban	225
T34	Brooke Thompson	231
T37	Maddie Hawkins	233
T40	Taylor Ledwein	234

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KILLING IT!

Volleyball marches into conference with momentum



Senior Erica Haslag spikes over two Omaha blockers Saturday during the CEFCU Classic.

photo by Kayla Johnson

BY ANTHONY LANDAHL Assistant Sports Editor

1,348 fans cheered last Saturday as the Bradley volleyball team dominated Milwaukee to win the CEFCU Classic. The Braves also achieved the best 12-game start in the program's history, as they now sit at 10-2.

The match against the Panthers brought in the third largest crowd in Bradley volleyball history and concluded an undefeated weekend for the Braves.

The team opened on Friday morning against Eastern Illinois, sweeping the Panthers in three sets. Freshmen Hannah Thompson and Rachel Pranger both tallied 12 kills a piece. Thompson added 16 digs for her fourth double-double of the year.

In Friday's afternoon match, the Braves faced the University of Nebraska-Omaha in a five-set thriller. Bradley jumped ahead to a 2-0 set lead, but Omaha came back up from 24-23 to take the third set at 26-24.

In a challenging advance, Omaha nabbed the fourth set 25-22 and forced a final fifth set. The Braves rallied in the fifth and won 15-8, led by senior Erica Haslag who recorded six kills in the final set. Haslag led all players with a season-high 27 kills,

followed by Pranger with 19 kills.

Head coach Carol Price-Torok said the Mavericks' middles started to turn up their intensity in the third set, and Bradley's serves became less assertive. Once the Braves became more aggressive with their serves, it fell in their favor.

"[Omaha] started slower than I expected them to, so I was surprised that we got out to such a good start," Price-Torok said. "I was really glad that our [players] could come back and finish the set."

In the final game of the classic, Bradley swept Milwaukee in three sets to stay undefeated at the Renaissance Coliseum (6-0) while harnessing the energy of the record crowd. Haslag led with 13 kills to add to her weekend total of 46. Pranger would finish with 39 kills on the weekend, more than all her prior matches combined.

Price-Torok said Pranger and sophomore Sara Maddox had been working harder in practice recently, and that the two showcased their hard work throughout the weekend. Pranger said she believed her performance was because of development in practice.

"[I would attribute my success to] definitely our defense and passers

and setters, and all my coaches have been working with me in practice and putting in extra reps," Pranger said. "I think they help me a lot with that."

The Braves will now face only MVC competition, a challenge both players and Price-Torok are looking forward to.

"Conference is where it's at," Price-Torok said. "[The players are] excited to go into conference and continue that streak of just playing really hard and efficient ... We have a team that can rival anyone in our conference, so we're excited to get out there and get after it."

This weekend, the team travels to Carbondale to take on Southern Illinois and then to Springfield, Missouri to face last season's MVC Champion, Missouri State.

"Southern does a really great job of a fast-paced offense, and they have some live arms," Price-Torok said. "It's a really great atmosphere there and tough to play in their gym. Missouri State is traditionally always strong ... they really have a great confidence in themselves."

The Braves play the Salukis tonight at 7 p.m. and the Bears at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

One-on-one

Which NY football rookie will have the bigger impact this season?

Sam Darnold vs. Saquon Barkley

New York Jets quarterback Sam Darnold has been put in an exceptional situation to succeed in 2018. Not only does Darnold have a solid defense to work with, he also has an offensive line that will allow him to have ample time in the pocket. Darnold is set up for drastically more individual success than Barkley.

Darnold has more chances to impact a game as a quarterback than Barkley does as a running back. Being as dismal an offense as the Giants, Barkley will lose chances to make plays as wins slip away.

Sam Darnold was as thrilling a quarterback as there was in the country during his two seasons as the USC starter. He led the Trojans to a Rose Bowl win over Penn State while setting Rose Bowl records for touchdowns and yards.

Darnold is a solid quarterback with a strong arm, but at times he's struggled with accuracy. Through two games for the Jets, Darnold has thrown three touchdowns and three interceptions. But he's a gunslinging risk-taker.

As he develops better chemistry with his receiving core they'll have a greater chance for success. Darnold's athleticism and ability to take off and run will add another dimension to the Jets offense.

Darnold is, in effect, the exact opposite of what the Giants have in Eli Manning. At this point in his career, Manning is an immobile, inconsistent quarterback who is well past his prime. Darnold is a young dynamic quarterback whose legs are just as impressive as his arm.

Darnold will control his own fate as a quarterback. Barkley is unable to control the game around him because he has to rely on a subpar group to give him opportunities. Darnold can create opportunities for success through his creativity and playmaking, which is why he'll have a bigger impact than Barkley.

Saquon Barkley is a once-in-a-generation talent. Almost all players can improve their work ethic and mental aspects to the game, but there are some abilities that the average athlete can't live up to. Barkley has those abilities.

At the 2018 NFL Combine, Barkley, a 6-foot, 234-pound running back, had a better bench press than legendary NFL lineman Joe Thomas, a faster 40-yard dash than the great Devin Hester and a higher vertical than All-Pro receiver Julio Jones. Those are tangles just aren't coachable.

While in college at Penn State, Saquon won numerous awards, including First-Team All-American, two-time Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year and the Paul Hornung Award, given to the most versatile player in college football.

He also holds various records at Penn State, including most career rushing touchdowns, most rushing yards by a freshman, most rushing yards by a sophomore and most total yards in a single game (358).

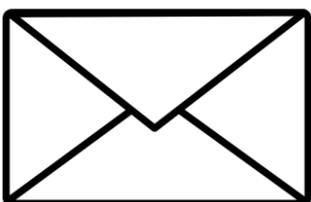
Barkley was taken second overall by the New York Giants in the 2018 NFL Draft, and immediately burst onto the scene in the Big Apple. In his first regular-season game, Barkley had 11 rushes for 108 yards and a touchdown against, arguably, the best defense in the NFL, the Jacksonville Jaguars.

In week two against the Dallas Cowboys, he struggled running the ball, yet went on to set the New York Giants all-time record for receptions in a game with 14, as he accumulated 108 total yards. Even when Barkley has trouble in the run game, he picks up the slack with his ability to catch the ball out of the backfield.

The argument may be made for Darnold in the case that quarterbacks are arguably more important to a team's success, and while that situation may be true, the Giants have a two-time Super Bowl Champion quarterback in Eli Manning running the helm. With a top-five receiver in Odell Beckham Jr. and a rising star at tight end in Evan Engram, the pressure can easily be taken off of Barkley, setting him up for more opportunities to flourish in his rookie campaign.

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Extra-time ecstasy: soccer's streak rolls on

BY JUSTIN LIMOGES
Sports Reporter

The Bradley soccer team came out with another last-second, extra-time win against Purdue University-Fort Wayne last Friday. The Braves unbeaten streak is now 12 games overall, through seven games this season (5-0-2).

The game went in the Mastodons' favor early as they scored in the fourth minute. The Braves gave up a foul in their defensive third that allowed Purdue's Romain Lopez to provide service to a running Matthew Lieshout, who then headed in the cross.

Fort Wayne's goal started and concluded the excitement of the first half, as neither team scored for the remaining 41 minutes.

Bradley head coach Jim DeRose said that falling down 1-0 early was a lack of concentration from the team that shouldn't have happened.

"Truth be told, we had a bad lapse in the fourth minute of the game," DeRose said. "I told the players at halftime that we don't want to go down early, because it's college soccer. Anybody can beat anybody. The notion that getting two or three goals in a half is something difficult for teams."

The second half started with high pressure from sophomore midfielder Younes Dayekh, who had three shots within the first five minutes. All shots were saved by Fort Wayne goalkeeper Erik Larsen. Nevertheless, Dayekh was vital in helping score Bradley's first goal.

In the 56th minute, Bradley was

awarded a free kick near the half-line. Dayekh sent a ball deep into the left corner of the penalty box, which found senior defender Alex Ciaramitaro's head, to tie the game at one. Ciaramitaro's header was his third goal of the season.

The second half concluded with chances from both Bradley and Fort Wayne, but was still tied at 1-1. The Braves outplayed the Mastodons in shots (6-0) in both extra-time halves. It wouldn't be until 54 seconds remaining before Bradley finally put one in.

Bradley was given a free kick from 20 yards out. Dayekh served the ball in again; this time he found sophomore forward Gerit Wintermeyer. Wintermeyer headed the ball past the keeper to score in the 110th minute of the game to win 2-1. This was his team-leading fourth goal and third game-winner for the Braves this season.

Dayekh went down to his knees in celebration as Wintermeyer and the rest of the team slid into each other in celebration. The Braves notably beat Oral Roberts University with only two seconds left in their first game of the season.

Wintermeyer noted how his last-minute goal gave him more individual confidence and the team the incentive to push on in the final minutes.

"It gives me a kind of confidence, but I think it was a team effort," Wintermeyer said. "We were working hard there for 110 minutes. As seen in this game [against Fort Wayne] and against Oral Roberts, we will never give up. I think it's a good team



Senior Alex Ciaramitaro scored his third goal of the year against Purdue University Fort Wayne on Friday.

photo by Justin Limoges

attitude and team effort. Also, I think two games in extra time shows how we're doing fitness wise. I think we're more fit than most of the other teams, which is why I think we score late goals."

Wintermeyer additionally said his chemistry both on and off the field with Dayekh is what helps lead to goals.

"We're totally different types of soccer players, but we're the type of players that need each other to create goals," Wintermeyer said. "Younes

gives the flank service, and I'm the type of guy who needs the flank service. We both depend a lot on each other."

The Braves were scheduled to play Appalachian State University on Sunday as well, but the match was canceled due to severe weather conditions from Hurricane Florence.

Bradley's next match will be against the defending Missouri Valley Conference champions, the University of Central Arkansas. DeRose said that Central Arkansas is a great team and

Bradley will be prepared to compete with them.

"At their place last year, they really handled us quite easily," DeRose said. "I don't think the score was indicative of the game. They were much better than us. We'll have a challenge, but we're as prepared as we can be this year."

Bradley plays at Central Arkansas at 7 p.m. on Saturday in their first MVC match of the year.

Opinion

RAISING A RACKET?

BY ANTHONY LANDAHL
Assistant Sports Editor

You get angry. You scream at your homework assignment. You tell it things you would never want your mother to even suspect you said. Some of us jump on and kick the paper like we were a part of a scene from "The Sopranos."

It's frustration and it happens to all of us. Now just imagine that same tantrum, only in front of thousands of people in a public setting while it is broadcast to millions of viewers.

Professional athletes face this conundrum regularly. In the heat of a sporting event, athletes try to keep a clear head, and with so many eyes on them, any move can be seen as a sign of frustration.

A recent example is Serena Williams during the final of the 2018 U.S. Open. If you have not watched this sequence of events, I would suggest you do. It's a compelling 10 minutes that led to Naomi Osaka's ultimate triumph over Williams.

Starting with a thumbs up from her coach in the stands, Williams was penalized for a coaching violation. She then called the referee "a thief" for taking a point away and slamming her racket on the ground.

Williams called the penalty unfair. She said it was not the first time the call had been made on her during her career and mentioned how rulings like this weren't enforced as frequently in the men's games. This is where the media has stirred up much of its content surrounding the event, saying that Williams "lost her cool" or had a "meltdown."

To me, the event was far from a meltdown. I saw this as an "in-the-thick-of-it moment," an "athlete's fit" if you will. Athletes are filled with so much energy in-game. When they use that energy towards another action besides physical performance, it can appear as overpowering emotion.

Sports fans, and social media users especially, like to exclaim Williams overreacted, and that she didn't hold

her composure. It can be dissected any way we want, but that wasn't a meltdown.

Society wants to hold our athletes – the role models and idols – to high standards. The sport of tennis wants to do this to an even higher standard; keeping cool and composed is essential.

We can't always expect athletes to hold their composure in high-pressure situations. We just need to let these athletes play on.

More and more recently, technical fouls and penalties have been assessed to players voicing vexations.

In some instances, it's unfair to assess penalties. Williams received a penalty in the sequence where she slammed her racket on the ground. That's alarming, but that's so minuscule in comparison to previous acts of frustration in tennis.

In one match, Mikhail Youzhny responded to his error by beating his racket against his head, causing blood to pour down his face.

Another example is when a frustrated Marcos Baghdatis not only broke one of his rackets, but another one and another one and another one. He broke four rackets in one sitting. He unwrapped rackets, still in their plastic, just to demolish them. This is when it becomes too much, and in no way did Williams come close to that benchmark.

To me, a racket abuse penalty is unfair. Sometimes a player has to get energy out. Looking at some of the many instances on YouTube, breaking a racket is a lot safer than spiking the ball in the crowd or accidentally kicking a linesman or spiking a ball into the linesman's face (you know, maybe the linesmen need to get out of the way).

And come on, if someone breaks a racket every so often, is it that bad? If someone voices annoyance, is it that horrible? It adds tension and shows real emotion.

Though Williams lost, you could tell that all the exasperation and drive

fueled her to try and win.

John McEnroe was famous – maybe infamous – for being the "bad boy" of tennis in the 80's, screaming at the refs and voicing his irritation. And boy, did he win with passion! It's fun to watch and is exciting to see how much burning vigor these athletes have to play the game.

There seems to be so much at stake because of what happened in these last moments of the U.S. Open. It's important to know what that moment meant to Williams. She didn't expect to lose the match because of emotion. That doesn't seem fair to me. It could be a case of a superstar not getting the call. Maybe it's a case of a double standard.

So, before you yell at an athlete on TV for acting out or arguing with the refs, think about what's going through their heads. It's easy to say you would act differently, but once you truly step into their shoes, you may discover a sensible perspective.

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Fresh Faces

Hannah Thompson is making herself known in her first year as a part of the Braves' attack



Hannah Thompson

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'WILL POWER' ANDERSON LEADS CROSS COUNTRY TO FIRST PLACE FINISH

BY RONAN KHALSA
Sports Reporter

On a hot Friday evening at Detweiller Park, the men's and women's cross-country teams hosted the Bradley Intercollegiate. The men cruised to a near perfect victory and the women were narrowly defeated to take second place.

This was the first meet of the season for Bradley's top runners and served as a benchmark to show where the team's fitness stands after a summer of training.

The men won in dominating fashion, totaling 16 points, missing a perfect cross country score of 15. The Braves finished in the top four positions and Alexander Bruno of Valparaiso to take fifth.

Redshirt junior Will Anderson won the race, as he crossed the line with redshirt senior Michael Ward and redshirt junior Luke Hoffert. Anderson, Ward and Hoffert all finished the eight-kilometer race in a pack at 24:59.

Head coach Darren Gauson said he was proud of the way his team performed. He hopes it is the first of many wins for the men this fall, pointing to senior Haren Dunderdale and junior Luke Hoffert as pivotal to the team.

"The men were pretty dominant and are a top 40 team nationally," Gauson said. "We wanted to get out 4:40 for the first mile for Michael [Ward] and then get our group together. If Luke [Hoffert] and Will [Anderson] are doing well, and we get Haran [Dunderdale] a little bit closer to where he needs to be and Jake Hoffert healthy we are in good shape."

Anderson, Ward and Hoffert led the entire race with Dunderdale making a late push to finish fourth. The men ran comfortably according to eventual champion Will Anderson.

"[Michael] Ward told me to take this one and finish the deal," Anderson said. "At the future races, he and Jake Hoffert are going to get out hot and stay hot with the top group of guys. Today, we were completely controlled together and finished strong."

Gauson said he understands it is still early in the season and wanted the team to run comfortably at the first home race and conserve energy for future meets.

"We did not want to go max out on the first one," Gauson said. "We kept it a real hard and solid effort. We had a lot of people run fast. We were

in control [on the men's side]."

In the women's three-mile race, redshirt junior Gabby Juarez won with a time of 17:02. Juarez was followed by Sam Lechowicz in fifth place, Ayah Aldadah in seventh, Abby Jockisch in eighth and Niamh Markham in ninth. Juarez ran alongside highly touted freshman Tyler Schwartz for much of the race. Schwartz ran unattached with a time of 17:18.

Gauson was admittedly irritated that the University of Northern Iowa, the runner-up to Bradley last year in the Missouri Valley Conference meet, edged out the women by two points, but saw the meet as a positive for the program.

"We always want to come out and win," Gauson said. "When it really counts at regionals, we will be in top shape. We want to be a top-five [or] six team in the region. We will do a lot of strength endurance type stuff so we will be sharper."

Juarez echoed her coach and knows that the women she trains with each day have some things to improve upon before the next meet.

"Today was a wake up call especially since the goal is to win conference but there is room for improvement," Juarez said. "We went into the race knowing it would be a team effort and having them right there next to me showed that we can work together through it."

Gauson believes that losing early in the season will help the women practice harder and become even more dedicated.

"I told them that losing [a meet] early will give them a little more vigor and determination at practice, which is a good thing," Gauson said. "I think you learn a lot more from losing than winning meets all the time. They probably learned more today than our men did."

The Braves will be back in action when they head to Madison, Wisconsin to compete in the 10th annual Nuttycombe Wisconsin Invitational on Sept. 28. The women will run a 6K at 12:20 p.m. followed by the men's 8K at 1 p.m. This meet serves as an opportunity for Bradley to get a look at the course where the NCAA national meet will be held.



Will Anderson (left), Michael Ward (middle) and Luke Hoffert (right) cross the finish at the Bradley Intercollegiate Friday at Detweiller Park.

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