75 Years of Storytelling
THIS YEAR, WE MARK THE 75TH anniversary of the current Bradley Hilltopics. What an accomplishment! Through the years, the University’s magazine has served to keep alumni around the world connected to one another and to the institution that helped them lead productive and successful lives.

Not only has its editorial spotlight shone on outstanding students, faculty, staff and alumni — whose accomplishments have helped Bradley become the prestigious place of higher learning it is today — the stories of their journeys have served as an inspiration.

As we celebrate this milestone, I thank everyone who has dedicated their time and talents to Bradley Hilltopics, especially Karen Crowley Metzinger M.A. ’97, who led the magazine for the past 12 years. We wish her well as she begins a new chapter of her life, and we welcome Sandra Guthrie as the new executive editor.

In October, I was fortunate to take part in ceremonies marking service to Bradley. We recognized 17 retired faculty and staff members with emeriti status, and presented service award pins to faculty and staff celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 years of dedication. Both of these events are proof of the extraordinary commitment of our people, one that enables us to provide an exceptional learning environment for our students. I have said it before: it is the people who make our University great.

Today, our audience is more diverse, and advancements in technology transform how we learn. We must reach new markets in new ways. Our new social engagement platform, insideBradley, is a dynamic and interactive web product that engages prospective students and allows us to reach them in the style and language they prefer. Already proven effective, it has generated more than 2,050 participants in the first month. Initiatives like this will help propel the University forward, but everyone must continue to do their part.

Bradley will welcome a new leader Jan. 1 with the selection of Gary R. Roberts ’70 by the Board of Trustees to become the University’s 11th president. He has a deep passion and excitement about joining the Bradley family that the campus and the community will feel immediately.

I will remain a member of the faculty by continuing to teach part time in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. I have enjoyed serving as interim president, and am proud to give back to the institution that gave me so much. I am pleased with all that Bradley has accomplished in this short interim period and look forward to all that is to come.

Best wishes,

Stan Liberty
The Bradley family welcomed home Gary R. Roberts ’70 with a standing ovation Oct. 16 in Dingeldine Music Center. The dean emeritus and Gerald L. Bepko Professor of Law at Indiana University’s McKinney School of Law will officially become the University’s 11th president Jan. 1.

A heartfelt response from Roberts included recalling his Bradley mentors, several of whom were in the audience. “I have always loved Bradley, and I owe the University a great debt of gratitude,” he said. “Whatever I do, I will do in good faith, and I want all of your help.”

The first alumnus named to the presidency since Dr. Martin “Jerry” Abegg ’47 HON ’93 in 1971, Roberts described how his Bradley Experience propelled him into graduating at the top of his class from Stanford Law School in 1975, a lifelong dream he fulfilled after two years of teaching and coaching the debate team at Limestone Community High School, near Bradley’s campus.

An economics major who minored in speech, Roberts was the president of his sophomore class, student body treasurer during his junior year, and a member of the student supreme court his senior year. As one of the members of Bradley’s five-time undefeated 1969 College Bowl Team, he helped boost the University’s image on the nationally televised G.E. College Bowl program.

Roberts believes everyone in the Bradley family is important, emphasizing that alumni are critical to the success of the University. “Everything we do depends on our external audience, and outreach is essential,” the Minnesota native said. “We have so many graduates to be proud of in all four corners of the world. We need to bring even more alumni into the life of the school for their wisdom and experience so they can pass on their knowledge to our students. My arrival at Bradley was pure fortuity, and it turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to my professional life.”
75 Years of Storytelling

We take a look at how the University and Bradley Hilltopics have evolved together over the past 75 years.

Language Nutrition

When a teenage Dr. Judith Carta ’72 became a volunteer tutor to children living in poverty in Chicago, she had no idea she was beginning her life’s work.

Hope Grows

Assistant Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences Amanda Newell and her dietetic internship students are making a difference in the lives and health of underserved families in the Peoria area.

A Better Night’s Sleep

A team of engineering and business students joined forces to design a prototype that detects obstructive sleep apnea.

A Novel Translation

Bradley’s Dr. Alexander Hertich believes you don’t have to be born in a foreign country to be a skilled translator.

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General Education Curriculum Updated

To better fulfill University founder Lydia Moss Bradley’s mission that students “have the means of living an independent, industrious and useful life,” Bradley students will see an increased emphasis on connecting disciplines and cultures through collaboration, critical thinking and decision-making as part of the new Bradley Core Curriculum (BCC) approved by the University Senate in early 2015.

With this update of the general education curriculum, students will establish the diverse toolkits necessary to lead an ever-changing world.

“Our general education curriculum has been tinkered with over the years, but there hasn’t been a comprehensive look,” said Dr. Kelly McConnaughay, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, who chaired the Core Curriculum Committee. “We want students to appreciate that what they learn in the core curriculum is as important as their major.”

The BCC will be implemented next fall for incoming students. During the spring 2016 advisement sessions, current students will work with their advisers to determine if they should continue under the existing guidelines or switch to the new option.

An outgrowth of Bradley’s strategic plan, the changes focus on types of thinking and approaches in eight core areas of inquiry. With five positive core outcomes, the curriculum offers more flexibility for students, so they can customize their Bradley Experience to meet their future goals. Students will be encouraged to plan their schedules so their core courses are interwoven throughout their time on campus.

Two core practices are included in the BCC. These are writing-intensive courses beyond the standard composition courses to enhance communication skills and integrative learning courses to help students make connections between their classroom, co-curricular and off-campus experiences.

“Simply put, the goal is to produce a common set of attributes, understandings and tools for all our students, regardless of their major,” McConnaughay noted. “It gives students the ability to blend tools from multiple disciplines to solve common complex problems.”

More than three years in the making, the BCC involved the work of more than 140 faculty and staff members on 16 committees and task forces. Development included surveys, open forums and input from students, employers, alumni, parents and members of the Board of Trustees.

“We were determined to gather input from a variety of audiences.” A means to track how students are doing and to make courses and programs more effective also was developed. “We have the structure to make sure we are meeting our goals,” added McConnaughay. — B.G.

THE NEW BRADLEY CORE CURRICULUM (BCC)

CORE OUTCOMES
- Critical and creative thinking
- Effective communication
- Multidisciplinary integration
- Practical application
- Social awareness

CORE AREAS OF INQUIRY
- Communication
- Fine arts
- Global perspectives
- Humanities
- Knowledge and reasoning in the natural sciences
- Knowledge and reasoning in the social and behavioral sciences
- Multidisciplinary integration
- Quantitative reasoning

CORE PRACTICES
- Two required writing-intensive courses to meet students’ needs to continually improve and apply written communication skills
- Two recommended integrative-learning experiences to reinforce and strengthen students’ abilities to connect and apply their learning across disciplines
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Bradley Bits

After covering athletic stars for 36 years as the voice of the NBA’s Los Angeles Clippers, RALPH LAWLER ’61 has his very own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The Bradley Athletics Hall of Famer has called games for Major League Baseball teams, as well as for NFL and NHL teams. The third-longest-tenured announcer in the NBA called the honor, “ONE OF THE GREAT THRILLS OF A LONG AND REWARDING CAREER.”

An editor for Mark Burnett Productions’ Survivor, Bill Bowden ’03 was nominated for an Emmy for Outstanding Picture Editing for Reality Programming. He lives in Los Angeles.

Winter finery takes a Scottish turn with a scarf or necktie in Bradley’s new tartan plaid, designed by Carolyn Stewart ’17, now registered with the Scottish Register of Tartans in Edinburgh, Scotland. Order yours at collegiatetartan.com.

WHITNEY FOSCO ’11 had her research on attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) featured on ScienceDaily, a website with more than two million views a month. A graduate student at the University of Buffalo (N.Y.), Fosco and fellow researchers found that positive reinforcement plays a key role in performing cognitive tasks for children with ADHD.

Things heated up for ICU nurse BRENDON DAVID ’15 (third from left) when he took a break from his job to spend a day acting with the cast and crew of Chicago Fire.

“THEY CHECKED WITH ME TO DETERMINE WHAT WAS REALISTIC AND WHAT WASN’T. I MET SOME CELEBRITIES AND HAD A GREAT TIME.”

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Students streamed back to campus in August and then fanned out for Welcome Week service projects around Peoria, Ill., including at Renaissance Park Community Garden. Turnout was so great that organizers ran out of projects before they ran out of willing student volunteers.

Manufacturing engineering major JEREMY KASZYCKI ’17 won the Howard Bernstein Scholarship from the Materials Handling Education Foundation, the first Bradley student ever to do so. He stands in the Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering and Technology lab with his academic and career adviser, Dr. Joseph Chen, professor and chair of the department.

Peoria Journal Star assignment editor/political reporter CHRIS KAERGARD ’04 decided to forego shaving until Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner and the Legislature agreed on a state budget. With no razor in hand since May 31, the adjunct communications instructor and The Scout adviser faces a hairy situation.

As of November 15, 2,050 sign-ups on insideBradley

See Page 45 for the story.

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Students perform in the live room during the open house for Hilltop Studios. The Department of Music and local recording studios donated equipment for the student-run recording arts and audio production facility housed in the basement of University Hall.

The College of Education and Health Sciences enrolled 96 nurses in its first cohort of five online graduate programs. Visit onlinedegrees.bradley.edu for more information.

Lumière and Mrs. Potts, aka EUGENE NARCISO ’98 and GINA POST NARCISO ’98, and their Beauty and the Beast children, lit up the webpages of Buzzfeed Community this Halloween.

COMPiled BY Mary Brolley, Bob Grimson ’81 and Sarah Dukes. PHOTO CREDITS // Lawler: Clippers/Anwar Torres Photography; Lydia Moss Bradley statue, Fosco, Welcome Week, Kaszycki: Duane Zehr; Bowden: courtesy Bill Bowden ’03; David: courtesy Brendon David ’15; Narciso: courtesy Narciso family; Kaergard: Peoria Journal Star; Hilltop Studios: Slane College of Communications.
Centurion Society Honors Exceptional Alumni

**DR. JUDITH CARTA ’72**
From the classrooms and labs of Bradley’s Department of Psychology to postgraduate work at Purdue University and the University of Kansas, Dr. Judith Carta ’72 had one goal: to learn everything she could about how to help young children growing up in poverty. A Chicago native who was the first in her family to attend college, Carta is a professor of special education and a senior scientist in the Life Span Institute at the University of Kansas. She also directs early childhood research at the Juniper Gardens Children’s Project there. She has received more than 40 federal grants from the likes of the U.S. Department of Education, the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. With a nod to her mentor, Caterpillar Professor of Psychology Dr. Claire Etaugh, Carta said her undergraduate years at Bradley “were the foundation for my academic success, and made me the scientist I am today.” *(See story on Carta’s research, pp. 16–19.)*

**BILL FAIRFIELD ’70**
Addressing the Founder’s Day Convocation, Bill Fairfield ’70 remarked, “Undergraduate education is as much about growing up as it is about education.” Fairfield, who also earned an MBA from Harvard University (Mass.), is chair of Dreamfield Partners and director of both Proxibid and ACASS Systems. He has been a leader in a number of emerging industries, including information technology, investing and consulting. His philanthropic interests range from academics to arts to youth programs, and he has served on company boards in both the public and private sectors for more than 50 years. The Kearney, Neb., native credited his time at Bradley — after transferring in as a junior — for opening the world to him. “It was one of the most important decisions I’ve ever made,” he said. “I wish I’d have come here all four years.”

**DR. CLYDE HALL Ed.D. ’53**
Although he was unable to attend the induction ceremony, the University honored Dr. Clyde Hall Ed.D. ’53 for his lifetime of teaching, activism and leadership in civil rights. The longtime resident of Savannah, Ga., is Regents professor emeritus of engineering technology at Savannah State University (formerly Savannah State College), where he was acting president from 1978 to 1980. His plan for the desegregation of the college was adapted into the strategy for ending segregation throughout the university system of Georgia. He received the King-Tisdell Cottage Foundation’s Beach Institute Education Award in 2011 for his part in preparing students for careers in science and technology. He has written numerous articles and two books: *One Hundred Years of Educating at Savannah State College, 1890–1990* and *An African-American Growing Up on the West Side Of Winter Park, Florida, 1925–1942.* — M.B.
KHALID AL-NAIF ’81

Khalid Al-Naif ’81 thinks and acts globally. An expert in international development and native of Iraq, the 2015 Distinguished Alumnus and Centurion issued a challenge to the students attending the Founder’s Day Convocation. “Please consider entering this field,” he said. “We need your help, your new ideas.” He acknowledged successes, but noted the 50 percent of worldwide poverty remaining after his nearly three decades of work in the field.

With broad experience in the management and marketing of international development projects in private, nonprofit and public sectors, Al-Naif has parlayed his research into lasting and effective ventures across the globe. Fluent in Arabic and English and with a working knowledge of French, he has been employed by Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.; Arab Bank, P.L.C.; the U.S. Agency for International Development; and the William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan.

Currently, he serves as president and CEO of Al-Naif and Company, Inc. “We’ve had people on the ground in almost every corner of the globe making major development strides against all odds,” he said. “If we can have an impact on the poor, I’ll be satisfied with what we’ve done.”

An economics major at Bradley, he later studied macroeconomic policy and management at Harvard University (Mass.). He recalled strong relationships with faculty members such as the late Dr. Kalman Goldberg, emeritus professor of economics, as well as his adviser, mentor and former dean of men Dr. James Erickson ’61 M.A. ’66.

Al-Naif followed older brothers Duraid Al-Naif ’79 and Jamal Al-Naif ’80 to the Hilltop. His younger brother, Ali Al-Naif, also attended Bradley for two years during the early 1990s. The legacy continues, as Duraid also attended Bradley for two years during the early 1990s. The legacy continues, as Al-Naif proudly introduced son Jamal Al-Naif ’80 to the Hilltop. His younger brother, Ali Al-Naif, also attended Bradley for two years during the early 1990s. The legacy continues, as Al-Naif proudly introduced son Jamal Al-Naif ’80 to the Hilltop. His younger brother, Ali Al-Naif, also attended Bradley for two years during the early 1990s. The legacy continues, as Al-Naif proudly introduced son Jamal Al-Naif ’80 to the Hilltop. His younger brother, Ali Al-Naif, also attended Bradley for two years during the early 1990s. The legacy continues, as Al-Naif proudly introduced son Jamal Al-Naif ’80 to the Hilltop. His younger brother, Ali Al-Naif, also attended Bradley for two years during the early 1990s. The legacy continues, as Al-Naif proudly introduced son Jamal Al-Naif ’80 to the Hilltop. His younger brother, Ali Al-Naif, also attended Bradley for two years during the early 1990s. The legacy continues, as Al-Naif proudly introduced son Jamal Al-Naif ’80 to the Hilltop. His younger brother, Ali Al-Naif, also attended Bradley for two years during the early 1990s. The legacy continues, as Al-Naif proudly introduced son Jamal Al-Naif ’80 to the Hilltop. His younger brother, Ali Al-Naif, also attended Bradley for two years during the early 1990s. The legacy continues, as Al-Naif proudly introduced son Jamal Al-Naif ’80 to the Hilltop. His younger brother, Ali Al-Naif, also attended Bradley for two years during the early 1990s. The legacy continues, as Al-Naif proudly introduced son Jamal Al-Naif ’80 to the Hilltop. His younger brother, Ali Al-Naif, also attended Bradley for two years during the early 1990s. The legacy continues, as Al-Naif proudly introduced son Jamal Al-Naif ’80 to the Hilltop. His younger brother, Ali Al-Naif, also attended Bradley for two years during the early 1990s. The legacy continues, as Al-Naif proudly introduced son Jamal Al-Naif ’80 to the Hilltop. His younger brother, Ali Al-Naif, also attended Bradley for two years during the early 1990s. The legacy continues, as Al-Naif proudly introduced son Jamal Al-Naif ’80 to the Hilltop. His younger brother, Ali Al-Naif, also attended Bradley for two years during the early 1990s. The legacy continues, as Al-Naif proudly introduced son Jamal Al-Naif ’80 to the Hilltop. His younger brother, Ali Al-Naif, also attended Bradley for two years during the early 1990s. The legacy continues, as Al-Naif proudly introduced son Jamal Al-Naif ’80 to the Hilltop. His younger brother, Ali Al-Naif, also attended Bradley for two years during the early 1990s. The legacy continues, as Al-Naif proudly introduced son Jamal Al-Naif ’80 to the Hilltop. His younger brother, Ali Al-Naif, also attended Bradley for two years during the early 1990s. The legacy continues, as Al-Naif proudly introduced son Jamal Al-Naif ’80 to the Hilltop. His younger brother, Ali Al-Naif, also attended Bradley for two years during the early 1990s. The legacy continues, as Al-Naif proudly introduced son Jamal Al-Naif ’80 to the Hilltop. His younger brother, Ali Al-Naif, also attended Bradley for two years during the early 1990s.

In his closing remarks, Al-Naif urged the audience to work together to create an institute for international development on Bradley’s campus. “Each of you — students, staff and faculty — has a role to play in alleviating worldwide poverty and hunger.”

— M.B.

Founder’s Day Celebrates Five Faculty

CHARLES M. PUTNAM AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Dr. Twila Lukowiak, associate professor of special education, received the Putnam Award for her work as a teacher, researcher, scholar and adviser. A prolific professor who teaches an average of six different courses a year, she also has published extensively and presented at 19 professional conferences.

An innovator who integrates technology and other tools into her teaching strategy, one of Lukowiak’s students said she is a “one-of-a-kind professor, friend and lifelong mentor.”

Through a group she co-created called STRETCH — Students Ready to Make a Change — Lukowiak works with students to raise awareness about bullying. She received her bachelor’s degree, master’s degree and doctorate in education from Texas Tech University.

SAMUEL ROTHBERG PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Bradley honored Fisher Stolz, professor of art, with the Rothberg Award for research and creativity. With an impressive list of commissioned sculptures, along with solo and group exhibitions, his work has been shown nationwide, including at several Chicago sites such as Navy Pier and the international terminal at O’Hare Airport. Stolz created the life-size statue of famed coach A.J. Robertson near the Renaissance Coliseum and has involved his students in projects with engineering students and with students at a Peoria, Ill., magnet school. He created the Sculpture Exchange with fellow art professors at Millikin and Western Michigan universities. The first artist-in-residence at the Prairie Center of the Arts in Peoria, Stolz earned his bachelor’s and an M.F.A. from the University of Georgia.

CATERPILLAR INC. FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR TEACHING

Dr. Yoon-Si Lee, assistant professor of civil engineering and construction, received the Caterpillar Award for Teaching for his passion for educating students and for mentoring young engineers. One of his students said, “Dr. Lee’s dedication has allowed his students to get out of their comfort zone and reach for heights they did not think possible.”

CATERPILLAR INC. FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Devin Murphy, assistant professor of English, received the Caterpillar Award for Scholarship for his extensive publication record while teaching a full load of classes. He has published 35 short stories, 11 poems, two pieces of creative nonfiction and an interview with author Jonis Agee. Murphy publishes in national writing contests and has contributed to renowned journals. Nominated twice for a prestigious Pushcart Prize, he has been a semifinalist in the University of Iowa’s Short Fiction Award Contest and the Florida Review Fiction Contest, a finalist in the Great Plains Emerging Writer Prize and a second-place winner in Glitter Train’s Fiction Open.

Murphy received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from St. Bonaventure University, an M.F.A. from Colorado State University and a doctorate from the University of Nebraska.

CATERPILLAR INC. FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Robert Stolz, professor of management, received the Caterpillar Award for Peace and International Development; and the adviser for the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Lee has helped with the concrete canoe and steel bridge competitions. He has 31 journal and conference publications and has been a reviewer for several major civil engineering journals. He earned his bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees at Iowa State University.

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FRANCIS C. MERGEN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Dr. Seth Katz, associate professor and associate chair of the Department of English, was the 2015 Mergen Award selection. In addition to working with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, as executive director and faculty adviser of the campus group Hillel, he has donated countless volunteer hours. He connects parents, alumni and donors to the University, is working to create an official Jewish alumni affinity group, and works with Hillels of Illinois and the Hillel International Center. He is instrumental in training student tour guides and volunteers with the admissions office to connect Bradley with new and prospective students.

Katz has been a Bradley faculty member since 1992. In the community, Katz is an active volunteer with the Jewish Federation of Peoria and established a reading group for residents of Lutheran Hillside Village. He earned his bachelor’s degree at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and his master’s and doctorate at The University of Chicago.

— B.G.
Bradley Avenue

Bradley Ranks Among Top Colleges

Once again, The Princeton Review has included Bradley University in its prestigious annual guide to the country’s best colleges.

Released in August, the 2016 edition of The Best 380 Colleges profiles 2,500 four-year schools in the United States. The guide considers an institution’s size, selectivity and character when deciding if it makes the influential list. In addition, The Princeton Review ranked Bradley 13th on the list of top undergraduate schools for video game design.

The University received high marks from U.S. News & World Report’s America’s Best Colleges guide, maintaining its fourth-place ranking in the region. The guide also recognized Bradley as a “Great School at a Great Price.” Money’s Best Colleges rated Bradley among the top 100 schools nationwide providing the best value for its tuition. The publication examined 1,500 colleges and universities to determine which one delivered a top education at an affordable price.

— B.G.

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Midwest, Midcentury: Women Artists Revealed

An October symposium to explore the work and lives of women artists in the Midwest during two important postwar decades attracted historians, artists, writers, instructors, and museum and community art leaders from around the country.

Co-chaired by Dr. Sarah Glover, associate professor of art history, and Illinois Women Artists Project creator Channy Lyons M.A. ’97, “Midwest Artists 1940–1960: Discovering Their Work, Telling Their Stories, Learning from the Past” featured a tour of the Peoria Riverfront Museum’s exhibition of Illinois women artists. Attendees also viewed related shows at a number of Peoria galleries.

In his keynote address, Dr. Robert Cozzolino, senior curator and curator of modern art at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art (PAFA), spoke of the lifetime collection of Philadelphian Linda Lee Alter, who amassed more than 500 works by women artists and donated them — after an exhaustive search for the right venue — to the PAFA.

Other highlights of the symposium were panels of art experts and artists, and in-depth presentations on mixed media artist Barbara Aubin, batik artist Ethel Wirtschafter and Chicago muralist Andrene Kauffman.

The Illinois Women Artists Project and Bradley’s Art History Program organized the free symposium, with support from the Women’s Studies Program, the University’s Art Department, and the Intellectual and Cultural Activities Committee. Additional funds for the event came, in part, through a grant from the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Illinois General Assembly.

— M.B.

ONLINE Visit iwa.bradley.edu/artists to learn more about the artists featured in the symposium.

ONLINE To view the latest symposium images, visit bradley.edu/hilltopics.

Bernece Berkman, Fishermen Awaiting Dusk, 1947, oil on canvas; Clifford Law Offices, P.C.; Kenneth Oakes Photographer Ltd.
Steiner, King Share Love of Broadcasting at First Symposium

While technology has advanced the field since he graduated, Charley Steiner ’71 HON ’10 emphasized the essence of journalism remains the same.

“We are storytellers, we are not the story,” he said at the opening of the inaugural annual symposium at the Charley Steiner School of Sports Communication. “The best communication isn’t always the loudest. If you tell a good story, substance will win over style every time.”

The four-day event featured classroom visits, panel discussions and a live broadcast on the campus cable channel. In addition to Steiner, a four-time Emmy winner and current broadcaster for the Los Angeles Dodgers, participants included TV and radio host Larry King, HON ’09; Cincinnati Reds broadcaster Jim Kelch ’80; Bradley play-by-play announcer and adjunct professor Dave Snell ’76; and adjunct professor Dave Kindred, along with other faculty members and media professionals.

Steiner joked the event was planned for the first week after the World Series for two reasons, citing both the Fall Classic and the potentially frigid Peoria, Ill., winters.

“Because, just maybe, the Dodgers will be playing some year; and the polar vortex shouldn’t hit us.”

King, a fellow member of the National Radio Hall of Fame, shares Steiner’s lifelong devotion to the Dodgers. The longtime friends teamed on the symposium’s first day to do a live broadcast for Visit Day with prospective students; they also spent time with an advertising and public relations class taught by Katy Ferguson ’04.

“I was very proud when he said he was going to start this and teach kids the right way,” King said of Steiner, who dedicated the school at the Caterpillar Global Communications Center in March. King announced his own plans to start a Bradley scholarship.

A 2003 Bradley Centurion and member of the University’s Athletics Hall of Fame, Steiner said, “I’m old school. Journalism is a noble profession. The need for speed should never supersede telling the story and getting it right.”

King told current and prospective students, “There’s no job like broadcasting. I don’t call it work. I hope all of you achieve what we have achieved. It’s a great life.”

Both said that from childhood they wanted to be in broadcasting.

“I knew when I was 7 years old I wanted to be the Dodgers’ announcer,” Steiner said. “You put yourself in a position to succeed.”

“If you’re truthful with the audience, you’ll never go wrong,” added King. “Always be yourself. Don’t try to be somebody else.”

— B.G.
Recent Books by Bradley Faculty

ALCOHOL IN LATIN AMERICA: A SOCIAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY
University of Arizona Press

Described as “a pioneering collection of essays (that) will help shape a new field of historical research for Latin Americanists,” this text from editors Drs. Gretchen Pierce and associate professor of history Aurea Toxqui provides insight into the forces behind alcohol’s ability to unite and divide people. Set in six sites in Latin America — from Mexico to Chile — the authors rely on anthropology, archaeology, art history, ethnohistory, history and literature to demonstrate how alcohol use has affected race, class, gender and state-building.

ADVANCES IN SPECIAL EDUCATION: SPECIAL EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES (VOLS. 27 AND 28)
Emerald Group Publishing Limited

In two parts, Special Education International Perspectives explores common themes in meeting the special needs of students with disabilities across the globe. Edited by Dr. Jeffrey Bakken, associate provost for research and dean of The Graduate School, and Drs. Festus Obiakor, Anthony Rotatori, Umesh Sharma and Sandra Burkhardt, both volumes examine the origins, practices and challenges of special education across countries and areas of exceptionality. Volume 27 focuses on the biopsychosocial, cultural and disability aspects of special education, while Volume 28 features a variety of international perspectives on this area of education.

BORN TO TRAVEL: A EUROPEAN ODYSSEY
Hellgate Press

A frequent traveler to Europe, instructor of speech communication Jan Hoyt Frazier ’71 M.A. ’04 drew from her own memories to create the story of Tasha Nelson, who takes a leave of absence from her high school teaching job to “put life together again” after the death of her husband. Believing “travel is the best means of education,” Tasha sets off for Europe with a one-way ticket. The book follows her journey through some of the most famous cities of Europe — London, Amsterdam, Paris, Venice and more — where she develops lasting friendships and gains a fresh perspective on life.

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— M.B.
Runners Sweep MVC for New Coach

The Bradley men’s and women’s cross country teams treated Coach Darren Gauson (left) to a string of successes at the Missouri Valley Conference Cross Country Championships on Halloween. Caitlin Busch ’16 (left, bottom) broke her own school record to win a second consecutive individual title and help the women repeat as team champs. With Busch’s sister, Kristen ’16, finishing third, Bradley had two of the top three placers and five in the top 19 overall. Bradley is the first team in MVC history to win the team title and have the individual winner in consecutive seasons.

Her individual title also gave Caitlin Busch back-to-back honors as MVC Athlete of the Year for cross country. She joins Bradley Hall of Famer Mary Ellen Hill Schupbach ’00 as one of only six runners to win consecutive MVC individual championships in conference history. Kristen Busch again won MVC All-Conference first team honors and Rosie Hiles M.A. ’16, who finished 14th, was an honorable mention.

Parker Named to MVC Hall of Fame

Anthony Parker ’97 became the eighth Bradley men’s basketball player and the 10th overall University inductee to the Missouri Valley Conference Hall of Fame. He will be inducted during the MVC Men’s Basketball Tournament in March 2016.

The 1996 MVC Player of the Year, Parker led the Braves to a regular-season MVC championship that year and an at-large selection for the NCAA Tournament, where Bradley lost to Stanford in the opening round. He was a first-team all-conference choice in 1996 and 1997, and a first-round draft choice of the NBA’s New Jersey Nets, but began his pro career with Philadelphia after a trade.

He played three years in the NBA before becoming a three-time Israeli League Player of the Year and two-time Most Valuable Player in the Euroleague Finals. Named one of the top 50 players in the history of European club basketball, Parker returned to the NBA in 2006 and played the next six years with Toronto and Cleveland.

Parker lives in Florida, where he works as a scout for the NBA’s Orlando Magic.

— B.G.

In the men’s race, Michael Ward ‘18 broke his school record, and his fourth-place finish paced three Bradley athletes in the top eight for the school’s first men’s MVC cross country title. Taylor Floyd Mews ’18 finished sixth and Patrick Campbell ‘17 eighth, marking the first time Bradley’s men had three individuals win MVC All-Conference honors. Ward also earned the conference’s Elite 18 Award for the student-athlete with the best finish and highest cumulative grade point average at the finals with a 3.86 GPA as a biochemistry major.

“They ran tough and were able to bring home the championship,” Gauson, who was named MVC Coach of the Year for both men’s and women’s cross country, said of the men’s team. He took over as Bradley’s coach in August, after winning Southland Conference Coach of the Year honors the two previous years for track and cross country at Lamar University, where his teams also won conference titles.

A 2006 graduate of Napier University in Scotland, Gauson earned a master’s degree at Butler University, where he competed for two years and was an assistant coach for four years after completing his degree. He was Horizon League champion in the 1,500 meters during his time at Butler, and the Scottish national champion in the event in 2004 and 2005.

— B.G.
Bradley Hilltops’ Mission

Bradley Hilltops magazine places Bradley University and its alumni, faculty and students in a national and global context for its audience. The magazine educates, connects, cultivates and entertains readers with news about the University and important issues affecting the institution and the larger world. Bradley Hilltops advances the University’s goal of achieving national distinction.

The publication supports the University’s mission by ... Showcasing Bradley and the noteworthy accomplishments of its alumni, faculty and students. ... Informing readers about innovative academic programming, academic research, and important campus news and events and on the University’s social media platform. ... Communicating how the University is fulfilling its mission and how that mission impacts the community, the nation, and the world. ... Strengthening and increasing connections between constituents and the University by reinforcing how the University’s mission of providing personal attention for its students translates into lifelong ties with its alumni and friends.

75 Years of Storytelling

How the world communicates has unquestionably evolved since the University produced its inaugural alumni magazine — now known as Bradley Hilltops — in 1941. After exploring hundreds of bound editions, we take a fond look back at how the institution and the publication have undergone significant changes in the past 75 years. The Bradley family has a rich legacy of stories, one that will surely continue into the future.

Do you recall a cover story or article in your university publication that affected you? If so, please share at bradley.edu/go/ht-editor.
Introduced mere months before the attack on Pearl Harbor and the U.S. entry into World War II, the magazine focused on news of the war and Bradley’s contributions to it. Chatty letters from service members and their wives in distant locations and reports on military training on campus kept alumni up to date. The magazine changed sizes and paper styles and went from publishing quarterly to 10 times a year. After the war, returning servicemen flocked to campus, filling classrooms and joining fraternities. Marriage announcements and the resulting Baby Boom’s birth notices took up an increasing number of pages.

Bradley’s enrollment growth and construction of new buildings continue to be chronicled. Faculty and staff moves are front-page news, as are appearances on campus by top entertainers and speakers, including President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Military activities are still major news, with stories featuring Bradley’s AFROTC unit and alumni serving in the U.S. and overseas. Printing 10 times a year, marriages and births continue to make up a sizable portion of the magazine. The highs and lows of Bradley athletics are showcased, complete with box scores for alumni living far from the Peoria area.

Visit bradley.edu/go/ht-75years to view the publications’ covers for the past 75 years.
As the decade began, Hilltopics featured a change in campus leadership with the naming of President Dr. Martin "Jerry" Abegg '47, HON '93. Also noted were the kickoff of a capital campaign, along with the two new colleges created through restructuring. Communications and Fine Arts housed the departments of art, journalism, music, speech and theatre, and Health Sciences brought together the nursing and speech and hearing sciences departments. Sports coverage ranged from the disbanding of the varsity football program in 1970 to the celebration of standout player Chet Walker '62 and decades of hoops success in 1976.

In 1963, the magazine led with news of a campus crisis. The fire that destroyed Bradley Hall that January stunned the Bradley family and spurred a vow — and an outpouring of help — to rebuild. Bradley students serving in Vietnam sent letters, and the magazine reported on students in training for the Peace Corps as well as teaching in the Head Start program. "Jerry Hoag: A Profile in Excellence" described the straight-A senior and student body president from Fairmount, Ill., who would soon be named "Outstanding Cadet in the Nation." Photos of Homecoming entertainers Louis Armstrong and Stan Getz graced the pages. As the decade ended, students protested library inadequacies and civil rights issues.
Hilltopics transitioned from a tabloid published six times a year to a quarterly magazine in 1995. Features on faculty, alumni and students connected to major events and issues such as the Gulf War, the AIDS epidemic and the Olympics gave Bradley an increased global focus. Leading up to the University’s centennial celebration in 1997, Hilltopics ran a four-part series on Lydia Moss Bradley that explored her life, business acumen, the founding of Bradley Polytechnic Institute and her other philanthropic efforts. A commemorative centennial issue spotlighted Bradley’s history.

Features looked at a variety issues, including professors’ insights on the Electoral College, the recession and e-commerce; others highlighted alumni who’d made advances in medicine or found their dream jobs. As the country reeled from the impact of 9/11, and later, the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina, alumni offered reflections on their new reality. A special issue chronicled the thrill of the men’s basketball team advancing to the NCAA’s Sweet 16. And with a wraparound cover shot of its beautiful swimming pool, the Winter 2009 issue introduced the just-opened Markin Family Student Recreation Center, already a social hub for students.

In the first half of the decade, the magazine profiled alumni and faculty tackling important issues like aging and related diseases, along with global concerns such as human trafficking, poverty, food security, water scarcity and environmental threats. Also highlighted were students involved in Engineers Without Borders, working to bring clean water to a Guatemalan community. The speech team’s winning ways made them a cover subject in 2012, and cover stories on actor Neil Flynn ’82 and Oscar-winning makeup artist Tami Lane ’96 brought a touch of Hollywood to Bradley Hilltopics.
Carta began to tutor children living in the Robert Taylor Homes in Chicago — “an area of deep poverty,” as she described it. She was immediately struck by the children she met.

“They were so eager to learn, yet their circumstances were so difficult,” said Carta.

Even in a challenging environment, she observed that the children responded eagerly to one-on-one interaction, caring and responsive teaching, and specialized instruction. This so impressed the teenage Carta that she became fascinated with trying to help children who lived in poverty and were at risk for learning delays or disabilities.

This passion would take her to Bradley for undergraduate study, Purdue University for her master’s degree and the University of Kansas for her doctorate in special education. Today, she is a nationally recognized expert on ways to help parents and teachers promote children’s early development and learning.

Carta and colleagues from the University of Kansas are now at the forefront of a nationwide push to address a gap in children’s learning. The White House introduced the initiative, Bridging the Word Gap, in the fall of 2014. Carta’s team received a grant of nearly $600,000 from the Department of Health and Human Services to distribute among a national network of researchers.

THE ‘LANGUAGE GAP’ IDENTIFIED

A landmark study in the 1980s at the University of Kansas by the late Drs. Betty Hart and Todd Risley made monthly home observations of the words that parents of different social classes addressed to their children during their first three years of life. After analyzing more than 1,300 hours of family interactions, the child psychologists concluded that by the time they were 36 months old, children from low-income families...
had heard up to 30 million fewer words than children from more affluent families.

Children learn from context, so the more words they hear and learn, the more new words they are able to understand. Thus, a language deficit among low-income children puts them at a disadvantage when they enter school. Established preschool programs like Head Start begin when a child is 3 years old, but by then, the gap may be too hard to overcome.

At the University of Kansas, Carta worked with the Hart and Risley research team to continue studying children who had been in their original research. “We learned that many reading or behavioral disabilities have their roots in a child’s early years,” she said. “But by working with parents and teachers, we could provide early intervention to prevent many of these delays and disabilities.”

The aim of Bridging the Word Gap is to encourage parents to increase their use of supportive talk, talk that is conversational and responsive to what is happening around the child. “It’s not just that parents need to talk more to their children,” Carta said. “The quality of the interactions matters.”

While research into best practices continues, the work has already begun. “Some cities are doing a broad message campaign. In Kansas City (Mo.), we’re doing simple messaging — on billboards, in utility bills. Our mayor supports it. It’s a communitywide effort.”

TAPPING EXPERTS ON BUILDING A CHILD’S BRAIN

Elsewhere in the country, researchers are working with individual families. For example, once a month in Providence, R.I., at-risk infants and toddlers in a program called “Providence Talks” wear a digital language processor or “word pedometer” that records all the conversations the child hears in a day. Caseworkers visit regularly to support parents and give them feedback on ways they can enhance their child’s language environment.
But parents aren’t a child’s only teachers, Carta noted. “Another approach is to work with child care providers,” she said. “We’ll get the word out through libraries, public health clinics, pediatric offices. We want to help all caregivers understand that the everyday language exchanges and socially engaged interactions actually nourish the child’s brain development. In fact, some have begun to call these everyday interactions with children “language nutrition™.”

The Bridging the Word Gap Research Network, Carta explained, consists of more than 140 people. “We’re divided into work groups, each assigned a different research topic. We want to find the gaps in existing research so we can address them. We’re building a national research agenda that will guide the work to reduce this discrepancy in children’s early language environments that can make such a huge difference in their later academic success.

“We want to leverage the power of these experts,” she added. “We’ll get new ideas and also appeal to those who can fund these efforts.” She cited the Clinton Global Initiative and Next Generation’s joint initiative “Too Small to Fail” as examples of current supporters.

‘THIS IDEA HAS CAUGHT FIRE’

Carta stresses that efforts to increase the amount and quality of communication to young children shouldn’t single out low-income parents. “I think of (the word gap) as a health disparity. For another health disparity, say, malnutrition, we’d pay attention to getting the child the right nutrients. I feel an urgency to give all children what they need to reduce the gap.

“And it isn’t solely related to income differences,” she added. “There are higher-income parents who aren’t talking to their young children enough because they spend so much time on their smartphones and other devices.”

After decades of working both locally and nationally with researchers and child advocates, Carta believes the importance of providing language nutrition for infants and toddlers has reached a tipping point.

“I’m so hopeful,” she said. “Seeing how this idea has caught fire has been incredible.”

‘A Laboratory of Colleagues’

In Comstock Hall at the corner of Bradley Avenue and Institute Place (above), the Department of Psychology’s former home, Dr. Judith Carta ’72 had her first taste of life as a researcher.

She had already decided to study special education. She was interested in children at risk for developmental delays or disabilities because they were being raised in poverty.

Even as undergraduates, Carta and her peers were respected members of the department’s research team, she said. “We had a rat lab in which we were studying avoidance behavior. I learned how to build a set of knowledge, starting with what we already knew and working toward what still needed to be determined.

“We’d have informal seminars with students and faculty. It was an education in how science is conducted. We were a laboratory of colleagues learning together, shaping how I’ve worked as a scientist. I owe a lot to Bradley.”

She remembers psychology professors Drs. Claire Etaugh and Lawrence Reid, both of whom she called formative influences. In 2011–12, Carta returned to the Hilltop to accept the Distinguished Alumna Award from the Department of Psychology.

“It was a thrill,” she said. “The psychology department had an exhibit of student research, a poster session. And I had a chance to go out to dinner with students. I was so impressed with how engaged they were.”
In a community garden on the south side of Peoria, Ill., scores of Bradley graduate students have rolled up their sleeves to make a difference. As part of their dietetic internships in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, students experience the field of dietetics in a variety of settings, and contribute to the health and nutritional options for residents in underserved neighborhoods.

THE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROJECT began in 2010, when Amanda Newell, assistant professor and director of Bradley’s Dietetic Internship, became involved with the Central Illinois Wellness Council. The group works to improve health and wellness in the Peoria area, and reducing obesity is among its top priorities.

Council members knew that the recommended route to a healthier weight — eating a high proportion of fruits and vegetables and fewer processed foods — was difficult, if not impossible, for people living in food deserts. These are urban neighborhoods and rural areas without access to fresh, healthy and affordable foods.

Nearly 24 million Americans live in food deserts, 90 percent of them in urban areas. The south side of Peoria is considered one, especially since the closing of its only full-service grocery store in early 2014.

So, the council pledged to do all it could to increase the quantity of fruits and vegetables available to area residents. A local nonprofit, Gifts in the Moment, committed to managing what would eventually become the South Garden Urban Farmer’s Market and Learning Center, with Newell and her interns playing an important role.

As part of their internship, the students work in the garden. “They’ve built beds and planted, tended and harvested the crops,” said Newell. Then, over several weeks in the fall and summer, they work with Gifts in the Moment to distribute the produce to those in need. Until the fall of 2014, they staffed a local farmer’s market, where sales were by donation only.

Last spring, the farmer’s market was replaced by a mobile food van that stops weekly at nine public housing sites in Peoria and nearby counties. At the stops, the Bradley interns teach nutrition classes, answer questions, and engage with adults and children in the community.
FOOD EDUCATION IS KEY

Jeanna Rich ’14 is a natural in the garden and in her nutrition classes. As an undergraduate studying dietetics at Bradley, she was among the volunteers who helped construct the raised beds used to grow crops. An intern in 2014–15, the Washington, Ill., native is now the consulting nutrition educator for Gifts in the Moment, where she revels in the opportunity to meet community residents and educate them about nutrition.

In fact, the garden project changed her career focus. Though she had always wanted to be a dietitian, she had thought she would go the clinical route, working with those who had eating disorders or were recovering from illness or injury. But interacting with the residents of some of the lowest-income areas in Peoria convinced her to work in the community.

“I immediately knew that I wanted to stay here — stay local. I love working with people who need and are grateful for our help. Sometimes when we’re working with them, clients start to cry or hug me. It’s an amazing feeling.”

“I especially love seeing the little kids. We hope to open their eyes to how good healthy foods can taste. We made kale chips, and they ate them all.”

She understands the struggles of those who are overweight despite living in a food desert. “Many don’t have an option besides unhealthy food. They can be malnourished but obese,” she said.

“They might not be able to travel to buy healthy foods, or they don’t know how to cook them. And they don’t have a lot of time,” said Rich. “That’s why our recipes are healthy but simple — not a lot of ingredients. We try to meet our clients where they are.”

Kim Keenan, who co-founded Gifts in the Moment with Denise Urycki, is grateful for the partnership with Bradley. “Not only do Professor Newell and the interns offer nutritional expertise, they help us do research, as well. One of the interns is working with us to develop a research tool to measure the project’s effectiveness,” she said. “What we want to know — does increasing people’s access to fresh food have an effect on whether they eat it?”

The garden project has proven a valuable and popular rotation in the 11-month internship program (“more like a fifth-year residency,” Newell noted). Throughout the year, interns educate neighborhood children at several schools about the importance of eating vegetables and fruits.

“Every year we do more and more with Gifts in the Moment. It’s a significant collaboration. Our students gain positive experience, and it benefits the community,” Newell added. “Our goal is to help improve the health of underserved families.”
A Better Night’s Sleep

Are you one of an alarming 70 million adults in the U.S. suffering from insufficient sleep? If so, a mobile sleep-monitoring device whose prototype was researched and designed by a Bradley team of four engineering students and four business students may help one day. As members of one of three 2014–15 Bradley senior capstone convergence teams, they redesigned and repackaged the prototype of a mobile sleep-monitoring device currently used to detect obstructive sleep apnea (OSA).

SLEEP PROBLEMS add $15.9 billion to national health care costs, according to the team’s research. Although 84 distinct sleep disorders have currently been identified, the most prevalent is OSA. In addition to the 18 million affected, another 10 million go undiagnosed. The numbers are staggering, and the costs of the diagnostic tools are prohibitive.

“The bottom line is that diagnostic tests run at the hospital are expensive,” said Dr. Martin Morris ’77 MSME ’79, professor of mechanical engineering and course adviser for the capstone projects. “The Affordable Care Act is putting pressure on hospitals to provide the service at a lower cost. Without health insurance, an in-lab sleep test can cost approximately $5,000, while mobile tests costs hover around $500.”

Fundied by Jump Trading Simulation and Education Center (JUMP) through executive director of operations Matthew Warrens, MBA ’14, the team collaborated with Dr. Sarah Zallek, medical director for the Illinois Neurological Institute at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center (INI) to improve patient outcomes at the Sleep Center. The convergence project focused on enhancing a mobile sleep diagnostic device currently used at the INI, making it simple enough for patients to put on at home, but sophisticated enough to provide hospital-level feedback via cellphone. The prototype included the addition of sleep-staging functionality.

“One of the best aspects of these capstone projects is students must research the requirements and understand who needs the device,” said Dr. John Engdahl, Bradley’s Fites Chair in Engineering and project adviser. “Patients, physicians, technologists and others have a stake in the industry.”

THERE’S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

According to the team’s research, the general trend in sleep studies is toward mobile diagnostics. The students worked to design a take-home prototype that provides physicians with valuable data. Easily applied, it allows patients to sleep in their own beds and will reduce costs significantly.

“The strongest argument is that people sleep best at home,” said Morris. “That’s why the iPhone came into discussion. Wouldn’t it be nice if the device could call in the results, maybe even while you are sleeping?”

RESEARCHING THE MARKET; ENGINEERING A SOLUTION

Under the guidance of business course coordinator Ken Klotz and business project adviser Chad Stamper, business majors Danielle Blazek ’15, Anthony Hempen ’15, Jacob Northrup ’15 and Steven Tuning ’15 collaborated to provide the financial analysis,
pricing and project positioning analysis, licensing strategy and promotional methods. They learned the medical device manufacturing market in the U.S. is currently at nearly $37 billion in total revenue, with a five-year market segment growth of 7.1 percent expected.

Engineering majors Michael Chang ’15, Elizabeth Lafond ’15, Tate Ralph ’15 and William Rouse ’15 focused on building circuits for sensors, performing and validating measurements, adding wireless capabilities to sensor circuitry, building sensor housing and performing tests with wireless transmission.

In addition to Zallek and Warrens, the team interviewed sleep technicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and registered nurses. “Dr. Zallek was generous with her time and complimentary of our team,” said Engdahl.

Students completed a business analysis, competitor analysis, customer analysis and business model. They presented a functioning prototype, overcoming design challenges including sensor selection, DIY circuitry, economies of scale, and data acquisition, storage, processing and transferring.

THE BRADLEY CONVERGENCE EXPERIENCE

Elizabeth Lafond ’15, who currently serves as a research technician at the National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research in Peoria, Ill., believes the convergence project had a major impact on her career path. “Since the health care industry is becoming more proactive with diagnostics and treatment plans, it’s necessary for engineers to step up and help make those goals a reality, as well as make the system more efficient and cost-effective,” she said.

In addition to gaining skills in organization, presentation, and project management and leadership, Lafond collaborated with peers in a variety of majors in an environment that closely mimics the real world. “I worked with students with backgrounds in marketing and entrepreneurship, to name a few,” she said. “It’s important to learn how to convey information in a way everyone can understand.”

Ultimately, the team provided a solution to guide JUMP and INI toward a mobile diagnostic market opportunity for a sleep device that combines the diagnostic accuracy of an in-lab study with the comfort of a normal night’s sleep for patients.

“We are moving into a technological future that both engineers and business students must succeed in,” said Morris. “Our convergence capstone projects are a great way for them to get their feet wet.”


LEFT: Rouse, Chang, Lafond and Danielle Blazek ’15 try out the mobile sleep-monitoring device.

ABOVE: Ralph checks data from a test run.
Experiencing more intellectual and cultural stimulation in five weeks than he had ever thought possible, Associate Professor of French Dr. Alexander Hertich (at left), returned to campus this fall from a prestigious sabbatical, eager to enrich the lives of his students. The World Languages and Cultures department chair was the lone American recipient of a translation residency in Lyon from the French Embassy’s Cultural Services Office.

Sponsored by the Villa Gillet, a quasi-governmental organization, Hertich spent the residency housed in a former convent built in the 17th century at Les Subsistances, an international creative research laboratory — “kind of an artists’ colony that houses Ecole nationale supérieure des beaux-arts de Lyon (a national university of art and design) and large practice spaces for performance artists and musicians,” he explained. There, the sole academic working on a literary project amidst numerous creatives, Hertich completed the first draft translation, a little more than 50,000 words, of contemporary French author René Belletto’s novel, Le Livre (The Book). He had read the book during the summer of 2014 and thought it would be ideal for translation and publication, like his earlier translation and publication of Belletto’s novel Dying.

“Translating is like swimming; you have to jump in and experience it,” he said. “It’s quite a different exercise from writing a scholarly article.”

Hertich conducted his research in a studio apartment furnished with a desk, printer, kitchenette and no interruptions. “While I greatly missed my family, I could work 24/7 on translating,” he said. “The idea of a residency is that you have a dedicated space and dedicated time to work on a project without distractions.” Hertich loved being in Lyon, the third-largest city in France and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

THE EXERCISE OF TRANSLATION

A translator’s job is to make the finished work sound good, an arduous task. Hertich works with the syntax to make it as close to the original as possible. Before he was selected for the Lyon sabbatical, he taught a course on translation during Bradley’s spring semester where his students translated a variety of texts, including magazines, newspaper articles, advertisements and movie reviews. Since Hertich studies contemporary French fiction as a literary critic, students also studied literary translation to explore distinctly different uses of language.

“Translating a novel or poem is not just about taking word ‘A’ in French and putting it into English. It’s incredibly difficult,” Hertich noted. “You must think of the construction of the sentence, the syntax. How are these words chosen? What is the feel here? Is this an idiom? Of course, it’s a very enriching experience for the students.”

Hertich also presented his students with specific details he found challenging when translating Dying,
Never had I seen so much hate in the gaze of a man. If I had to talk about myself, recount the story of my life, I believe I would start by mentioning that gaze, whose ferocity seemed to taint the room’s immaculate whiteness ...

a finalist for the 2010 French-American Foundation Translation Prize. He wanted them to understand the process professional translators experience as they move from the original text to a published novel in English or another language. Describing how translators write multiple drafts as they proceed from French to a natural-sounding English version, he emphasized, “It’s not just sitting down and translating. The translation must sound like it comes from a natural speaker, not from someone translating.”

LYON’S CULTURAL OFFERINGS
While he spent his days thinking about translation and language, Hertich attended several international festivals including Les Nuits Sonores, a music festival with more than 129,000 visitors, and the World Rose Convention in Lyon. He participated in the Assises Internationales du Roman, an international forum on the novel, which was, according to Hertich, “an amazing experience.” Sponsored by the Villa Gillet and the newspaper Le Monde, the forum took place about 50 feet from his apartment. He heard many famous international writers speak, including the Nobel Prize-winning novelist Kenzaburo Oe.

“I was fortunate to meet and dine with several authors,” he said. “Needless to say, my reading list has grown considerably. I am now sharing these experiences, along with the history and culture of Lyon and the region with my students.”

NEVER TOO LATE
The Illinois native took his first French class as a freshman at Washington University in St. Louis. He found the class interesting, so he took another … and another. “I always enjoyed English and reading English literature,” he noted. “For translation, I would say that the ability to write well in English is more important than the ability to speak perfect French.”

Living in France for a year as an undergraduate helped him decide to enroll in his alma mater’s master’s program. Hertich then spent a year in Paris before pursuing his doctorate at the University of Wisconsin. “I like to encourage my students by sharing my journey into French for the first time at the college level, letting them know it is possible to reach a high level of competency in a language such as French without necessarily being born there … or having a French mother,” he added with a smile.

HERTICH’S SHORT LIST OF TRANSLATIONS

**Dying** by René Belletto

**A Walk Through the Land of Old Age** by Simone de Beauvoir, in *Political Writings*

**An Unexpected Return** by Nicolas Bouyssi, in *Best European Fiction 2015*

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When **Tom “Top” Tawoda ’78** and his parents first talked with a Bradley recruiter during a college day at his high school in Des Plaines, Ill., the electrical engineering graduate probably didn’t envision himself as a trailblazer for two younger siblings.

“This decision was a big deal for the Tawoda family since I would be the first on both sides who would be attending a university,” he said. “I was attracted to the smaller, more personal size of the school. Bradley also had a great reputation as an engineering school, which was a big plus.”

Tom thrived academically and socially on the Hilltop, and younger siblings **Tim Tawoda ’81** and **Therese Tawoda Waldburger ’84** took notice.

“I was exposed to Bradley as an adolescent and had my mind set on going there,” said Waldburger, an industrial engineering major. “My brothers had terrific friends, memories and a bright future. I wanted that, too, and knew I could find it at Bradley.”

“I didn’t even consider other universities,” Tim Tawoda noted.

All three were interested in math and science, which led them to engineering, but each chose a different discipline.

“I didn’t want to be an electrical engineer since my brother was already one,” Tim Tawoda recalled. “Mechanical engineering seemed the most relevant and played to my natural inclination to understand how things work.”

While Waldburger originally wanted to be a forest ranger, her father’s reluctance to support that goal and her brothers’ influence led her in a different direction.

“Having one brother as an electrical and the other as a mechanical engineer, I opted for industrial engineering,” she said. “I had heard it was more people-oriented and less focused on design.”

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE WITH A PERSONAL TOUCH**

The University’s demanding engineering curriculum drew praise from the trio, and each reflected on individual professors who showed care and concern.

“I particularly remember Dr. Rita Newton,” Waldburger said about the *emerita* professor of industrial engineering who taught for more than 30 years at Bradley. “She was tough and demanding. She called me out that I was not prioritizing my college life and had taken a lackluster approach to class attendance. It was the kick in the pants I needed, so I studied and reorganized my priorities. She believed in me, and that was a huge motivator.”

Tim Tawoda recalled Dr. **Max Wessler ’52**, professor *emeritus* of mechanical engineering, and others in his department for their “intellect and determination to make you a worthy recipient of a Bradley diploma.”

He also spoke of punching computer cards to run programs “in the middle of the night, because the campus computer was always being used.”
For Tom Tawoda, it was Dr. E. Neville Pickering, professor emeritus of electrical and computer engineering and technology, saying “He never changed his exceptional teaching style or his dedication to students.”

THE IMPACT OF GREEK LIFE

On campus, the younger siblings followed Tom Tawoda’s lead into Greek life. Tim Tawoda joined Delta Upsilon where his brother already was a member, and Waldburger pledged Chi Omega. All three established lasting friendships with fraternity brothers and sorority sisters.

“In the 37 years since I graduated, my fraternity brothers have played a part in every aspect of my life: Weddings, children’s weddings, funerals, birthdays and family vacations,” the eldest Tawoda explained.

Waldburger added, “Last year, I visited Bradley to celebrate the retirement of our sorority cook, employed there 40 years. It was amazing how many alumni showed up to support the event. We had just as much fun as we did 30 years ago.”

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Today, Tom Tawoda is an information technology manager for the Bechtel Marine Propulsion Corporation in Idaho Falls, Idaho. “With a degree from Bradley, I have had great career opportunities throughout my life,” he said. “In 37 years, I have never been without a good, challenging and rewarding position.”

Waldburger worked at General Dynamics and at Qualcomm in San Diego before leaving the workforce to raise her family. From her home in La Jolla, Calif., she acts as an ambassador for Bradley, connecting with prospective students and their parents. She recounts receiving a recent email from one of her husband’s co-workers. The woman’s daughter was interested in Bradley, and Waldburger provided personal insights about the University.

“I was happy to hear that her daughter chose Bradley and her mom said it’s the perfect fit,” she said.

Tim Tawoda, founder and CEO of Synsel Energy, Inc., splits time between homes in Elmhurst, Ill., and Wisconsin. He summed up the family’s feelings toward the University.

“Bradley was very special for three of the Tawoda siblings and our parents,” he said. “It’s where discipline was instilled to compete with other engineering students, and social grace was honed through the interactions of Greek life. The hometown feeling of small, private Bradley also nurtured a bond with classmates — who end up being some of your closest friends for life.”

Refer a Student to Bradley

As a graduate or friend of the University, you are in the best position to discuss the Bradley Experience with prospective students. To arrange a tour for a prospective student, visit bradley.edu/CampusVisits. To refer a student online, visit bualum.org/ReferAStudent. Thank you for your support in bringing new Bradley Braves to campus.
The Year That Was

The fall of their senior year saw students swept up in campus and national politics. Presidential candidates Lyndon Johnson and Barry Goldwater attracted crowds in Peoria, Ill., including a record-setting turnout to hear Goldwater speak at the Field House. That political fervor extended to campus, and student elections attracted attention with new, open campaigning rules, a last-minute victory for a write-in candidate and electronic vote counting. In the words of the Anaga, “the fall campaigns of 1964 will be recorded in the Bradley annals as among the most spirited ever waged on campus.”

Politicians weren’t the only ones appearing at the Field House. Homecoming performer Louis Armstrong was a highlight, as were concerts by noted trumpeter Al Hirt and famed folk singers The Kingston Trio.

The football, basketball and baseball squads all posted winning seasons, with the basketball team advancing to the NIT before dropping a one-point decision to New York University.

In anticipation of their golden reunion, members of the Class of 1965 reflected on their time at Bradley and shared personal news of the last 50 years in these submitted updates.

Terry “Bones” Berg has five children and lives in Richland Center, Wis.

Rod Challenger worked for radio and television stations in the Midwest and Florida after a stint in the Army. He remembers covering George W. Bush on 9/11, when the former president learned of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. A scuba diver with more than 1,000 dives to his credit, Rod has one child and two grandchildren. When not traveling around the U.S. and Canada in his motor home, he lives in Tierra Verde, Fla.

Chuck Deahl started Fat Boy Roller L.L.C., a consulting and seminar company for the asphalt pavement industry, after retiring from a 47-year career in construction equipment sales. A distinguished member of the National Asphalt Pavement Association, he has been honored by state and national industry groups. Chuck and his wife, Sharon, live in Galva, Ill., where he is on the city council and the Black Hawk College East Foundation Board. A native Peorian, Chuck has four children and 11 grandchildren and fondly recalls his activities with the Bradley marching and concert bands.

Ellen Riess Debelak moved to Tucson, Ariz., in 1979 with her late husband, Bill Debelak ’66. She has two children and three grandchildren.

Dale Fredericks earned a juris doctorate at the University of Illinois and served in the Marine Corps before practicing law in San Francisco for 28 years. A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, he founded a company to develop electric power plants in the southwestern states and later co-founded and is CEO of Solarlytics, Inc., which develops products for the solar PV industry. Dale and his wife, June, have two children and three grandchildren and live in Lafayette, Calif. He noted, “Bradley is special because it provided a great, well-rounded education while opening my eyes to the global scene.”

Lawrence Garber has two children, four grandchildren and lives in Las Vegas.

Gary Hansmeier spent 30 years in purchasing before moving to Florida in 2014. He bought his first Harley motorcycle in 1964 and continues to ride. Gary is the father of three sons. He also has two grandchildren and lives in Fort Myers, Fla.

Bruce Hermann worked more than 30 years for the Naval Surface Warfare Center. He earned a master’s degree at the University of Colorado and a doctorate at the University of Illinois. He and his wife, Margaret, live in Fredericksburg, Va.

Karen Miller Lamb worked in the U.S. and overseas before becoming national secretary and communications chair.
for the international charity the U.S. Priory of the Order of St. John. Before moving overseas in 1971, she was an undefeated champion on the Who, What or Where Game television show. She is active in her church and the Sulgrave Club. She earned a master’s degree from St. John’s University and completed doctoral courses in English literature at the City University of New York. Married the Hon. Denis Lamb in Paris in 1994, the couple has traveled extensively. Karen said, “My life is great, and Bradley University opened all the doors for me.”

Julienne Herrmann Lampal earned a master’s degree at Towson State University. She worked for the state of Maryland before retiring with her late husband, William Lampal, to Port Charlotte, Fla., where she worked on community issues.

Bronwen “Bonnie” Foster Lee enjoys cycling, travel, books, exercise class and pickleball. She has two children and two grandchildren and lives in St. George, Utah.

Evelyn “Evie” Strauss Levin met her husband, Jerold Levin ’64 at Hillel on campus. They had two children, including the late Craig Levin ’93. She lives in Chicago.

Richard “Glenn” Lokey earned a graduate degree at the University of Maryland and taught English there for many years. He also taught at military bases and at the Pentagon. Glenn, who lost his wife, Carol, in 1995, remembers Bradley for “the intelligent and fascinating fellow students and basketball games at Robertson Memorial Field House.” He collects books and antique cars, repairs and restores antique watches, and volunteers as an English teacher at high schools around his home in Silver Spring, Md.

John Luhtala retired after a career as an attorney working domestically and abroad as counsel for a drug company and as CFO of four public companies. He graduated from NYU Law School and earned an MBA from Stanford University. John has two children and lives in Palo Alto, Calif.

Hal Lundstrom said the Bradley Hall fire was a crucial event during his time at the University. He recalled the basketball team’s success as it finished no worse than third in the Missouri Valley Conference, and performances at Robertson Field House by The Kingston Trio, Louis Armstrong and Peter, Paul and Mary. Following graduation, Hal took postgraduate courses at Bradley. After working in accounting and sales, he started a home construction and repair company where he is still active. The Marine Corps veteran has three children and seven grandchildren. He lives in Peoria.

“Bradley Hall was a great event during my time at Bradley.”
— Hal Lundstrom M.S. ’74

James R. Martin M.S. ’74 said, “It seems like only yesterday I was walking on campus … And, as a freshman, I wore that crazy green beanie.” After teaching high school math in Washington, Ill., he joined IBM and earned a master’s degree in computer science. He completed additional coursework at Oklahoma State University and worked in computer instruction. James has had two books on programming published. Active in music while on the
Kathy Kerber Nowak lived from one end of the country to another. She worked as a teacher and for an insurance company in programming and management. Kathy has two daughters and two granddaughters and lives “in a small house on a beautiful lake” in Owensville, Mo.

Julie Warren Planch retired in 2006 after working as the personal manager for jazz pianist and Steinway Artist Joe Augustine. The Chi Omega member enjoys friends, cooking and travel. Julie has two children and four granddaughters and lives in Sarasota, Fla.

Marcia Shapiro Rothstein taught school for 24 years in the Humboldt Park neighborhood of Chicago and lived in Tinley Park. She now lives in Bradenton, Fla. The Sigma Delta Tau member enjoys exercising, traveling, charity work and playing bridge. She has two sons and six grandchildren.

Joel Ruben has been a partner at several CPA firms and active with his synagogue and B’nai B’rith. He and his wife, Marilyn Wolfe Ruben ’66, met at the ISA Beattle Bop in 1964 and had their first big date for that year’s Homecoming. Joel and Marilyn enjoy traveling. They moved to Arizona in 1988 and live in the Phoenix area. They have two daughters and one granddaughter.

Larry Salvatori remembers Bradley as “a special time in my life. Great people, safe environment, happy times that I thought would never end.” He has two children, including Jodi Salvatori Tarter ’03, and seven grandchildren. He lives in Lisle, Ill.

Mel Smith worked in the Bradley Student Center and Housing Office following graduation. After a stint in the Army, he worked at the University of Illinois, Chicago, for 16 years, managing many of its facilities and operations. He then opened an investment advisory firm and has been an active volunteer and world traveler. He has remained involved with Bradley through leadership roles with the Alumni Association and the Foster College of Business. Currently a member of the University’s Board of Trustees, Mel is the 1993 recipient of the Lydia Moss Bradley Award. He earned an MBA from the University of Illinois. He and his wife, Janet, live in Chicago and southwestern Michigan.

Peter Szydlowski was student body president his senior year and recalls myriad activities with his Theta Xi fraternity brothers. He worked in other countries with the Peace Corps and traveled to many parts of the world after retiring. He earned a master’s degree from Northwestern University. Peter has five children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He lives in Santa Cruz, Calif.

Joe Udelson earned his master’s degree at the University of Michigan and his doctorate from Vanderbilt University. He has written two books — The Great Television Race and Dreamer of the Ghetto — and taught at Tennessee State University. He and his wife, Teresa, have three children, 25 grandchildren, and live in Monsey, N.Y.

Walter Wollnik is “grateful to the University for the quality education … The opportunity to meet many great, lifelong friends and fraternity brothers is something I will always cherish.” He retired as a financial adviser at Edward Jones. A Sigma Nu member, Walter holds an MBA from George Williams College. He and his wife, Carol, enjoy travel and live in Arlington Heights, Ill., and Naples, Fla. They have three children, including David Wollnik ’88, and 10 grandchildren.
1950s

Nita Sunderland '52 M.A. '55 had her sculpture Recumbent Knight installed at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. An expert in monument and sculpture restoration, she has done extensive work at Peoria's historic Springdale Cemetery, the professor emerita of art taught at Bradley from 1956 until 1988.

Derrel Dempsey '54, a retired Air Force colonel, had a conference room dedicated in his honor at Keeler Air Force Base in Mississippi. He joined the Air Force ROTC while at Bradley, and his 30-year career as a pilot and air traffic controller included service at many bases and receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross. The Air Force award for the most outstanding air traffic control officer manager of the year is named in his honor.

Gilbert Gordon '55 was featured as an academic trailblazer by Strathmore's Who's Who, and has the organization's first offshoot webpage. A Bradley Centurion and 1986 Distinguished Alumnus, he is distinguished research professor emeritus at Miami University of Ohio, and also taught at the universities of Maryland and Iowa. He and his wife, Joyce, live in Oxford, Ohio.

John Clarino '56 won the silver medal in men's tennis (age 80-84) at the 2015 National Senior Games in Minneapolis. He has won several age-group gold medals for tennis in the Massachusetts Senior Games. John and his wife, Judy, have four children and live in Adams, Mass.

Glenn Beall '57 received the Society of Plastics Engineers' Excellence in Mentoring Award in 2014. The 2007 Distinguished Alumnus and Bradley Centurion is president and owner of Glenn Beall Plastics, Ltd. Glenn lives in Libertyville, Ill.

1960s

Lawrence O. Martin '66 is an ear, nose and throat physician and a board-certified surgeon specializing in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery. Named to Bradley's Centurion Society in 2004, he holds a medical degree from the University of Illinois, Chicago.

Steve Miller '66 was selected as board chair of USA Track and Field (USATF). A member of the Bradley Athletics Hall of Fame, he has been a board member of USATF, the governing body of the sport in this country, since 2009. Steve is CEO of Agassi Graf Holdings, the Andre Agassi Foundation for Education and BILT by Agassi and Reyes. A member of four halls of fame with more than 20 years of experience as a track and cross country coach, he is a four-time NCAA Coach of the Year. Steve earned master's degrees from Governors State University and Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo. Previously, he was executive board chairman for Power Plate International, president/CEO of the Professional Bowlers Association and director of global sports marketing for Nike.

The melodious chimes of the clocks lining the wall at his jewelry store provided an appropriate backdrop as Ed Foster '50 reminisced about more than 64 years as a watchmaker and jeweler.

“I originally wanted to be a chef,” Foster said, recalling Reader’s Digest’s prediction that people in that profession could make $10,000 a year — an astounding sum when he was in high school during the 1930s.

Located on the square in Washington, Ill., since 1959 and at its current site since 1970, Foster’s Jewelry provides everything from appraisals to wedding rings. Foster, now 93, operates the business with his son, Steve.

Born and raised in Toluca, Ill., he worked in the local bank as a teenager. A friend talked him into joining the Army Air Forces during World War II, where his Boy Scout experience with radios led to a top-secret clearance and work on the fledgling radar technology. Foster’s security clearance required FBI investigation. After agents visited his hometown, he recalled that when he arrived in Toluca on leave, “half the town wanted to know what I had been doing.”

Because of his specialized training, Foster was called back into service during the Berlin Airlift and the Korean Conflict.

During World War II, one of his unit commanders was movie legend Jimmy Stewart, then a captain. On one occasion, Foster unknowingly chewed out the Hollywood star when a plane wasn’t cleaned after a training flight.

Returning home to his bank job after the war, the avid baseball player broke his heirloom watch during a game. His sister, who worked in Peoria, was unsuccessful in finding somebody willing to repair it. This spurred Foster’s interest in horology, and he was inspired by his grandfather, a clockmaker originally from the Tyrolean Alps. The older man told him, “No, no, this is the old way. You need to go to school and learn the new way.”

Foster took that advice to the Hilltop. While completing his horology certification, he made some of his own tools, which he continues to use in his family business. He recalled two of his instructors — Elmer Tortat ’26 and Harry Shanks — who operated their own jewelry and watch repair businesses in addition to teaching.

“You worked at your own pace in horology school,” Foster said. “You had to learn certain tasks in order to pass. You had to know your stuff. I guess I did.”

— B.G.
**Moving to Music**

**Rocky Smolin ’70**

Whether it’s with computers or the upright bass, **Rocky Smolin ’70** believes in the power of playing. “If kids find their passions early in life, that’s great,” Smolin said, adding he took his first computer programming course while a high school student in his hometown of Chicago. “All I ever wanted to do was play with computers.”

The systems manager at Bradley his last two years on the Hilltop recalled missing meals, classes, even a final, to work with Bradley’s IBM 360 mainframe. A program he wrote for a class became his first product. “The idea that I could write a program and people would send me money for it was magic,” the business administration major said, adding that his current cellphone has more computing ability than the equipment he oversaw at Bradley.

The self-described chief cook and bottlewasher at Beach Access Software is the author of three books and continues to do software development and application design because it’s fun. “I’ve made a career out of retirement,” Smolin joked. “I retired three times but ran out of money each time. This time I think it will work.”

After learning to play guitar in high school, Smolin played for his own enjoyment while on the Hilltop. A few years ago, he taught his son to play the electric bass and resumed his own musical interests.

Now, he plays upright bass for three bands — playing jazz standards, Dixieland and Afro-Cuban music. Smolin performs three or four times a month. “I’ll play any kind of music; just let me play,” he remarked. “There are a lot of things to do in this life that don’t involve working and making money.”

Calling his time at Bradley “the best four years to be in college in the history of the Western World,” the Zeta Beta Tau member recalled the carillon in Bradley Hall and walking to class during the winter when he “ran the last 40 or 50 yards to avoid death by hypothermia.”

Smolin moved to California in 1973 and later earned an MBA at San Diego State University. He lives with his wife, Marsha Sutton, and two sons in Del Mar.

“You have to redefine yourself,” Smolin said, describing his personal philosophy. “You have to stay engaged — you can’t retire from life.”

— B.G.

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**Joan Gore Krupa**

**’67 M.A.’69** was elected to the Greater Peoria Mass Transit Board of Directors. A founding director of the Peoria Riverfront Museum, the retired CEO of Heartland Community Health Clinic in Peoria received the 2015 Sustainer of the Year Award from the Junior League of Peoria and completed a term as chair of the Asbury Theological Seminary Board of Trustees in 2015. A 1992 Bradley Centurion, she and her husband, Ted Krupa ’67 M.S. ’68, have three children, including Stephen Krupa ’96 and Mark Krupa ’98, three grandchildren and live in Peoria Heights, Ill.

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**Joan Lorig Janssen**

**’69** was awarded the Community Service Award at the annual Women to Women Leader Luncheon, sponsored by the Women’s Fund of the Community Foundation of Central Illinois. An active community volunteer and member of the Bradley Board of Trustees, she was instrumental in starting the Crittenton Centers’ crisis nursery.

**Robert G. Wall**

**’69** is publisher of the Morris Daily Herald, the Joliet Herald-News and Herald Life for Shaw Media in Illinois. Previously, he was general manager of the Morris newspaper and worked for newspapers in southern Illinois. He and his wife, Kathy, have two children and two grandchildren and live in Yorkville, Ill.

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**Paul A. King**

**’74** was retained as a judge in Colorado’s 18th Judicial District Court for Douglas County in the November 2014 election. First appointed to the position in 2000, he previously worked in the office of the district attorney for the 18th District and in private practice. Paul is a past president of the Douglas-Elbert Bar Association and a board member of the Sky Cliff Stroke Center and the Colorado Lutheran High School Association.

**Jaki Samuelson**

**’75** was recognized for Iowa labor and employment law in the 2015 attorney rankings by Chambers and Partners. A member of Whitfield and Eddy, PLC in Des Moines, she is a graduate of the University of Iowa College of Law.
Meckler: Andrew Collings.

Halstead ’12 and have four children, and his wife, Sherry, organizations. He is active in civic public accountant, president/CEO of First west region president of First National Bank in St. Louis, and CEO of Southeast Illinois Bank. Previously, he was named president at various Chicago transportation projects and was a senior project manager for rail and transportation projects at various Chicago companies.

Daniel Daly ’77 was named president and CEO of Southeast National Bank in western Illinois and eastern Iowa. Previously, he was west region president of Busey Bank and president/CEO of First Capital Bank, both in Peoria. A certified public accountant, he is active in civic and professional organizations. He and his wife, Sherry, have four children, including Bridget Daly ’12 and Margaret Daly Halstead ’12.

Bruce Meckler ’77 is co-founder and chair of the consulting firm Legal Fee Solutions LLC, and was rated the most experienced attorney fee expert in the nation by the National Association of Legal Fee Auditors. He founded and co-chaired Meckler Bulger Tilson in Chicago, which recently merged with Cozen O’Connor. Meckler is vice chair of the commercial litigation department. A member of the state’s Judicial Inquiry Board, Bruce is a board member emeritus at John Marshall Law School, where he earned his law degree.

Stephen Gorman, MBA ’78 was named to the board of logistics services provider ArcBest Corporation. The 2011 Distinguished Alumnus is a Bradley Centurion and Board of Trustees member. He is CEO at Borden Dairy Co., and previously was executive vice president and COO of Delta Airlines.

Howard Held ’78 was recognized as one of 13 Top Accountants in the St. Louis region by readers of St. Louis Small Business Monthly magazine. An active community volunteer, he works as a manager for Scheffel Boyle in Highland, Ill. Daniel O’Day ’78 received advanced training from the American Association of Premier DUI Attorneys on hazard-light interference with DUI investigations. He works at Cusack, Gilfillan, & O’Day, LLC in Peoria, Ill., and received his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law. Dan has written a three-volume legal work and published in scholarly journals. He and his wife, Donna O’Day M.A. ’93, a retired School District 150 administrator, have two daughters and live in Peoria.

Gwenne Eddy Henricks ’79 MSEE ’81 was appointed to the board of directors of Polaris Industries Inc. She is vice president of product development and global technology and chief technology officer for Caterpillar Inc. A member of the University’s Engineering Advisory Committee, she also is on the advisory council of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and the Conference Board’s Product and Services Development Council. Gwenne earned an MBA at the University of Illinois.

1980s

Rebecca Parsons ’80 is chief technology officer at software company Thought Works. Previously, she was an assistant professor of computer science at the University of Central Florida. She also was a director’s postdoctoral fellow at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Rebecca earned master’s and doctoral degrees in computer science from Rice University.

Roger Dusing ’81 wrote the e-book I’m Fired?!: A Business Fable About the Challenges of Losing One Job and Finding Another. A certified senior professional in human resources, he has worked in the field for 30 years. Roger earned a master’s degree from Central Michigan University and is pursuing a doctorate in business from Northcentral University.

Paul Hammond ’81 works at Caterpillar Inc. and is on the board of Peoria Promise, which boosts the workforce skills and academic opportunities of Peoria, Ill., high school graduates. Still in the Bradley record books, Paul was a four-year letterwinner in baseball and is active as a volunteer coach. His wife, Julie Gumbel Hammond ’81 MBA ’92, also works at Caterpillar and is involved with Peoria Promise. They have twin sons and live in Peoria.

Jim Lane ’82 is president and chief marketing officer at Directions Research Inc., where he has also served as senior vice president of marketing and client services. Jim was the founder and head of customer research for Market Intelligence Inc. He earned a master’s degree in management from Northwestern University.

Mitchell Bramstaedt ’82 was promoted to senior vice president of The Segal Group. He has served as a health consultant, benefits consultant and vice president since joining the company in 1992. Mitchell earned an MBA from DePaul University.

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Valerie Roberson ’82 is president of Roxbury Community College in Massachusetts. Previously, she was vice president of academic affairs at Joliet Junior College in Illinois and worked for City Colleges of Chicago. Valerie earned a master’s degree from Roosevelt University and a doctorate from Illinois State University.

Doug L. Smith M.A. ’83 was inducted into the Illinois Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame. He was a high school athletic director for 29 years, working at Monmouth, Woodstock and Naperville North high schools. Doug and his wife, Nancy, have two daughters and live in Westfield, Ind.


Steven R. Frey ’84 was appointed vice president of technology at Ocean Optics. Previously, he was senior vice president of product development and delivery for FAZ Technology. Steven also worked for Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control. He earned a master’s degree in physics from Missouri University of Science and Technology.
Maureen Raihle '84 was listed among the Top 50 Wirehouse Women of 2015 by REP magazine. She is managing director and private wealth adviser of the Ver Bockel Raihle Group at Merrill Lynch. She also was listed in Barron’s Top 1200 Advisors in 2014, placing fifth in Illinois. Maureen has been in investment management since 1985, joining Merrill Lynch in 1987.

Martin Stanton '85 is chief information officer for Lowe Enterprises/ Destination Hotels, and was selected for the board of governors of the Hotel Technology Next Generation, an international membership association of hospitality companies and technology innovators.

Dave DeFreitas '87 was named Beta Alpha Psi’s Business Professional of the Year for Industry and Government. He is Group CFO at Caterpillar Inc. and current chair of Bradley’s Foster College of Business’ National Council of Advisors. Previously, he was chair of the Bradley accounting department’s advisory council.

Leigh-Anne Kazma '88 was named to the board of the Edward Foundation. President of the Kazma Family Foundation, which provides scholarships to Chicago-area students, she serves on the boards of several civic groups and schools. She has established scholarships and funded school construction in the U.S. and overseas.

Ian Ruiz ’88 joined GPl as a senior mechanical engineer. He has more than 15 years of experience in engineering.

Patrick Rowley ’89 joined Borgess Spine, part of the Borgess Brain & Spine Institute. He is executive director of the Brain Balance Achievement Center in Kalamazoo, Mich., and also part-owner at Rowley and Doubleday Office of Chiropractic Neurology in Battle Creek, Mich. He holds a doctorate from the Palmer College of Chiropractic.

Ana Razo Schulte ’89 was named Veteran of the Year at the Salute To Arms event honoring veterans of the Persian Gulf War era on Memorial Day in Simi Valley, Calif. She has worked for Countryside Bank and Bank of America for 20 years and is an active volunteer for veterans groups. Ana and her husband have three children and live in Simi Valley.

1990s

Michael Pontarelli ’91 joined Bradford Allen as senior managing director-agency services. Previously, he served as senior vice president of Forestside Realty Partners, LLC.

Rochelle Arjmand ’92, a networking matchmaker for Arjmand Associates, was recently named a VIP member of Worldwide Branding. She earned a master’s degree in communication from the University of Illinois, Springfield.

Holly Schwietering Carapella ’92 was hired by the Pasco County, Fla., Economic Development Council. Previously, she worked in transportation planning, land use development and demographic research. Holly earned a master’s degree in public administration and policy from NYU.

David Mainella ’90 M.A. ’96 was named assistant dean for development and alumni relations at Emory University’s Goizueta Business School. Previously, he was executive director of development and external relations at Virginia Commonwealth University’s Massey Cancer Center. He also has served at Duke University, North Carolina State University, Johns Hopkins University and Bradley.

Jonathan Ginzel ’91, director of labor and employee relations at Caterpillar Inc., was named to the Illinois Labor Advisory Board by Gov. Bruce Rauner. The appointment to the 13-member board is for a two-year term. He holds an MBA and a law degree from Washington University in St. Louis.

Charlene Ceci ’92 and William “Chris” Byars were married April 4, 2014. Charlene earned an MBA from Rockford University and a master’s degree at Northern Illinois University. She is a healthcare industry consultant in suburban Chicago.

Dwayne Pierre-Antoine ’92 was named operations director for the Great Lakes Region by The Gordian Group. Previously, he was senior account manager for the company in the Chicago area and a senior adjuster for several Chicago-area insurers.

Andy Elbert ’93 is principal at Ringwood School in Johnsburg, Ill. Previously, he was an assistant principal in Libertyville, Ill., and a teacher in Lincolnshire, Ill. He earned a master’s degree from Northeastern Illinois University. Andy, his wife, and their four children live in Mchenry, Ill.

Charlene Ervin ’93 M.A. ’95 was promoted to vice president of consulting services at Financial Aid Services. She had been a senior consultant for the company. Previously, Charlene worked for public and private educational institutions, including Wesleyan College and the University of Georgia.

Shawn Goetz ’94 celebrated 20 years with Hanson Professional Services Inc., where he is a senior associate and project manager in the firm’s Twin Cities office in Minnesota. He earned an MBA from the University of Kansas.

Richard Pillman ’94 is director of operations for Advanced Technology Services, Inc., in Peoria, Ill. He and Carissa Bond ’14 were instrumental in planning the second annual Peoria Superhero 5K race and the Villain Chase for children 10 and under to benefit the Heart
of Illinois United Way. Carissa is an inventory analyst senior with ATS.

Stephen Wright '94 was named to the Delaware Council on Banking by Gov. Jack Markell. The seven-member council is an advisory group on matters relating to banking laws and community banks in the state. Stephen works in new business development and loan portfolio management for CNB.

Kristin Miller Horzen '95 was named interim executive director of the South Carolina Bar Foundation. She is a CPA and has been financial/office manager of the foundation. Kristin earned a master’s degree in business from Lakeland College.

Jamie Murray '95 was named Baseball Coach of the Year by the Northwest Herald newspaper. He coaches at Algonquin Jacobs High School, which shared a third-place trophy after a rain-shortened game in the 2015 Illinois state tournament. A pitcher while at Bradley, he also was the newspaper's coach of the year in 2013.

Karen Mills '96 was named director of human resources at Galesburg Cottage Hospital in Illinois. A certified senior professional in human resources, she earned an MBA from Lewis University. Karen is president of the Central Illinois Society for Human Resources and is active in professional and civic organizations.

Kyle Watson '95 was named boys basketball head coach at Casey-Westfield High School in Casey, Ill. He also teaches social studies at the school. Previously, he was a coach and teacher at Farmer City-Blue Ridge and Rockford Boylan high schools in Illinois.

Jennifer Doody '96 was promoted to public works director of North Las Vegas, Nev. She had been a senior engineer in the Public Works Department's development and flood control division. Jennifer earned a master’s degree in public administration from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Lynn Sosnowski Means '97 joined Gewalt Hamilton Associates Inc. as a senior transportation engineer.

S. Ann Skiod M.F.A. '97 is fine arts librarian at Syracuse University. She also has been an adjunct instructor and consultant. Previously, she worked at Westminster College and the Santa Barbara, Calif., Museum of Art. She holds master’s degrees from Lund University in Sweden and San Jose State University and has done doctoral coursework at Ohio University. Ann, who has had her art exhibited internationally, also holds a diploma in visual arts from Flinders University in South Australia.

Keith Bucher, MBA '98 is vice president and CFO at Fibrebond. Previously, he was director of finance at Tuthill Corporation and worked in leadership roles at Textron and Lectrus.

Jennifer Wallin Franklin '98 is a nurse manager of perianesthesia at Duke University Hospital. She completed a master’s degree in nursing administration from Clemson University. Active with professional organizations and the Junior League, Jennifer lives with her husband, Dr. Tony Franklin, in Apex, N.C.

Mark Lichtenberg '98 was honored with the Pacesetter Award by the Evansville Teachers Association. Mark also is national vice president of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. Brian McNamara '98 and Nicole Mladic '01 were married Oct. 4, 2014. Nicole, who earned a master’s degree at Northwestern University, is executive director of communications for the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern. Brian holds a juris doctorate from Chicago Kent College of Law and is an EEO specialist with the federal government. They live in Oak Park, Ill.

With the Indiana State Teachers Association. Mark also is national vice president of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

Alumna Honored

Kathleen Bankhead ‘80

When Thornton Township High School in Harvey, Ill., inducted Kathleen Bankhead ‘80 into the hall of fame in May, the ceremony had a Bradley feel.

President of the Thornton Alumni Legacy Fund, which raises money for school improvements and programs, Bankhead earned a juris doctorate at Chicago Kent College of Law.

She has worked for 25 years in the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office, currently serving as lead assistant state’s attorney in the Criminal Prosecutions Bureau/Community Justice Center on Chicago’s South Side.

Keynote speaker was Bob Caress ‘69, another Thornton Hall of Famer, a multisport athlete on the Hilltop and member of the Bradley Athletics Hall of Fame. After building a successful chain of golf stores and becoming a ranked tennis player and coach, he and his family founded the Andy Caress Melanoma Foundation to honor his late son and raise awareness of and funds to fight the disease.

Featured at the ceremony was U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly ’78 M.A. ’82 HON ‘14. She is a Bradley Centurion and a member of the University’s Board of Trustees.

— B.G.
Lydia Moss Bradley Award Winner

A two-year internship that led to a full-time position with Caterpillar Inc. a month before his graduation gave Matt Noe ‘02 a chance to learn the company’s culture and values. The 2015 Lydia Moss Bradley Award winner said the University gave him a chance to come into his own.

“I learned a lot about myself during my time at Bradley,” he said on Founder’s Day in September after receiving the award for outstanding service and dedication to Bradley.

Soon to relocate to Lafayette, Ind., as human resources manager for Large Engines and Components within the Large Power System Division, Noe had been regional human resources shared services manager for Latin America at Caterpillar. Previously, he was human resources services center manager for the Americas in Panama. He also held human resources jobs with the company in Illinois.

He has served on the boards of the Bradley Alumni Association, the Communication Alumni Network and the Central Illinois Bradley Alumni Chapter. Noe, who has endowed a scholarship at Bradley, also has been instrumental in developing and leading the biennial Leadership Summit sponsored by the Bradley University Alumni Association.

— B.G.
Matthew Kirk '01 is an assistant professor of geology at Kansas State University. He earned a master's degree at the University of Illinois and a doctorate from the University of New Mexico. Matt lives in Manhattan, Kan. He organized a conference session at the 2015 Geological Society of America South-Central Regional Meeting with Jack Pashin '82, who is professor and Devon Petroleum Chair of Basin Research at Oklahoma State University. Jack earned a master's degree and a doctorate at the University of Kentucky.

Alissa Williams '01 became the fourth director in the 91-year history of the Morton Public Library. She holds a master's degree in library and information science from the University of Illinois and also worked at the Pekin Public Library. She lives in Morton, Ill.

Joshua Herman '03 is a senior associate at Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC, and a 2014 member of the 40 Leaders Under Forty from Interbusiness Issues. An active member of the Peoria County Bar Association, Joshua holds a juris doctorate from the University of Illinois and served in Iraq with the U.S. Army Reserves. He also has advised students as part of Bradley’s Project Springboard competition. Joshua and his wife, Athena Papachronis Herman '04, live in Groveland, Ill.

Tim Karth '03 was hired as band director at Farmington High School in Missouri. He had been assistant director of bands and woodwind specialist at Troy Buchanan Middle and High schools (Mo.). He was band and choir director at Streator High School (Ill.) for 10 years. Tim also is a member of the Illinois Saxophone Quartet.

Paul Cantz '04 and Vanessa Brockman Cantz '04 announce the birth of their third child, Asher Moshe, March 4. Paul holds a master's degree and a doctorate in clinical psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology and is on the administrative faculty at Adler University. He also is affiliated with the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine, the Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership and the University of Aberdeen. Vanessa earned a master's degree in special education from Northeastern Illinois University. She works for Project REACH with the Jewish Federation of Chicago. They live in Skokie.

Aaron Dean '04 and Kate Santine Dean '05 M.A. '07 welcomed their third child, Colin Michael, March 27. Kate is a teacher at Holy Family Catholic Schools in Dubuque, Iowa. Aaron teaches in the Dubuque Community School District. The family lives in Dubuque.

Tom Meischner '04, a project manager and estimator for The Finch Companies, was included on the 2014 list of 40 Leaders Under Forty by Interbusiness Issues. A board member of the Greater Peoria Contractors and Suppliers Association, he previously worked at Caterpillar. Tom is an active volunteer for both Easter Seals and Delta Upsilon. He and his wife, Courtney Finch Meischner '04, have two children.

Interbusiness Issues selected Stacy Glazer Crabtree '05, an associate attorney at Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen, for the 40 Leaders Under Forty award for 2014. Active in the Peoria County Bar Association, she has published articles and co-authored a handbook chapter for the Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education. Stacy has volunteered for several groups, including Habitat for Humanity.

Karen Filip Davis '05 and her husband, Matthew Davis, welcomed Isaac Matthew Sept. 9, 2014. The family lives in Morton, Ill.

Michael Engel '05 and his wife, Lisa Loperena Engel '06, welcomed their third child, Matthew Thomas, July 14. Michael is a school business official with the Brookwood school district. Lisa is a seventh grade teacher in Plainfield, Ill. The family lives in Plainfield.

Maria Matarelli '05 is founder and president of Formula Ink, an international consulting company based in Chicago. She travels nationally and internationally to lead classes and conferences for companies such as IBM, Microsoft, State Farm and Eli Lilly.

Recalling the support and mentoring he received from fellow alumni when he moved to Los Angeles motivates Adam Cohen '02, the 2015 Outstanding Young Graduate, to pay it forward now that he is an executive producer and producer with Jeff Margolis Productions.

During Founder’s Day events in September, he thanked professors in the Slane College of Communications and Fine Arts for their encouragement and support while he was a student and afterward. Today, he uses Bradley connections when hiring employees and serves as a guest lecturer for Slane College expedition courses in Los Angeles during the college’s Hollywood Semester.

Cohen shared how he learned valuable lessons beyond the classroom while on the Hilltop. “Finance and business were not what made me happy,” he said. “I had to create my own happiness. I loved the social aspect of college and made the most of it.”

Cohen produced A Public Affair: Jessica Simpson Special, The Ashlee Simpson Show, Comic Relief and Anger Management and did field production work for several television programs, winning a Daytime Emmy Award for his work in 2009.

He developed, sold and served as executive producer for two series, Pipe Dream and Chasing the Dream, for NBC Universal’s Golf Channel. Cohen has served as production coordinator for the Screen Actors Guild Awards show, the Academy Awards show and The Oscars Red Carpet show.

— B.G.

Dawn Jones Walters ’07 married Gary Walters Aug. 30, 2014. Dawn holds a master’s degree from the University of Minnesota and is a human resources manager at Daikin Applied. The couple lives in Brooklyn Park, Minn.

Brady Eskridge ’08 MBA ’10 and his wife, Jessica, welcomed Havenly Grayce May 5. Brady is an instructor in the marketing department at Bradley.

Emily Johnson Weeks ’08 MSA ’08 was included on the 2014 list of 40 Leaders Under Forty from Interbusiness Issues. She is a certified public accountant and works in Caterpillar’s Electronics Division. Emily works with area students, including some at Bradley, as a mentor and teacher of financial literacy. She is a founding member of the Illinois CancerCare Foundation. Emily and her husband, Andrew Weeks ’08, have one daughter.

Allison Sherr ’14 is an intake specialist at Thresholds. She earned a master’s degree in social work from Loyola University in Chicago and lives in Grayslake, Ill.

Allison Douglas ’11 and Nicholas Thommen ’12 were married March 28, 2015. Allison, who earned a master’s degree in nutrition and dietetics from Northern Illinois University, is a registered dietitian with American Senior Communities. Nick is a design engineer with Mallory Automotive. They live in Zionsville, Ind.

Kristin Muckerheide Jones ’11 and Ian Jones ’12 announce the birth of their daughter, Violet Elise, March 15. Kristin is an editor for Humana, operates Body + Soul Wellness, LLC, and is a certified holistic health and functional medicine practitioner. Ian teaches sixth grade math and science in Aurora, Ill. The family lives in Naperville, Ill.

Nicholas Brazis, MSMFE ’14, was honored on the 2014 list of 40 Leaders Under Forty by Interbusiness Issues. He is an engineering manager for the North American Metallurgical and Chemical Services group at Caterpillar Inc. A Six Sigma black belt, he is active in his church and community organizations. He is on the board of the Manufacturers’ Environmental Group of the Illinois Manufacturers’ Association.

2010s

Marcus Belin ’10 M.A. ’14 was named to the 40 Leaders Under Forty 2014 list by Interbusiness Issues. He is dean of students at Quest Charter Academy in Peoria, Ill. Active in community events, he was named Distinguished Young Alumni by the Bradley University Black Alumni Alliance in 2013. Marcus and his wife, Monique Jordan Belin ’11, have one daughter.

Justin Coyle ’10 graduated from Nova Southeastern University’s medical school and is a first-year resident in internal medicine at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Ill. He and his wife, Hanna, live in Chicago.

Adam Bockler ’11 was inducted into the USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame as a leading instructor. In 2014, he was selected as karate black belt of the year. Communications manager at Float Mobile Learning, he is the owner of Metamora Martial Arts and trains at Alcud Martial Arts in Morton. Adam lives in Metamora, Ill.

Interbusiness Issues selected Shabeer Amirali, MBA ’14, for the 2014 Leaders Under Forty award for 2014. He is director of recruitment and student success for The Graduate School at Bradley. His wife, Sylvia Miriyam Findlay, MBA ’14, is a program coordinator at Bradley’s Foster College of Business. They have two sons and live in Peoria, Ill.

Morgan Liphart ’12 had a personal essay published in Chicken Soup for the Soul: Think Possible. She is pursuing a law degree at the University of Colorado.

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Melissa Zacarias Renteria ’14 married Arthur Renteria April 1. She is a volunteer apprentice caseworker with the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The couple lives in San Diego.

Bobby Hack ’15 is field marketing manager for Meatheads Burgers & Fries.

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Youth Hockey League.
Bill Hardin ’50, a 1993 Centurion, longtime artist and Bradley benefactor, died Oct. 13, 2015, in Peoria, Ill. After serving with the Navy in World War II, he founded Hardin Signs in Peoria and worked there 46 years. In the late 1970s, the engineering major put his art minor to work when he studied portrait painting in New York. Among his many works are more than 30 portraits chronicling the University and its people, including Jack and Mary Hartmann and the late former President Dr. Martin “Jerry” Abegg ‘47 HON ’93 (in the portrait above). For the past 13 years, Hardin produced annual calendars featuring his paintings. In recognition of his talent and generosity to the University, he received the President’s Award in 2001.

Hardin and his late wife, Marian Hoerr Hardin ’48, gave generously to the Bradley Fund, the Institute for Principled Leadership in Public Service and other Bradley programs, clubs and scholarships. Hardin, a member of the University’s 1897 Associates, was president of the Alumni Association in 1984–85 and a past president of the University parents’ association.

The Sigma Chi member’s father, brother and sister all attended Bradley. In addition, two of his children, Jim Hardin ’73 and Joan Hardin Weiser ’80 M.M. ’84, and grandson Brent Nohl ’05 graduated from Bradley. — B.G.

Dr. Arnold Komisar ’68, a noted otolaryngologist and 1997 Bradley Centurion, died April 20, 2015, in New York.

The biology major earned a doctor of dental surgery degree at New York University and received his medical degree from Drexel University College of Medicine (Pa.). Komisar was an active research physician who pioneered a groundbreaking, minimally invasive procedure for operations on the salivary gland. In addition to his practice, he was clinical professor of otolaryngology at the New York University School of Medicine and a professor at Hofstra North Shore–LIJ School of Medicine (N.Y.). Previously, he was director and associate director of the Department of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery, and the director of Head and Neck Endocrine Surgery and senior attending surgeon at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City.

He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the American Head and Neck Society and the American Academy of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck. A member of the American Thyroid Association and the New York Head and Neck Society, he was certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology. A national and international lecturer, he authored more than 100 papers, book chapters and textbooks.

Komisar received the Mosher Award for excellence in clinical research from the Triological Society, as well as awards from the American Academy of Otolaryngology and numerous teaching awards and professional honors. Surviving are his wife, Marcella Massa-Komisar, two children and a brother.

— B.G.
In Memory

1930s

Martha Crawford Solomon Nibbelin ’33, Aug. 19, Peoria, Ill.
Russell Brunnenmeyer ’35, April 26, Alpharetta, Ga.

1940s

Charles Ttemeyer ’40, May 30, Peoria, Ill.
Louetta Irwin ’41, May 19, Chicago
Daniel Bergin ’42, June 10, Chicago Heights, Ill.
Harold Klesath ’42, July 10, Peoria, Ill.
Alice Hale Spaugh ’42, Aug. 7, Overland Park, Kan.
Jean Jacob Welch ’42, May 7, Peoria, Ill.
John Van Ness ’43, June 5, Peoria, Ill.
Myron MacLean ’45, July 28, Decatur, Ill.
Robert Nickel ’46, May 28, Concord, Ill.
Lillian “June” Zoss ’46, April 21, Cazenovia, Ill.
June Sauder Huschen ’47, June 6, Roanoke, Ill.
Bill Martin ’47, May 16, Hillton Head Island, S.C.
Jack McShane ’47, April 7, Peoria, Ill.
Jay Gray ’48, May 1, Hendersonville, N.C.
George Penney ’48, Feb. 6, Apalachin, N.Y.
Helen Helander Rundblad ’48, April 9, Streator, Ill.
Jacqueline Heininger Sargent ’48, June 5, Rushville, Ill.
Alice Sherman ’48, April 15, Peoria, Ill.
Donald Bell ’49, May 7, Bend, Ore.
Mertyce Erickson Meyer ’49, June 17, Danville, Ill.
George Pape ’49 M.S. ’55, Aug. 14, Delray Beach, Fla.
Joseph Sodowski IV ’49, May 20, Venice, Fla.

1950s

Betty Dobbins Dixon ’50, July 13, Peoria, Ill.
James Ellis ’50, July 15, Frankfort, Ind.
Eugene Hezner ’50, July 11, Chicago
William Smothers ’50, May 26, Peoria, Ill.
Zomo “Little Ruth” Donelson ’51, May 26, Decatur, Ill.
Thomas Flanagan ’51, June 7, Peoria, Ill.
Joan Haaga Schmidt ’51 M.A. ’69, April 19, Peoria Heights, Ill.
Thomas A. Barkley ’52, May 6, Bettendorf, Iowa.
Robert Hayes ’52, June 12, Bedminster, N.J.
Mary Jo Hatfield Howells ’52 M.A. ’60, May 26, Peoria, Ill.
James Lindsey ’52, May 28, Rexford, N.Y.
Margaret Gaibreach Serup ’52, July 6, Princeville, Ill.
Ruth Owen Sprouse ’52, Jan. 19, Crystal Lake, Ill.
Thomas “Ced” Strouse ’52, July 26, Buda, Ill.
Stephen Stukel ’52, July 16, Joliet, Ill.
James A. Barnes ’53, July 5, Washington, Ill.
Vieta “Ann” Bebout Jameson ’53, July 12, Pekin, Ill.
Al Kilsdonk ’53, April 22, Racine, Wis.
Bill Zimmer ’53 M.A. ’57, Aug. 11, Naples, Fla.
Jay Freres ’54 M.A. ’56, June 19, Clearwater, Fla.
Harvey Hill ’54, June 22, Vermilion, Ohio
Patricia Wetzel Lowery ’54, April 28, East Peoria, Ill.
Donald McCambridge ’55, July 13, Monroe, N.J.
Robert Wesselhoft ’55, Aug. 18, Peoria, Ill.
Ronald Ricklefs ’56, Aug. 5, Augusta, Ga.
Edwin Bruggeman ’57, Aug. 7, Peoria, Ill.
Laird Carter ’57, July 16, West Peoria, Ill.
Donald W. Holmes ’57 M.S. ’68, May 11, Brimfield, Ill.
Stanley Honegger ’57, May 28, Metamora, Ill.
Harold “Hal” Mathes ’57, July 2, Tremont, Ill.
Mary Cook Ponshock ’57, Aug. 5, Marietta, Ga.
Joseph “Jerry” Driscoll ’58 M.A. ’69, June 27, Peoria, Ill.
Dorothy Braunel Flynn ’58 M.A. ’59, May 7, Scandia, Minn.
Gene Jennings ’58, April 24, Shawnee, Kan.
Bob Parnell ’58, July 30, Glastonbury, Conn.
F. Wayne Webb ’58, May 25, Lowpoint, Ill.
Albert Denovellis ’59, May 28, Aurora, Ill.
Nicholas Hertelendy ’59, July 17, Kennewick, Wash.

1960s

John Brewster ’60, May 28, Grayslake, Ill.
Kenneth Cann ’60, July 15, Calverton Park, Mo.
William R. Clark M.S. ’60, May 11, West Chicago, Ill.
Sue Hamilton Dungan ’60, April 28, Kingwood, Texas
Julia “Jill” Block Gibbs ’60, May 10, Knoxville, Ill.
Lawrence Peters ’60, April 26, Decatur, Ill.
Warren Harris ’61, May 17, Peoria, Ill.
Charles Ashby ’62, April 16, Augusta, Ga.
Jeanet Brandenburg Ball ’62, June 29, Plano, Texas
Robert Lightfoot III ’62, July 8, Des Plaines, Ill.
Rab Singh Puri ’62, June 23, Honolulu
Richard Quine ’62, July 11, Jonesborough, Tenn.
Lynne Sutterlin Fisher ’63, April 19, Suwanee, Ga.
Mary Stewart Cummings M.A. ’65, May 2, Merritt Island, Fla.
Linda Irwin Moore ’65 M.A. ’66, March 1, Akron, Ohio
Regina Dugan-Cox Knight M.A. ’66, July 15, Peoria, Ill.
Cheryl Banta Spicer ’66, June 2, Sheboygan, Wis.
Robert Bahr ‘67 M.A. ’71, July 1, Peoria, Ill.
Michael W. Harmon ’67, May 5, Peoria, Ill.
Carolyn “Lyn” Hogan Benson ’68, April 2, Denver
Jeffrey Phillips ’68, July 7, Dallas
David Spinney ’68, June 7, Winnetka, Ill.
Michael G. Boyle ’69 M.S. ’77, May 7, Sarasota, Fla.

1970s

John F. Ryan ’70, July 17, Peoria, Ill.
James Boellwinkle, MBA ’71, July 20, Peoria, Ill.
William “Chuck” Gould ’71, July 3, Tremont, Ill.
Gary Thompson ’71, June 9, Monroe Center, Ill.
Rose Jaffe Weinberg ’71, July 4, Peoria, Ill.
Michael Corn M.A. ’72, June 13, Peoria, Ill.
James Galick ’73, July 26, Oak Park, Ill.
Duane Parker ’73, July 5, Dunlap, Ill.
Gail Baker Wright ’73 M.A. ’00, June 3, Peoria, Ill.
David Goetz ’75, June 6, Springfield, Ill.
Jack Monks ’75, May 14, Mapleton, Ill.
Denny Dalmasso ’76 M.A. ’84, Aug. 4, Canton, Ill.
Linda Perkins-Lopez ’76 M.A. ’79, May 13, Merrillville, Ind.
Russell Rempala ’77, April 16, Lafayette, Colo.
Marilyn Schuster Oehler ’78, June 3, Davenport, Iowa

1980s

Kernon Gibes ’80, April 24, Augusta, Mich.
Richard J. Ryan MEA ’80, April 6, Sheldon, Ill.
Charles Zanzig MEA ’81, May 21, Green Bay, Wis.
Henry Hollensteiner ’83, May 19, Peoria, Ill.
Donna Besse Prelletz ’83, April 15, Wheeling, Ill.
Randall Strahl ’83, Aug. 6, LaGrange, Ill.
Lisa Nesbit Carnes ’86, Aug. 19, Knoxville, Ill.
Anne Glaccom McGowan ’86, June 7, Las Vegas
Kevin Christ ’88, May 3, West Caldwell, N.J.

1990s

Robert C. Berg M.A. ’90, June 20, Chillicothe, Ill.
Steven Mefford Jr. ’92, May 1, Pekin, Ill.
John Kerley Jr. ’95, April 27, Ellington, Mo.
George Kottemann, HON ’97, June 1, Peoria, Ill.

2000s

Erin Gallagher ’02, July 9, Libertyville, Ill.
Ross VanDeHey ’05, July 7, Belvidere, Ill.

Faculty

Dr. Doris Hoye Wilson, professor emerita of home economics, died Oct. 26, 2015, at her home in North Carolina. A member of the Bradley faculty from 1961–83, she served as department chair from 1969–82. At Bradley, she helped costume the University Madrigal group and was active with the Peoria Historical Society. After retiring, Wilson moved to North Carolina and was active in community and historical organizations. She earned her master’s degree at Southern Illinois University and her doctorate from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Surviving are three daughters, including Deborah D. Hoye Villers ’68, and five grandchildren.

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Alumni Connections

Alumni Events

Jan. 13 // Chicago
Bradley vs. Loyola pre-game party and game; 4 p.m.; Bar 63; 6341 N. Broadway.

Feb. 20 // Peoria
Alumni Night

March 3–6 // St. Louis
MVC Men’s Basketball Tournament

March 10–13 // Moline
MVC Women’s Basketball Tournament

April 8 // Peoria
CIBAC Wine Tasting

April 21–24 // Peoria
BUBAA Reunion

June 27–30 // Reno, NV
Bradley Veterans’ Reunion

Visit bualum.org/events for details and registration, or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (309) 677-3565 or (800) 952-8258.

Director’s Corner Tory McCord Jennetten ’96

It was heart-warming to see so many alumni, students and friends on campus celebrating our alma mater during Homecoming 2015. We enjoyed a weekend teeming with activities, including the class of 1965’s 50th reunion, the soccer team defeating Loyola University Chicago, the football marker dedication, the annual Gary R. Tippett Memorial 5K Race and the Bids for the Braves Athletics Dinner and Auction.

While we celebrated the life of Lydia Moss Bradley at Founder’s Day Convocation, the Bradley University Alumni Association recognized the achievements of Khalid Al-Naif ’81, Adam Cohen ’02 and Matthew Noe ’02, adding them to its distinguished list of award recipients. The entire week will be a fantastic memory for many years to come.

If you were unable to return to campus for Homecoming, I hope you will consider joining us at Carver Arena for Alumni Night, Feb. 20. The men’s basketball team will take on Drake University, and we will host our annual pregame gathering at the Peoria Civic Center. We also will celebrate Bradley’s 1,000th game in the Missouri Valley Conference and honor some of our outstanding alumni athletes. As plans develop, we will post them at bualum.org. Mark your calendar to join us in February!

Hail, Red and White,

Tory McCord Jennetten ’96

Executive Director
Alumni Relations

More than 90 people attended the Bradley University Black Alumni Alliance Student Send-off for the newest class of Bradley students in June.
Nearly 150 alumni and friends gathered at the Central Illinois Bradley Alumni Chapter Bratfest in August, including, front row: Stephen G. Petrany ’04, Mike Davis ’75 and Katy Ferguson ’04. Back row: Ken Pope ’67, Becky Cox Petrany ’07, Glenn Ross, MBA ’87, Emily Johnson Weeks ’08 MSA ’08, Megan Holder Hinrichsen ’05, Kyle Lewis ’04, Erica Gibbs ’07 M.A. ’09 and Ray Smith ’64.

More than 25 alumni from the St. Louis Area Bradley Alumni Chapter welcomed current students and their families for a send-off picnic at Stacy Park in August.

Nearly 30 alumni in the Los Angeles area attended a pregame party at Mohawk Bend followed by a Dodgers vs. Cubs game at Dodger Stadium at the end of August. Among those who watched the Dodgers’ victory were Tami Lane ’96, Chris Marsh ’92, Daina Kudirka Shuster ’82, Jonathan Buss ’94, Paul Guillfor, Janine Corwin ’00, Heidi Rotbart, Terri Catalano ’82.

Over 90 alumni and friends spent part of their Labor Day weekend in St. Louis at Busch Stadium to see the Cardinals face the Pirates and enjoy the amenities of a party suite.

Alumni and friends from the Chicago area welcomed Director of Athletics Dr. Chris Reynolds and men’s basketball head coach Brian Wardle in August during a reception at the Chicago Marriott Oak Brook. From left, Bruce Hauter ’79, Justin and Shea Hauter.

More than 180 students, alumni and family members were welcomed back to the Hilltop at the Legacy Student Open House during Move-in Day including (front row from left) Mary Ann Burling Weindel ’73 and Frank Weindel. (Back row from left) Zach Fuelberth ’18, Joseph Woodruff ’19, and Susan and David Woodruff.

Visit the Alumni Association’s flickr page at flickr.com/BradleyAlumni to view more photos.
On a beautiful late September weekend, here’s how the Bradley family celebrated: (1) Snapping selfies at Shea Stadium tailgate (2) Pirates decked out for Bids for the Braves auction (3) Bradley defeats Loyola 1-0 (4) Pep rally on Alumni Quad (5) Getting the royal treatment (6) Director of Athletics Dr. Chris Reynolds greets football alumni (7) Marking football legacy on Olin Quad (8) Interim President Liberty gets into the spirit (9) Traditional ‘Lighting of the B’ (10) Students vs. faculty/staff flag football.

ONLINE Visit bradley.edu/go/ht-Homecoming 2015 to watch highlights.
Catching the attention of high school juniors and seniors — and encouraging their interest until it spurs an application — is crucial to Bradley and other colleges and universities.

What if there was a landing place for these students to plunge into an exploration of college life and the Bradley Experience at their own pace and in a forum tailored to their interests? Bradley recently launched a customized, interactive social engagement platform called insideBradley targeted to high school students. It employs innovative tools and techniques to find and engage prospective students.

University and college websites offer a wealth of information, and traditional student recruitment efforts hope to steer prospective students to them. But today’s students use new channels to communicate and learn, according to Tom Richmond ’88 M.A. ’94, executive director of enrollment management for admissions. “Students may lose interest in traditional marketing efforts if they’re not sufficiently interactive,” he said. “Students won’t wade through a website to find what they want, so we’re meeting them where they are.”

Working with Evolution Labs of Morristown, New Jersey, Bradley’s admissions and marketing teams are creating content for insideBradley that prospective students need and want. The platform will feature videos and vlogs (video blogs) about the student experience at Bradley, supply general knowledge about the college search and application process, and even encourage prospective students to follow one, or several, outstanding Bradley students — insideSTARs — throughout the year.

“We’re open to communicating with students however they’re comfortable, and insideBradley is just one part of our communication strategy,” added Richmond. “It’s a useful tool.”

Parents of the Class of 2020 won’t be left out. A parent-focused interface will roll out soon, so new Bradley parents can find each other and share questions and suggestions.

— M.B.