Alumni at Work

From the Streets of Chicago to the Tallest Mountains
The academic year is over, Memorial Day weekend has come and gone, and the first of two summer sessions is underway. Whether reading this issue of Bradley Hilltopics from a vacation destination or a hammock in your own backyard, you may be unaware of the far-ranging activities that take place on the Hilltop during the summer — from academic, to research, to new student orientation sessions, to summer camps.

Though time quickly marches forward, I would like to take a moment to reflect on this year’s truly inspirational undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremonies. Those of us observing these significant events were steeped in pride and hope knowing that tremendous opportunities lie ahead for these outstanding young people.

Undergraduate commencement keynote speaker Howard Lance ’77, executive advisor for the Blackstone Group and retired chairman of the board, president, and CEO of Harris Corporation, offered our graduates eight wise recommendations. One he called “constructive dissatisfaction” in which he advised to never be totally satisfied with results or performance. After success is achieved, he said, “Raise the bar, and try again.”

This is great advice for our youngest alumni and a way of life practiced by many in our community. Inside this issue, you will read about several of our untold alumni excelling in a variety of interesting careers. From those scaling the highest mountains, to creative leaders telling masterful stories, to those keeping the streets safe, Bradley graduates are being noticed for their talent, bravery, and ability to add beauty to the world.

Recently, we learned with great sadness of the passing of author, poet, and Renaissance woman Maya Angelou, who spoke on Bradley’s campus in 1984 and again in 1991. Her words, with unbending resolve, rang forth with truth and always offered a poignant lesson in humanity. Among my favorites is: “I’ve learned that you shouldn’t go through life with a catcher’s mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.” And, I believe many of our generous alumni and friends epitomize and live by this sentiment.

Bradley alumni also are independent thinking, entrepreneurial, and courageous, and this includes graduate commencement keynote speaker David Bozeman ’91, a senior vice president for Caterpillar Inc. He spoke to our graduates of their future legacy in terms of influencing the facilitation of complex problem-solving in addition to strong leadership and a commitment to grow and develop others.

“To go far, you must actively participate in your world and its work; to go far, you must challenge yourself every day and combat passive behaviors that will limit your influence; to go far, you must take people with you and develop tomorrow’s leaders today; to go far, you must stand strong against arrogance and complacency,” he said.

Bradley graduates continue to achieve excellent placement rates within six months of graduation. Our high-quality faculty know their students on a first-name basis and prepare recommendations that make our graduates stand out whether pursuing employment or entry into competitive graduate programs. A plenitude of experiential learning opportunities — internships, co-ops, practicums, study abroad, and more — also give our graduates an important edge in the marketplace.

Through the years, Bradley graduates have distinguished themselves in their respective fields and demonstrated their pride in being Bradley alumni. I look forward to personally welcoming you back to your alma mater during this year’s Homecoming, October 15–18, a real “Roll Out the Red” carpet celebration.
Although they share a common Bradley Experience, these 12 alumni have embraced very different careers.
Bradley is a private, independent university in Peoria, Illinois, offering 5,700 students the choice of more than 100 academic programs. Bradley links academic excellence, experiential learning, and leadership development with an entrepreneurial spirit for a world-class education. Our size provides students extensive resources not available at most private colleges and the personal attention not commonly found at large universities.

Bradley Bits

“You’ve got to catch kids before they learn to hate poetry.”

DR. KEVIN STEIN, Bradley’s Caterpillar Professor of English and the Illinois Poet Laureate, appeared on Michael Feldman’s Saturday morning NPR show, What’Ya Know? Listen to the interview at bradley.edu/go/ht-WhatSteinKnows.

“Although half the world’s population is under 25, we are often neglected and silenced on the international policymaking stage.”

For the second consecutive year, SARAH HANDLER ’16 was a delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. This year, the industrial engineering major and her team advocated for women’s access to education and STEM opportunities.

“NO ONE CAN DEFEAT YOU EXCEPT YOU.”

The University’s yearlong civil rights celebration included a screening of the movie 42, portraying Jackie Robinson’s first year in the major leagues. Prior to the film, DOUG ALLIGOOD ’56 shared his experiences as an African American student-athlete at Bradley.

The Fray headlined the University’s spring concert on April 30, playing for an audience of nearly 2,400. Joining them for the show at Renaissance Coliseum were opening acts Plain White T’s and The Orwells.

When Dee Snider of Twisted Sister and his radio partner, Lynn Hoffman, filled in on Peoria’s 102.3 FM morning show, ANDY CORBIN ’14 had a front-row seat. As their personal assistant for the week, the music business major spearheaded the “Say What” segment and contributed to on-air discussions.

Raising $42,000 for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 180 students on 30 teams stayed up all night for the University’s first Up ‘til Dawn event. The Lambda Chi Alpha team raised more money than any other team in the nation!
Peoria broke its single-season snowfall record this winter.

"I believe my name, Kaboom!, is the sound of the Bradley Experience in action."

Bradley unveiled its new mascot, Kaboom!, this spring. Modeled after The Thinker gargoyle perched atop the Hayden-Clark Alumni Center, Kaboom! shares its story online at bradley.edu/kaboom.

Several Bradley Braves have appeared on TV this year: 1 MEGAN GORECKI ’16 won a role in the final Nissan Heisman House commercial, which aired during the Rose Bowl and can be viewed at bradley.edu/go/ht-HeismanHouse; 2 Nurse LEAH HENGEL ’10 vaccinated an audience member against the flu during a segment of the syndicated TV talk show The Doctors, available at bradley.edu/go/ht-FluShot; 3 BJORN DuPATY ’05 worked for a nefarious fertility clinic on an episode of the NBC series The Blacklist; 4 After "Coming on down," VICTORIA "ROSE" WURSTER ’15 won two vacations on The Price Is Right.

Bradley Student Education Association (BSEA) raised funds for autism research during its “Light It Up Blue” event at Westlake Hall, which BSEA hosted in honor of National Autism Awareness Month and World Autism Awareness Day.
New Dean for College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Dr. Christopher Jones was announced as the new dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, effective June 9.

Jones had been dean of Arts and Sciences at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, New York. Previously, he served as associate vice provost for University Honors and chair of the political science department at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

“Bradley is a highly regarded institution, both regionally and nationally,” Jones commented. “I look forward to working with the college’s impressive faculty and dedicated staff, serving its talented students, and collaborating with members of the University and local communities.”

Specializing in the field of international relations, his research focuses on the relationship between domestic politics and U.S. foreign and national security policy. An author of more than 30 journal articles, chapters, and books, Jones received the Yvonne Captain Faculty Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Education from the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars in 2013.

Dr. Claire Etaugh, Caterpillar Professor of Psychology, was dean of the college from 1992 to 2012. Since then, Dr. Stacey Robertson, Oglesby Professor of American Heritage, has served as interim dean.

— C.M.

Global Scholar to Sydney

Finance major Max Bromley ’15 was the first student in the Foster College of Business Global Scholars program to intern in Sydney, Australia. The program is designed to give students an international experience that will enhance their professional development and supplement their academic coursework.

During the eight-week internship, Bromley worked full time for BT Finance, a wealth management company, reviewing and reporting on certain elements of companies’ finances. “The biggest benefits for me,” Bromley noted, “were the international experience, being somewhere new, and experiencing both the workplace environment and the independence of being completely on my own.”

— M.D.

MAX BROMLEY ’15 proudly wears his Bradley T-shirt as he stands near the Sydney Opera House with interns from other schools. Bromley spent eight weeks in Australia interning for BT Finance as part of the Foster College of Business Global Scholars program.
National Honor for Engineering Grad

Chris Douglas ’14 became the second Bradley student and the first in 47 years to receive a graduate fellowship from Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society. The mechanical engineering major is active in campus activities, such as the triathlon club and as president of the University’s chapter of Tau Beta Pi. He also participated in a May Interim thermodynamics class in Friedrichshafen, Germany, with Bradley professor of mechanical engineering Dr. Marty Morris ’77 MSME ’79.

The Anderson Fellowship, one of 26 awarded by Tau Beta Pi nationally, will enable Douglas to continue his studies at Georgia Tech, where he also received a research fellowship. “I’ve received many opportunities at Bradley that I couldn’t have at other schools,” he said.

Gregory Theus ’67 was Bradley’s first Tau Beta Pi fellowship recipient. The group, founded in 1885, has chapters at 242 U.S. colleges and universities.

— B.G.

On May 17, more than 1,000 Bradley Braves marked a major milestone in their lives — the transition from the role of student to that of alumni — by walking across the stage at Commencement.

The day’s events began with the undergraduate ceremony at the Peoria Civic Center. Student speaker Joseph Sholl ’14, an electrical engineering major and business management minor, persevered through illness, medical treatments, and family obligations for six years before achieving his goal. However, he acknowledged all his classmates overcame obstacles along the way and will continue to do so: “By adapting and showing the resilience and determination of what it means to be a Bradley Brave, we will move past anything that gets in our way.”

Howard Lance ’77 (right) — executive advisor at the Blackstone Group and retired chairman of the board, president, and CEO of Harris Corporation — presented the keynote address, “Catching the Future: How to Make the Most of Your Bradley Education,” offering the graduates eight recommendations to help them make a “truly outstanding” future. Noting the importance of passion and courage, he advised setting the bar high, stating, “The reality is that, in life, if you’re not making progress and getting better, then others around you are either catching up to you or pulling away in the lead ahead of you.” Lance, a member of the University’s Centurion Society, also received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in recognition of his personal and professional accomplishments.

Later that afternoon, graduate students attended their ceremony at Renaissance Coliseum. David Bozeman ’91 (above), a senior vice president at Caterpillar Inc., reminded them, “The speed in which you can shape, share, and stimulate the world’s economy and empower its people is faster than the classes that came before you. Leave here today empowered to put your degree to work while recognizing your work is only beginning.”

ONLINE Watch the addresses from both commencement ceremonies at bradley.edu/go/ht-MayGrad2014.
ACS Names Heartland Section Chemist of the Year

Dr. Dean Campbell (above left), associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, was named Chemist of the Year by the Illinois Heartland Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS). The University’s first faculty member to receive this award, Campbell was recognized for his leadership of the BU Chemistry Club and the Demo Crew, a group of students associated with the club dedicated to quality science outreach to a variety of audiences through the use of live demonstrations. Campbell also was honored for scholarship and research in his two interest areas: materials chemistry and chemistry education.

The Illinois Heartland section of ACS spans 11 counties in central Illinois, including the cities of Peoria, Bloomington-Normal, Henry, Jacksonville and Galesburg. An advocate for chemical sciences, its vision focuses on education programs that “enhance knowledge by generating, sharing, and making information available to the community.”

— M.D.

Fulbright Program Taps Two from Bradley

Two individuals from Bradley were selected for the prestigious Fulbright Program for the 2014–15 school year.

Dr. Nancy Sherman (left) — a professor in the Department of Leadership in Education, Human Services, and Counseling and clinical coordinator for the Human Development Counseling program — received her third Fulbright Scholar award. She will teach substance abuse prevention and counseling and career counseling for the Institute of Socio-Humanistic Technologies and Communication at the Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University in Kaliningrad, Russian Federation.

Derek Cantú ‘14 (left), a history secondary education major, was awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in the Slovak Republic, his second off-campus learning experience. He spent the fall 2012 semester working in the White House Office of Correspondence assisting staff who read and responded to citizens’ mail.

Graduating college seniors, graduate students, and alumni from any discipline are eligible and encouraged to apply to the Fulbright Program. Visit bradley.edu/fulbright for more information.

— C.M.
After the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation released the 2013 first-time pass rates of the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN), the University had above-average pass rates for the first year of the rewritten, more difficult exam. Bradley’s rate was 9 percent above the national average, bettering the gap of 7 percent higher in 2012.

The nursing department received more recognition when Theresa Adelman-Mullally (above left), assistant professor of nursing, was named in the Online LPN to RN website’s list of “100 Inspiring Nursing Professors to Watch in 2014.”

— M.D.

Students Earn Six Sigma Recognition

Five students teamed with Caterpillar staff and others in a January Interim class of Lean Six Sigma training, the first such experience offered through a partnership between the Foster College of Business and Caterpillar Inc.

The students received credit for the class and recognition as Six Sigma green belts. Six Sigma processes, developed at Motorola in the 1980s, are widely used by business and manufacturing companies to improve quality and productivity. Taking the J-term course gave students a chance to prepare for future careers and learn from their corporate classmates who already are in workplaces utilizing Six Sigma processes.

— B.G.

New Links in the Supply Chain

Four Braves hold the distinction of being the first graduates in global supply chain management, the marketing department’s newest specialized concentration. Jacob Dust ’14, Timothy Osborn ’14, and Joshua Wallrich ’14 received bachelor’s degrees in marketing with a concentration in the field, involving interactions between companies, their suppliers and customers. Daniel Lara ’14 double-majored in international business and marketing also with a concentration in global supply chain management. Students take 15 hours in specific coursework for the concentration.

“Supply chain is all-encompassing,” Dust said, adding he liked the mix of engineering and business knowledge. “About 75 percent of a business’ costs can be placed under the supply-chain umbrella.”

Wallrich took a job with Ryerson Inc. in Minneapolis, and Dust is employed in Indianapolis by Amazon. Osborn was hired by McDaniels Marketing in Pekin, Illinois, while Lara works for HAVI Global Solutions of Downers Grove, Illinois. “Because supply chain management is critical to firms for both business and environmental sustainability, demand is high,” said Dr. Ed Bond, marketing department chair.

— B.G.
Gold-medal Experience

Eighteen Bradley students had an unforgettable opportunity when they were selected and worked as interns helping with NBC’s coverage of the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. While 12 students were stationed at the network’s studio in Stamford, Connecticut, six were chosen to work in Sochi, including Nick Van Almsick '14 (above). “It was so unreal to be sitting in the chair that my favorite broadcaster, Bob Costas, sat in almost every night to present the Olympic Games to millions of people,” Van Almsick stated.

Not only did Van Almsick, a communications major with a marketing minor, have a surreal experience, but his time in Sochi also provided a valuable education. “Sochi taught me so much about the sports television industry and allowed me to meet and interact with a number of people who have the career that I want.” — M.D.

EMBA Students Head Overseas

Fourteen Executive MBA students experienced business and life in Asia this spring as part of the Global Environment and Issues module. Including stops in China and Vietnam — the University’s first study abroad excursion to that country — the two-week class featured opportunities for cross-cultural interactions through meetings with business officials and visits to manufacturing and healthcare facilities. As part of a long-term project, the group presented a business plan for a Beijing-based subsidiary of Chestnut Health Systems, headquartered in Bloomington, Illinois. — B.G.
Marking a $1 Million Milestone

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Bradley celebrated its 20th anniversary with a luncheon and surprise announcement this March. Around 300 people were in attendance when University President Joanne Glasser revealed The Bernard Osher Foundation had awarded OLLI its second $1 million endowment grant. Its first $1 million grant from the foundation, received in 2010, ensured the group’s long-term viability; this second award further secures that future while recognizing OLLI’s pioneering efforts and founding vision that established its standard of excellence and model of active member involvement.

Among the efforts that set Bradley’s program apart are its extensive course options and volunteer instructors. Of the 117 OLLI groups around the country, Bradley’s is the only one to conduct its classes on the same day (four consecutive Wednesdays in April and October and four consecutive days in January), providing a sense of community for its members.

Established in 1994 as the Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR), the organization became an OLLI in 2008 thanks to a $100,000 grant from the foundation. Since then, it has grown to include more than 1,000 Peoria-area residents, age 50 and older, who participate in educational travel, classes, study groups, lectures and cinema programs.

— C.M.

ONLINE Visit bradley.edu/olli to learn more and register for upcoming events.

Standing for Peace Civil Rights Celebration


“As citizens of this piece of real estate called America, we must work together to create a beloved world,” Lewis shared. “We’re one people, one family, and we all live in the same house. Let’s work together to create a society at peace with itself. We need to work together for the common good.”

The last surviving member of the “Six” civil rights leaders, Lewis was head of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and endured beatings, firebombings, and arrests in the struggle for civil rights in the South during the 1960s. He participated in the famed Bloody Sunday march for voting rights from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2011.

“You need to speak up, speak out, and work together to bring about change, to make it right,” he said, adding that he was inspired to get in “good trouble, necessary trouble” when he was younger.

Joining Lewis at the ceremony were Robin Kelly ’78 MA ’82 and Aaron Schock ’02, both members of Congress, and former U.S. Rep. and Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood ’71 HON ’11. U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos of Illinois and Frank Mackaman of the Dirksen Congressional Center also were featured, along with performances by a pair of speech team members and The Heritage Ensemble Choir.

Additionally, President Joanne Glasser and Brad McMillan, executive director of the Institute for Principled Leadership in Public Service at Bradley, spoke at the event, which noted the key role U.S. Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen, HON ’49 played in crafting and passing the historic legislation.

Some speakers throughout the yearlong commemoration included Lilly Ledbetter, Dr. Bernice Sandler, and Dr. Terrence Roberts discussing topics ranging from employment law and discrimination to the desegregation of Arkansas’ Little Rock Central High School in 1957. Illinois Poet Laureate Dr. Kevin Stein, Caterpillar Professor of English at Bradley, and the creative writing faculty held a civil rights poetry contest, and the theatre department presented the play Clybourne Park and worked with the Pre-Law Center on re-enactments of famous civil rights trials.

— B.G.

ONLINE To hear the entirety of Rep. Lewis’ remarks, visit bradley.edu/go/ht-Lewis CivilRights2014.

ABOVE: U.S. Rep. John Lewis holds 6-year-old Peorian Dauntae Edwards who read a story about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. Lewis’ speech at Bradley in April capped the University’s yearlong celebration marking the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the role played by U.S. Sen. EVERETT DIRKSEN, HON ’49 in its passage.
Recent Books Authored by Bradley Faculty

**ILTS TEST OF ACADEMIC PROFICIENCY**  
Research & Education Association / This complete study package by Dr. D. Antonio Cantú, professor and chair of teacher education; Dr. Patricia M. Nugent, associate professor of teacher education; and Dr. Sherrie C. Pardieck, associate professor of teacher education; is designed to help aspiring educators pass the Illinois Licensure Testing System (ILTS). Including an extensive examination of each of the test's four competency components, the study program guides users toward building the requisite fundamental knowledge and understanding necessary to excel on the TAP through online diagnostic tools, full-length practice tests with timed formats, and detailed explanations of the answers.

**ADVANCES IN SPECIAL EDUCATION: LEARNING DISABILITIES: IDENTIFICATION, ASSESSMENT, AND INSTRUCTION OF STUDENTS WITH LD (VOL. 24)**  
Emerald Group Publishing Limited / In this first of two new volumes in the Advances in Special Education series, Dr. Jeffrey P. Bakken, associate provost for research and dean of The Graduate School, and his co-editors, Drs. Festus E. Obiakor and Anthony F. Rotatori, deliver the latest perspectives in the field of learning disabilities (LD). Written by leaders in the discipline, the book offers insight into best practices for assessing and placing students with LD as well as addressing various practical instruction issues, such as differentiation, interventions and positive behavior supports. Although it is organized in a logical and thoughtful manner, the chapters also may be read independently for more versatility.

**BETSY MIX COWLES: CHAMPION OF EQUALITY**  
Westview Press, Perseus Books Group / An expert on the abolitionist movement, Dr. Stacey M. Robertson, Oglesby Professor of American Heritage, examines Betsy Mix Cowles' lifelong dedication to social reform, including abolitionism and women's rights. With acquaintances such as Frederick Douglass, Abby Kelly, and William Lloyd Garrison, Cowles demonstrated what women truly can accomplish with an education and drive. An entry in the Lives of American Women series, Robertson's book provides a brief and focused biography for use in undergraduate courses, which is supported by a concluding annotated bibliography and study questions.

**DIRECTIONS HOME: A BOOK OF POETRY IN THE FORM OF A BUNDLE OF TRAVEL-RELATED ITEMS**  
Gold Quoin Press / Designed and printed in Bradley's book arts studio, this collection of poems was inspired by the names of specific streets and locations in Peoria, Illinois. The poems — exploring feelings about travel — are printed in various formats, such as drink coasters, road maps, star charts, and letters, all packaged in a custom die-cut folder. Among the seven Grandview Hotel Poets who contributed poems are Dr. Jannett Highfill, professor of economics, and Dr. Thomas Palakeel, associate professor of English. Six artists, including Sharon Conlee, adjunct instructor of art, and Robert Rowe, professor of art, developed its unique layout. — C.M.
In Appreciation

Texan Trustee Loves ‘Everything Bradley’

A “tinkerer” from an early age, Wayne Klasing ’64 feels fortunate to have “played” with trains his entire life. With his industrial engineering degree in hand, he joined the family business, Klasing Industries, and was given his first assignment: design a new hand brake for railway freight trains. As the sole engineer at the Joliet, Illinois, company, he spent the next three years researching products already on the market and patent information.

“I was charged with developing an idea that was practical and had advantages over the competition,” he noted. “The basic design I developed was first sold in 1969. Improvements have been made and specifications have changed, but the design continues to be manufactured today. At this point, I probably know more about hand brakes than any other living person. As a result, I have served as a consultant and expert for many railroads.”

Nevertheless, the San Antonio native and proud member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas doesn’t consider himself a true entrepreneur. His great-uncle started Klasing Industries in 1913, and his father, Charles, took over the business after serving in the Navy during World War II. Charles then moved the family to Illinois, and by the time Klasing was in high school in New Lenox, he knew he would join the family business. “I wanted to study engineering at a smaller school with a strong engineering reputation, and that’s how I chose Bradley,” he explained.

Klasing recalled only three faculty members taught industrial engineering then. “I enjoyed them all, but [the late] Frank Gryna [distinguished professor emeritus] was the best instructor I had at Bradley,” he added. “He influenced me a lot.”

The nine-year member of the Board of Trustees noted that he was able to “hit the ground running” due to his Bradley education. He holds seven patents, bought and sold a second company, employed a diverse workforce, grew the family business, and ultimately sold Klasing Industries in 2008 to New York Air Brake Corporation, which now manufactures the product in Watertown, New York.

“I have always felt I was controlling my own destiny, and I believe in treating everyone as I would like to be treated,” Klasing said with a smile. “If I was successful, I could take the credit, but if I was not successful, I had no one but myself to blame. You could say I had one good idea and made a career out of it.”

1897 ASSOCIATION

Generous supporters of the University, Klasing and his wife, Barbara, a lifelong educator, recently made an estate commitment to Bradley. As 1897 Associates, a gift society established in 1992, they join other alumni and friends who are recognized for including Bradley in their wills, estate plans or life income arrangements. “We have been blessed to be able to provide for the needs of our family and also support the nonprofits with which we have been involved,” Klasing said. “After my years of involvement with Bradley, it is satisfying to know that we are able to continue our support after we are gone.”

— K.M.
Dr. Derek Montgomery, professor and chair of the psychology department, hopes his research will prove to be effective in identifying younger children at risk for later attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) diagnoses, a step that would ultimately help them as they enter the classroom. Symptoms of the disorder in children include overactivity and difficulty staying focused and controlling behavior.

“I have always wondered why a subset of children have difficulty with our tests. When they walk into a room, I see no obvious differences,” Montgomery said. “I think the roots of later problems children have in school may lie in those subtle task difficulties some kids experience.”

Montgomery’s research involves administering a day-and-night task in which the children are asked to say the opposite of what they see when shown pictures of stars and the sun.

“This tests their inhibition and self-control,” he said. “The children have to stop themselves from saying what they would typically say. Inhibition is a key issue for children with ADHD.”

He added, “One of the strongest predictors of ADHD is response variability. When we administer a task to children, we notice that every now and then, some children have a rather long lapse between a stimulus and the response. These slow responses reflect inattention. Nobody has closely studied the relevance of these subtle, periodic lapses in younger children before.”

Children who showed variable response times also did poorly on the day-and-night task. “This connection is meaningful,” he explained. “It could be response variability is an objective way to determine if a child is at risk for inhibition problems and ADHD. The younger the child, the easier it is to intervene. If we can identify children at risk at an earlier age, it is much easier to help train them than when they are 12 or 15.”

Montgomery said training methods are already in place for young children: “Many innovative preschool programs suggest ways to help children learn strategies to pay attention and learn self-control. These programs are time-consuming and expensive, so it makes sense to identify children who are at risk and make sure they are included in them.”

The next step in his research will be to determine if there is a link between children with highly variable responses and behavior problems during the preschool years. “This link has been studied with older children, but nobody has looked at younger children,” Montgomery noted. “Researchers are starting to develop exciting new ways to objectively assess individual differences in younger children’s attention and control. Our research contributes to these efforts.”

— Nancy Ridgeway, contributing writer
The Braves won the MVC Tournament and advanced to the NCAA regional for the second time in school history before losing to two Top 20-ranked teams — #16 Missouri and #19 Nebraska.

Madeline Lynch-Crumrine ‘14 became the first four-time All-Missouri Valley Conference choice in Bradley history when she was named a first-team selection in May. It was the third time she was selected to the All-MVC First Team in her career; she was a second-team pick in the 2013 season. She also was selected MVP of the conference tournament.

The third player in conference history to have at least 45 career pitching victories and at least 150 hits, Lynch-Crumrine joins Bradley Athletics hall of famer Beth Hawkins ‘87 as the only three-time selections to the All-MVC First Team in school history.

Kendall Duffy ‘16 and Bradley’s first international softball player, Marina Groenewegen ‘14, were named to the All-MVC Second Team. Duffy also was honored by the MVC as one of 10 spring recipients of the Leadership and Service Award for her academic work, sportsmanship and community service. The MVC honors a total of 30 student-athletes annually with this award.

Lynch-Crumrine, Bailiegh Basham ‘14, and Mariah Cole ‘14 were named first-team MVC Scholar-Athletes, the first time Bradley has had three with that distinction. Shannon King ‘15 was an honorable mention selection. Basham and Cole are repeat first-team choices.

Cole was named the MVC Elite 18 Award winner after the conference tournament, which honors the highest achievement in academics and athletics and is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average competing at the finals site at each of the MVC’s 18 team championships.

— B.G.
Athletics Honors Top Performers

Softball player Bailiegh Basham '14 (left) scored a pair of prestigious honors in May when she won the 64th annual Charles Orsborn Award as Bradley’s top senior student-athlete and the Megan C. Fong Inspiration Award for her perseverance and determination when confronted with multiple medical issues.

The vice president of the Braves Council student-athlete advisory group, she is a two-time first-team MVC Scholar-Athlete and was a second-team Capital One Academic All-District choice in 2013, when she also was a second-team All-MVC player.

Named for former Bradley men’s basketball coach Charles Orsborn ’39 MS ’51, the award recognizes the senior student-athlete who best combines athletic success with academic achievement and community service.

Former Bradley football player Ron Hall ’53 (right) received the Orville Nothdurft Lifetime Achievement Award. The Centurion Society member and former Board of Trustees member is retired president/CEO of CITGO Petroleum.

Runner Nathan Davis ’14 (below left) was given the Carl Grose Service Award, while the Coach Joe Stowell Awards went to runner Emily Delvo ’15 (page 15, top left) and soccer player Jason Coon ’14 (below right).

— B.G.
MVC Recognizes Baseball Players

Four Bradley baseball players earned All-Missouri Valley Conference honors for the 2014 season after a vote by conference head coaches. Greg Partyka ’14 was a repeat selection for the All-Conference First Team. Tyler Leffler ’16 and Max Murphy ’15 were named to the All-Conference Second Team, and Murphy also was chosen for the All-Defensive Team. Spencer Gaa ’17 earned an all-conference honorable mention spot and was named a Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American. The conference named Isaac Smith ’15 a first-team Scholar-Athlete.

— B.G.

Runners Make History

Kristen Busch ’16 (above right) finished 18th in the 10,000 meters at the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championship in Eugene, Oregon, becoming the first Bradley runner to compete in the NCAA Outdoor event since 1998, when Bradley Athletics hall of famer Mary Ellen Hill Schupbach ’00 finished fourth in the 5,000.

Busch qualified for the NCAA meet after finishing ninth in the 10,000 at the West Preliminary. She won the women’s 10,000-meter title at the Missouri Valley Conference Outdoor Championship, in addition to being the conference indoor champion in the 5,000 meters. Her MVC Outdoor title, combined with victories by Emily Delvo ’16 (above left) in the 800 and 1,500 events, marked the first time the women’s team had three individual champions at the meet. Bradley’s women’s team finished with a school-record 44 points.

Caitlin Busch ’16 broke the school record and finished fifth overall. Because of their MVC meet results, the Delvos, Kristen Busch, and Coffey were named all-conference selections.

Rounding out the conference honors, seven women runners — Cassie Lohmeier ’14, Sarah McMahon ’15, Kyela Specht ’15, Rachel Sudbury ’16, the Busch sisters, and Delvo — were named to the MVC Scholar-Athlete Team. McMahon was given the MVC Elite 18 Award, honoring the highest achievement in academics and athletics by a student-athlete in each MVC sport, at the conference indoor championship. She also won the honor at last season’s indoor championship and this season’s conference Cross Country championship.

Additionally, several school records were set earlier in the spring track season. Coffey broke records in two events, including topping his earlier mark in the 3,000 meters. He also established a record in the first 10,000-meter race of his college career, breaking a mark set in 1984. Eric Delvo set records in the 1,500 meters and broke Coffey’s record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Kristen Busch broke the record in the 3,000 meters, held by former All-American Schupbach, and also set the school mark in the 10,000 meters.

The University announced in June that men’s indoor track will be reinstated this fall.

— B.G.
While many Bradley graduates follow traditional career paths, some pursue unique experiences and opportunities. From touring with several of the biggest names in the music industry and teaching law in Paris to developing a new way for computers to process information and delivering fresh water to millions, Braves follow their dreams all over the globe. In this issue, we profile 12 of these individuals and the roads less taken.
Wrapped up in an “amazing world of stone, water, trees, fresh air, and indescribable beauty,” BARBARA BITTING GURTLER ’55 has climbed mountains on all seven continents, reached the highest point on six, and made two valiant attempts to scale Mount Everest, the world’s tallest mountain. What’s left for her life’s work? Having already defeated the highest points in all 50 states, the grandmother of two also will have climbed 100 summits in Colorado once she ascends four final peaks.

Not bad work for a farm girl from central Illinois who had no running water or electricity in her home until she was 7. After graduating from Bradley with a degree in home economics, her life began to take on new meaning when she married Homer Gurtler, a Caterpillar Inc. employee, and they honeymooned in Colorado. “It was the biggest mistake Homer ever made,” Gurtler said with a laugh. “I had never seen mountains before, and the bug bit me. One of the reasons I was so impressed was my dad was born out West, and I grew up hearing his stories. Finally, I was seeing his mountains.”

Ultimately, seeing the mountains was not enough for Gurtler. After the births of their daughter and son in the 1950s, she took an “innocent hiking vacation” to the Colorado Rockies in 1966 and never looked back — or down — again. She said she never had a bucket list; it just happened.

Her first “big” mountain expedition was Africa’s highest summit, Mount Kilimanjaro, a 1980s climb she described as “most interesting.” Emphasizing that she had never been so cold in her life while staying at a stone hut base camp located roughly 15,000 feet above sea level, it was not an easy trek. She and another climber each had a personal guide as they started before sunrise for the top.

When Gurtler experienced some altitude sickness, which she said she rarely has confronted, her guide’s repetitive motto was, “Slowly, slowly, slowly, slowly.” She grew extremely hot and was sweating profusely, but once she rested, she told her guide — much to his chagrin — “Buddy, we’re going to the top, and so we did.”

It took about three hours to reach the 19,341-foot summit from the high camp and about 20 minutes to descend the same distance. Gurtler counts the climb as one of her “greatest achievements at that point in my life.”

In addition to her African adventure, Gurtler’s life-altering joy was climbing in Nepal. The first time she attempted to climb Mount Everest in 1994, the process required three months away from home, mostly acclimatizing and climbing in the South Asian country. “You have to plan and anticipate; that’s all part of the experience,” Gurtler cautioned. “If you do a good job
planning, the climb goes fairly well, but the weather can upset everything, which is what happened on Everest both times. Once it was a massive snowstorm and once a dangerous windstorm.”

What kept Gurtler focused and relatively fearless through the decades was her decision to “go for the Seven Summits.”

It’s kind of an exclusive club,” she added. “I was fearful once on my second Everest trip when the weather kicked up, and we had white-out conditions and howling winds. My partner was way ahead of me, so I was by myself when the storm came. It was pretty scary as I wasn’t actually sure where I was going.” She obviously survived — and came within 2,500 feet of reaching the highest point on the planet.

When her three months in Nepal ended, she came home physically but not mentally for about a year. “After all, Nepal has eight of the world’s 10 highest mountains in its borders,” she explained. “Picture this: We are looking out at some of the most beautiful and tallest mountains in the entire world, covered in snow, covered in glaciers, surrounded by self-sufficient farmers who live in homes with dirt floors, wood fires, no sanitation, and no running water except for streams. It was nice to see people doing well without much. Nepal’s natural beauty has an addictive charm.”

In 2005, Gurtler climbed 16,024 feet to summit her final “big” mountain, Indonesia’s Carstensz Pyramid, “the crown prince of them all.” With a guide from New Zealand and Russian helicopters delivering them to base camp, she recalled it as her “most exciting and amazing adventure.”

Although she is grateful to be actively pursuing her life’s work for so many decades, the final four peaks of Colorado’s Centennial Thirteeners may present a challenge due to an issue with her knees. Nevertheless, if pure will and determination prevail, Gurtler will once again reach the pinnacle with her philosophy intact: “Each summit is unique; the view from the top is glorious.”

### Barb Gurtler’s Climbing Journal

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When Tom Keeley ’68 graduated from Bradley, desktop and portable computers were still years away, Bill Gates was in junior high school, and the idea of a computer small enough to fit in a hand was in the realm of fantasy.

After working 34 years for large corporations General Electric and Rockwell, the electronics technology major established Compsim in 1999. “I started Compsim to sell a software tool that collects and organizes information to make the soft business decisions, such as setting priorities and allocating resources, that organizations face all the time,” he said. “The initial feedback was that if the software was so good, why didn’t it actually make the business decisions, such as vendor selections or new product features?”

He studied the information being collected and then patented a way to value that data and create explainable business decisions. That simple reasoning model caused him to redefine Compsim’s business objectives and Knowledge Enhanced Electronic Logic (KEEL®) technology was born. Providing a new way to incorporate human-like reasoning and judgment into electronic devices and software applications, KEEL enables users to automate many tasks that previously required humans in the loop. The technology’s benefits include reducing human errors, keeping people safe, and accelerating the decision-making process.

“Most of our focus is directed toward military and medical applications,” Keeley reported. “We are pursuing organizations that have the leadership, desire, and capabilities to change the world.”

While applicable to a variety of situations, Keeley noted that the major challenge with KEEL is marketing change. Many companies and individuals only want change if there is no risk. Because KEEL provides a new method for processing information, some have been skeptical about it. He added that when Compsim tests applications in new fields, there is a learning curve: “We have to learn a new vocabulary to understand the issues. This has, however, given us the opportunity to work with interesting people on really interesting problems: medical, nuclear, industrial, military, power, transportation, financial, political and gaming.”

In January, Keeley presented KEEL technology at the NATO-sponsored Multinational Capability Development Campaign on Autonomous Systems. Compsim was honored in May 2013 as a “Cool Vendor in Business Process Management” by technology research and advisory firm Gartner Inc.

“Starting a new company with the potential to change the world is a challenge,” observed Keeley, who lives with his wife and Compsim partner, Helena, in Brookfield, Wisconsin. “No 40-hour weeks, no vacations. But for those with stamina, it is the way to go.”

TOM KEELEY ’68 seeks to change the future with his Knowledge Enhanced Electronic Logic (KEEL), which allows electronic devices and software applications to use human-like reasoning and judgment. This system helps users automate many tasks, serving to reduce costs and human errors while speeding up the decision-making process. He started a company, Compsim, to market and develop KEEL technology after spending more than 30 years working for large corporations. Keeley has given presentations about KEEL technology nationally and internationally, and it has been used in military, medical, automotive, gaming and other applications.
That initiation didn’t deter Riley’s attraction to Bradley, however. He found success after switching to intramurals, particularly flag football, where his team won a couple of school championships. “I liked Bradley. I liked the size of it,” he said. “It turned out to be a great experience.”

After completing his degree in administration of criminal justice, Riley earned a master’s degree at the University of Illinois and joined the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Rising through the ranks, he was named special agent in charge of the agency’s Chicago Field Division in 2010, responsible for 26 offices in five states.

“Everyone who works with us is part of my family,” he remarked. “I care about them like I care about my wife and son.” Riley started his DEA career, coincidentally, in Chicago as a field agent, working undercover and making drug buys. “There were many risks and things that we probably wouldn’t do today,” he said. “We were locking up a lot of bad people.”

He said the drug trade is far more violent now than in the past, adding that almost every case he sees also involves firearms. “It’s changed the way we do business,” Riley explained. “We plan, we plan, we plan. We train, we train, we train. There are a lot of bad people out there who intend to do harm.”
After training new DEA agents in Virginia, Riley served in various supervisory roles in cities such as Milwaukee, St. Louis, and El Paso, Texas. His DEA career included nine transfers. He is proud of being one of the founders of the DEA's Special Operations Division, which unites with other agencies to focus on border attacks and drug cartels.

He noted that about a third of DEA agents work overseas, many in Afghanistan. The international drug trade fuels terrorism, he said, adding that proceeds from Afghan opium sales often wind up in al-Qaeda coffers: “It truly is a global terrorism issue.”

Riley said DEA operatives in other countries often gain trust and cooperation from the hosts because they are perceived as law enforcement personnel, not part of the military or intelligence community. He uses his knowledge of inter-agency investigations for a joint strike force of DEA and FBI agents, along with personnel from Chicago-area police departments.

“I learned what we faced is so massive we had to bring everybody together. It’s so important that we work side by side with all police departments,” he commented. “So much of what we do starts on the streets and works up.”

He said heroin and prescription drug abuse are major issues today, adding more people died from prescription drugs in 2012 than methamphetamines, cocaine and heroin combined. Heroin is now the drug of choice for gangs. New forms of the drug can be snorted or smoked, eliminating the need for needles and injections. “It [heroin] really has attracted a new user base,” Riley said. “For me, it’s the problem in Chicago.”

His father was a physician, but Riley’s grandfather was a retired Chicago police commander. “The bug skipped a generation,” he joked. He credits Bradley sociology assistant professor Dr. Bernard Zant with spurring his interest in law enforcement.

“Bradley was one of the best choices I’ve made in my life,” Riley said. “It helped me grow up. I like the sense of commitment it instilled in you. You meet people from all over the place. If I have achieved any success, Bradley was a part of it.”

ONLINE For more information on Jack Riley and the war on drugs, including his visits to the set of the popular TV show Breaking Bad, visit bradley.edu/go/ht-JackRiley.
When JERRY LEE ’73 started running a block at a time to improve his health, he had no idea the exercise regimen would one day change his life — and the lives of many others.

A former tax accountant, Lee has worked in real estate development for 30 years, including as president of W.W. Reynolds and founder of his own company, Lee Real Estate, in Boulder, Colorado. However, that industry is only part of his story.

In 1993, one of Lee’s tenants — a locally renowned custom orthotics provider — invited him to invest in the development of a new running shoe designed to encourage a more natural mid-foot strike. Already an avid runner and marathoner, Lee was intrigued by the concept and provided $100,000 for start-up costs.

Fourteen years later, Newton Running sold its first shoe. Lee admits it was a challenge for some guys in a garage with an idea to break into the market against established names like Nike and Reebok. Fortunately, the age of the Internet helped the fledgling company build a customer base outside its hometown of Boulder.

Today, Newtons — famous for their neon-color combinations and light weight — are the shoe of choice for many runners around the world, and the company serves as the official footwear and run course sponsor of IRONMAN® in the United States.

Since its inception, Lee insisted Newton stand for something more than just an innovative running shoe. As one of 15 children in a low-income household, he emphasized the importance of giving back to organizations like those that helped his family. That dedication to philanthropy remains a pillar of the company, with Lee’s daughter, Wendy, currently serving as Newton’s director of social responsibility.

Over the years, Newton has supported research of prostate cancer, which Lee survived in 2006, as well as the IRONMAN Foundation. It has donated thousands of pairs of shoes for distribution to needy children, wounded veterans and other similar programs. In 2012, Lee accepted the Glen and Mildred Robbins Leet Humanitarian Award from Trickle Up, a nonprofit committed to alleviating poverty, on Newton’s behalf.

“I tasked my daughter with finding a company we could help,” Lee explained of their work with Trickle Up. “I asked her to focus on people below the poverty line and outside our country. She came back with Trickle Up.”

This February, Lee returned to the Hilltop for the first time in more than 20 years. He was the guest speaker for the 2014 Bradley Fit Fair, a health and wellness event he described as “unbelievably fantastic.” Inducted into the Boulder County Business Hall of Fame in 2009, Lee has a reputation for philanthropic work in that area, including serving more than a decade on the Boulder Urban Renewal Board.

When asked about the most gratifying aspect of his involvement with Newton, his answer came easily and with a smile: “I experienced it just five minutes before my speech at the Fit Fair when two professors walked up and said I changed their lives. Our shoes made it possible for them to run again … to follow their passion again. That, and working with 65 people with as much passion for the product as I have.”

ABOVE: As co-founder and CEO of Newton Running, JERRY LEE ’73 strives to provide his employees with a pleasant work environment. “I’m a dog lover and knew I wanted to create a culture people were comfortable with. I thought, ‘Why not bring my dog to the office?’”

What started with his Saint Bernard, Isaac, became an officewide policy, with as many as eight dogs in the office on a given day. “Dogs make people smile and feel good, but we did have to establish ‘doggie rules’ to ensure everyone’s safety.” The “Dogs of Newton” are now a popular feature on the company’s social media pages.
“It was a tiny little closet where we had the prints locked up. I was in the back, leaning down to look through prints, and I felt someone else in the room. When I stood up, it was Marina. She asked, ‘Can we just stand here quietly for a moment?’ I had this intimate moment with her, this profound performance artist. It was a highlight, interacting with her even without saying anything.”

That “intimate moment” between Emily Hoerdemann ’08 and Marina Abramović, often described as the “grandmother of performance art” and one of Time’s 2014 “100 Most Influential People in the World,” occurred when Hoerdemann traveled to Miami for Untitled, the first art fair she worked. While there, the Elton John AIDS Foundation and the Marina Abramović Institute unveiled a new joint fundraiser: the sale of a limited-edition photo print by Abramović (shown with Hoerdemann above). As holder of the key to the locked-up prints — 300 valued at $1,000 apiece — Hoerdemann delivered the correct edition to each buyer after locating it in that “tiny little closet.”

Meeting Abramović was just one of many memorable moments from Hoerdemann’s time at Livet Reichard Company, an events planning firm that specializes in art-related projects involving benefit auctions. Having been hired as an assistant, she moved up quickly: “They realized I’m really good at organizing and I know my art, so I excelled. I became an auction manager within five months of starting.”

In January, Hoerdemann was promoted to a project director and registrar who coordinates auctions by working with galleries, soliciting donations from artists, speaking with buyers, and tracking everything that happens. The role not only brought her in contact with beautiful works of art and the people who create them but also opened the door to a new opportunity: She recently accepted a position as studio manager for the internationally renowned conceptual artist Roxy Paine, starting in June. However, the art world is nothing new to her.

“I grew up in an artistic household,” she explained, adding her mother, Karen A. Pauli ’92, studied graphic design on the Hilltop. “After graduating, Mom taught graphic design for non-art majors at Bradley. Every day after school, I was dropped off on campus to spend time with her. I was given markers and other art tools to keep myself occupied.” Those activities led her in a direction she would follow for the rest of her life.

“I don’t know how I would not be in art … some sort of art,” she said of her career path, which included earning her master’s degree at Sotheby’s Institute of Art in New York. “I think I was meant to be in the fine arts and surrounded by it.”

Fate definitely may have played a part when Hoerdemann made a direct connection between her Bradley Experience and her position at Livet Reichard. While working an auction at Guild Hall in East Hampton, New York, she corresponded with Cindy Sherman, one of her favorite photographers, who donated a piece to and attended the event. During their communications, Hoerdemann realized she wrote a paper on Sherman in her studio lighting class. “It was heartwarming to me that I was able to speak with her and remember all those years ago I wrote about her for school,” she remarked. “I had no idea I’d be casually emailing her one day.”

Although Hoerdemann graduated from Bradley with an art degree, she started as a music major, switching in her first semester. However, she didn’t give up music entirely. “I stayed in Jazz Ensemble,” she noted. “It was one of the most rewarding activities I was involved in at Bradley.” A saxophone player, she toured with the ensemble in Europe and played four solos on the group’s 2007 album, Swing Swing Swing.

Saying she truly enjoys working with nonprofits “because that’s where my heart is,” Hoerdemann one day would love a job with one of New York’s museums. Thankfully, she already has the opportunity to spend every day following her passion: “Being part of the art world is really important to me, not only being physically around artwork but also asking artists to donate, meeting them, viewing their works, and speaking about how they sold, as well as speaking with the buyers. To me, that is rewarding.”
We live in a world teeming with wireless technology that affects the daily game of life in nearly every aspect of our existence. Although we are free to choose our level of connectedness, work and play can merge into seamless entities. As executive vice president and chief technology officer of San Diego-based Qualcomm Technologies Inc., Matt Grob ’89 is a leader who continues to “point the ship in the right direction” during this digitally integrated revolution. His personal mission is to “connect everyone, to lower communication costs, and to simplify and develop more energy-efficient devices.”

The Peoria-raised electrical engineering major said his vision is based on evidence and anecdotal stories. Qualcomm, one of Fortune magazine’s “100 Best Companies to Work for in the U.S.” for the past 13 years, is working to simplify the user interface because the public demands it. “When you connect people and make it easier and cost efficient, communication can improve the standard of living, quality of government, freedoms, and many metrics,” he commented. “As Qualcomm moves forward, we are making it easier for devices to communicate and as a result, for people to communicate. One of the exhilarating aspects of our business is that we have high-volume products. Maybe we just create or add a feature to improve the camera or make a modem work a little faster; it’s a rewarding feeling that even a small change is making a product better for lots of people.”

Feeling fortunate to be in an innovative business at the right time, Grob said Qualcomm, also one of Fortune’s “World’s Most Admired Companies,” has founders who continue to place a high priority on quality work environments, growing opportunities, comfortable facilities and competitive benefits. “When you combine that mindset with the fact that the actual business is related to cellphones and smartphones and has done very well, it’s just a great place to work,” Grob noted. “Qualcomm is highly committed to community activities and sponsorships, including one I volunteer for — FIRST Robotics, and I am pleased that there was a Peoria regional FIRST Robotics competition this year. We give back because we’ve had so much success.”

The company has expectations for engineers to innovate and invent. If it’s new or different, Qualcomm captures it in the form of a patent. For example, Grob worked on EVDO, a project aimed at greatly improving the speed of wirelessly
connecting to the Internet. As a result, along with others, he filed a number of patents on radio techniques that enable information to flow faster.

“We have two major businesses here, and one is the product — basically the chips that go in the phones, tablets, etc., and the other is the licensing that goes with the product,” he explained. “We welcome the use of our patents and collect a small percentage for full access to them.”

ENGINEERING THE BRADLEY EXPERIENCE

As a legacy student following his father, Emil Grob ‘52, and sister, Catherine Grob ‘75, to Bradley, he acknowledged he was very happy with the “whole positive package” at the University. Grob noted the competitive curriculum prepared him well for the rigors of pursuing his master’s in electrical engineering at Stanford University. He valued knowing his professors and the emphasis they placed on teaching, especially the electrical engineering faculty, including Drs. Brian Huggins, associate dean and associate professor; In Soo Ahn, department chair and associate professor; and professors emeriti Donald Schertz ’60 and the late William Hammond, MSEE ’60.

Grob shared that he recently referenced a Friedrich Nietzsche lesson learned from Dr. Michael Greene, professor of philosophy, “hard reading for an engineering mind,” he added. “Believe it or not, I remember discussing, ‘If you gaze into the abyss, the abyss will gaze back at you.’ It’s a very interesting nugget of wisdom from my Bradley Experience that I refer to even today.”

Understanding how helpful it is in life to have a “rounded kind of perspective,” Grob said he is aware of the University’s efforts to build a business and engineering convergence center and applauds the project: “Engineers at Qualcomm, particularly junior engineers, need the ability to communicate and have a sense of what’s taking place in the business of the project they are working on; they must know how it’s being viewed by customers and competitors. It’s not just a question of pure technical skills; engineers need that entire circle to be most effective.”

The father of 13-year-old twins, a daughter and son, Grob said a third generation of his family could someday call Bradley home. “It’s funny,” he recalled with a laugh. “Just yesterday, my wife, Dawn, and I were talking about colleges, and she said Bradley would be an excellent choice for our son. It’s a great school, and we have family in Peoria. It’s certainly possible; it could happen.”

One of many research projects MATT GROB ‘89 has been directing is Qualcomm Zeroth™ processing. The research is aimed at mimicking the brain and nervous system, so devices can have embedded cognition driven by brain-inspired computing. Working with business and academic partners, Qualcomm Zeroth is looking to biology to inspire a new generation of processors.

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ONLINE Visit bradley.edu/go/ht-Grob2014 to view MATT GROB presenting an update on Qualcomm’s brain initiative, Zeroth™ processing.
When a very young Katrina Schnell ’13 first sat down to play video games on the computer with her father, she embarked on a lifelong journey that led her to a career in game development.

“My dad let me play Quake on DOS when I was 3, and I’ve been addicted to gaming ever since,” she explained. “I grew up playing horror games, adventure games, and all other types of games on DOS. I’ve never stopped playing.”

While a Bradley student, the Milwaukee native double majored in graphic design and interactive media (IM) with an animation and visual effects concentration. She credits the University’s extensive IM curriculum for equipping her with the comprehensive skill set necessary to succeed in the industry: “I understand every department on our game and can work extremely well with people knowing the programs they use and the process in which they work. People are often surprised when I name a ton of programs I am proficient in, and it’s all because of the IM department.”

Schnell also attributes her professional success to Bradley’s Hollywood Semester, which gave her fantastic learning opportunities through her classes as well as an internship with Blindlight LLC, where she helped with voice production and script editing on several games, including Tomb Raider.

Today, she is a producer for Obsidian Entertainment, handling the “management/supervising side of a project, making sure deadlines are hit and every aspect of the game is tracked.” Her development team currently works on Armored Warfare, a new massively multiplayer online tactical military video game featuring high-tech combat machines; however, she also assisted with the Kickstarter-funded role-playing game Pillars of Eternity — playing violin on the trailer.

“My grandfather suggested I start taking lessons when I was 9, and I am thankful for him every day,” Schnell noted, adding she also plays mandolin, banjo, ukulele, guitar and bass. “Even though I’m not involved in an audio-related job, music is a huge part of my life, and I love performing in my free time.” When the Pillars of Eternity audio director suggested Obsidian employees record music for the game’s trailer, “Of course, I had to volunteer.”

Prior to working at Obsidian, Schnell interned with several game production companies, helping with a wide variety of projects: “I edited design documents and did QA testing for William Shatner’s iPhone app, Shatoetry, and assisted with story editing on the first drafts of the survival horror game The Evil Within.”

Fortunately, her day job hasn’t affected her love of gaming. In fact, she admits she enjoys playing her company’s new releases, knowing “who designed the characters or cut scenes, who composed the music, and so on. … I gain a greater appreciation for every little aspect of the game.”

Ultimately, it all comes down to the gaming experience for Schnell: “There’s something about video games that completely immerses you in their stories, more so than movies. Playing games is more enjoyable than watching TV because you’re able to interact with the game in so many ways.”
From Top Speech Team to Top Ad Team

A Storyteller’s Perspective

BY SUSAN ANDREWS

Watching the California Raisins sashay across stage to an altered rendition of the song “I Heard It through the Grapevine” or appreciating the creative genius of Little Caesar’s pizza commercials as a young boy, Matt MacDonald ’98 was fascinated by what he called “little movies.” He knew then what he knows now: Advertising can be more entertaining than watching many TV shows or a blowout Super Bowl game.

Today, he is an executive creative director at BBDO, the world’s second-largest advertising agency, leading the behemoth AT&T account. Before that, he was chief creative officer at J. Walter Thompson New York, rising from junior copywriter to CCO in just 10 years. MacDonald says he would not be where he is today without Bradley University and its championship speech team.
“The irony is that I didn’t even want to go to Bradley,” he said. “I grew up across the street. My parents and grandparents were proud Bradley graduates. I wanted to move to Chicago and be ‘creative.’ That would have been a terrible mistake. Fortunately, fate — and my mom — intervened.”

Traveling back in time, he said, “You would not say ‘that guy is going to lead anything, or let’s follow that guy somewhere.’” He credited his speech team coaches Dan Smith and Karen Morris, former directors of forensics; Dr. Chris Kasch, associate professor of communication; Dr. Ed Lamoureux, professor of interactive media and communication; and others for laying the foundation to his future. “My peer group also served as great teachers to me,” he said. “The Bradley speech team has this amazing tradition of seniors mentoring freshmen and an openness to saying what will make each member better.”

MacDonald, who served as president of the speech team, noted that he learned how to give and take criticism — looking at the flaws in his own work — which continues to be a key ingredient to his success.
For those who believe creative people can't accept criticism, he asserted, “The most creative people I have ever met understand that the right word or a nudge in the right direction means everything.”

He believes, “The Don Draper / Lone Creative Genius thing is a bit of a myth. These days, advertising is a team sport, and great work is impossible without close collaboration with clients, media partners, even the people wearing suits.” To excel in advertising, MacDonald explained that you need a good deal of empathy for both what the client needs, but also, what the audience wants.

“You have to be empathetic to what is changing in culture all the time, which is challenging given the speed of new technology to the marketplace.”

Another monumental challenge can be determining the message delivery platform. “Years ago, you had television, radio or print,” MacDonald said. “Now, there are countless ways to tell a story, and finding the right way is critical.” He has had the freedom to produce a commercial, create documentaries for the film festival circuit, write a children’s book, create a royalty-free musical to promote theatre education in schools, and even make an animated Christmas special that airs annually on CBS.

No matter the delivery mode, MacDonald says his experience performing and competing on Bradley’s speech team taught him what moves his audience. “That doesn’t always have to mean moving someone to tears or laughter but rather creating an experience that makes people think or feel differently.”

The convergence of technology, entertainment, and culture was a critical factor in his decision to take on the challenge of leading AT&T for BBDO. “Mobile technology has the potential to change the world — just like the telephone did 100 years ago — which makes this an exciting place to be right now.”

He met his wife, Sandy, on Friendster, a website predating Myspace and Facebook. And he stays fresh by feeding his brain through experiencing the world, not sitting at his desk. He experiments with new technology and social platforms by diving in headfirst. “Last fall, I started a Tumblr about my twin daughters’ ridiculous demands called ‘The Junior Clients.’ They’ll hate me when they’re teenagers, but it was a good learning experience,” he added with good humor.

Regarding his daughters — who turned 4 in January — they don’t always get what their dad does for a living. “Last Christmas, we showed them the holiday special that I helped create, Yes, Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus. They were bored in 15 minutes,” he admitted. “I chalked it up as another valuable lesson in understanding your audience.”

>“The most creative people I have ever met understand that the right word or a nudge in the right direction means everything.”

— Matt MacDonald ’98
Even though it meant delaying a visit to his “dream apartment” in Chicago, Fred Einbinder ’73 felt it was important to attend Bradley’s 2013 Homecoming. “I believe we concentrate too much on silver and golden reunions and anniversaries,” Einbinder said. “There is probably something to the biblical 40-year delay. I’m pleased I was able to come. The University grounds looked great, and Peoria is in much better shape than other cities its size.”

Along with his residence in the Printer’s Row neighborhood of Chicago, Einbinder has lived in Paris for more than 30 years and holds dual citizenship. Einbinder met his wife, Martine, who is French, when he taught at the University of Detroit Law School. While he was teaching at the University of Clermont-Ferrand in France as part of an exchange program, his wife was offered a position with the French government, so they moved north to Paris. Over the next three decades, he worked for several French firms that are international leaders in transportation and infrastructure. As group general counsel for Alstom, he oversaw a staff of more than 225 lawyers and helped negotiate multibillion-dollar contracts worldwide, including for the Eurotunnel connecting Paris and London.

Now retired from the corporate world, the University of Illinois law school graduate credits the “superb teachers and fascinating classes” at Bradley for giving him a strong foundation. Today, Einbinder teaches legal classes at several business and law schools in Paris, including the American University of Paris. He also serves as an advisor for developing countries with the U.N. Commission for Europe.

Introduced to Bradley by his sister, Susan Einbinder Wernick ’69, he liked the University’s size and location. “Having attended an excellent, but impersonal, high school, I was attracted to a smaller school and liked being far enough from home while not too far,” the Chicago native said, adding the late Dr. Penny Pucelik,
professor of foreign languages, fueled his interest in France. “Thanks to her teaching and enthusiasm, I became enamored with French culture. While I had no clear plan for settling abroad, I did have hopes of spending a year or so there.”

A history major at Bradley, Einbinder recalled being drawn to the subject due to “strong upperclass students” in the department, including Paul Remack ‘71 and Ed Wehrli ‘71, members of the University’s five-time undefeated team on the nationally televised GE College Bowl in 1969. He also remembered classes with Dr. Phil Jones, associate professor of history, and how Dr. William Hall, professor emeritus of political science, encouraged him to participate in a “Washington Semester” program that led to his decision to enter the legal profession. Plus, he fondly recalled games and concerts at Robertson Memorial Field House and life at Tau Epsilon Phi, his fraternity.

As his career spanned the globe, he often found connections with fellow alumni. “I set up a meeting with U.S. Rep. Robert Michel ‘48 HON ‘81 when we were working with the Washington, D.C., law firm where he was senior counsel,” Einbinder remembered. “We spent more than an hour together, and I learned, much to my surprise, of the congressman’s close ties to my adopted country when he firmly began our discussion by saying, ‘Don’t call me Michael; my name is Michel. My father was French.’”

Paris: Benh Lien Song; Einbinder: Duane Zehr.
BY BOB GRIMSON '81

Alumni at Work

Developing a Nation’s Infrastructure

MOHAMMED HASSAN ELSHEIKH, MSCE ’01 was a contract/planning engineer and assistant resident engineer for the project. 2: Turbines in the dam produce hydroelectricity for more than 3 million people. 3: The tower at Merowe International Airport. As director general for preparatory and development projects general directorate at the Dams Implementation Unit in Sudan, Elsheikh is involved in building roads, bridges, airports, and hospitals, as well as dams. 4: Building a road through the Sudanese desert as part of the dam’s infrastructure.
With the skills he crafted on the Hilltop, Mohammed Hassan Elsheikh, MSCE ’01 develops his homeland’s infrastructure, bringing electrical power and fresh water to millions of people. “I am deeply involved in the water-harvesting project in Sudan,” Elsheikh explained. “The aim is to collect rain water for the communities away from the Nile and in the semi-desert areas. This particular project is very crucial for both national security and the welfare of the people.”

As director general for preparatory and development projects general directorate at the Dams Implementation Unit (DIU) in Sudan, he is involved in building roads, bridges, airports, and hospitals, as well as dams. His efforts to improve his country don’t stop with construction projects. Elsheikh is a committee member of the Sudan Organizing Council for Consultancy Firms, which works to improve and streamline how the government contracts with consultants. He also is a member of the Sudan Project Management Forum; Ministry of Electricity and Water Resources Council, a group that hopes to expand renewable energy sources in Sudan; and the board of the Sudanese Electricity Transmission Lines Co., the country’s major electrical transmission line company.

“One of the strongest reasons for my return to Sudan is to be part of its ongoing development,” he said. “With its rich, underutilized resources, Sudan is a very important country for Africa and the Middle East.”

Elsheikh has been with the DIU for 11 years. He worked on the Merowe Dam as a contract/planning engineer and assistant resident engineer. Located on the Nile River about 217 miles north of the nation’s capital, Khartoum, the Merowe Dam is known as “The Pearl of the Nile.” It is the largest contemporary dam in Africa, with 10 power-generating units benefiting more than 3 million people.

“I am so proud to work on this project, which has positively affected the lives of the Sudanese by adding cheap, clean electricity,” Elsheikh said. “It will always stand as the project that helped build my career.”

Elsheikh recalled the compassion and concern shown by his colleagues and professors when his mother died while he was a student at Bradley. He noted the “phenomenal people” at Bradley, such as Dr. James Adrian ’74, Dr. Amir Al-Khafaji, and Dr. Robert Fuesle, professors of civil engineering and construction; Dr. F. Eugene Rebholz, MBA ’76, associate professor emeritus of civil engineering and construction; and “the spirit of the department,” Burl George ’83, assistant professor of civil engineering and construction. He also praised the opportunities the University provided, especially his membership in the academic honorary groups Sigma Lambda Chi and Chi Epsilon. During his time at Bradley, he was recognized on the National Dean’s List and served as president of the Sudanese Student Association, where most of the members graduated from the University of Khartoum, as did Elsheikh.

“Bradley gave me an opportunity to earn a quality education,” he commented. “It exposed me to a diversity of people and viewpoints while giving me the confidence to market myself, enter into new businesses, and be a part of my nation’s development.”
When you spend your childhood flying across the country meeting people such as actor Jack Lord from the original *Hawaii Five-O*, it’s just a small step to touring the world with Bon Jovi. At least, it was for STEVE OSSLER ’84.

“Because of my dad’s job as an executive with TWA, we were always traveling to Las Vegas to see my grandparents,” he began. “On those flights, we often bumped into famous people. They seemed normal to me, but so many people were in awe of them. I had no clue.”

That fame-filled youth evolved into a career as a video director for concerts and tours with some of the biggest names in the music industry, including his first gig ever — with The Who. “I was very excited when I received the phone call. I don’t think I needed more than a minute to say, ‘Yes,’” he recalled, adding, “It was incredible to sit on stage and run a camera for a show with Roger Daltrey swinging his mic at your head every night. It was kind of amazing.”

Ossler’s love and passion for music started when he was a child listening to *The Sound of Music* and Nancy Sinatra’s “These Boots Are Made for Walkin’” every night. “Music has always been a solace for me, a place to escape,” he noted. “I would go to bed with music on an old 45 rpm record player; it would play over and over until Mom or Dad shut it off,” which led to music becoming a “key and integral part” of his life.

While a mass communications and radio/TV major at Bradley, Ossler delved into the broadcast world at WEEK-TV, the Peoria NBC affiliate, as a floor director assembling prompter pages before becoming a master control operator. But, the music was still there: “I was a DJ at a bar by the river, spinning records. … I also worked for WCBU-FM, the classical music radio station.” In addition to his college jobs, he also served as chapter chaplain for Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. “I loved the fraternity. I loved the campus. I loved the opportunities it gave me,” he said. “Working for the radio station was phenomenal.”

A sometimes saxophonist and
drummer, Ossler admits he never mastered those instruments, “but I always understood music — the beat, the tempo, the rhythm,” skills that took hold in his 30s after he cut his first show and realized he had a natural gift for seeing “the visual side of music.” That epiphany launched a career of showing people what literally is happening on the stage in front of them or on TV: “My most current venture is doing live broadcasts for AXS TV; Palladia will come soon.” Until then, he remains focused on his role as video director for the Zac Brown Band.

“After 12 years on the road, the last two with Zac have been so positive,” he remarked. “I’m surrounded by talented technicians, by people who have a passion for the business, a passion for Zac, and a passion for a successful project.”

That’s saying something for a man who ate dinner at Jon Bon Jovi’s parents’ house — and completed three world tours with the band — who had 18,000 people sing him “Happy Birthday” courtesy of Sarah McLachlan, and who played Frisbee with Sir Paul McCartney during a European tour stop at the Millennium Dome in London.

Although he admits the 18-hour days on the road can be long, it’s easier with his “Zamily,” his band family. “We’re weekend warriors: We only do shows Thursdays through Sundays because Zac likes being home with his family, so I’m home every week with mine,” he explained. However, over the years, he has missed birthdays, plays, and performances: “It’s a double-edged sword going after your dream and having to make sacrifices for it. It’s amazing what you will do for what you love.”

Having returned to Peoria for concerts at the Civic Center with the Zac Brown Band in 2013 and with Nickelback in 2006, Ossler fondly remembers his time on campus, stating he was “very proudful to walk in and see the Braves name. I’m very happy I did my stint at Bradley.”
Alumni at Work

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BY SUSAN ANDREWS
Our careers are immersed in a language all their own. Among the words that inhabit the professional life of advertising major Tara Molloy-Aksar ’97 are accessory, haute couture, contemporary, handmade, flawless and vintage.

She describes herself on Twitter and Pinterest as a “graphic designer + daydreamer extraordinaire — inspired by vintage travel posters, frivolousness, film, anything Parisienne.”

She loves fashion and can indulge in her favorite pastime as an obsessive consumer in her real-life job as an associate art director for ELLE. As a lead creative for ELLE Productions, an in-house design studio that serves both the ELLE brand and its advertisers, she is involved in everything from “creative concepting” and design to producing and managing. “One day, I might be art directing a photo shoot for an advertorial and the next sourcing materials and meeting with vendors for a printed piece.”

Molloy-Aksar enjoys it all and works diligently to perfect her craft. “My job allows me to be creative and to build on my skills,” she explained. “Time gets away from me, and I can spend hours at the beginning of a project developing an aesthetic — choosing the typography, structure, photography, and color palette that best visually communicates.”

Ever vigilant of current visual trends in fashion, Molloy-Aksar also is a fan of the Mad Men television show, which is both inspirational and entertaining. “I love the 1960s fashion scene and vintage, including the colors and patterns.”

Calling Nanuet, New York, her hometown, Molloy-Aksar was drawn to Bradley’s size, strong communication program, hometown feel and welcoming community. “I wanted a new experience — to live somewhere different than where I grew up,” she said. She attended Bradley when new technology adorned the “dorms of the future,” feeling fortunate to have both a computer and a printer in her room.
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She has fond recollections of being at Bradley that include the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Also memorable to her are meeting Oprah at her show in Chicago and taking field trips to local television affiliates through the on-campus organization Bradley Broadcasters headed by Dr. Paul Gullifor, Henry Means Pindell Endowed Chair of the Department of Communication.

More pivotal to her future career was the exposure to a Mac computer and desktop publishing in Slane College of Communications and Fine Arts facilities: “This was critical and invaluable during my senior year.” Then, she learned to work on one graphic design program, and now, she counts InDesign, Photoshop, Flash, and After Effects among her software proficiency.

Not only have the tools of her trade changed, but advertising has transformed in a colossal fashion. “I have the opportunity to visually shape marketing programs across all media,” she noted. “It’s an exciting time to work in design as there are constantly new applications. The entirety of a marketing program might include a print execution, a behind-the-scenes video, imagery for social media, enhanced ads for the iPad, event collateral, and digital units for mobile and Web.”

You might actually not know her work if you saw it. “It’s a fine line between advertorials and editorials,” she said. She has worked on programs for advertisers ranging from mass brands such as Downy and Olay to fashion heavyweights such as Dior and Bergdorf Goodman.

Fashion is attractive to many young people today. “The Devil Wore Prada was a highly entertaining movie, but most people in the fashion industry are approachable, fun, and passionate about what they do,” she said. Prior to ELLE, she worked for Vogue and came face to face with fashion icon Anna Wintour on an elevator. “She is larger than life, sartorially stunning and polished to perfection.”

For those interested in pursuing a career in the fashion industry, she offers her road to the runway. “I did not allow money to be my sole driver but rather sought the best experiences available to guide my future,” she said. “You will always find like-minded collaborators who relish innovation and excellence as they constantly hone their craft.”

Today, she applies her strong organizational skills that have served her well throughout her life as she juggles career demands with quality time spent with her husband, Oz, and their 14-month-old son, Ronan.
Alumni Center Showcase: Today

Although the current decade is less than half over, many changes continue to enhance the Bradley Experience.

In March 2010, Bradley partnered with three area medical institutions to establish the Center for Collaborative Brain Research. A few months later, the Renaissance Coliseum was dedicated, just one day before Jay Leno performed there for Homecoming. That same year, freshman convocation was reinstated, and the interactive media department added three concentrations: animation and visual effects, game design, and Web and application design.

Highlighted by the dedication of the Hayden-Clark Alumni Center, 2011 brought a new hospitality leadership major to the family and consumer sciences department.

In 2012, Westlake Hall reopened after more than two years of construction, renovation, and expansion, and the Robert and Carolyn Turner School of Entrepreneurship and Innovation was established as the first of its kind in the nation. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences announced the creation of an anthropology minor in 2013.

So far this decade, the speech team has added five national team championships, bringing its total to 41 and furthering a legacy as the country’s most successful speech team. Bradley Athletics unveiled a new brand with the “B” shield, and the soccer team has won two Missouri Valley Conference championships.

— M.D.
1950s

**Selected Short Stories, Including...**

**The Day Tinker Johnson Died**

_Neil Chandler_

Neil Chandler ’54 published the short story collection _The Day Tinker Johnson Died_. Previously, he published two mysteries, a memoir, and three collections of humorous stories. He and his wife, Jill, live in Mountain Home, Ark.

Phyllis Hauter Spinner ’54 was honorary chairwoman for the 2014 Circle of Hope Gala, a fundraiser for the Women’s Circle in Delray Beach, Fla. She has been active in several civic and community groups and was one of the first members of the Delray Beach Club, which her late husband, John Spinner ’51, helped found. She has three children and two grandchildren and lives in Delray Beach.

**Gilbert Gordon ’55** was featured in the Biography of the Year for Strathmores Who’s Who and was named to the publisher’s Who’s Who Round Table. Gilbert, who earned doctoral degrees from Michigan State University and the University of Chicago, is a distinguished research professor emeritus at Miami University in Ohio, where he has worked since 1973. He also serves as a consultant for the federal Environmental Protection Agency and other organizations. A member of Bradley’s Centurion Society, he was the University’s Distinguished Alumnus in 1986 and the College of Liberal Arts Sciences’ Distinguished Alumnus in 2001.

Gilbert and his wife, Joyce, live in Oxford, Ohio.

**Roger Roszell ’57 MBA ’59** was inducted into the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, whose members can trace and document their ancestry back to passengers on the Mayflower, the ship that brought English colonists in 1620 to what is now Massachusetts. He lives in Sarasota, Fla.

**1960s**

Jim Kuhn ’63 is a certified gemologist and owner of Cardinal Jewelers in Pleasanton, Calif. He holds a master’s degree from Golden Gate University and lives in San Ramon.

Janet Roszell Lord, MA ’63 released the children’s book _What Every First Grader Should Know ... Besides Their ABC’s_. She lives in Fairfield Glade, Tenn.

**1970s**

Kathleen Graffam ’70 MA ’72 was a school psychologist in Glen Ellyn, Ill., before making a career switch to banking and retiring as a vice president at JPMorgan Chase. She is treasurer of the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

William “Kriss” Andrews ’73 joined former colleagues to start Alderney Advisors, which will provide guidance in areas like supply risk management and municipal finance. Previously, he was program management director for the city of Detroit. A speech team champion, he holds an MBA from Northwestern University.

**1980s**

Bill Beckman, MA ’74 has been a teacher for 49 years, currently serving at Notre Dame High School in Peoria, Ill. He is a photographer and holds an Ed.S. degree from Western Illinois University. Bill and his wife, Susie, have three children and live in Peoria.

Trisha Triff Noack ’74 MLS ’00 was awarded the Deborah Dowley Preiser Marketing Award by the Illinois Library Association and the Oak Park Public Library in October. She has been public relations manager for the Peoria Public Library for 10 years. Trisha also has worked for the Peoria Housing Authority and La Leche League International. She lives in Peoria.

Dwight Helle ’75 was honored with an alumni achievement award by Spoon River College. He is senior engineer at Sawmill Hydraulics Inc. in Farmington, Ill. Dwight is active in several community and fraternal organizations and has served on multiple boards. A Navy veteran, he and his wife, Joyce, have three children and five grandchildren and live in Farmington.

**1990s**

Phil Pritzker ’75 was elected vice president of the Illinois Association of School Boards. He attended the National School Boards Association Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C., where he met with legislators regarding public school issues. In his seventh term, Phil is the longest-serving member of the Wheeling District 21 School Board. He and his wife, Susan, have five daughters and live in Wheeling.

**2000s**

Roy E. Rogers ’75 MS ’80 was hired as executive director of the Harrison Housing Authority in Harrison, N.J., in January. With more than 30 years in the public housing industry, he is a certified public housing manager and tax credit development manager. Roy has worked as executive director of the Gloucester Township Housing Authority and modernization coordinator for the Harrison Housing Authority. He is a national housing consultant and has taught classes on housing policy.
Debra Harn Austin '76 performed with the Bradley Community Chorus and Symphony Orchestra in November at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Peoria. She earned a master’s degree from Northwestern University. Debra has performed with the Chicago Symphony and won numerous competitions. She is on the voice faculty at Illinois State University.

Kevin, have two children. Donna Eckerman Gauwitz ‘80 wrote the second edition of The Complete Review of NCLEX-RN for Cengage Learning/Delan. She also wrote the eighth edition of Administering Medications: Pharmacology for Healthcare Professionals for McGraw-Hill. Donna, who holds a master’s degree from Michigan State University, has been featured in several professional publications and has written more than 20 articles and a textbook.

Of the Mayville Engineering Co. A certified public accountant, he retired after 36 years at Caterpillar, where he was vice president of the large power systems and growth markets division.

Susan Sweeney Pressler ’76 is executive vice president and chief financial officer for ACE Cash Express Inc. She has worked for the firm since 1996 and had been vice president of financial reporting and internal audit. Susan is a CPA in Texas and a certified anti-money laundering specialist.

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Nancy Wright Duffy ’76 was named director of the proposed nursing program at Campbell University’s College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. The program is set to start this fall. Previously, Nancy was an associate professor, director of the undergraduate program, and associate director of simulation at the Medical University of South Carolina’s College of Nursing. She earned a master’s degree at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte and a doctoral degree from Rush University. She and her husband, Kevin, have two children.

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John E. Wagner ’77 is an English teacher at Andrew High School in Tinley Park, Ill. John holds a master’s degree from the University of Notre Dame. He and his wife, Dee, have two children and live in Woodridge.

Jimmy Alexander ’79 was featured in Diversity Journal magazine. He is senior vice president in human resources, communications for the Ace Hardware Foundation and is a board member at Lurie Children’s Hospital in Chicago.

1980s

Aaron Buchko, MBA ’83 was appointed to the board of Massachusetts-based Triple S, a janitorial and sanitary service and supply company. A member of Bradley’s faculty since 1989, he is a professor of management and leadership in the Foster College of Business. Aaron, who holds a doctoral degree from Michigan State University, has been featured in several professional publications and has written more than 20 articles and a textbook.

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Will Flower ‘83 is president of Green Stream Recycling in Long Island, N.Y. Previously, he was senior vice president of Republic Services Inc. in Arizona. Will holds a master’s degree from the University of Illinois, Springfield. He and his wife, Kim, live in Bayville.

Amy Smith Knight ’84 is a fitness coordinator, exercise instructor, and personal trainer at the Aspen Club and Maroon Creek Club in Aspen, Colo. She also is a volunteer fitness trainer for the Aspen Volunteer Fire Department, where she served as a firefighter and EMT for 20 years. Amy lives in Aspen with her husband, Dana, and two sons.

Greg Ashcraft ’86 performed in November with the Bradley Community Chorus and Symphony Orchestra at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Peoria, Ill. He has performed nationally and internationally with several opera companies and orchestras. Eric received a master’s degree and artist’s diploma from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. He teaches voice at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

Lynn Fumagalli Coladipietro ’86 is a registered nurse clinician at the New Lenox outpatient center of Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago. Her husband, Marco Coladipietro ’87, is chief financial officer for United Cerebral Palsy of Illinois Prairieland. He holds an MBA from Benedictine University. They have two children and live in Crest Hill, Ill.

Steven L. Fisher ’76 was elected to the board of directors of the Bradley Hilltopics.

Julie Laisure Howar ’87 is the dean of business, hospitality, and information systems at Illinois Central College. Previously, she worked at Ivy Tech Community College and Davenport University in Indiana. She holds an MBA from William Woods College.

Steve McMurray ’89 is the prime-time weeknight voice on Chicago’s WGN-AM 720. He joined the station in 2012 and had hosted a late-night show. Previously, Pete worked at Chicago stations WQMI-FM and WLUF-FM, where he co-hosted a morning show with Jane Monzures ’93.

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A second-grader’s desire to be Santa Claus in a class play sparked a theatre career, including a role in the current national tour of the musical *Memphis*, for Eddie Urish ’87. “I just had to be Santa Claus,” Eddie recalled. “That was when I realized I liked being in front of people.”

From grade school oratorical contests and talent shows to high school forensics and community theatre, he often was in front of an audience. After a stint at the prestigious Goodman School of Drama in Chicago, Eddie decided to finish his theatre and secondary education degree at Bradley.

That move led to a teaching job at East Peoria Community High School, where he started the regional Eastlight Theatre and pioneered its annual holiday run of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. “I could start something the way I wanted it to be,” he said about Eastlight. “I had made the decision to step away from working as a professional but hadn’t lost that desire to stay connected. Central Illinois was rich in community theatre but limited for professional work. I was young, cocky and frustrated. With the help of Kathy West Chitwood ’80 and the forward-thinking leaders of East Peoria, we brought the professional world to us.”

From Eastlight, Eddie and Carol Rapp Urish ’82 opened a dinner theatre in Peoria, which led to another entertainment first for him as co-host on the morning show of Peoria’s WMBD-TV. “I went on to promote the dinner theatre. They were looking for a new host and asked me to do it for a couple weeks as a fill-in,” he said.

“Talent was likely not as persuasive as the flood of emails and calls. It’s amazingly beneficial to have two theatres where I could encourage patrons to let the station know how awesome I was and then enjoy a free drink the next time they came to a show,” Eddie jokingly continued.

After holding a series of marketing and development positions, Eddie welcomed an opportunity to audition for a new two-person comedy alongside a veteran Broadway actress at the same theatre that gave birth to *Nunsense* and *Forever Plaid* in Rochester, New York. That show, *You Say Tomato, I Say Shut Up*, was Eddie’s first Broadway tour but not his first national tour. In 2012, he played the title role in an adaptation of *Huck Finn* by the Classic Theatre of Toronto in that show’s North American tour.

Roles at theatres in Pennsylvania, Indiana, New York, and suburban Chicago led to his selection for the touring company of *Memphis*, in which he plays numerous small parts. “The work with this show is not the performance, it’s the preparation,” he explained.

That work includes offbeat hours, grueling bus rides between show locations, and adapting to new spaces on a continual basis. The nine-month national tour spans 37 states, and Eddie noted the show averages a two-day stay per venue.

“I worked all these years to find out what makes me tick,” he commented. “The journey out led to the journey inward. I know I can handle anything now.”

— B.G.
Honey Maltin-Wisot '95 and her husband, Andrew, announce the birth of their daughter, Summer Aliyah, on August 19. Honey is a producer for KABC-TV in Los Angeles. They live in Culver City, Calif.

Christopher Muniz '96 is an attorney with Scalambrino & Arnoff LLP in Chicago, specializing in business, bankruptcy and employment law. Christopher, who holds a juris doctorate from Seton Hall University, is co-chair of the Homeless and At-Risk Youth Committee of the Chicago Bar Association.

Matthew Zick '96 is a licensed professional engineer and project manager for Crawford, Murphy & Tilly Inc. He is certified as a LEED professional associate and is active with the group Engineers Without Borders. Selected as one of the “40 Leaders Under Forty” by InterBusiness Issues magazine in 2013, Matthew served on the senior design review committee for the University's Department of Civil Engineering and Construction and as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers liaison for the American Consulting Engineers Council of Illinois. He and his wife, Rebecca Burke Zick '96, live in Chillicothe, Ill.

Greg Rastatter '97 became a partner in the Peoria, Ill., office of Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen PC. He holds a juris doctorate from the University of Illinois College of Law and is active with the Peoria Historical Society and the Peoria Riverfront Museum. Greg also teaches a freshman history class at Bradley. He lives with his wife, Melissa, and three children in Dunlap.

Jacqueline Earle, MSME '99 was named to the board of ASM International, a technical society for materials engineers and scientists that has more than 29,000 members worldwide. Jackie is a product support manager for Caterpillar. She lives with her husband, Shawn, in Mapleton, Ill.


Jennifer Pannucci Murray '99 and Daniel Murray were married April 13, 2013. Jennifer is a market development sales manager for Coca-Cola. The Murrays live in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Mike Denning '99 is an attorney and partner with Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen PC and was named to the list of 40 “up and coming” Illinois attorneys under age 40 by Law Bulletin Publishing Co. Mike earned a juris doctorate at Northern Illinois University. He lives in Belvidere with his wife, Amanda, and two children.

degrees at Arizona State University and is an associate professor of communication studies at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

Bradley Henz, MA '01 is a partner and lead timer with ShaZam Racing and a running coach. He helped establish Peoria, Ill.’s first marathon and was named one of the “40 Leaders Under Forty” by InterBusiness Issues magazine in 2013. Brad is a founding member of the Peoria Area Track and Field Club, for which he has served as president and vice president.

Calvin Butler ’91, a member of the University’s Board of Trustees, was named CEO of Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. (BGE) in February. He had been the utility’s senior vice president for regulatory and external affairs since February 2013. Previously, Calvin worked in high-level executive positions for BGE’s parent company, Exelon, and sister utility, ComEd.

Calvin also served as senior vice president of external affairs for RR Donnelley. A new member of the board of directors for the Greater Baltimore Committee, he also is a new board member at the Baltimore Community Foundation. He has been honored by several publications, including as one of the “Top 100 Executives in America” by Uptown Professional Magazine, a “40 under Forty” emerging leader by Crain's Chicago Business, and one of 50 “Men of Excellence” by Chicago Defender. Calvin also was inducted into Peoria’s African American Hall of Fame Museum.

A public relations major with a political science minor, Calvin holds a juris doctorate from Washington University in St. Louis. He and his wife, Sharon, have two children and live in Baltimore.

— B.G.
Melissa Cunningham Jarvill ’01 MSN ’13 is a temporary clinical instructor in nursing at Bradley. She worked at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center for 12 years and has been an air and ground transport nurse for critically ill infants. She lives in Pekin, Ill.

Amanda Bramham ’03 is a family practice physician with SBL Family Medical Center in Mattoon, Ill. She completed the MedPrep program at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale and earned her medical degree at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit. Amanda was an active volunteer in Detroit’s inner city through Wayne State’s Co-Currucular Fabric of Society program.

Jeff Lakdawala ’03 and his wife, Caitlin, announce the birth of Liam James on November 2. Jeff is a senior design engineer with Caterpillar. They live in Dunlap, Ill.

Troy Larson, MS ’03 is an assistant professor of biology at Augustana College. His wife, Julie Krack Larson ’03, is a senior instructor at Caterpillar. They have one son and live in Alpha, Ill.

Tim Regan ’04 was named assistant coach of the Indy Eleven team in the North American Soccer League. Selected for this year’s class in the Bradley Athletics Hall of Fame, Tim is a member of the MVC’s All-Centennial Team. He was chosen in the second round of the 2003 MLS SuperDraft and played six seasons in Major League Soccer. Previously, he worked for Toronto FC, the U.S. Soccer Federation, and the Scott Gallagher club in St. Louis.

Gabriel Rodriguez ’04 is senior estimator for P.J. Hoerr Inc. He is active in several volunteer groups and is an adjunct instructor in Bradley’s Department of Civil Engineering and Construction, where he serves on the CEC advisory board. Named to the “40 Leaders Under Forty” list by InterBusiness Issues magazine in 2013, Gabriel lives with his wife, Lindsay, and two children in Washington, Ill.

Ernie Stephens ’04 and Lisa Scovill Stephens ’05 announce the birth of their second child, Ernest Jackson, on December 4. Ernie is an equipment manager at Walsh Construction, and Lisa is a compliance officer at The Options Clearing Corp. The family lives in Franklin, Ill.

Amanda Vicary ’04 is a psychology professor at Illinois Wesleyan University. She holds a doctoral degree from the University of Illinois, and her research has been featured in national publications, including Newsweek and the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Jennifer A. Brooks, MSME ’05 is an engineering specialist and undercarriage systems engineer at Caterpillar. She is active in professional and civic groups. Listed in the 2013 class of “40 Leaders Under Forty” by InterBusiness Issues magazine, she is a Six Sigma black belt and president-elect of the Society of Women Engineers, Central Illinois Section.

Sarah Ferrill ’05 joined the law firm of Swanson, Martin & Bell LLP in Chicago, where she will focus on medical negligence, healthcare and general trial practice. Previously, she was with Salvi Schostok & Pritchard PC. Sarah has a juris doctorate from John Marshall Law School.

Chris Kolowski ’05 MS ’10 is the assistant principal and athletic director at Central Junior High School in East Peoria, Ill. Previously, he was a science and math teacher at the school. Chris holds a master’s degree from Saint Xavier University and lives in East Peoria with his wife and daughter.

Tony Bennett ’06 played for the London Lightning in the National Basketball League of Canada.

Carissa Batten Blumenshine ’02 and John Blumenshine IV ’03 were married June 28, 2013. Carissa is an RN at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center. John, who holds a master’s degree from Colorado State University, is a teacher at Oak Park-River Forest High School. They live in Niles, Ill.

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Craig Himes ’04 and his wife, Kate Fombelle Himes ’06, announce the birth of their third son, Ian Craig, on November 25. Craig is a project manager for Grunloh Construction and Kate is a Six Sigma black belt at Caterpillar. They live in Monticello, Ill.

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Ashley Troup Libby ’03 and her husband, Matthew Libby ’05, announce the birth of Fiona Leigh on October 4. Ashley is an associate sales executive, and Matthew is revenue director, both with Kohler Co. The family lives in Sheboygan, Wis.

Darla Baughman Marshall ’03 and her husband, James, announce the birth of their second son, Ethan David, on December 5. Darla earned a master’s degree and her reading specialist certification at Northern Illinois University. The family lives in Oswego, Ill.

Betsy Perry Patton ’03 and her husband, Jack, announce the birth of their second son, Fredenc David, on July 25. They live in Fort Wayne, Ind.

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Vincent Boyle ’06 joined Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen PC, specializing in employment law. He was named to the “40 Leaders Under Forty” list by InterBusiness Issues magazine in 2013. He is active with the Peoria County Bar Association and as a volunteer for several groups, including the Chamber of Commerce and Big Brothers Big Sisters. Vincent earned his law degree at the University of Illinois.

Monica Rutkowski ’06 was named director of marketing and public relations for PizzaRev, a California-based create-your-own pizza chain. Previously, she worked for Fishman Public Relations.

Heidi Baumann, MBA ’08 is an assistant professor of management and leadership at Bradley. Previously, she worked at Caterpillar and State Farm. Heidi holds a doctoral degree from Purdue University and lives in Washington, Ill.

Brad Eskridge ’08 MBA ’10 is an instructor in the Department of Marketing at the Foster College of Business. Brad and his wife, Jessica, have one daughter and live in Canton, Ill.

Leanne Skuse, MSCE ’08 is a project manager for River City Construction. Active with the United Way and other groups, she is LEED accredited and has been an adjunct instructor.

Katie Aeschliman Gibbons ’09 and Ryan Gibbons were married October 12. Katie is a senior event marketing representative at ALSAC/St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Peoria, Ill. They live in Dunlap.

Richard Lupo ’09 and Stephanie Castongia Lupo ’11 were married August 13. Richard owns Rich Lupo Flutes and Piccolos. Stephanie earned a master’s in flute performance at the University of Akron and is pursuing her doctorate in musical arts at the University of Iowa. They live in North Liberty, Iowa.

Matt Smetana ’09 and Lauren Sandstrom Smetana ’10 were married May 27, 2012. They live in Schaumburg, Ill.

Marcus Belin ’10 MS ’14 and Monique Jordan Belin ’11 welcomed Maliyah Jordyn on August 9. Marcus is dean of students and assistant principal at Quest Charter Academy. Monique teaches third grade at Ridgeview School in Dunlap, Ill. They live in Peoria.

Ryan Raetzman ’10 and Jackie Sobanski Raetzman ’10 were married July 6. Ryan is a planter design engineer, and Jackie is a drivetrain design engineer, both at Case New Holland. They live in Lemont, Ill.

Katy Robinson ’10 directed I Hate Hamlet in October for Prairie Players in Galesburg, Ill. She has written plays that were produced at Bradley and in Chicago. Katy, who lives in Galesburg, also teaches at the Galesburg Performing Arts Academy and gives private voice lessons.

Andrea Suk ’06 and Will Riley were married November 26. Andrea is completing her master’s degree at the University of Kansas. The couple lives in Phoenix, Ariz.

Zach Franklin ’08 and Emily Epich Franklin ’10 were married February 16, 2013. Emily is office manager at Resource Management Services. Zach is a senior test technician for Advanced Technology Services. They live in Peoria, Ill.

Zach Neff ’08 operates ZNeff Productions in Peoria Heights, Ill. He recently launched a mobile app called memorylounge for collecting and sharing photos from events.

Joshua Fitzen ’08 earned a medical degree at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield. He is in a preliminary internal medicine residency at SIU School of Medicine and its affiliated hospitals. Later, he will be in a diagnostic radiology residency program at Geisinger Health System in Danville, Pa.

Stefanie Luce Cornelius ’09 and Carson Cornelius ’10 were married September 1. Stefanie is a hospital patient care supervisor, and Carson is operations manager for a tire distributor. They live in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Cliff Garrett ’09 and Breanna Murphy Garrett ’10 were married May 27, 2012. They live in Schaumburg, Ill.

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Heidi Hoffman Long ’10 and Stephen Long ’10 were married August 31. Heidi is a special events manager for the American Lung Association. Stephen, who holds a master’s degree from Purdue University, is a structural engineer at Sargent & Lundy. They live in Chicago.

Bradley’s Best Defensive Player in 2005 and a member of the MVC All-Newcomer squad that season, he has played internationally in several countries.
Career Path Written in the Stars

The stars seemed to align for RENAE STENGER KERRIGAN ’11 when she was a student at Bradley. She crafted her own major and utilized the Smith Career Center for an internship at Peoria’s Lakeview Museum, which moved to the new Peoria Riverfront Museum in 2012.

Recently, she was named the museum’s planetarium curator, following the retirement of Sheldon Schaefer, who taught her astronomy at Bradley. “When I became an intern at Lakeview Museum in 2009, my boss [Schaefer] asked me to take his Astronomy 300 course, so I could work in the planetarium,” Renae said. “His course fascinated me and was the beginning of my passion for science.”

She credits Ann Schmitt, the museum’s vice president of programs, along with Schaefer for suggesting her customized major and helping her select classes, including science, education, and art history courses “that would not have fit into a traditional major.” The Smith Career Center also was instrumental.

“Without the Smith Career Center, I would not be at the museum,” Renae commented. “I attended an internship fair and landed a position in the education department of the museum as a sophomore and continued it until I graduated. My internship became a full-time job.”

She is the planetarium’s third director since it originally opened in the 1960s. Renae plans and presents shows and special events in the planetarium and maintains its equipment. Previously, she planned programming, worked in the collections department, and helped in the transition from Lakeview Museum to the riverfront facility. She hopes to increase planetarium programming and promote science education and literacy for all ages.

She noted that being a young woman teaching about science can surprise people, but she enjoys the interaction and the learning that takes place on both sides. “It’s an environment that most people don’t experience in their everyday lives,” she explained about the planetarium. “Young children get so excited about science and learning. Every day, I learn something new. The planetarium is really an amazing place.”

She was selected the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Co-op/Intern of the Year in 2010, but her internship provided another tangible reward. “I married Kyle Kerrigan on June 15, 2013,” Renae said. “We met during my internship; he worked for the park district that cared for the museum grounds.”

— B.G.
Jorden Seifert Heaton ’12 and Christopher Heaton II ’12 were married July 6. Jorden is an accessibility specialist at MSF&W. Christopher is a Peoria police officer. They live in Peoria, Ill.

Michelle Geltner ’12 published her first book, the panther/girl. The novel for young adults was in the works for nine years, since it placed third in the Naperville Women’s Club Short Story and Poetry Contest.

Nate Poths ’13 joined the copy desk of the Bismarck Tribune in North Dakota.

Michael Ryan ’13 is an admissions representative at Bradley. He lives in the Chicago area.

Nicole Vick, MA ’13 was selected to help develop new national core standards for science education. She is among 48 teachers across the country helping the National Science Teachers Association devise the new standards for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Nicole teaches science at Abingdon-Avon High School in Abingdon, Ill.

Megan Zwicky Wallen ’13 and Andrew Wallen were married June 22, 2013. Megan is a teacher at Washington School District 51. They live in North Pekin, Ill.

In Memory

1930s

Harriet Foster Horton ’37, Dec. 18, Peoria, Ill.
Clinton Bowman ’38, Feb. 11, Prospect Heights, Ill.
Roberta Nyberg Larson Collins ’39, Feb. 12, Woodland Park, Colo.
Seymour Post ’39, Dec. 3, Madison, Miss.
Margaret Stacy Sutherland ’39, Nov. 18, Peoria, Ill.

1940s

Deane Richardson ’41, Sept. 22, Northfield, Minn.
Harry Schindler ’41, Feb. 13, Bartonville, Ill.
Louis Shuler ’41, Jan. 10, Gold Canyon, Ariz.
Dorothy Janssen Greiner ’42, Nov. 27, Downers Grove, Ill.
Mary Kinsinger Chase ’43, Jan. 13, Troy, Ohio
William Dovey ’44, Oct. 23, Indianapolis
Patricia Heeg Schlicksup Nailon ’44, Feb. 1, Peoria, Ill.
Helen Cressey Goldswothy Campbell ’47, Dec. 12, East Peoria, Ill.
Margaret Winters Gauwitz ’47, Oct. 24, Bartonville, Ill.
Martha Lang Hoyt ’47, Nov. 15, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Lois Stein Lewis ’47, Oct. 21, East Peoria, Ill.
Kenneth Hinrichs ’48 MS ’53, Jan. 19, Peoria, Ill.
Marjorie Peplow Samp ’48, Jan. 31, Peoria, Ill.
Robert J. Smith ’48 MS ’50, Nov. 12, St. Paul, Minn.
Richard Adamson ’49, Dec. 20, Peoria, Ill.
James Cadagin ’49 MS ’51, Jan. 17, Pekin, Ill.
Mary Slaughter Craig ’49, Nov. 13, Peoria, Ill.

Women’s Club Short Story and Poetry Contest.

John J. Getz ’49, Feb. 17, Morton, Ill.
James Hill Jr. ’49, Nov. 8, Huntsville, Ala.
Harold Hoffman ’49, Oct. 28, Peoria, Ill.
Paul Lohrmann ’49, Nov. 10, Columbus, Ohio
Gene Van Pelt ’49, Jan. 5, Omaha, Neb.

1950s

Robert Coyle ’50, Jan. 17, Peoria, Ill.
Nancy Coxon Fehr ’50, Jan. 18, Tucson, Ariz.
Max Morse ’50, Oct. 4, Elmwood, Ill.
Earle David Porter ’50, Nov. 21, Lexington, Ky.
David Carbin ’51, Oct. 2, North Port, Fla.
Winifred Johnson Collins ’51, Jan. 30, Sugar Land, Texas
William Fivik ’51, Nov. 14, Hamden, Conn.
Ira Hammer ’51, Nov. 1, Palm Beach, Fla.
Richard Hinds ’51, June 7, 2013, Peoria, Ill.
Paul Kuyoth ’51, Dec. 3, San Antonio
John LaPayne ’51 MA ’52, Dec. 5, Chillicothe, Ill.
Donald Alford ’52, Jan. 3, The Woodlands, Texas
Marilyn Thornton Amyx ’52, Dec. 11, Baton Rouge, La.
Joseph H. Binder ’52, Dec. 30, Williams Bay, Wis.
Wilma Zimmerman Bollegar ’52, Feb. 19, Morton, Ill.
Louise Bevency Bulach ’52, Jan. 12, Peoria, Ill.
Dale Devore ’52, Dec. 7, Aledo, Ill.
Albert Gray ’52, Feb. 4, Pekin, Ill.
Wayne Hayes ’52, Feb. 9, Pekin, Ill.
Robert Matarelli Sr. ’52, Nov. 18, Superior, Wis.
Lorraine McKee Reliford ’52, Dec. 7, East Peoria, Ill.
Charles Sabin ’52 MA ’53, Nov. 27, Plainfield, Ill.

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Paula Ames Shumaker Diseker, MA '81 BS '86, Nov. 24, Pekin, Ill.
Valarie Hollensteiner '81, Dec. 14, Peoria, Ill.
Nina Jordan Lee, MS '81, Nov. 22, Peoria, Ill.
Ann Taylor Hedrick Hanak, MA '82, Dec. 1, Urbana, Ill.
Cheryl Imes, MA '82, Dec. 20, Palm Desert, Calif.
Rose Wrestler Bantz '83, Oct. 29, Peoria, Ill.
Lynn Bochtier Gamez '83, Nov. 30, Celebration, Fla.

1990s

Daniel Kuhajek '97, Feb. 6, Cary, Ill.
Stephanie Kauzlarich '98, Jan. 3, 2013, Petersburg, Ill.
Mark Shull, MBA '98, Jan. 6, Chillicothe, Ill.
Anthony Tiemann '98, Feb. 12, Peoria, Ill.

2000s

Lisa Weiland O'Brien '01, Oct. 9, Morton Grove, Ill.
David Tobias '02, Feb. 17, Morton, Ill.
Amy Colgan '04, Nov. 1, Princeville, Ill.
Toni Chatwood Siegle, MA '06, Feb. 4, Peoria, Ill.

Faculty

William Hammond, MSEE '60, professor emeritus of electrical and computer engineering and technology, died Feb. 10 in Peoria, Ill. He taught at Bradley from 1957–99 and helped establish the University’s Department of Electrical Engineering. An Air Force veteran of the Korean Conflict, he held a doctoral degree from Purdue University. He was director of Bradley’s Technology and Commercialization Center for four years and was instrumental in a student exchange program with Samara State Aerospace University in Russia. He also was a member and advisor for Tau Beta Pi engineering honorary society from 1973–97. Bill started two companies, owned and managed real estate, and consulted for several firms. Surviving are his wife, Nanette; two children, including Thomas Hammond ’87; and four grandchildren, including Melissa Hammond ’08 and Josh Hammond ’10. One son, Timothy Hammond ’89, preceded him in death.
Alumni Connections

Alumni Events

July 19 // Washington, D.C.
Washington Nationals vs. Milwaukee Brewers game, 7:05 p.m., Nationals Park; Free postgame concert; Tickets $35, includes $10 concession coupon for use during game.

August 1 // Peoria
CIBAC Bratfest, 5 p.m., Jimmy’s Bar, 2801 W. Farmington Rd.; $5 in advance, $10 at door.

August 3 // Los Angeles
Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Chicago Cubs game, Dodger Stadium; Tickets $28.*

August 7 // Springfield, Illinois
Bradley Night at the Illinois State Fair, 5–7:30 p.m., parade 6 p.m.; Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave.; $10 and $15.

August 10 // St. Louis
Alumni picnic and student send-off, 1–3 p.m., Stacy Park, 9750 Old Bonhomme Rd., Olivette.

August 19 // Peoria
Danny Dahlquist Memorial Soccer Game vs. University of Notre Dame, 7 p.m., Shea Stadium.

August 21 // Kansas City, Missouri
Networking Happy Hour, 5–8 p.m., The Granfalloon, 608 Ward Pkwy.

September 14 // St. Louis
St. Louis Cardinals vs. Colorado Rockies game, 1:15 p.m., Busch Stadium; Tickets $83.

October 15–18 // Peoria
Homecoming and 50th reunion for Class of 1964

October 17 // Peoria
Founder’s Day

* Additional details to be announced.

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1 Peoria The annual Rising Star Dinner on February 21 honored 42 first-year Bradley students for their leadership and campus involvement. After the dinner, past recipients of the honor, alumni, and Bradley Ambassadors held a networking reception at the Hayden-Clark Alumni Center. Thirty-five of the Rising Stars shown are (front row, from left) Ryan Southwood, Cydney Young, Mackenzie Payne, Alexandra Brunn, Marie Calcopietro, Jessica Lach, Mary McNerney, Olgica Krapivner and Haley Walker. Second row: Taylor Provax, Olivia Althiser, Rachel Thomas, Elizabeth Jensen, Caitlin Crowley, Dallas Garrison, Carolyn Stewart, Lindsay Cerchio, Nicole Neviocisi and Melissa Wroblewski. Third row: Tim Klein, Erica D’Ambrose, Hannah Mayfield, Trenton Parish, Jack Koeppele, Aaron Morden, Margaret Thon, Sylvia Evers and Matthew Campbell. Fourth row: Charles Barchett, Joshua McGhee, Xzavier Taylor, Colin Kavanaugh, Maxwell Masucci, Julia Bruynseels and Fatimatou Bah.

2 Peoria More than 180 alumni attended the biennial reunion of the Bradley University Black Alumni Alliance (BUBAA) April 25–27. BUBAA Board members include (from left) Hubert Stalling Jr. ’85, Wanda Bolton ‘73, Vance Pierce ’03 MA ’05, Rhonda Potts ’04, Michael R. Davis ’75, Renee Jones Webb ’74, and Nathan Martin III ’84.
Jupiter, Florida  Sue VanEtten Uphoff ’78 and her husband, Jim, were among a group of eighteen alumni and friends who watched the St. Louis Cardinals in a spring training game on March 8.

Seattle  Dr. Stacey Robertson (left), Oglesby Professor of American Heritage, discussed her research about modern-day slavery at an alumni networking reception on March 14 at the Washington Athletic Club.

Naples, Florida  About 45 alumni and friends gathered February 12 at the West Bay Club for an evening with President Joanne Glasser, including Dr. Darrell Radson, James Richmond, President Glasser, Jeanne Richmond and Dr. Lex Akers.

Peoria  Taking a break from the CIBAC Wine Tasting on May 2 in the Peplow Pavilion were (from left) B.J. Ullom ’12, Ashley Cox ’13, Katie Conoboy ’13, Sammi Peterburs ’13, Morgan Liphart ’12, and (front) Adam Klaege ’10.

Overland Park, Kansas  About 15 alumni and friends gathered February 25 at Futbol Club Eatery & Tap to watch the Braves basketball team take on Wichita State.

Hilltop View *Routing: An Interactive Media Experience*
About 160 interactive media majors filled the Peoria Riverfront Museum on May 3 to display their class projects. According to James Ferolo, professor and chair of the Department of Interactive Media (IM), Routing: An Interactive Media Experience was “the latest incarnation of our year-end show, which gives all our students an opportunity to showcase what they’ve created over the past two terms.”

Upon entering the main lobby, attendees encountered the Wave Wall, a 13-foot-tall wooden structure with 50 Phillips hue light bulbs that change color with different programming. The two wall experiences were Light Rider, featuring a skateboard-like platform riders used to manipulate light on the wall, and Color Wave, which employed cameras to capture and mimic people’s clothing colors.

The lobby also housed several exploration activities. Individuals could act out scenes in front of a green screen then watch as students edited and finalized the video. Two hands-on programming opportunities allowed guests to try creating and publishing their own video games and establishing custom controls to navigate Sphero balls around an obstacle course.

The museum’s seven-story digital theatre ran a series of original 4K productions (meaning they have a horizontal resolution of 4,000 pixels) on a loop. The videos ranged from a short narrative on the “Bradley Drone System” and senior interviews to discussions by IM faculty members and a compendium reel of student work.

For the portfolio show, freshmen through seniors presented their projects on more than 120 Apple computers, enabling attendees to explore the games, animations, Web-based applications, and mobile apps with their creators.

Although every IM faculty member was involved with Routing, five were colloquium presenters, discussing trends and research in digital media. Ferolo covered mobile learning, and Dr. Ed Lamoureux, professor in the IM and communication departments, spoke about IM-related privacy and intellectual property issues. Dr. Monica McGill, assistant professor of game design, talked about Dapper, a game designed to help improve the outcomes of patients with type 2 diabetes. Matt Nelson, assistant professor of Web and application design, examined the user experience and its relationship to data visualization, while Scott Cavanah, instructor of animation and visual effects, presented advances in 4K and higher resolution imagery.

Dr. Jeffrey Huberman, dean of the Slane College of Communications and Fine Arts, commented, “When you walk around this room and see the creative work, it’s almost overwhelming considering it’s one of the top-rated programs in game design in the country, and it’s one of the top-rated programs in animation and visual effects in the Midwest.” As he noted, Animation Career Review ranked Bradley as the #18 and #83 animation program and the #4 and #44 game design program in the Midwest and U.S., respectively.

— C.M.
Wednesday, Oct. 15
- Lighting of the “B” Celebration, including participation by athletic teams, performances by dance groups, a fireworks display above Bradley Hall and more!

Friday, Oct. 17
- Founder’s Day Convocation
- Founder’s Day Luncheon
- Alumni Tailgate Reception
- Students vs. Faculty/Staff Flag Football
- 50 Plus Club Reception
- Red & White Scrimmage

Saturday, Oct. 18
- Gary Tippett Memorial 5K Race
- Class of 1964 Reunion Events
- Soccer Game vs. Central Arkansas & Fireworks

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