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Homecoming Happenings

compiled by Liz Carlson

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Friday, Oct. 3:
Blue Gold Golf Scramble: 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Support Tomcat Athletics and enjoy camaraderie at the annual Homecoming scramble!

College Archives/ Art Show:
1-5 p.m. in the Library

Wine Tasting Open House:
2-4 p.m. in the Library, first floor
Mingle with fellow alumni during this wine tasting event hosted by St. Paul's. Reservations necessary.

Class of 1964 50th Reunion Dinner:
4-7 p.m. in the Sawhill Georgian Room

Class of 1959 55th reunion Dinner:
5-6 p.m. at Greens of Greenville (365 Mercer Rd.)

*Alumni Networking Reception:
6 p.m. in HMSC Art Gallery. Come meet alumni of Thiel College who are interested in helping you get your career started! Open to all students; business casual attire requested. Free beverages (beer and wine for 21+) will be provided.

Alumni Awards Ceremony and Dinner:
7-9 p.m. in the LHR. Celebrate Thiel's remarkable alumni at the annual awards ceremony, including a sit down dinner. Distinguished Alumnus award recipient is Ronald Legler '90; Service to Thiel recipient is former Board of Trustee member Joe Scarpitti '80; and Young Alumnus award recipient is Michael Stimac '08.

*Pep Rally and Homecoming Court Announcements: 9:30 p.m. at the stadium. Cheer on this year's Homecoming Court and King and Queen nominations!

*Homecoming Tent Party: 10 p.m. in the Alumni Stadium Parking Lot. Free food, beverages (beer and wine 21+), DJ, fun!

Saturday, Oct. 4:
*Second Annual 5K/ Fun Walk-Sponsored by DHI and Campus Ministry: 8-10 a.m. in the lower campus quad area.

Benefits the ELCA Malaria campaign.
Choir Alumni Breakfast: 8:30-10:30 a.m. in Weyer's Lounge

Student Organization Fair: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Alumni Stadium. Support current student organizations and learn what's happening today in your former club or organization.

James Pedas Communication Center Dedication: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Pedas Center. Invitation only, open to the public after dedication.

Marching Pride Pre-Game Show: 2:30-3 p.m. at the Stadium

*Homecoming Parade: 1:15 p.m., Uptown College and College Ave. Come cheer everyone on at our annual parade!
*Homecoming Football Game against St. Vincent: 3 p.m.

*Homecoming King and Queen Announcement: Half-time of the football game

*Homecoming Dance: 10 p.m. in the LHR
DJ, video screen, free food, fun!

Sunday, Oct. 5
Alumni Brunch: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Bistro and LHR,

James Pedas Center Set To Formally Open

by Kristina Cotton, and Keeley Criswell, kcotton@thiel.edu and kcris483@thiel.edu

Excluding freshman, the dying electronics. Students a high impact on students like completion. staff and students here at Thiel can also use the mobile dry Trent Keisling is something “We have a lot in store for video, Keisling said. have witnessed firsthand the erase boards for problem solv- that fills my heart with a lot of the dedication, including some Keisling also said that he speedy erection of the new ing. warmth and enthusiasm. And, video projects. I’m working talked to President VanAken James Pedas Communication Although the Pedas Center when I see students using the with a couple different faculty during his recruitment trip, in Center, Thiel’s first new ac- has been in use since the start facility and the great things members on that. Hopefully, March of 2012, about the fu- academic building in 40 years. of the fall semester, the official they’re doing, I know that is I’ll get to meet Dr. Pedas him- ture of the Pedas Center. Va- In this new, 6.5-million dollar dedication is this Saturday. going to happen time-and- self and talk with him a little nAken had told Keisling about communication center, stu- “I am ecstatic [about the time again for not just the next and thank him for the gener- all the layouts and all the dif- dents can utilize the new radio dedication]. Part of the reason couple of years but for several ous donations. I want to thank ferent ideas for the building. station and television station. is that I have been working decades,” Dr. Troy VanAken him for giving back to Thiel! Keisling said the conversa- It’s huge, and I am definitely tion really intrigued him and They can reserve conference with Dr. Pedas since I arrived said. Since the announcement of excited for the dedication” Ju- encouraged him to come to rooms for study time or meet- here six years ago. To see his ings or utilize the study area dream come to fruition in a the Pedas Center, many stu- nior, communications major Thiel. which has plenty of outlets for way that’s going to have such dents have been awaiting its and creator of the

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The Pedas Center provides new technology for the use of students and professors.
Photo Credit: Lynae Jackson

Campus Recovers from Flooding

by Kristina Cotton, kcotton@thiel.edu

If you were at Thiel on Aug. 21, then you probably endured, or at least witnessed, the torrential downpour that occurred during the midafternoon. Students and faculty alike were affected by this rainstorm. Some students were watching from their dorm room while listening to Pandora, thanking their lucky stars they weren’t outside at the moment. The band members were sprinting back from practice, while the football players trudged through two feet of water to retrieve their items from a pond-like locker room. Some adventurous girls even splashed around in a makeshift lake, also known as the baseball field (you know who you are). Nonetheless, whether your attitude was one of joy, sorrow, or irritation towards the summer showers, the effects on the campus were quite substantial. The damage was more than a soaking wet disposition, squish-squashing to the nearest source of shelter, or an afternoon of frolicking in waist deep waters. “According to our Chief Finical Officer, Bob Schmoll, over \$400,000 worth of damages occurred as a result of the flooding,” Michael McKinney, Vice President of Student Life, said. “We have flood insurance. Our deductible for that insurance is about \$25,000. It is quite a big expense, but then again, it covered more than \$400,000 worth of damage. It was a benefit to the college to have that.” “We had about 15 basements flooded. The worst three buildings were the Pedas Center, the gymnasium, and then the HSMC... [with] Pedas we basically just had some drywall, insulation, and carpet damage. The HMSC the boiler room sustained a lot of damage. There was over ten inches of water in it. Damages were also made to the elevator that the food service people use... In the gym there was quite a bit of destruction in the men’s locker room, the Tomcat room,” Michael Shultz, Director of Facilities, said. Damages were also experienced in Frat One, Frat Two, Hutton Hall, a lot of the theme houses, and the Passavant Center. (As a side note: Shultz is requesting that if anyone has more pictures of the flooding, on the day it occurred, that they might send them his way.) Thiel is taking steps now to repair and mend the campus wide damages. For example, by “realigning the storm drain in the gym parking lot, as well as digging up and replacing the lines in parking lot, we will help avoid this happening again,” Shultz stated. These new construction projects are anticipated to occur as soon as possible. However, the college has to wait for the necessary permits and supplies to arrive.

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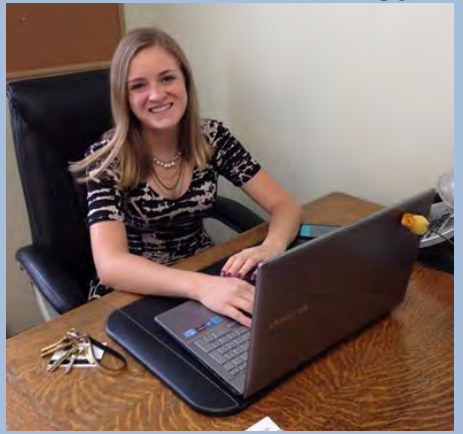
The baseball field looks like a pond after flooding ravaged the campus before move-in day.
Photo Credit: an anonymous Thiel student

Resident Directors Living Productive Lives

by Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu

At the beginning of each year, Resident Directors, or RDs, call building meetings in dorm halls here at Thiel. They seek to establish the rules of the year and put the Resident Assistants, RAs, in charge of the floor. Still, do you know your RD beyond that? Can you say what his favorite pastime is? Do you know what she is majoring in? Did you know that they have lives beyond being RDs? It may surprise you that these young men and women have as busy personal lives as you do, maybe even more so. The role of an RD is to keep order within the building. Through the RAs, they make sure that residents are not swinging from chandeliers or ringing the fire alarm in the middle of the night. The RD solves any problems between the residents. This can be a feud, roommate problems, or loud floor mates. Contacting the RD is the go-to option when the RAs needs help on a situation. “I’ve been an RA in Stewart for three years. This is my first as RD,” Alana Smith, RD of Stewart Hall, said, “I would say that there’s definitely more responsibility. I’m more accountable for anything that happens [in the dorm].” “I really wanted to get some experience and build up that résumé,” Jessica Weaver, RD of Harter Hall, said, “I really want to work with international students.” International students are those studying at Thiel who are from outside the United States. The cultures represented on campus include those of South Korea, Japan, and several others. Weaver is also working with Student Affairs. Smith is the Graduate Assistant in the Counseling Center here at Thiel. She works as an RD through Student Affairs in preparation for when she decides exactly what she wants to do: “I was interested in being a college counselor as an undergrad... I may pursue licensure after my time here or just go right into Student Affairs.”

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Alana Smith, RD of Stewart Hall, works in her office.
Photo Credit: Hunter Michaelis,



More Thiel Happenings

compiled by Liz Carlson, ecarlson@thiel.edu

Friday Oct. 5- Sunday, Oct. 7: Homecoming Events!

Midterm Break: Saturday, Oct. 11- Tuesday, Oct. 14

Thursday, October 16:

Thiel Forum Board- Prof. DelMaramo, Shannon Reesh, Dr. Torigoe, Sadie Price: 4-5 p.m in the Pedas Lecture Hall 121

Thiel Team Trivia Every Tuesday in the Bistro: from 9-11 p.m.!

Wanna see a movie?

BLY HALL MOVIE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS...

compiled by Liz Carlson

Million Ways to Die in the West:

Sunday Oct. 5, 8-10 p.m.

This old western comedy takes place in the Arizona Circa in 1882. Seth MacFarlane stars as a hapless farmhand who loves his girl after backing out of a fight. He soon finds himself in the presence of the wife of a well-known and feared gunman, and a friendship between the two begins to form after he saves her from potential harm. The two then pose as a couple to make Albert's (MacFarlane) ex-girlfriend jealous. Albert finds himself in a sticky situation when he ends up challenging a notorious gunman. Be sure to stop by Bly Hall to have a good laugh and see how this hysterical situation plays out!

Thiel College Police Blotter

09-27-14, 11 p.m.

Three students were engaged in a fight in a residence building.

10-01-14, 4:35 a.m.

An unknown student was found spray painting the front of 58 College Ave.



Come out and support the sisters of Chi Omega at the first Wish BINGO! Help raise money for Make-A-Wish so another wish can be granted!

Who: Chi Omega

What: Wish Bingo

When: October 18 @ 2 pm

Where: Luthern Heritage Room (LHR)

Why: To raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation

How: Buy a ticket and come play bingo! Tickets are \$10 in advanced and \$15 at the door! All proceeds go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation

Questions: e-mail Hannah Fernandez (hfern882@thiel.edu)



Kappa Sigma Presents Seesaw-A-Thon

Who: Kappa Sigma

What: Seesaw-A-Thon

When: October 2nd-5th

Where: In front of the HMSC

Why: To raise money for a 9-year-old girl with brain cancer.

Photography Club

Photo Exhibit
Oct. 2-5

James Pedas
Communication Center

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2014 Homecoming

5K RUN~FUNWALK

Saturday, October 4, 2014

Glen Johnson Center, Thiel College

Start time: 8:00 a.m.

Registration is between 7:15 a.m. and 7:45 a.m.

Parking is available on the grass lot across from the David Johnson Memorial Chapel

Registration fee by September 26th: \$15

Registration fee after September 26th: \$20

Register at <https://thielcollege.wufoo.com/forms/homecoming-5k-runfun-registration-form/> or mail registration form found at <http://www.thiel.edu/calendar/event/2nd-annual-dhi-amp-campus-ministry-5k-run-fun-walk-10-04-14> to:

Dietrich Honors Institute
Thiel College
75 College Avenue
Greenville, PA 16125



Want to advertise your club or event?

Submit an ad or article!!!

Articles must be between 350-600 words. Publication is free for Thiel clubs and activities

Submission Date	Publication Date
Tues, Oct. 6	Fri, Oct. 17
Thurs, Oct. 23	Fri, Oct. 31
Thurs, Nov. 6	Fri, Nov. 14
Thurs, Nov. 20	Fri, Dec. 5

If you give us information for your event (Who?, What?, When?, Where?, and how students can get involved), we can make the ad for you! Just give us the information 3 days before the submission date!

Articles, ads, and information can be sent to newspaper@thiel.edu

James Pedas Center Dedication



Saturday, October 4 from 11am – 1pm

At James Pedas Communication Center

Invitation Only.

Open to the public following the dedication.

Campus RD's

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Some of you may be aware that RAs are encouraged to have activities with their floors, in order to foster a closer community. "I noticed how a lot of the American students don't really interact with the foreign students... I think I can better the community of my dorm through International Studies," Weaver added.

What about upperclassmen dorms? Is it at all possible for them to be similar to the freshman version?

"I know it's important for RAs to proactive on their floors, reaching out, and gaining their respect," Smith explained, "but I understand it's harder to do activities for upperclassmen. They already know each other. They already have their niche."

"I think it's really important for floors to be close to each other," Weaver agreed, "If you really get along with your floor mates, you really feel like you belong here."

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"It could have been worse," Shultz said with a bit of optimism. "We were fortunate that it happened in the afternoon. The entire house cleaning staff was here, and they worked overtime. Pretty much the whole maintenance staff was here and worked overtime as well which minimized the damage that was done."

Shultz explained that they worked so hard in hopes to avoid any negative connotations or "what ifs" from the incoming freshmen or their

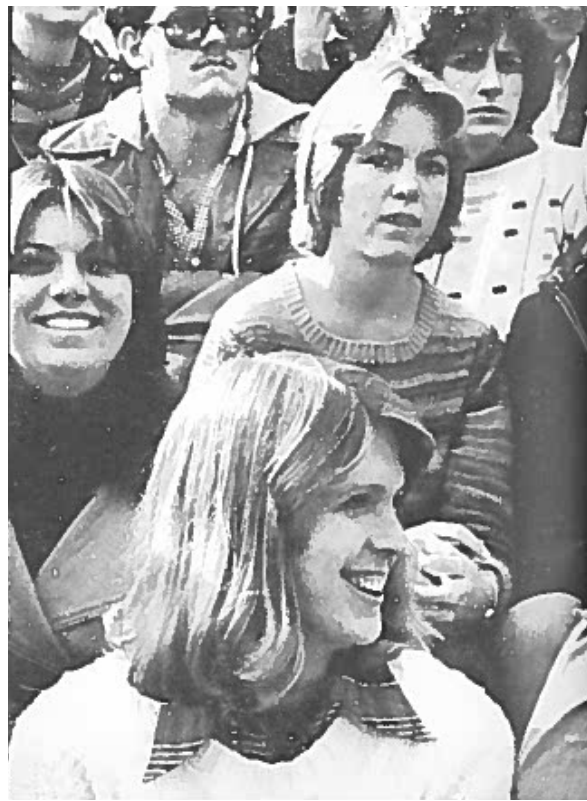
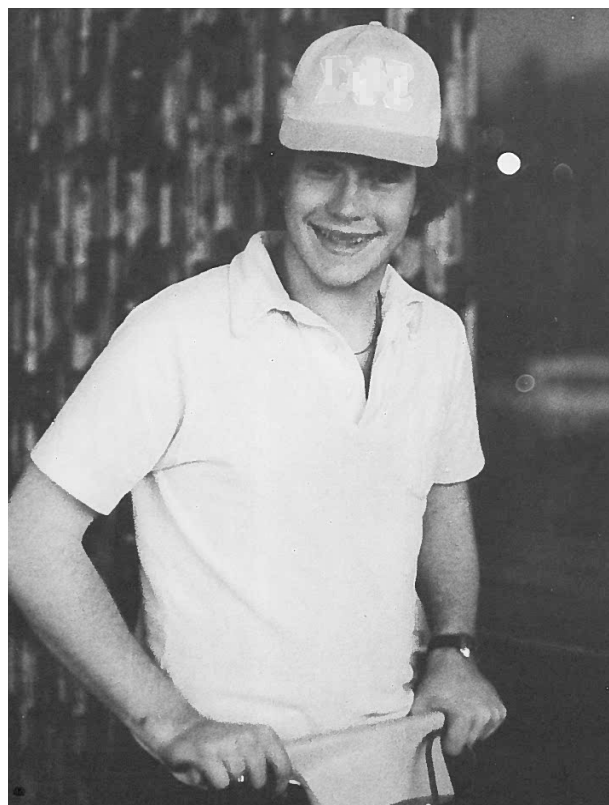
parents, who would be arriving the very next day. The maintenance staff do not want people to be deterred from campus because of this situation.

McKinney affirmed that Shultz's goals were indeed achieved. "I would say had people not known about the flood, people wouldn't have been able to tell it happened for the most part, based on [the staff's] efforts. We're just appreciative of that," he said.

McKinney finished with an optimistic statement. "I

would [like to] credit our facilities, and housekeeping staff, CFO Bob Schmoll, Director of Facilities Michael Shultz, and their teams. They did a wonderful job, considering when the floods took place. It was the night before our move-in of new first year students, so they did an amazing job. They really pulled together. They were here in the wee hours of the morning working with another company to come in and clean out the buildings," he said.

So, a massive thank you is overdue, and goes out to the all those involved in repairing the damages. A personal thank you to all the maintenance workers who put in extra hours to help restore Thiel College and even improve its conditions. The efforts put forth not only ensured a successful freshman move-in day, but also guarantees the predicted success of the dedication of the James Pedas Communications Center this homecoming weekend.



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Cool Professors: Dr. Pete Rydberg

by: Joseph DeVivo, jdevivo@thiel.edu

Cool Professors is a column dedicated to unearthing the little-known, interesting private lives of Thiel professors.

Dr. Pete Rydberg is the first in a series of exposés uncovering the interesting lives of Thiel professors.

Rydberg led a group of 15 students to *The Book of Mormon* in Pittsburgh on Sunday, Sept. 28.

“Alpha Psi Omega, the honorary theater fraternity, is also making noise about organizing a trip to see some shows in NYC, but I will know more about that soon,” Rydberg said. “We are hosting our Second Annual High School Shakespeare Festival on January 29, 2015. But most excellent is the upcoming Madison Blitz on Saturday October 18 – a day where you can be an actor or playwright without any prior experience.”

Before becoming a professor, Rydberg was a travel agent who traveled all over Europe, visited Africa and South America and enjoyed ten days on a boat in the Galapagos Islands. In 2012, the doctor co-wrote a zombie musical called *Love, Death, and Brains* that was shown at the NYC Fringe Festival.

“That was an absolute blast,” Rydberg said. “But as



Pete Rydberg’s path to Thiel has been marked by compelling choices.
Photo Credit: Thiel.edu

far as experiences go it was an incredible adventure to hit Manhattan with twenty friends for a couple weeks.”

Rydberg started his collegiate career at 16 at St. Mary’s University in Winona, MN, studying genetics. The years passed and at 18, Rydberg attended St. Olaf

the University of Wisconsin-Madison Theater Department on a dare from one of my friends,” Rydberg said. “It was a spring morning, I had been having pre-work coffee with friends, and one of them said I could never get into graduate school. So I set down my coffee right then, got in my car, and drove to campus.”

According to Rydberg, he walked up to the department secretary and said, “Hi, my name is Pete. I live here. I am brilliant. You should give me a full ride to your program.” Rydberg’s precociousness paid off.

Rydberg grew up a pastor’s son, bouncing from one small town to another. Most of these childhood towns had populations of around 1,000. The smallest, Vienna, South Dakota, had a population of 68. All of Rydberg’s moves have taken him closer and closer to New York City.

“Every move I have made has taken me closer and closer to the Big Apple”, Rydberg said. “Perhaps fate is still prodding me that direction.”

Students interested in any theater program or event should email Rydberg at prydberg@thiel.edu.

TAB presents Deal or No Deal

By Sungkyung Ko, SKo598@thiel.edu

On Sept. 28, in the Bistro, an exciting event was held by the Thiel Activities Board. The event was based on the American game show “Deal or No Deal”.

The event was planned to get students out of their dorms in order to have fun and win money. The rules were simple: students received a number prior to the start of the game. If a student’s number was called by staff after being randomly chosen, that student could participate in the game. On the stage, the student chose one paper bag out of 14 paper bags. After the game started, a student could choose the number of bags three times each deal. The money in the selected bags was marked off on a projector screen; the lowest money available was \$0.01 and the highest was \$100.

The total amount of money distributed to students during the game was \$280. In this game, the

lowest a student got was \$0.01 and the highest was \$100.

“This time around was very successful. I think it was because the total amount of money was the highest. I am very happy that many people were here,” Gwen Marker, a member of TAB, said.

“I won \$25. At first, I didn’t even know my number would be called. However, when my number was called, I went out. It was really exciting. If I chose deal at first, I could have won \$35. However, if I didn’t choose deal until the end, I may have only received \$10,” Doe Kim said, smiling.

“When my number was called, I felt lucky because I could have had no chance. I was getting nervous. At the end, I got only \$5 but it was fun,” Taeyeon Kim said.

This event was a lot of fun for those students who joined in the game.



Students attending the TAB event were given tickets with their designated numbers on them.

Photo Credit: Sungkyung Ko

James Pedas Center to Open

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One of the most refreshing features of this new center is that it is open to everyone – students do not have to be pursuing a degree in communications to enjoy the facilities. If you walk around on any given class day you will witness an array of classes being taught in the classrooms, each pertaining to subjects that vary from philosophy to the freshman seminars and many others.

“Most schools will limit a building’s usage. For instance, if there is a science building, it’s strictly for science majors. I really like that Thiel has opened it up to all majors because now every single student can utilize the building and grow as a whole. And so you’re not just seeing one specific group on campus; you’re seeing the whole student body grow with technology, with the Presentation in Literacy Course and things like that. I think it’s a really valuable asset,” Keisling commented.

Having spent the summer on campus collaborating with Professor Evans, Keisling is pretty familiar with the center. He was here preparing the “Discover the Difference” campaign, in hopes of getting everyone excited for the new building and everything that this new center has to offer the Thiel community.

Dr. James Pedas devoted most of his life to entrepreneurial work in the entertainment industry. Pedas graduated from Thiel with a Bachelor of Science in economics in 1950.

In the 1950’s he and his brother established Colt 45 Records, his first major entrepreneurial adventure. From there, the brothers expanded their hold and purchased several drive-in movie theaters and a film distribution franchise. The two were involved in several production companies, and ultimately founded their own, Circle Films. Eventually, they expanded, founding companies to oversee real estate and commercial development investments and operate parking facilities.

Pedas received an honorary doctorate from Thiel and is currently

named trustee emeritus to the board of trustees. Because of his media background and involvement in the Thiel community, Pedas decided to contribute a significant sum of money to build a communications building at Thiel.

Aside from Pedas himself, there were other donors such as President VanAken and AVI food services. One can locate the names of other donors in golden print on individual office doors in the Pedas Center.

“With this new building, Thiel is going to make leaps and bounds when it comes to communication and technology,” Keisling concluded excitedly.

Discover the Difference

A brief timeline of Thiel’s newest building:

- * **May 3rd, 2013** – the ground breaking ceremony for the center.
- * **July 30th, 2013** – Bob Batchelor is named new Communication Chair.
- * **May 2013-Fall 2014** – Construction continues
- * **Aug. 2014** – students and faculty begin to use the James Pedas Communication Center
- * **Oct. 4th, 2014, 11 a.m.** – the invitation-only dedication of the James Pedas Communication Center
- * **Oct. 4th, 2014, 1 p.m.** – the James Pedas Communication Center will be open to the public

English Club Hosts Game Night

by Sean Oros, soros@thiel.edu



On Friday, Sept. 26, the English Club gathered for a night of fun and games. Food and drinks were provided for everyone who came, and the happy gathering lasted for over three hours. Everyone who came had a great time, with a great deal of laughter shared by all. Guests and steady members alike attended. The English Club would like to invite readers to keep their eyes open for future events, and encourages readers to attend.

Photo Credit: Sean Oros



Abroad!

by: Keeley Criswell, kcriswell@thiel.edu

Last Spring break, Dr. Buck took a group of students on a service trip to Nicaragua. The trip lasted 9 days in total and included homestays with Nicaraguan families, visits to a volcano and Crater Lake, and a service project.

Buck, who has been on the trip 4 times, twice with students, got the idea to go to Nicaragua from Dr. Cuff, a professor emerita.

“I was talking with Joyce Cuff, and she had gone [to Nicaragua] several times. It peaked my interest in impacting... other parts of the world, and I have a class in Latin-American history, and my brother has an interest, so I thought it would be interesting. I went down with [Dr. Cuff] to do the trip with Compas de Nicaragua, and then I spent two weeks wandering the country with my brother to find out what it was like,” Buck said.

Compas de Nicaragua, the nonprofit company through which Buck and students took this trip, offers service trips for groups and individuals. They

operate out of Managua and La Paz and, as their website states, “(s)upport sustainable community development projects in urban and rural Nicaragua through service trips, cultural exchange, empowerment initiatives, and education programs.”

One of the groups that Compas de Nicaragua helps is Women in Action. This group helps empower women who live in the poorest settlement region of Managua. Many of these women are the head of their household. Through Women in Action, these women organize health, education, and income-generation programs to provide for their families and help the community.

For the majority of the trip, students lived and interacted with host families. While in Managua, participants also interacted heavily with members of Women in Action, even participating in a shadow day, where each person from Thiel was paired with a different woman for the day.

“My favorite part [of the trip] is the day that I shadow, spending the day with someone that I can’t communicate that well with (to) figure out how things work,” Buck said.

After a few days in Managua, students went to La Paz, a small town in rural Nicaragua. There, they worked with their new host families to install a biogas system and fix a gray water system. These systems allow families to reuse some of their water, a huge benefit during the dry months when water becomes scarce. Families are also able to cook with this system using gas that is gathered from cow manure at local farms.

During the trip, meals and evenings were spent interacting with the host families. For some participants, this ended up being both the best and most challenging aspect of the trip.

“Overall, I liked the cultural aspects of the trip best. We were really in the heart of the people; we had a chance to see so much more of who they

really were.... The most challenging aspect ended up being the language gap. I don’t speak Spanish, and I like talking to people, so it could be a little tricky for me at times. I managed to find some ways to communicate....” Sean Oros, one of the students on the trip, said.

For others, trip highlights included the excursions, which included a trip to a volcano, swimming in a lake, and a trip to a market.

“My favorite part was going to the top of the volcano. That was awesome. The land there was so flat, and the volcano was so high, we were able to see for miles and miles,” Daniel McFetridge, another student who went on the trip, said.

While the trip provided a lot of highlights and cultural enrichment for the participants, it was not all fun. “My biggest gripe was the toilet facilities,” Oros said. “I’m not used

to having to throw toilet paper away in a trash can. But, It gave me a chance to think about things in a new perspective.”

“I think that this trip can provide students with an appreciation for how people with very little can be very happy. Even though they don’t have a lot, they enjoy life and they enjoy each other. It’s a perspective that I think sometimes we lose,” Buck said.



Students of Dr. Buck went on a nine-day service trip to Nicaragua to learn about the culture and give back to the community

Photo Credit: Keeley Criswell

Meet the New Faces Of Thiel Faculty

by Mary Dougherty, mdoug616@thiel.edu

This summer was one of change for Thiel College. The building of the Pedas Communication Center was completed, the inside of Greenville Hall underwent renovation, and minor changes were made to the entrance and inside of the gym, along with numerous smaller projects. Thiel also welcomed 12 new full-time faculty members to the community this summer. Let’s learn more about Dr. Shannon Deets and Dr. Jared Hanneman.

Dr. Shannon Deets is originally from Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, but has resided in Meadville, Pennsylvania for the past 17 years. She completed her undergraduate studies at Allegheny College, where she fortunately met her husband one month before graduating. They now have two children. She then went on to receive her Masters and Doctorate from Gannon University in the field of Psychology. While she was at Gannon, Dr. Deets also worked as an adjunct professor. Dr. Deets was signed to a one-year contract at Thiel as a visiting professor. At the end of the school year, she will be evaluated in order to determine if her stay will become permanent.

Dr. Deets currently has a private counseling practice in Meadville. She wants the Thiel community to know that her office is always open to those students who may be struggling and need someone to talk to. She will always have candy, especially chocolate, because she believes that chocolate cures everything.

Dr. Deets hopes to contribute to the counseling and clinically based courses that are offered here at Thiel. She would love to pass her clinical knowledge on to students to help them get jobs right out of Thiel to work within the clinical world, or help them prepare for graduate school. She also would love to see the start of student involvement in the research of consciousness, which is her specialty.

Currently, Dr. Deets is teaching General Psychology and Abnormal Psychol-



Dr. Jared Hanneman and Dr. Shannon Deets are two new additions to the psychology and criminal justice departments at Thiel

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In the spring, she will continue to teach these two courses, along with Special Populations in Counseling. In her short time at Thiel, Dr. Deets is already known as the “warm, fuzzy” person in the Psychology Dept., because of the amiability and smiles she brings to work every day. She is loving her time at Thiel, and is especially fond of the student body. She sees Thiel students as hard workers and really engaged in her classes. Dr. Deets pointed out that Thiel is a uniquely friendly campus in which there is never a shortage of smiles and hellos from the students and faculty.

Dr. Jared Hanneman is originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin but spent most of his childhood growing up in the state of Indiana. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Miami in Ohio where he studied Microbiology, Philosophy, and Sociology. He went to the University of Pittsburgh to receive his Master’s degree and completed his Doctorate at the City University of New York in the field of Sociology. For the past 11 years, Dr. Hanneman lived in the city of New York where he met his wife, with whom he has three children.

Thiel is the first job for Dr. Hanneman since completing his degree. He actually submitted his dissertation a little over two weeks ago, for which he spent two years doing research and writing. Before writing his dissertation, Dr. Hanneman taught at a va-



riety of colleges in New York City including the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Hunter College, New York University (NYU), New York City College of Technology, City College, and Pace University.

Presently, Dr. Hanneman is teaching Intro to Criminal Justice, Deviance, and Social Stratification. In the spring, he will be teaching Law Enforcement in America, Juvenile Justice, and Sociology of the Sport.

Dr. Hanneman is very pleased with his family’s transition from New York City to Greenville. He is excited that his children will have the opportunity to grow up in an environment similar to his, where they will have plenty of space to run and play. He refers to his move to Greenville as “coming back home.” He is very happy to be at Thiel and is pleased with the way things have gone thus far. During his time at Thiel, Dr. Hanneman hopes to improve as an educator, publish his dissertation in to a book, write scholarly articles, and become an active participant in the academic community.

The Thiel community is very lucky to have these two wonderful scholars as educators in the Psychology, Criminal Justice, and Sociology departments. Both are experts in their respective fields and have a lot of knowledge to pass on to the student body. Be sure to give a warm welcome to Dr. Deets and Dr. Hanneman as they get accustomed to the remarkable community of Thiel College.

Neuroscience Debuts as Separate Department

by Dr. Greg Butcher, gbutcher@thiel.edu

I’d like to take the opportunity to introduce myself and give you a little information about the new Neuroscience department.

I’m originally from Wyoming and attended the state’s only university (conveniently named the University of Wyoming), where I studied psychology, zoology and chemistry. These separate disciplines provided me with unique perspectives on how to approach problems, but also gave me a variety of tools to apply to the topic that truly fascinated me – the human brain. I attended The Ohio State University and received a Ph.D. in Neuroscience by working on the molecular basis of the mammalian circadian clock. Essentially, we were trying to determine how light resets the biological clock. You’ve likely experienced the effects of this system if you’ve ever taken a long flight and experienced jet lag, or if you happen to suffer from seasonal affective disorder (SAD).

I spent the next eight years in Louisiana where I was the Neuroscience Program Coordinator for a small liberal arts college not unlike Thiel. Although Thiel has had a Neuroscience major for a number of years, it only became a separate department this past summer. This change indicates Thiel’s commitment to providing students interested in the field with the best possible opportunities. If you’re a neuroscience major, this

From the Neuroscience Department

will obviously affect you.

You might choose to take one of the new neuroscience courses, including Dr. Erwin Montgomery’s Biomedical Research Design or my Neurological Diseases and Disorders course (both of which will be offered as NSCI 315 this spring). Or, you might choose to complete an internship at the Greenville Neuromodulation Center and learn about deep brain stimulation. Or, you might want to join the new neuroscience student group that will be formalized later this semester.

If you’re not a neuroscience major, you might be thinking “Why should I care about this?” Well, you could choose to participate any of the opportunities listed above; they’re not limited to just majors. You may also consider minoring in neuroscience, which I hope to make possible by next year.

On a broader view, you should care about neuroscience because discoveries in the field influence your life every day. For example, since the beginning of the school year the following findings with real-world neuroscience applications have been published.

• Hearing your own footsteps influences the physical aspects of your gait. *Experimental Brain Research*

• Despite changes in the public’s awareness of sport-related concussions, they continue to be underreported among college athletes, which can result in long-term cognitive impairments. *Clinical Journal of Sport Medicine*

• The feasibility of using microscopic sensors called “neural dust” in brain-machine interfaces was explored. *Journal of Neuroscience Methods*

Again, why should you care? The first study would be of interest to runners who want to improve their performance, while limiting injury. Listening to music with a strong beat may not be the best strategy. The second would be applicable to athletes, coaches, policymakers and parents who may want to develop a culture that protects players without sacrificing sports. And the third provides a small step toward technology that may allow you to literally control your world with your mind.

In the coming months, neuroscience student and I will periodically write articles for the Thielensian that discuss neuroscience discoveries that are relevant to your lives. But if you can’t wait for the next article, please stop by my office (AC 248). I’m happy talk with you about the department or anything else neuro related.

Phi Alpha Theta Provides New Society for History Majors



New members of Phi Alpha Theta are honored as some of the best students of the History department at Thiel.

Photo Credit: Maryanne Elder

Toombs Time: In Which the App Store Continues to Ruin my Day

by Sara Toombs, stoombs@thiel.edu

I haven't written a flat-out rant piece like this for my column in a long time, but I can't hold it back anymore. It isn't very often that something this ridiculous gets to me, but every now and then somebody has to go and start a new fad that makes me absolutely crazy. This time, it's Yik Yak.

I know, I get it - it's just an app. It's just another silly social networking tool invented for mindless entertainment and a few good laughs. It's a way for people to complain, share, and rant about life at college and all the woes that go along with it. But something about Yik Yak makes my skin crawl. It's the anonymity of it. Maybe I am over thinking the situation a bit, but the idea that this net-

work is designed specifically for people to say whatever they want without having to take any personal responsibility for it.

But what harm could it possibly do, right? No one would read a post on a stupid app and take it seriously, would they? I think that at this point if you still believe that words cannot have a profound impact on a person's life, you have been sadly misled. After the powerful damage I have seen these kind of enabling devices do, things like this have started to terrify me. I recently read an article in which a psychiatrist described Yik Yak as "the most dangerous app" he's has ever seen, and I think he has a point.

Yik Yak gives users the freedom

to say absolutely whatever they can think to write, throw it out there for the world to see, and never blink an eye about someone confronting them later. You can write about how bad the food in the caf is, who was (supposedly) in your bed last weekend, or how horrible "that one girl" looks in her dress today. You can make up whatever rumor your imagination can create. You can trash talk every organization you're not a part of. Because you can.

And I guess that's exactly why people say those kind of things in real life too. It's an "I can say it, so I will" mentality. It's the belief that nothing you say will have an effect on another person, and even when it does you can always cover it up with "I was

just kidding" or "I'm sorry." But unfortunately that "just kidding" doesn't cover up the fact that you don't know how to monitor your own behavior, that you probably just deeply hurt or offended another human being, or the fact that you are not a very nice person. Beyond that, nothing you or anyone else says can erase the words you have released into the world.

People keep telling me not to worry about it because "the mean stuff gets taken down anyway." Yeah, okay, it gets taken down after a ton of people have already seen it and told seven of their closest friends. This, to me, is really about an issue much deeper than nasty social media comments. It's about the fact that we are growing

up to be people who lack empathy and never have to take responsibility for our actions. We've been making excuses and getting away with it since pre-school. I guess I think it might be time for us to wake up and realize we have an impact on other people, regardless of our ability to hide behind a screen. Once you have destroyed a person's self-esteem, it's done. The moment you scar an organization's reputation, it's done. As soon as you choose to contribute to what wrong with the world, you've done it. It's out there. It's done.

(And yeah, I've kind of accepted the fact that writing this guarantees I'll be the Yaks next victim. You win some, you lose some.)

Students Move to New Rooms

by Juyeon Julie Park, jpark@thiel.edu

Sept. 8 to Sept. 26 was room change period. The main purpose is to help all students feel comfortable in their space so that they can have a great Thiel College experience.

According to Rhonda Laird, who is the Housing Coordinator and Assistant to the Dean, "about 10 total room change requests from new international students occurred during the period."

Seven of those students preferred to live in Florence West while the others chose Sawhill or Harter Hall. In consideration of the number of new international students, the number of requests is pretty high. Many of them wanted to move to Florence West Hall for several reasons.

"I moved my dorm stew to Florence. First, down campus is too far from main buildings such as HMSC, and Academic Center. Second, down campus is quieter than up campus but I like active atmosphere, like Flo. Finally, if I move my dorm, I can live with my friend," Bokyeon Park said, from South Korea.

Another person who moved to Flo said, "It was hard to de-



Students new to Flo West residence hall are met with this sign, which shows off the building's RA staff.

cide moving because I became attached to Sawhill. However, in Florence, the room was much bigger and the most lovely thing was the large window that

I could see the outside freely."

As they show, people who moved to Flo because it has cosy rooms, and a lively atmosphere.

A pair of students who are roommates each other had moved from Stew to Harter Hall.

They said, "Harter Hall is an up campus dorm, so it is very close to the AC, HMSC and library. Also, the shower room is more bigger and has urinals. The atmosphere is very quiet, so I am very satisfied with it. I think it is very convenient that the laundry room and restroom is very close to my room. Besides, Harter is clean entirely and quiet, so it is nice to get a good night's sleep."

They pointed out the comfortable mood and convenience of living in Harter Hall.

As above, during the room change period, not an inconsiderable number of new international students had changed their room based on their preference, and they all found comfortable residence hall on the basis for their preferred location, room layout, or being in the same building as their friends.

Hopefully, they can enjoy many experiences in Thiel College with their carefree dorm rooms.

Why your favorite movie is terrible...

featuring Toy Story

by Andrew Denson, adenson@thiel.edu

****WARNING: This opinion piece is meant to be offensive and is based off the offensive online blog, "Why your favorite team sucks," on Deadspin. Please do not read if you become easily offended.

The Movie:

The movie that made every five year old child believe that if they ran into their room that they would catch their toys having conversations aka. Toy Story.

The first ever Pixar movie, it has gained a cult following in the past 20 years (that's right people, 20 years ago). For the record, I may be the only person who did not like the second one and refuse to see the third one.

The fans are the worst. Whenever you ask a Pixar fanatic what their favorite Pixar movie is they will give you the "kill yourself" look before going on a trivial rant about how Toy Story is the best trilogy ever and if you did not cry on the third one, then you are the Anti-Christ. **The Character Everyone Loves To Hate:**

This is really hard because normally I have many charac-

ters to choose from as "most ing characters, BUT I will hateable", but Toy Story just go with Mr. Potatohead.

Why The Movie Is Awful:



characters that its really hard to find a hateable character. Yes, you could choose any of the villains... but that's too easy. You could pick Woody, because of the jealousy and "holier than thou" attitude, you could pick Buzz because of pure stupidity, or any of the other quasi annoy-

Actually.....I got nothing. Toy Story is freaking awesome. **What has Always been Awful:** See Above(although to be fair, I really despise the fans) **Why The Movie is Not Awful:** Toy Freaking Story

Mastodon Review: Once More 'Round The Sun

by Joe Pouliot, jpouliot@thiel.edu

It's safe enough to say quality hard rock and heavy metal is hard to come by these days. Case in point: Nickelback.

Mastodon however, is the rare beast that has its hoofs planted in the past and eyes focused on the stars, reinvigorating the genre for the 21st century. Comprised of Troy Sanders (bass, vocals), Brent Hinds (guitar, vocals), Bill Kelliher (guitar, backing vocals) and Brann Dailor (drums, vocals), Mastodon has been a near perfect ascension since its 1999 inception with a unique mixture of sludge metal, progressive rock, hardcore punk and southern rock; from 2002's debut *Remission* through a string powerful albums - *Leviathan* (based on Moby Dick), *Blood Mountain*, *Crack the Skye*, and *The Hunter* - Mastodon has been on an epic journey combing heavy riffs and complex structures

telling tales of fighting monsters, astral projection, whaling, occult practice and epic battles as metaphors for personal struggles, loss, death, insanity, discovery and redemption.

On their sixth album, June's *Once More 'Round the Sun* may sound like the Atlanta based foursome is going through the motions, but both fans and newcomers will surely find tried-and-true approaches plus a few new surprises along the way.

The album opens with "Tread Lightly," beginning with a deceptive acoustic intro before breathing fire and blood as a brawl between life and death with its wailing chorus, "Open your eyes, take a deep breath and return to life. Wake up and fight, Fight for the love and the burning light" Its mouth-watering stuff for the faithful. The boys then let loose catchy melodies and mammoth riffs

on rip roaring rockers "The Motherload," "High Road" and the title track, showcasing glee in the fury and mayhem.

"Chimes at Midnight" and "Asleep in the Deep" properly showcase the band's intricate musical chops, navigating the listener through the waters of paranoia, obsession and fear, evoking hellish scenarios set to the course of Hinds and Kelliher unleashing massive riff after riff in intricate arrangements; the duo manage to throw some beautiful dual harmonies that harken back to 70's rockers Thin Lizzy along the way.

Of course the entire album isn't entirely past the halfway point. "Feast Your Eyes" isn't horrible, it just sounds redundant compared to what precedes it. "Aunt Lisa" is the album's most fascinating and polarizing song, a weird concoction of sharp riffs, twists and turns in the

structure plus distorted sound effects. However the solemn lyrical content (a memorializing tribute to Dailor's aunt) and a contributing vocal outro from indie punk band The Coathangers adds surprising girl power to make this an eventual grower for any patient listener.

Sure enough, the band picks up full steam firing on all cylinders on "Ember City" and "Haloween." Dailor leads the band with passionate vocal performances on both songs' choruses while showcasing acrobatic fills on his drum kit and focused energy throughout. *'Round the Sun* concludes finally with "Diamond in the Witch House," a doom-laden epic clocking in

around less than eight minutes; instead of the multi-textured climatic adventures of past album closers, Diamond slowly grows intensely with heavy power



The member of the heavy metal band, Mastodon. Photo credit: maytherockbewithyou.com

chords and unsettling melodies. The boys sound completely unified as a collective force as Sanders trades vocal parts with Scott Kelly of Neurosis, adding cryptic context in the lyrics,

evoking dark spiritual meanings as they promise to anyone listening: "Don't just bleed us and leave us to ourselves. We will return so deep-

ly harmed, and we will shatter you." And for a genre that's suffered a creative decline and controversy for so long, Mastodon continues to keep good on that promise.

Flu Season at Thiel: Affectionately known as the "Thiel Plague"

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You have to love the sound, feeling, and taste of fall. For me, the thought of colder temperatures coming is far too tempting to wait for.

For those of you who missed out, Greenville (and much of the northern part of the country) was practically overwhelmed with an insane weather construct known as a "polar vortex."

This mass of cloud, which had an eye like a tornado, had the ability to keep winds and cold temperatures swirling

around the same area for weeks.

For Thiel students, who still had to go to class, despite the unbelievably cold temperatures, were rocked with a terrible mass of undeniably powerful biology.

Doctors call it the flu, or influenza, but students call it "the Thiel Plague."

It's nearly impossible to miss getting it at least once during the height of cold and flu season. Common symptoms include a lingering cold, which may or may not be dry,

extreme exhaustion, fever, loss of voice, and headache.

Forced to spend their time in close-knit hallways, dorms are nothing more than a benevolent carrier of the disease, allowing it to be passed around from person-to-person... again and again and again.

I had it twice last year: once in the fall and once in the spring semester. I had an unbelievable urge to not go to class and just rest. The complete loss of energy is impossible to describe for

those who have not had it before.

When I had it, I was sick for two weeks and struggled to keep up with my entire life. In the spring semester, I actually had to be medicated with a prescription, which was not necessarily a fun trip to the doctor.

The point is, that the Plague is a rather effective term to describe the cold and flu season at Thiel, which is rather like getting hit by a truck. You will get it, it's just a matter of when.

I talked with a couple of

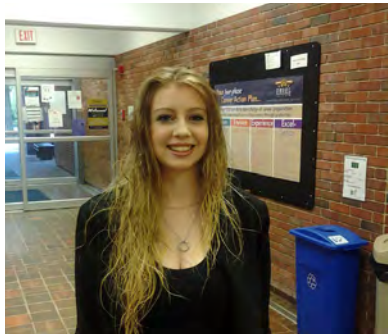
freshmen over the past few weeks. They have voiced how difficult it is getting over the Plague, because it just lingers. For some (myself included), it will go away and come back a day later. It seems like you are truly in the clear, but you are hit back down when you least expect it. Right before a massive test, for example.

Sadly, I know I'm next to report a case of the Thiel Plague. All of my friends either have it or have had it since school

started up. I shared spaces with them and survived. It is probably just around the corner, just like midterms and taxes.

So, what can you do? You can get plenty of rest, make sure you eat as healthily as possible at Thiel, and try not to overwork yourself. Stress and exhaustion suppress your immune system, making you more susceptible to catching some sort of disease. Just keep your head down and hope you are one of the lucky ones.

Opinion Poll: Do you agree with the U.S. declaring war on ISIS?



Carlie Provident
“After everything they have done, this is necessary.”



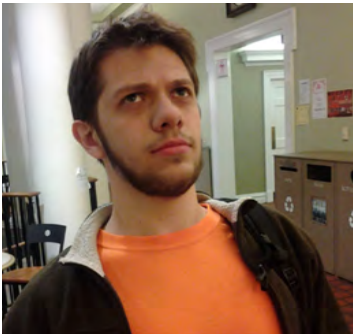
Carynn Theuret
“I do not follow these situations, so I am not sure.”



Cassie Graham
“I do not know.”



Hannah Ketzko
“I am in-between.”



Joe Pouliot
“I hate religious extremism, but countless lives should not be wasted on senseless quagmires.”



Nick Sorensen
“There are other answers to our problems than war.”

Culture Shock:
Americans Wear Shoes in their Rooms?

by Doei Kim, dkim@thiel.edu

“In my country, Korea, there is a boiler which is installed in the floor. To transfer this heat, we need to pave the paper wall.”

The time passed so fast and it has been one month since I arrived in U.S. When I first stepped on the land of U.S, in the San Francisco Airport where I transferred to another plane, the most surprising thing that I experienced was the “restroom.”

The interval between the floor and door of the toilet is so large that I could even see the other’s shoes and legs! Besides, there are various forms of “culture shock” I experienced, such as in class, which has an atmosphere of freedom, party culture and so on.

However, today, I will talk about the “culture shock” that I felt in the dormitory.

From the very beginning when I was assigned and entered my dorm room, I was shocked that people wear shoes in their dormitory. I wasn’t assigned my host family yet and therefore, I have not visited their home but I heard that Americans go into their house with their shoes on.

The most shocking fact that I heard was there are some people wear shoes even in the bedroom. And, I wanted to know the feeling of the international students who visit their host family.

“In Korea, people always take off their shoes and go into the home.

When I visited my American host-family’s house, at first I felt embarrassed, but I got accustomed to that culture soon,” Jisung- Jeon, international student, responded. And, another international student identified similar thinking.:



Many international students are shocked to not take off shoes when entering a home in the U.S.

“I was very shocked when I first realized I had to enter the house without taking off my shoes even if entering the room!” Yeji Kang, said.

Yes, this situation cannot occur in Korea, my country. In my case, when I left things in my room, it is very annoying that taking off the shoes then get into.

At a time like this, I cannot imagine the situation that stepping into the house with my shoes on.

Sometimes, when I entered with my one foot bare, I used to get a sharp scolding from my mother.

Like this, I could find the extreme cultural difference, and wondered why this gap existed. Then I found out that the difference of the operation principle was the reason.

In my country, Korea, there is a boiler which is installed in the floor. To transfer this heat, we need to pave the paper wall. However, it is so thin, therefore with the shoes, it is easy to get damaged. In addition to this, Ondol, Korean floor heat system, keep the floor warm. Therefore, it is a way of life for Koreans to stay, sit or lie down on the floor.

Then let’s see the case of the U.S. In American culture, the machine that makes fire such as radiator or fireplace is developed. And the floor is made up by marble. Therefore, by heating the air, they could keep the room warm. This is because American usually staying in a chair or bed instead of the floor.

Lastly, in my opinion, when I finish my experience as “the exchange student” and go back to Korea, I guess it will be little awkward taking off my shoes when entering my sweet home!

Fashion Frenzy:
Normcore: Could it Be Any More
Ironic?

by Katie Allgeier, kallgeier@thiel.edu

Some celebrities make for excellent fashion inspiration. Emma Watson, Mila Kunis, Taylor Swift—maybe even Beyoncé, if you’re feeling particularly fierce. Gentlemen should look to well-dressed celebs like Neil Patrick Harris, Zac Efron, and George Clooney. These celebrities (or at least their stylists) have their acts together, and often find themselves on “Best Dressed” for some award night or another.

Sometimes, however, the lines between good and bad, retro and outdated, and stylish and sinful get blurred, and we are left with some of the worst fashion inspirations. I’m talking about celebrities whose fashion choices should never be imitated. Ever.

I’m talking about Bill Cosby and Jerry Seinfeld, circa 1994.

I think we’ve all agreed collectively that the 90’s were rough for everyone, fashionably-speaking. Frosted tips, hemp chokers, and Chandler Bing’s bowling shirts all contributed to one of the darkest cultural periods in American history. That being said, I wish to have a conversation with the people who

decided that the fashions of that time period needed to be brought, kicking and screaming, out of the shadowy corners of our memories and back into the light of 2014. *Slouches beanie. Lights corn cob pipe. Polishes Bon Iver record.* Hello, hipsters.

No, no, come back. You may roll your eyes if you wish. I see that my newspaper trap worked—I knew you couldn’t resist the nearly-ironic printed word. Now, let us discuss this trend. Known as “normcore,” this trend is a bit of an oxymoron. As I understand it, the point is to blend Bill Cosby sweaters, Catholic-school dress-code colors, and light-wash denim to stand out by blending in. As *The Independent* reported, the trend is an act of rebellion in a world so fixated on fashion and accessories. Who needs accessories when you have calf-high white socks with your light-wash denim shorts? Well, you know what I, your friendly neighborhood fashion writer, think of all of this?

I think it’s pretty cool, actually. Not the actual style, you understand. That’s still hideous, but I do

appreciate the trend’s roots. Normcore is about bucking the fashion drama, about being simple and understated and free of the commercial pressure to accessorize and acquire. While the simplicity borders on boring and outdated, I think a return to simple fashion is in order. I fancy myself a consumer of simple fashion (if only because I can’t handle anything more complex than a polka-dot cardigan), and would rather wear an outfit of jeans, a white v-neck, and a grey cardigan than one involving handbags, earrings, heels, etc.

I feel as though we may be at a crossroads in street fashion: either we as a society will continue to reach higher and higher for more and more baubles or bags (think Hunger Games’ Capitol fashion), or we will return to simplicity in fashion. Will we regress to single-tone uni-suits? Heavens above, I hope not. Can we keep our wardrobe interesting without being gaudy and over-the-top? I certainly hope so.

But really, Jerry Seinfeld’s style? That can stay right where it belongs: in the annals of late-night reruns.



Some sweet normcore inspiration for your ironic fashion pleasure.

#Twittin’
@Thielensian

@??? - So Thiel was one of the top party schools in the 70s...

@??? – Somewhere on Thiel college’s campus my ratty blue pi hoodie is just hanging around. I refuse to pay off my tuition until it’s returned to me.

@??? – I wish Thiel was bigger on football because I would get so into it if it was. I miss the atmosphere at Friday night high school games.

@??? – No matter where we are I am always proud of my brothers. Always doing the right thing.

@??? – Congratulations to all the organizations and their new members!

@??? – That awkward moment when you gain a stalker on late night Walmart trips...

@??? – Lesson taught last night: Twerk-Squats.

@??? - A dog just walked into my class and I’m honestly just so confused.

@??? – SOS should have worn a cardigan

@??? – Filled out my application for graduation... super senioritis is in full swing now

@??? – Counting down the days until Thiel Homecoming 2014

@??? – Good friends are made on the most random nights

@??? – Gonna camp out and steal student life’s wifi since they still haven’t installed ours #occupystudentlife

@??? – Any time I see public safety lurking I am paranoid even though I’m never doing anything wrong.

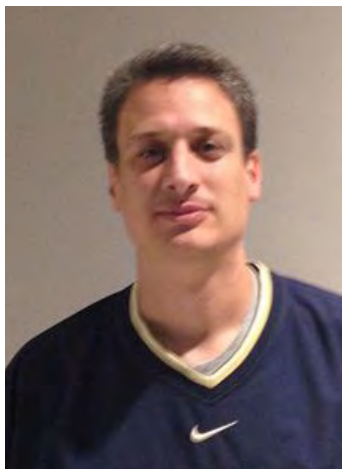
@??? – Who brings a puppy into a bar? It’s like bringing a baby into a bar

@??? – Shout out to the old dude who sang “Santa Claus is coming to town” to me at the gym because of my beard...



20 Years Later; 20 Years Wiser:
Tomcat Returns to Thiel

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Konter is one of Thiel’s newest nontraditional students, here at Thiel 20 years ago. Photo credit: Hunter Michaelis

As I continue to make my transition to student life here at Thiel, I am again quickly reminded of many changes. The most noticeable changes are in housing, offered activities and clubs, varsity sports and what one would do or not do in our local community.

The one change I will focus on today is in living arrangements. All student housing was on campus whether in a dorm or in a fraternity house. Harter Hall was not used as a living quarters as it held a few offices or people could stay for a night or two perhaps at Homecoming or for the Elderhostel program. Bane Hall was the only co-ed dorm and there were four fraternity houses.

All other groups including sororities had wings or blocks in their dorm, mainly Stewart Hall with the Chi-Omegas, Zetas, and Sigma Kappa’s. College Avenue Apartments, Davis Square Apartments, and all themed housing on College Avenue where owned by

private people or families.

While having televisions in our dorms, lower campus had cable access while the upper campus dorms did not as they primarily had 4 television stations including a basic CBS, NBC, ABC, and PBS. This was due to township boundary lines and Time Warner television contracts. Upper campus students had to share a television in the very small cable room with two couches, a 19” television set, and it was located about where the post office is now. This meant if you wanted to watch a 7:00 o’clock baseball game and someone was watching “Married with Children” you were out of luck. ESPN was starting out and ESPN2 would not come until several years later.

There was certainly no approved alcohol policy. One night when I was 21 years old, lived in the all men’s dorm of Hodge Hall, my then girlfriend and I were having a couple of drinks after midnight, (opposite sex had to be out of the dorms by that time) Thiel Security (who did not carry a firearm, only a flashlight) made her leave and I later received notice for a meeting with “kangaroo court” of which I received 5 hours community service for the alcohol infraction.

While there was a snack shop called “The Alternative”, everyone ate in the cafeteria or ordered out from a then pizza shop across from Amelia Earnhardt Drive or something in town such as Fox’s Pizza which to is in a different location now. A new soup and salad bar was

introduced and we as the students had to “fight” to get tomatoes on it. There was no Bistro as it came later with the add-on of the 3rd addition to the HMSC (formerly the HMC) with its cupola around 2001-2002. Taco Bell and Wal-Mart were in Hermitage and you needed a car to get there. There were two diners and the only other options were basically McDonalds, Pizza Hut, Dairy Queen, Carini’s, Pizza Joe’s, and Perkins. Padrone’s, Steph’s, and Wendy’s did not come until much later in time.

Most activities were in the gym as there was no dome. The upstairs gym was split into two separate areas. The bigger of the two held a small basketball court with a chicken mesh type fence on the outside wall separating it from the weight room. Indoor hockey was common and an occasional pick-up game of volleyball would occur on Friday nights. The downstairs gym basically remains unchanged. However, all the sports teams had to split its time and use. These teams included the baseball and basketball teams, the softball team, and the women’s volleyball team. Men’s volleyball was unheard of although two sand courts were added circa 1994 outside of Hodge and Stewart Halls.

Again in the interest of time and in my mandated word limitation, I must close out with this thought. As one can clearly see times were very different then, so the next time you think this place “stinks”, think of what it was like then.

Tomcats Drop Two More in PAC, Host Bearcats for Homecoming

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Sophomore QB Ryan Radke airs the ball out against Thomas More College in Thiel's 66-27 loss at Alumni Stadium

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It's been a tale of two halves for the Thiel College Tomcats(1-3, 0-2) who have recently dropped close battles to two PAC opponents, struggling to finish in the final two quarters. In the first half against twenty-second-ranked Thomas More, Thiel looked as if they were going to pull off a major upset in their first match for conference play but it was a 45-point Saints rally that propelled the national contenders to victory in the second half, . In week 4, the blue and gold looked to pick up another road win but were put away by a last minute touchdown to make the final 23-16 at Case Western.

The week 3 matchup started out with all of the characteristics of a shootout as TMC and Thiel traded blows back-and-forth in the first thirty minutes of play. Thomas More runningback Domonique Hayden led the scoring effort recording three rushing touchdowns and what would be the only points for the Saints in the first half; Thiel continued to answer when QB Ryan Radke found wideouts Ron Howard and Tim Walker in the endzone and recorded a rushing touchdown himself after junior Brandon Wolfe recovered a muffed punt on the Saints' two yard-line. Fullback Rich Smallwood also pushed through the goal-line late into the second quarter and the Tomcats went into the half leading 27-21.

It was an all too familiar sight when the Saints came out a

completely different team and the Tomcats struggled to hold off the second half comeback; Hayden racked up two more touchdowns and Jensen Gebhardt connected with Goose Cohorn on a huge 51-
yd touchdown pass to open the half.

Radke found success on the ground, leading the Tomcat rushing effort with 92 yards on 16 carries and one touchdown and completed 18-for-35 for 192 yards and two touchdowns with 2 INTs. Senior runningback Taylor Fink also put in work in the backfield with 45 yards rushing on 21 carries. Walker and Howard combined for 80 receiving yards with a touchdown apiece. Senior Linebackers Tom Thorpe, Jack Sidlinger, and Wes Schmidt combined for over fifteen tackles and Schmidt recorded the only sack of the game for Tomcats.

The following week was a completely different story for Thiel as the road battle against the Case Western Reserve University Spartans was a slugfest all the way down to the wire. Junior kicker Jon Fennick tied it up at 16 when he booted a 25-yarder with less than three minutes of play left. It was a heartbreaker when Spartan QB Billy Beecher hooked up with Jake DiFrancesco for a 23-yard pass and the game-winner with just 1:08 on the clock.

In the first meeting of these two teams since 1983, the Tomcats were hungry for their first PAC win of the sea-

son when sophomore corner

Chris Jones returned a Spartan fumble for tenyards and put the Tomcats on the board in the beginning of the second quarter. Case answered with a 37-yard field goal and two more touchdowns from RB Adam Hochman and a 12-yard pass to Zach Medved. Thiel fired right back when Radke checked-down to Smallwood for three-yards but Fennick's clincher just wasn't enough as the Tomcats just couldn't hold off the next and final Spartan drive.

Radke completed 22-for-49 passes on 240 yards and led the run game once again with 61 yards rushing on 14 totes. Walker came up big for the Tomcats with eight receptions for 137 yards. Sidlinger, Schmidt, and senior Martae Hainsworth combined for thirty tackles; Sidlinger and Hainesworth both recorded picks for the Tomcats.

Thiel is still searching for that first conference win but it won't come easy when they face St. Vincent (2-2, 2-0) who is coming off of wins against Case Western and Grove City at home, The Tomcats will look to contain sophomore RB Shavonta Craft who ran for 199 yards on 22 carries last week against Grove City and currently averages 118 yards per contest. That game is set for kickoff Saturday at Alumni Stadium at 3 p.m. and will be the 2014 homecoming matchup.

The Fall of 'Johnny Football'

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Coming out of Texas A&M, Johnny Manziel was almost given the status of a football God. While there were critics who did not believe in his potential, others were already declaring him the best quarterback in the 2014 NFL Draft. The Houston Texans would surely destroy their franchise if they did not take him with the first pick, or the Cowboys would be crazy to not draft Manziel to be the heir to Tony Romo. During his pro day, Manziel wowed viewers by throwing on pads instead of the normal custom of a t-shirt and gym shorts. This would not have been a big deal if another prospect decided to this, but he was no normal prospect in the eyes of analysts.

The Cleveland Browns were booed for not taking Manziel with the 8th overall pick, but they used their 22nd selection to take the former Heisman Trophy winner. Even though Brian

Hoyer was having a stellar year before injury the previous season, everyone was ready to anoint Johnny "Football" as the starter. However, both quarterbacks struggled throughout preseason, so many fans believed that the organization should go with the higher upside that Manziel exhibited. The Browns said that Hoyer was the starter before preseason started, and they stuck by it. To the dismay of Cleveland fans, Manziel would have to wait for his opportunity.

Week 1 of the regular season arrived and the Browns were being demolished by the Steelers 27-3. The shouts for Manziel began to arrive as the Ohio team entered the locker room. To the astonishment of everyone, Hoyer began orchestrating an offensive attack along with Terrance West and the receivers, bringing the team back to tie the game 27-27. The Steelers were

able to hang on by kicking a last-second field goal to defeat the division rivals. This sparked hope for the team and fans across the country.

The team has not shown this much heart and competition in the past 15 years. Hoyer still had a lot to prove as many still wondered whether Manziel would get his shot. He answered the questions by delivering a beautiful drive to beat the Saints the following week, and the cries for Manziel were nonexistent.

The Browns lost to the Ravens in Week 3, but Hoyer only missed 6 passes as the special teams unit of the team caused the loss. Manziel may have been in on a couple plays, but he has become an afterthought for Cleveland as Hoyer earned the trust and respect of the team and fans. This a different Browns team, but Manziel has not been the cause of it.



Former Heisman winner and Texas A&M quarterback, Johnny Manziel, is struggling to get past Brian Hoyer for a starting spot under center for the Browns

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W. Volleyball V. Westminster @ 11 AM/ V. Grove City @ 3 PM

Football V. St. Vincent @ 3 PM (Homecoming)

10/6

W. Tennis V. Bethany @ 4 PM (TAB at the Games)

10/8

W. Volleyball V. St. Vincent @ 7 PM

10/11

W. Soccer V. Waynesburg @ 1 PM/ Mens Soccer @ 3 PM



Senior wideout Tim Walker breaks away to open field in Thiel's matchup against Thomas More at home

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