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Chi Omega plays bingo for Make-A-Wish Program

by Nathan Flory, NFlory@thiel.edu

The sisters of Chi Omega will be able to grant a wish through the Make-A-Wish Foundation later this year, largely thanks to funds raised at their annual Make-A-Wish Bingo event.

For a fee of \$5 per person, people were able to play bingo for just under three hours. They played for prizes each game, but of course the real winner is the child whose wish will be granted in the near future.

Held on Sat. Oct. 22 in the Lutheran Heritage Room, the event was attended by dozens of students, friends, and family members who came out to make their contribution.

Bingo highlighted the event, though there was also a 50/50 raffle, a Chinese auction, a bake sale, and a variety of LuLaRoe products for sale. Additionally, Kohl's Department Store made a donation and sent volunteers to assist with bingo.

In total, the even raised more than \$2,500. Added to the money Chi Omega raised from other philanthropic events this year, they will be able to pay for a wish to be granted through the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Senior Kelly Thompson, Chi Omega's philanthropy chair, began planning for the Make-A-Wish Bingo event in June and considers the results a success. "It was stressful but rewarding to plan," she said. "I had never organized any sort of event until now, and this ran smoothly."

Students who played bingo certainly enjoyed their time as well.

"It not only allowed everyone who came together to share moments of friendship, laughter, and memories that last forever, but it also raised money for a wish to be granted," he said. "That alone is such a powerful and life-changing event," senior Robert Carpenter said.

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Prof. Witosky earns academic chair honors at Gala

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Professor Gary Witosky was recently honored with the newly-created Prof. David Miller Endowed Chair of Accounting. He is just one of several professors to receive this honor on campus. Witosky serves as the Chair of the Business Administration and Accounting Department.

The chair was created after a successful campaign to raise \$1 million to create the chair, and Witosky was announced as the recipient over Homecoming Weekend at the Gala celebration. Academic chairs are usually endowed from the college itself or an individual, but a campaign is more rare.

The chair was named after Professor Miller, who is the



Professor Witosky acts as an academic advisor to many students in the Business Administration and Accounting Department. Photo credit: Hunter Michaelis

longest-tenured professor in Thiel history. He has been with the college since 1963 and was honored with the Norman P. Mortensen Chair of Economics.

"Just look who it's named after," Witosky said. "He's always one of your professors, if not more. To sit across the hall from him and work side-by-side with him is very rewarding. We honored his name, but now it's my honor to have the chair. We're honoring a legend."

Witosky served on the committee and brought his family to the event with no idea he would receive the honor.

Witosky graduated from Thiel in 1979 and went on to earn his Master in Accounting degree from Stetson University,

located in DeLand, FL, via online courses. He also successfully became a Certified Public Accountant, CPA, and a Chartered Global Management Accountant, CGMA. He is also a Cleveland Indians fan.

Witosky returned to Thiel in 2002 as an adjunct professor after receiving an offer from Miller. He previously worked at American Axel & Manufacturing as their Chief Financial Officer, CFO. Before becoming a full-time professor in 2009, Witosky served as the interim CFO of Thiel in 2004, the Senior VP from 2007-09, and recently-departed Dr. Troy Van Aken's Executive Assistant from 2009-10.

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Entrepreneur of the Year Award presented to the Stamms

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On Wed, Oct. 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lutheran Heritage Room, the Haller Enterprise Institute held their annual Entrepreneur of the Year Award dinner and ceremony. The Haller Institute Board, scholarship recipients, Introduction to Entrepreneurship class, and a select group of professors were all invited to attend the dinner.

Entrepreneur of the Year award recipients, Barry D. Stamm, M.D. and Carol A. (Yeager) Stamm, were the first pair to be collectively nominated for the award. They were both surprised and honored to receive the award. The couple, who have been together for over forty years, have worked as partners since they both graduated and married.



Carol ('71) and Barry Stamm ('70) were recently honored as Entrepreneurs of the Year on Oct. 21.

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They met at Thiel where Carol was studying for business and Barry was going into Pre-Med. "Thiel was our link to each

other. Remember this place you currently call home, and one day give back to it," Carol Stamm said.

Barry Stamm, a Sigma Phi Epsilon alumnus, graduated with his medical degree from Hahnemann Medical College, now known as the Drexel University College of Medicine, in 1974. After being let go from his first job out of school in ophthalmology, the study of diseases and issues with the eyes, Barry decided that this would be a good opportunity to start his own practice with his wife.

Carol Stamm, an Alpha Gamma Delta alumna and sweetheart to Sigma Phi Epsilon, graduated from Thiel with her business degree in only three years. She began her career in the De-



Prof. David Miller '61, Brant E. Dencher, Carol and Barry Stamm, and President Susan Traverso

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cided to start up a practice with her husband, Carol became the business end of the company.

"Barry's the out-front man. He handles all the ideas. I do the bookwork and the behind the scenes business end," Carol Stamm said.

Barry and Carol Stamm co-founded Stamm Cataract and Laser Surgery. Their partnership and business were very successful and allowed the pair to later invest in stock and real-estate as well. Many of their family and friends were curious about how the couple was able to work together and keep a successful business, as well as a successful marriage at home.

"Good communication and working together [allowed us to do both]," Carol Stamm said. "We'd just been doing what we liked to do; being with someone you enjoy magnifies the success," Barry Stamm added.

Eventually, the couple sold their practice and moved into retirement. They both had many suggestions and a lot of advice

to students unsure of where they were headed.

"As a young person you might feel other people putting pressure on you to do what they think you should do and not necessarily what you want to do. As students you're going to face these things no matter what you do. Each time we face one of these things we learn something," Barry Stamm said.

"Stay in touch with your aspirations and keep your goals in mind," Carol said.

Brant Dencher, a student set to graduate next year, received the Student Entrepreneur of the Year Award. He briefly spoke about his step-father's encouragement for him to take the exams to be certified in selling insurance right after graduating high school. He passed the exams and began selling health insurance. He enjoys that part in his life and is thankful to his step-father for pushing him on.

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Professor of Music set to retire after Spring 2017

by Tina Kramer

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Dr. Bray, Professor of Music at Thiel College, now in his 21st year, is preparing to retire at the conclusion of the 2016-17 school year.

"The most important aspect of my years at the college is the students and the relationships we built together one rehearsal and conversation at a time," Bray said.

Among his favorite memories while at Thiel are all of the concerts he has helped to create. He describes giving the choir a piece of music for the first time as "a process of creating a work of art." The choir works hard to arrive at a place where the director and choir members become one in their feeling and understanding of what they are singing.

"I am extremely grateful for my students who have risen to great heights in choral music, and to my gifted colleagues who are continual source of inspiration to me," Bray said.

Other favorite memories for Bray include extended choir tours. Bray explained that extended choir tours develop relationships between choir members, traveling companions, and himself that are very precious. Some of the best of these tours include trips to New York City, Washington D.C., and Germany.

The New York City trip allowed Thiel College Choir to sing with the choir of St. John the Divine, which is the biggest cathedral in the world. In Washington, D.C. the choir sang a 25-minute prelude in the Washington National Cathedral. In Bray's 20 years, the choir has performed in around 100 Lutheran churches in the eastern United States, helping to keep alive the relationship Thiel College has with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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Zeta Tau Alpha hosts annual Pink Week for Breast Cancer

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For the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha, October is more than just a month. In fact, it is more than just breast cancer awareness month.

The sorority works hard all year round to support their national philanthropy, breast cancer education and awareness, but this month they put in additional effort to raise money and educate others about the cause.

The organization celebrated their annual Pink Week from Oct. 24 to Oct. 29. During the week they held several events on campus, including a Cancer "Sucks" lollipop sale, Stick it to Breast Cancer and Breast Cancer Survivor Speakers. They concluded the week and month

of October with a pink out football game on Sat., Oct. 29.

The breast cancer survivor speakers took place on Thursday night. Three speakers shared their stories about their experiences with breast cancer. They also taught those in attendance how to properly do a monthly self-breast exam and the warning signs of breast cancer.

Stick it to Breast Cancer was held on Friday afternoon during lunch hours. Junior Nick Romano volunteered to be taped to the wall outside of the cafeteria. Students paid one dollar for a piece of duct tape to help stick Nick to the wall.

"My favorite event from the

week was the breast cancer speakers. It makes everything that we raise money for and educate the campus about so much more real. Hearing real life stories from real people is amazing," Sara Matczak said, senior.

In addition to the events, the girls have been selling "In memory and honor of" ribbons and t-shirts all month long. The ribbons were displayed at the pink out game on Saturday for all of the spectators to see. As for t-shirts, over two hundred were sold in total to friends, family, fellow students and faculty.

The chapter's Think Pink Chairman, Athena Folino, and



Students learn about Breast Cancer at ZTA's demonstration display outside of the cafeteria.

Photo credit: Liz Carlson

Philanthropy Chairman, Paige Onomastico, have been hard at work all month long to prepare

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Thiel Happenings

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Check out the latest events on campus below.

Friday, Nov. 4:

Popcorn Fridays: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Bistro

Join us for Free popcorn and join in Tomcat Pride on the Fridays before home games!

Honors Convocation:

Sunday, Nov. 6

Northwest Trumpet Trio Concert: 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Thursday, Nov. 9:

Thiel College Career Day: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the LHR

Career fair featuring over 50 employers

Friday, Nov. 11:

Cabaret: 7-10 p.m. in the theater.

Miller honors Stamms in special SGR ceremony

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Professor David Miller opened and closed the night. He invited new president, Dr. Susan Traverso to introduce the Stamms and speak briefly. The recipients of the Haller Institute Scholarship and Introduction to Entrepreneurship class took group photos at the conclusion of the event and were given the chance to meet and network with the board and other select members.

The Haller Institute holds their award dinner every fall and their scholarship dinner every spring. The Institute is always looking to help students of any area of interest.

The Thielensian needs your help!

The following paid positions will be available following the end of the 2016-17 academic year. We'll provide whatever training you need.

- Layout and Design Editor
- Copy Editor & Business Manager
- Student Life and Events Editor & Sports and Academic Editor

Thiel College Career Day

Wednesday, November 9th

12-3:00PM in LHR (HMSC)

10:30AM-12:00PM 15 minute interviews by appointment

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Forum has a variety of presenters

by Kyle Raskob, KRask490@thiel.edu

On October 20, 2016, the second Thiel Forum of the semester was held in Stamm Lecture Hall in Pedas at 4pm. Dr. Mary Theresa Hall, Ph.D. led the event; introducing Dr. Shannon Deets, who spoke on “Mindfulness: The Quintessential Argument for a Science of Subjectivity”; senior Nathan Flory, who discussed his summer studying at Oxford University; and Dr. Delbert Abi Abdallah and Dr. Fatimata Palé and their students, who shared with us their experiences in Africa this past summer.

Dr. Shannon Deets, Ph.D., began the forum addressing subjectivity in scientific methodologies. She talked about how there is a gap in the way we collect scientific data because the personal element of people is left out of the equation. Deets talked about different situations where this theory was put into practice by including subjectivity in scientific observations. She saw major changes in the healing for people that participated in these events. Deets is hoping that the bias that scientists have will eventually give way to a change where science can include the more

subjective way of approaching the methodologies. “Unfortunately, because of the bias that exists, sometimes it is difficult to get the support you want... Because at the end of the day the only reality that matters is yours. If you feel depressed, we need to find a way to help you as an individual,” she said in conclusion.

Nathan Flory, a senior English major and Religion minor, spent two weeks studying at Oxford University in England. He applied to the Oxford Study Abroad Program last year and was the first student from Thiel College to win the scholarship. He spent his time there studying and visiting places like Bath, London, and the Royal Shakespeare Company productions. While at Oxford he studied Religion and Post-Modernism, which was the focus of his DHI Thesis. He will present on his Dietrich Honors Senior Thesis on Saturday December 3rd at the DHI Research Symposium.

“The Oxford Study Abroad program allows you to study whatever you want,” He said. “I really encourage students to look into it. I could talk a lot longer about this, but if you

Thiel College Police Blotter

October 23, 2016 - Underage drinking party discovered. Two non-students arrested.

October 26, 2016 - A student reported a harassment by communication from another student.

October 28, 2016 - A door was kicked in at room 315 Stewart Hall.

A student was found throwing a pumpkin into College Ave.

October 29, 2016 - A theft of \$8 and a bag was reported from 58 College Ave.

Two underage non-students were arrested for disorderly conduct and underage drinking.



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Zeta Tau Alpha declares war against Breast Cancer

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“I think a lot of people in our chapter are very passionate about our philanthropy. We all feel like our energy and our efforts are making a difference, even though we do not see the effects directly. For example, we raised close to 1,700 dollars this month alone, which is great for our small chapter. That makes a bigger difference than you might think. Raising money and educating the campus is what makes it worth it, it's just even better to get to have fun with our sisters while doing it,” Folino said.



Top: Nick Romano and Athena Folino worked with ZTA to combat breast cancer.

Bottom: The sisters of ZTA.

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Why you need to see the Thiel Players' rendition of Macbeth

contributed by Meghan Daughtery, MDaugh584@thiel.edu

The Thiel Players are preparing for another great performance in the William A. Robinson Theater on Friday November 18th, and Saturday the 19th at 7:30 pm, and Sunday the 20th at 2:00 pm.

Shakespeare's shortest tragedy, Macbeth is packed full with fights, blood and death. Make your reservations now by emailing your name, number of guests, and night of the performance to reservations@thiel.edu.

Some great performances will be portrayed by sophomore Keenan Weimer playing Macbeth, and freshman Laura Hardner makes her Player debut as his Lady. Junior Alison Schemrich returns from her last performance as Medea in the Spring 2016 to have another amazing show as Lady Macduff. Other returning Players include: Tyler Vandyke, Kara Bussard, Brant Miller, and Darian Ennis. There are many

new faces performing with the Players during this performance as well.

Macbeth is a tragedy about a Scottish general who was visited by three witches who give him information that he will one day be King. After telling his wife, Lady Macbeth, she convinces him to hurry up the prophecy by killing the current King, Duncan. Once he does this, the prophecy comes true. However, Macbeth then feels very guilty for his actions, and becomes fearful that people might find out. This leads him to kill many other citizens, making him a powerful and cruel ruler. He and his wife turn mad, and you must come to find out what happens next.

I was able to hold interviews with the fabulous director, Dr. Pete Rydberg. When choosing a production for the Fall 2016 show, there were three things that he had to choose from. One being that the theater

works in a three year cycle so that no matter when a student would decide to join, they have an opportunity to perform in many different styles of shows.

Rydberg normally cycles between a contemporary show, musical, white man show, and a period language show. It was time for the period language production. The second reasoning behind choosing Macbeth was that it is a known production for most students before entering their college career. Most students end up reading, but Rydberg states that “Shakespeare was meant to be performed, not read and not analyzed, but watched and performed.”

The last reasoning was because it is indeed Shakespeare's shortest tragedy, so the audience won't be sitting in the theater for a long amount of time, not understanding what everyone is saying. This leads to the next question of how Dr.

Rydberg approached teaching this play to his actors. He actually attended a stage combat seminar for a three week course during the summer. This was to make sure that he could be trained enough to teach his students how to work with the sword fighting involved throughout the production. He also made sure to remove any part of the text that he considers to be the “fat,” meaning that if it was involved in the performance that was originally taking place several years ago, that an audience member listening to it in the present day could easily understand the show without having to focus on what just happened versus what is currently happening.

His biggest challenge throughout directing Macbeth was to break the actor's away from what they original would think something should look like based on the phrase, He wanted to get the actors to use

their own language, make it honest and not forced, which can be hard to do with a Shakespeare play. He would like to share with the readers that there will be new seats in time for the performance of Macbeth, especially for the play's first time at Thiel College.

Another interview that I was honored to receive was with Laura Hardner, or as she will soon be known as Lady Macbeth. As a freshman, she joined the theater program at Thiel because she enjoyed performing in high school, and she is happy to be continuing her acting career. Hardner is both excited and nervous for her first performance. When she first found out about receiving such a major role as a freshman she “started crying and called mom.” Her biggest challenge with this performance and the theater here at Thiel was that shows are very

different here than they were in her high school. She states that Dr. Rydberg allows them to be “open to figuring out your own character, rather than being told precisely what to do.” Hardner also claims that she was normally type casted in high school, so it is very different to be playing someone so different than her own personality. She would like to share with the readers that the theater department at Thiel makes her very happy.

Again, reserve your seats as soon as you can, because the house will be full before you know. This performance has made the director very proud with his actors, because they have all worked very hard to put on an amazing show for you. Come out and support your fellow classmates, and watch the story of Macbeth unfold.

Ask Dirk: the worst advice on campus

if you have a letter you would like Dirk to answer, submit it to thielensian@thiel.edu

Dear Dirk,	want to get her fired but I can't stop thinking about her. What should I do?	or like Facebook messenger. You don't want to get into a violent fight. Make sure she doesn't have any of your clothes — she'll probably burn those. Video games, too. You don't want her throwing them in the bathtub.
I'm the new girl at school. This group of like-minded girls recruited me into their organization. At first they really seemed to like me, but now I feel like I'm getting the cold shoulder. What should I do?	-2Shy	
Hey Mathlete,	You should totally show up to a lot of the places she shows up to. You know, get her to notice you see her. Figure out where she parks and maybe casually meet her outside of class. Chicks dig attention.	Dear Dirk,
Make sure you don't mention you're from out of town. You should totally try to steal their boyfriends. That will help you get back at them. Make sure you are conscious of their weight too, and point it out all the time. Just tell them something like... you're concerned for their health.	-Dirk	I have a 20-page paper to write and I really don't want to write it. If I don't do it, I'll get an F. Should I just take the W?
Dear Dirk,	My girlfriend and I have been dating for 4 months now. The closer we get, I started noticing she wears less make-up and I've started seeing her holy sweatpants a lot. What do you think is the best way to break up with her?	-Dirk
I've recently been fantasizing about starting an inappropriate relationship with a person of authority on campus. I don't	-Exit Strategy	Hey F Bomb,
	Dear Exit Strategy,	Dude, you should totally just cram for it all the night. Of course some things are more important than grades. Video games and weekend plans are always better. Call of Duty really helps me forget about homework.
	Definitely do it over the phone	

Letter to the Editor

submitted by Publius, a source that wishes to remain anonymous

In the past issue of the Thielensian, I was dismayed to see an article peddling falsehood and misinformation given prominent placement on Page 3, with an advertisement for it as an “exclusive” at the top of Page 1. Reading the article in question, I can see why it was billed as an “exclusive” — it is nothing but regurgitated tripe which sows fear and disinformation in a manner which ensures that an audience would walk away feeling more informed, while — in fact — learning nothing of actual substance.

I write, of course, about the review of Trevor Loudon's The Enemies Within. I am beyond disappointed that the Thielensian would devote column inches to peddling the madness shilled by Loudon, a political agitator who sees demons lurking in every shadow. Loudon is a dangerous extremist who claims everyone from the Anti-nuclear movement to the National Council of Churches are run by “Communists.” In this country — Loudon is from New Zealand — he claims that Communists have, in secret, run the United States for decades. He identifies people such as Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT), President Barack Obama (D-IL), and Secretary

of State Hillary Clinton (D-NY) as Communists, while simultaneously claiming that organizations such as the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) and the AFL-CIO are secret front organizations for terrorism and communism respectively.

I had never thought I would have to say in a college newspaper, of all places, that “not all Muslims are terrorists,” but apparently I am forced to by the tripe peddled by Loudon, and furthered by people on this campus who should — in all honesty — know better. The Muslim Brotherhood, which is claimed by Loudon to have “covert ties to many radical terror groups,” to quote the article in the previous issue, has condemned violent terrorist attacks for years. They fight a jihad against illiteracy and Islamophobia. As an organization, they support a traditional Islamic interpretation of Sharia law — which is no more extreme as defined in the Qur'an than the Mosaic Covenant of Leviticus is in the Christian Bible. Yet you see no movements in the United States to ban Mosaic Law. Could it be — perhaps — simply Islamophobia? I believe it is.

Similarly, the previous article assaults the Council on American-Islamic Relations — a Civil Rights group on par with the NAACP and HRC — as a front organization for “radical Islamic group[s].” Yes, CAIR is radical — just like it's radical for African Americans to demand voting rights and an end to Jim Crow Laws. Human Rights are immutable — in this country, we were founded on the ideals of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. To stoke Islamophobia as the previous article did is shameful, disgusting, and — quite honestly — Un-American.

But, of course, the main thrust of the previous article was the “fact” — I use the term as loosely as I can — that the United States government has been overrun by Communists.

First of all, I must ask what is so shameful about Communism? This is not the 1950's — it is 2016. Yet to even be seen to be left of center politically leads to people accusing you of being a “Communist.” Communism — true Communism — as espoused by Marx and Engel, does not call for the slaughter of millions as Stalin did; or the starvation of millions as Mao did. True Communism creates a society where everyone has dignity and the means

of survival, where no family starves, where there are no rich upper-classes (like Donald Trump) exploiting the poor for their own advancement.

But Communism is not Socialism, a distinction seemingly lost to the author of the previous article. Communism is a system of governance and economics wherein the state controls the means of production following a violent revolution by the working class. Socialism is an economic philosophy wherein the government controls the means of production without a violent revolution. Democratic Socialism, which is the political ideology of Senator Sanders, whom the author of the previous article claims is “subverting our government,” is a pro-Capitalist system; but one that calls for a series of measures to ensure that poverty is eradicated, and that everyone is given a basic level of human dignity rather than being left to starve in poverty, as one in five American children are born into.

Naturally, since the author of the previous article is a latter-day Joseph McCarthy who seeks to stoke paranoia and fear among the populace with no credible evidence to back it up — Loudon is a joke in academia.

democratic circles, as trustworthy as James O'Keefe and “history” books by Bill O'Reilly — all in the hopes of seeing people he disagrees with be muzzled with shame over his false accusations.

President Obama is not a Communist. How anyone could possibly think he was is beyond me, as he is a centrist — a moderate — Democrat.

The author of the previous article claims that gun control legislation, government-curated student loans, anti-fracking laws, the Affordable Care Act, and “defense cuts” are the actions of Communists in the United States government. Gun control legislation derives from the radical Communist idea that we have a right to live — discussed in that famous Communist treatise “The Declaration of Independence.” The government offers student loans to ensure that everyone who wants to can go to college. Some of us — like myself — require thousands of dollars of government loans to attend Thiel, but clearly we shouldn't be allowed to because we're all secretly Communist agents.

Anti-fracking laws are just common sense when people with Fracking wells on their property are shooting videos which show the water from their faucets combusting. The Affordable Care Act has provided Health Insurance to 20 Million Americans, who now no longer face bankruptcy or poverty in exchange for live-saving surgery.

As for “defense cuts,” we spend more on national defense than the next sixteen countries combined. Fifteen of those countries are our allies. One is not. We don't need the government to spend millions of dollars to purchase \$400 ashtrays for submarines or \$500 screwdrivers. That is wasteful spending, as I'm sure anyone will agree, pulled directly from the Fiscal Year 2016 budget for the Department of Defense.

I encourage everyone reading this article to realize that Loudon's “documentary” is a load of swill designed only to defame and insult anyone intelligent enough to actually do their own fact-checking rather than accepting the word of a discredited academic wholesale. All American can and should turn a blind eye to propaganda in line with Goebbels when it is presented to them — and that is exactly what Loudon's work is.



Long-serving Choir director to retire after the spring

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Personal favorite tours for Bray also include the 20- day, nine-concert “Western States Tour” in 2012 where the choir sang at First Lutheran in St. Peter, MN where his brother, Alan, is senior pastor, and at Bray’s home church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The Germany tour of 2000 was equally special as his mother was able to travel with the choir and his

daughter sang in the choir as a Thiel Scholars from Greenville High School.

“Every tour is made special by amazing Thiel Choir members and the audiences they interact with in concert and in their overnight home stays,” Bray said.

Bray will primarily miss performing choral music, working one on one with private voice students, and teaching courses like History of Sacred Music.

“I will miss working with the choir, taking an unfinished piece of art and transforming it into something that has life and meaning,” Bray said. “Kathryn Gray has been the Thiel Choir accompanist since the day I arrived, and has been an important part of the life of the choir and as a friend and colleague.”

Still, Bray does not intend to slow down in retirement. His wife, Becky Bray, often says “motion is lotion.” They both walk two miles daily and are currently 70 miles towards completing “The 100 Mile Challenge” on the North Country National Scenic Trail. They have also bicycled 1100 miles since June.

He also plans to finish the house that he built and to continue to heat his home with only firewood, which he has been doing for the past 30 years. Bray also hopes to travel more and spend time with his family in Minnesota, South Dakota, and Colorado, as his own children who are spread out from Montana to Pennsylvania to North Carolina. Another goal is to visit every national park

in the continental U.S.

During Bray’s time with Thiel choir, he has tried to maintain the Lutheran choral tradition through the songs that were chosen. Bray has cherished the opportunity to work with students who love to sing and who are committed to choral singing, and hopes his replacement will continue this tradition.

Prof. Witosky earns newly-created academic chair honors

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Prof. Gary Witosky raised money for the chair. Photo credit: thiel.edu

VanAken’s Executive Assistant from 2009-10.

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Kelly Thompson is a senior who has spent her career in the department with a triple major in Accounting, Forensic Accounting, and Business Administration. She’s been in many of Witosky’s and Miller’s classes.

“It’s really exciting he received the endowed chair. He

is more than deserving. I am not the least bit surprised he received this honor. Over the years he has helped so many students through their college experiences and to find their way into their professional careers. He was the professor that helped me find my internship in Cleveland, which landed me a job,” Thompson said.

In addition to his duties as a professor and department chair, Witosky advises students in finalizing their schedules, internships, and older students’ interviewing and job hunt.

“Working with students is

the most rewarding part of the job,” he said. “Watching them grow and develop, it’s really rewarding when students jobs already. Half of our seniors have jobs already. It’s a huge payback when you hear about it. Accountants get wrapped up in the ‘how,’ but they may not get why. I want them to have both.”

He emphasized the fact that one practices accounting, similar to a lawyer or a doctor – the focus should be on living it as much as possible. Every field is different when it comes to internships, but accounting and business take them seriously.

“His teaching style is very much discussion based but also includes helpful examples. His teaching style helps students of all learning styles,” Thompson said, on her classroom experiences with Witosky. “His lecture helps students that are auditory, his PowerPoint slides and handouts are directed at visual learners, and his practice problems help students that are kinesthetic learners.”

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION (SI) & GROUP PEER STUDY (GPS) - FALL 2016

Course/Instructor	Room	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Sunday
Supplemental Instruction Sessions						
ACCT 113: Accounting I (Oakes) Julia Fink Dana DePaulo (asst)	AC 40		8:30-10 pm			4-5:30 pm
ACCT 213: Intermediate Accounting (Witosky) Brittany Bates	AC 33		2-3pm 4-5 pm		2-3pm 3-4 pm	
CHEM 140: Gen Chem I (Khalsa/Eppley) Chandler Daugherty	AC 108			9-10 pm (Eppley)	8-9 pm (Eppley)	
		7-8 pm (Khalsa)			9-10pm (Khalsa)	
CHEM 200: Organic Chem I (Franz) Alexis Mowris	S 211	9-10 pm	9-10 pm		9-10 pm	
MATH 125: Quantitative Reasoning (Hecking, Gadola, Kim) Terri Eddy	AC 138		4-5 pm		7-8 pm	7-8 pm
MATH 181: Calculus I (Wu) Rebecca Adams	AC 4	8-9 pm		8-9 pm	8-9 pm	
PSY 270: Neuropsychology (Pickens) Nick McNutt	AC 201		8-9 pm		8-9 pm	
Group Peer Study Sessions						
PHYS 174: Physics I (C) (Torigoe) Mike Long	S-1		9-10 pm		9-10 pm	
PSY 150: Gen Psychology (Deets/Pickens) Mandy Slupek	Pedas 120	8-9 pm		9-10 pm		6-7 pm
Review Sessions						
CSCI 169: Data Structures (Anderson) John Clark	AC 35				7-8 pm	
PHYS 154: Physics I NC (Hecking) Mike Long	S-1				8-9 pm	
SOC 121: Microsociology (Sutton) Libby Grasso	G 201				9-10 pm	
NSCI 101: College Brain (Butcher) Jonathan Papa	AC 204		8-9 pm			3-4 pm
CJS 101: Intro to Criminal Justice (Hanneman) Morgan Chase	S 100		9-10 pm			4-5 pm
Test Review Sessions						
SPAN 150 Spanish I (Carlson & Thompson) Tasha Glaub & Samantha Deems			ECON 211 Macroeconomics (Shaffer) Desiree Totten			
HIST 101 US History to 1877 Nick Sarratori			dates & times to be announced in class			

Supplemental Instruction (SI) and GPS (Group Peer Study) are a series of weekly review or study sessions for students enrolled in historically difficult classes. These sessions are voluntary, free, and facilitated by a trained peer leader who has successfully completed the course. All students who want to improve their understanding of course material and improve their grades are strongly advised to attend sessions for classes in which they are enrolled.

Support your Tomcats

Upcoming home events:

Football - Nov. 5 vs. Thomas More College
1:00 p.m. @ Alumni Stadium

Thiel swats Waynesburg in the fourth quarter

by Justin Felgar, Jfelgar@thiel.edu

In a stunning fourth quarter turnaround, the Thiel Tomcats earned 13 points without reply, stealing the game from the Waynesburg Yellow Jackets.

The Tomcats earned the 50-42 comeback in a powerhouse game which showcased six changes for lead position and 1,100 yards on offense.

Quarterback Ryan Radke revitalized the Tomcats in the fourth quarter with a 44 yard laser to freshman Deshawn Bracy, putting them up 43-42.

Later, Radke fired off a 43 yard pass to Eugene Bailey, shutting down the game.

Radke and Bracy ruled the field in this titanic battle.

Bracy had eight catches in the game, two of which were scoring passes. Bracy put up 250 receiving yards in the game, the fourth most in one game in the history of the Presidents Athletic Conference.



Tomcats pound Waynesburg in fourth quarter comeback
Photo Credit: Thiel SID

Radke went for 17 of 27 passes, for 391 yards and three touch downs. Radke hustled with the ball for 153 and scored an additional three touchdowns in three carries. Radke out-paced Willie Bova for Thiel’s all-time career lead in passing yards with his 6,018 yards.

Linebackers Tyron Bynum and Jake Elk led Thiel’s offense

with 11 and 10 tackles, respectively. Both Lloyd Meeks and Randy Groves intercepted a pass in the game. The Tomcat defense all put up three sacks in the match up against Waynesburg.

The Tomcats will host the Thomas More Saints at Alumni stadium for another PAC thriller. The game is scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

Tomcats race to the finish in PAC championships

by Justin Felgar, Jfelgar@thiel.edu

Thiel men’s and women’s cross country teams traveled to Saint Vincent College to run in the Presidents Athletic Conference championships on Saturday.

The women’s cross country team placed eighth out of ten teams that competed, finishing with 211 points.

Summer Wark led the team, placing 14th in the 6,000 meter race. Wark finished the course in 25:23. Wark earned a All-PAC Second Team recognition for her performance.

Alexis Mowris placed 35th for Thiel with a time of 26:41. Beverly Kozuch finished 49th with 28:20. Josephina Whiteman placed 53rd with 29:45 and Margaret Bingamen placed 60th with 34:59.

The men’s cross country team placed nine in the contest, finishing with 249 points.



Thiel cross country runs in PAC championships
Photo Credit: Thiel SID

John Clark sped ahead for the men’s cross country team, placing 29th in the 8,000 meter run. Clark finished the course in 29:30.

Stephen Staats finished the course in 31:54, placing 53rd. Christian McElhaneay placed 54th with a time of 32:01. Justin Walter finished in 32:08,

coming in at 55th place. Eric Casey and Jaime Montalvo also ran for Thiel. Casey placed 60th with a time of 32:57 and Montalvo came in 61st place with a time of 35:02. Thiel will compete in the NCAA Division III Mideast Regional Championships Saturday at DeSales University on Center Valley, Pa.