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Thiel Happenings

compiled by Liz Carlson

Saturday, March 22

Yoga Workshop: 5-6:15 p.m. at Glen Johnson Community Center

Come give yoga a try with experienced instructor, Jackie!

Tuesday, March 25

Pakistan Presentation: 12-5:45 p.m. in the Sawhill-Georgian Room

Join us for a country presentation on Pakistan, with Raj Kumar and Zohaib Khawar presenting. Raj will be cooking a dish that will be served after the presentation and Zohaib will be performing traditional Pakistani music.

SGA General Assembly Meeting: 9:30-10:30p.m. in the Lutheran Heritage Room

Wednesday, March 26

Circle K Meeting: 4-5 p.m. in Weyers Lounge

Thursday, March 27

TAB Game Show: The Cash Pyramid: 9:30-11 p.m. in the Lutheran Heritage Room

Can you reach the top of the pyramid? Come find out! A cash prize of \$100 dollars will be awarded!

Saturday, March 29

Lost and Found in Concert: 7-10 p.m. in the William A. Passavant Memorial Center

Kicking off 'Celebrate Campus Ministry' weekend, "speedwood" band Lost & Found (George Baum, Michael Bridges) will perform a free concert.

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Students Travel For Service

Habitat helps in North Carolina

by Emily Trunzo, etrunzo@thiel.edu



During Spring Break, the Habitat for Humanity club traveled to Wilmington, North Carolina to help with the local Habitat for Humanity Restore. Photo credit: Lynae Jackson

Over spring break, the Habitat for Humanity organization on campus took a trip to Wilmington, North Carolina.

There were a total of eleven students and their advisor who spent their spring break helping the greater good. The students who participated in this volunteering quest included Emily Trunzo, Jessica Patterson, Rebecca Leonard, Candace Updyke, Jessica Sabol, Lynae Jackson, Liz Lengyel, Kelsey Wise and Amanda Hautmann.

The journey began on March 2nd at 4 a.m. when the van departed. The travel time was about twelve hours. The students who attended the trip were able to spend four days volunteering and two days to do whatever they wanted.

The people who attended this trip spent three days donating their time and services to help the Habitat for Humanity Restore located in Wilmington.

At this location, the volunteers were asked to clean and organize the new donations. This included cleaning couches, reorganizing stacks of furniture (anything needed to build a house), unloading the donations from the trucks, cleaning and reorganizing the store.

The majority of Monday and

Tuesday were spent there. Also four hours of Wednesday were spent reorganizing the store and cleaning everything again.

The students were also able to help out at the Wilmington Good Shepherd. Here, the members of Habitat for Humanity cleaned the facilities the men and women sleep in, and they also organized those facilities.

On the free days, to reward themselves for their hard work throughout the week, the students went to the Wrightsville Beach where they were able to wander the beach and shop at the local souvenir shops.

They were also able to take an exciting trip to the North Carolina Aquarium.

"I attended the Habitat spring break trip last year and I had so much fun. So when I was working with the executive board to plan this trip, I was so excited and it was a great way to give back. This trip was an interesting experience and I would most definitely take part in volunteering again during spring break next year!" Emily Trunzo, the current president of Habitat for Humanity, said.

According to Trunzo, the students who are not graduating are planning on attending a similar trip next year.

It's all relative

by Sean Oros, soros@thiel.edu

Over the course of spring break, Dr. David Buck led a group of 10 students on a service trip to Nicaragua. Included were Elliott Beach, Tom Pulice, Suelen Gutierrez, Keith Stover, Brittany Sudnick, Jenna, Amanda Bauer, Keeley Criswell, Dan McFetridge, and myself, Sean Oros. Throughout the trip, our small party learned a great deal about Nicaraguan culture and the affluence that Americans enjoy, as well as bonding together through work and adventures alike. There were many lessons learned—such as the hardship that many people of the world live in and the differences of a slower culture. The most important lesson, perhaps, lie in the phrase that Dr. Buck used repeatedly; we were shocked at times by the differences between our lives and what we were saying, but, after all, "it's all relative."

The first stage of our journey took us to Managua, capital of Nicaragua. Our primary contact at the location was the Women in Action (WIA) group, a coalition of local women who strive for community involvement. We had the chance to zip-line over a crater lake on our first day in the country. Afterwards, over the next two days, we had the opportunity to see more of the local economic struggle. The houses of the families who hosted us had tin walls, dirt floors, and sometimes only sheets hanging as dividers to serve as walls. Yet the families offered us everything they had, with tremendous generosity. They purposefully bought extra supplies with which to feed us, despite their own poverty. Local fare included many plates of rice and beans, wherever we went; it was a simple, but wholesome, food. I personally had opportunity to pick bits of rock and debris out of the rice used to prepare supper for my WIA member. The amount of time needed to prepare meals is a problem in itself, as so many of the products are fresh and must be prepared from

scratch.

Grey water ran through the street in poorer districts, accumulating into running streams that ran down into Lake Managua. Pollution has destroyed the lake to the point that it is, in all effect, a dead lake; garbage lines the shores, with open cesspools that children play around. WIA helps to fund children going to school, through Compas de Nicaragua, so that the youth of the slum projects have a chance to better their economic condition. And yet, the people seemed happy. Their families were very closely knit, the children were always running and playing, and people still smiled, despite the scarcity and harsh conditions. To help their condition, the women also prepare purses out of garnered plastic bags and carved decorations out of gourd shells, the intricacies of which were impressive.

Our next stop was La Paz, a farming community where the base of Compas de Nicaragua's farming cooperative. Our primary hosts were George and Wilmer, two of the local farmers, who led us on a hiking tour of the La Murallas hills. We trekked over fields and through forests, following rugged footpaths from which we could see the local volcanoes rising in the near distance. The local soil was particularly good for crops, enriched with volcanic ash as it was. Unfortunately, this has prompted massive deforestation so as to take advantage of the local soil, which has in turn had a negative effect on the local environment as areas dry out. Accentuating this is climate change; the dry season has become a month longer, and the wet season a month shorter by result. The local farmers are keenly aware of this and attribute part of it to the mass deforestation; for them, climate is particularly real as their routines and crop cycles, used for decades, face a changing environment.

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Ministry Changing, Updating:

By Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu

Thiel is a constantly evolving institution that changes as much as its students every year.

In the Ministry department, Pastor Jayne Thompson and her group of student volunteers strive to spread two missions: making a stronger community at Thiel and create student involvement.

Currently, the biggest event that campus ministry has planned will be held the weekend of Mar. 29 and 30. This weekend is being billed as a "Celebration of Campus Ministry" by the ministry staff. Their biggest event is a performance by the band "Lost and Found," which consists of duo George Baum and Michael Bridges, a pop rock band formed in 1986. The duo has released 11 studio albums, including new release, DOWN.

"They [Lost and Found] hail from upstate New York. They met in high school and they've been singing ever since," Pastor Jayne Thompson, said, "They're performing on the 29th in the

Passavant Center. The next day is my installation."

Weekly chapel services and Candles in the Round will both continue in March, which is a major part of the mission. They are open to anyone regardless of faith, and the chapel is always open for those who need it.

"We're also going to have former Bishop Herb Chilstrom and Bishop Ralph Jones here. It's a great way to show all of these people how awesome Thiel is," Thompson added.

Also during March, there are plans to spread awareness for chapel services. They have ordered a couple camel heads that some ministry volunteers will wear around campus. This is reminiscent of the "Hump Day" camel commercials on TV. "The plan is to have someone along with the camel head-wearing student shout, 'What day is it? Chapel day!'" Bess Onewow, junior ministry volunteer, said.

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Thiel innovates more ways than one



Pastor Thompson has taken students on several trips throughout the past two semesters. Her volunteers help to make the ministry department as great as possible.

Photo credit: Pastor Thompson

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Thiel College POLICE BLOTTER

compiled by Brianna Tiedeman

Feb. 23 - Criminal Mischief

Two water fountains were torn off of the walls inside of Flo West on 200 and 700 floors.

Feb. 23 - Disorderly Conduct

A student refused the orders of a police officer during a party at the 42 College Ave. Apartments.

Feb. 25 - Possession of Paraphenalia

Two students were found with drug paraphenalia in Hodge Hall.

Damage to Unattended Property

Unknown vehicle backed into a 2013 Toyota Sedan between hours of 0900 - 1600.

Theft

Theft of a GPS out of a vehicle occurred in the Chapel Parking lot.

March 14 - Underage Drinking

Three students and 5 guests were found intoxicated on the 300 floor of Hodge Hall.

March 15 - Criminal Mischief

Two windshields were found broken in the R.A parking lot at Flo West.

Criminal Mischief

A beer bottle was thrown through the back window of a car in the R.A lot of Stewart Hall.

Welfare Check

A welfare check was done on a student who was referred to for mental health.



Thiel Happenings

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Sunday, March 30

Service of Installation of Rev. Jane Thompson: 2-4 p.m. in the David Johnson Memorial Chapel

Yoga Workshop: 5-6:15 at the Glen Johnson Community Center

Monday, March 24 - Friday, April 4 GREEK WEEK

Greek Week is an annual, week-long competition that takes place among the sororities and fraternities on campus. All the events are open for students to watch, and they all tend to be very entertaining. Make sure that you make some time to support your fellow students this year!

Monday: Kickball: 9:30 p.m. in the Dome

Tuesday: Academic Bowl: 9:30 p.m. in Bly Hall

Wednesday: Dodgeball in the Gym at 9:30 p.m.

Thursday: Greek Olympics: 9:30 p.m. in the Gym

Friday: Sing and Sync: 7 p.m. in Passavant Center

This is always the most popular event of Greek Week; so, come out and enjoy some hilarious and well-coordinated entertainment.

**** Please note that they days for some events might be switched. The Sing and Sync, however, will be held on Friday. Keep your eyes peeled for posters closer to the events.****

Tuesday, April 8

SGA General Assembly Meeting: 9:30-10:30 p.m. in Bly Hall

Wanna see a movie?

BLY HALL PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS...

compiled by Liz Carlson

American Hustle: Friday, March 21 and Sunday, March 23 8-10 p.m.

Starring Christian Bale, Bradley Cooper, and Amy Adams, this crime drama tells the suspenseful story an FBI agent who hires a con artist to work for the agency. In an attempt to capture a group of politicians and alleged gangsters, Irving Rosenfeld and his partner in crime, Sydney Prosser, enter the underground world of gangsters in New Jersey. As the plot plays out, it is discovered that everyone, including Rosenfeld's own wife, has secrets to reveal. If you enjoy a good crime story, this is a movie you will not want to miss!



The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug: Friday, March 28 and Sunday, March 30 8-10 p.m.

The second in the trilogy, this movie continues the story based on J. R. R. Tolkien's beloved book, The Hobbit. The desolation of Smaug continues to follow Bilbo Baggins as he journeys with the wizard Gandalf and thirteen dwarfs on an epic adventure and tries to reclaim the dwarf kingdom of Erebor, which has since been lost. If you enjoyed the first movie, you won't want to miss this one!

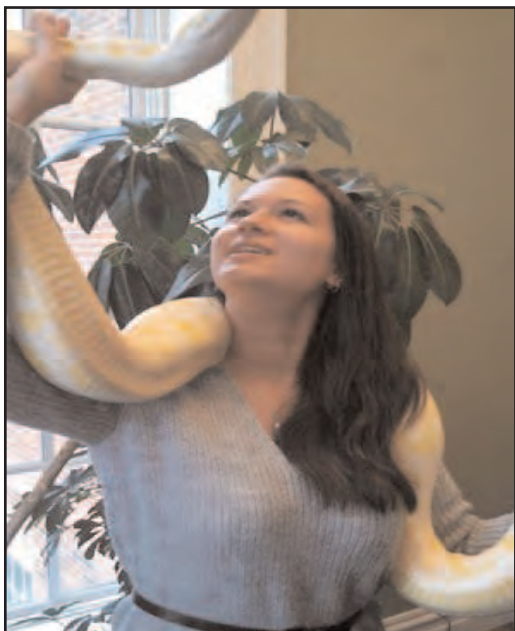
Please join the Environmental Club in the tournament called



If you have any questions you can contact Dr.Reinsel

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Lynae Jackson poses with one of the snakes during the reptile event. Photo credit: Erika Schrader

Reptiles event a huge hit!

by Keeley Criswell, kcriswell@thiel.edu

Last semester, Than Oo joined the Thiel staff as the Director of Student Activities and Involvement. Since arriving on campus, he has coordinated a plethora of different activities in which students can participate. Recently, the Interactive Reptile and Amphibian Experience came to Thiel to give students the opportunity to pet some reptiles. The event was well received by students.

"Once I saw that there were tanks of reptiles and snakes, I immediately wanted to hold the biggest snake they had! Many people crowded around the lizards and snakes. There were some turtles and even a baby alligator. But once I saw the huge yellow snake, I fell in love. Holding the giant 45 pound snake around my shoulders made my day," said Lynae Jackson, pictured left.



John Tenorio holds a turtle during the reptile event. Photo Credit: Than Oo.

TAB Coffehouse Series: Tall Heights a Hit at Thiel

by Brianna Tiedeman, btiedeman@thiel.edu

Though the crowds amounted about equal, the talents of Wings'N'Sings couldn't compare to the sounds that filled the Rotunda on Monday, Feb. 25. Listeners sat in awe that night when Tall Heights, a folk-pop duo, performed a 15-song set list, including Happy Birthday, in celebration of student activities director, Than Oo.

Oo recruited the cello and guitar ensemble from Boston, Massachusetts to perform at Thiel for the TAB CoffeeHouse series in memory of his past employment.

"I brought [Tall Heights] to my last college and they killed, everyone loved them," Oo said. "On the drive into Greenville [from N.Y.], I popped in their CDs and it helped me make my transition here."

The crowd for guitarist Tim Harrington and cellist Paul Wright evidently enjoyed the performance, made evident from their excitable reactions to the comical transitions between songs, the laughter that followed jokes about Pennsylvania weather and the Thiel "Tomcat" mascot, and the engagement after the men unplugged their acoustics and stood in the crowd to perform.

The set list included songs from the duo's three albums entitled Rafter, Man Of Stone, and The Running of the Bulls. One song in particular

which the pair related to students is called "To Be Young" which is on their Rafter album.

Harrington precluded the number by creating a trifecta of similes. He joked that being a musician is like being unemployed and being unemployed is like being a student. In turn, he dedicated the song "to us;" students and musicians alike.

Members of the crowd went as far as to scold anyone who began talking mid-song and barely anyone was on their cell-phone.

Early in their performance, Harrington thanked the crowd for joining them in "this uncomfortably lit room." Overall the crowd pleased the duo, Harrington noting that the size of the crowd defied the setup of the room. The stage was located in back corner of the Bistro.

"It was great," Wright said. "Honestly when we walked in here it was pretty dead, but it was a nice turnout."

Several audience members stayed after the show, several encores later, to buy merchandise from a vintage briefcase display which included signed CDs, T-shirts, tote bags, and vinyl records. Oo was impressed that students purchased the vinyl records.

Junior Jenna Simanovsky exchanged hair-ties with Harrington and purchased a T-shirt. Several students suggested to Oo that we bring the duo

back for future events. Senior Shelby Gitchel asked, "Can we keep them as Thiel College pets?"

Recent national praise the artists have received expands on the two musicians' solo talents and their ability to perform cohesively.

"With a guitar, a cello, and two voices in sublime harmony, Tall Heights creates quiet, pastoral music out of city life," John Platt of WFUV, a N.Y. radio station disc jockey, said. "Call it urban Americana. Call it simply gorgeous."

Harrington and Wright synched their talents early in their adult lives, combining their vocal, instrumental, and writing skills to produce records.

"There are a lot of artists that we look up to and they inspire the hell out of us," Wright said. "But Tim did writing in college and I wrote strange poems as a child...they were pretty wacky. I think we share a fondness for slightly darker, more obscure lyrics."

Tall Heights is currently on a national tour and an upcoming montage of tour dates is April 8 through 12 when they will travel to Philadelphia, Burlington, Boston, Brooklyn N.Y., and Washington D.C. Their music can also be found on Spotify, iTunes, Bandcamp, and Amazon. Fans can follow the pair on almost all social media forums via the username @tallheights.



Tall Heights rocked the Bistro's crowd of people Feb. 25.
Photo credit: Natasha Brenneman



WING hosts banquet to celebrate International Women's Day

by Kristen Fedder, kFedder@thiel.edu

Women Inspiring the Next Generation held an International Women's Day Banquet on March 11. This evening started out with Kim Ault welcoming the guests and then Pastor Jayne blessing the food. After dinner was served, we welcomed our first guest speaker Lynne Garfinkel.

Lynne Garfinkel is currently a part-time professor in the Psychology Department at Westminster College. She was elected to a four-year term as Democratic Committee woman in Allegheny County and appointed by Pittsburgh's mayor to the Pittsburgh City Planning Commission. Lynne's work has been recog-

nized with awards including the Stark Young Leadership Award, the Women of Achievement Award and the Girl Scouts' Western PA Woman of Distinction Award. Lynne's career in Human Resources has included project management consulting at Hewitt Associated and being the sole proprietor of LMG Consulting.

Once Lynne Garfinkel gave her speech it was time for our second presenter, Amanda Ries. Amanda Ries currently serves as the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs for Residence Life and Leadership Development at Westminster College in New

Wilmington, Pennsylvania. She spends much of her free time volunteering as a Collegiate Province Officer for Sigma Kappa Sorority and is a Zumba instructor in Butler, PA.

Throughout these presentations the members of WING and guests enjoyed both presentations. Kim Ault the President of WING reported the following about the banquet, "We had a great turn out of WING members as well as other members. We would like to thank Jennifer Pruzinsky and Mark Weir for all of their time they put into this banquet. It would have not been so successful without their help."

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It's All Relative: students travel to Nicaragua on service trip

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One of the hardest adjustments for our party was the restroom facilities offered in Nicaragua. The water, of course, is unsafe to drink; purified water was provided for drinking, which was a constant need in the hot, sun-soaked days. The toilets could not have tissue paper flushed down them; instead, trash cans were provided along the sides for all paper products. And showers were a luxury; in some cases, only bucket showers were available, with a five gallon bucket as a tub and a bowl with which to scoop the water out and with which to rinse. It was an experience in scarcity that was very eye-opening for American students. One of the projects we assisted with was a methane bio-gas system that collected methane from cow manure to use for basic heating and cooking. The system was a series of protective plastic bags set in the ground, connected to containers on either end. A 50/50 mixture of water and manure is run through it from one side to the other, releasing methane on the way and collecting it in the central bag. A pipe channels the methane to the house, and the refuse that comes out on the far end forms a potent fertilizer that is used for fields and gardens alike. Our group did take time

for tourism adventures, as well. In addition to the zip lining and La Murallas hike, we had opportunity to swim in a volcanic lake away from Managua, where we spent a day hiking the shores and enjoying the phenomenal water. (Some of our members learned that the day the importance of wearing sunscreen near the equator.) A surprising number of Europeans were also present, enjoying the pristine waters and tropical environment. Another venture took us up the slopes of an active volcano, the crater of which emitted so much smoke and gas that we could not see inside at all. We hiked up the side one of the dormant craters, rising high over the landscape, from which we could see a number of the local cities and lakes.

Altogether, our trip was a marvelous success. There were many tears on the parts of students and host families alike

when we parted ways, but the memories created between us will persist, despite the distance between Thiel College and Nicaragua. We students may never again take an American shower for granted again; more importantly, we will be able to bear testament to the spirit,

love and strength of the Nicaraguan families who touched our lives. Above all else, we learned a very important lesson; no matter how hard life may seem, and no matter what may go wrong, you have to keep things in perspective—it's all relative.



Pictured above is Sean with Justin, one of the children in one of the houses where Thiel students lived while in Nicaragua.
Photo Credit: Jenna Ehrlich

Choir Tour Hits the Right Note

by Claire Lee, hlee@thiel.edu

Thiel Choir came back to complete their 2014 choir tour under the direction of Dr. Michael Bray and pianist Kathryn A. Gray Sunday afternoon. The tour was comprised of seven concerts from February 28th during nine days. The tour consisted mostly of stops in five cities in Ohio: Middleburg Heights, Cincinnati, Dayton, Zanesville, and Youngstown. The tour also stopped in Nashville, where the choir visited the Parthenon, an exact replica of the original Parthenon in Greece, and attended the Tuesday night showing of the Grand Old Opry, among other sites.

The choir schedule was fairly regular. The choir usually arrived at a church at about 2:30 p.m. and set up in the sanctuary and rehearses until the church provides their evening meal around 5:30 p.m. After the concert, the choir members stayed with host families from the church and returned to the church the next morning. This home stay provides a wonderful experience for the student to interact with ordinary people from the host con-

gregations.

There were some exciting happenings during the choir tour. A choir concert at Youngstown was featured on the 11 p.m. Youngstown local News. One day, the choir sang "The Eternal Gate" in front of a composer of the song. In the middle of concert, choir president Joslyne Cook took the time to give gifts to the pastor of the host church. On the bus, Timothy Hutton and Anna Elizabeth hosted bus chat, which is the sharing of stories about staying in host family house. Riding a bus 16,000 miles, choir members made new friends and communicated each other and built relationships and bonds, and got through sickness and difficulties.

"One of the greatest aspects of the choir tour experience is the team-building realization that our performances have a dramatic impact upon our audiences changing not only the lives of the audience, but also the lives of the choir members and conductor alike. The most difficult aspects of tour are not only to maintain vocal health amid

winter conditions aboard a 56 passenger coach singing seven concerts in one week's time, but also to learn to become a small community that respects one another,"

said Thiel Choir director Dr. Michael Bray. Choir members tried to make every single concert beautiful regardless of number of people in the audience. The choir sang

songs, creating one voice from many. Through that process, they interacted not only with audience and host families, but also with each other.



The Thiel Choir, directed by Dr. Michael Bray, finished its 2014 Choir Tour in the chapel, bringing a fitting close to the season.

Photo: Claire Lee

HOLIDAZE:

BEAT THE POST-ST. PATTY'S BLUES

by Katie Allgeier, kallg275@thiel.edu



Dyngus Day has been celebrated since early Slavic times, and invokes the fertility and purification rituals of water sprinkling.

Photo: Google Images

Soon the euphoria of St. Patrick's Day will have subsided, as will the joy and hopefulness of the Easter season. Decorations will be put away, chocolate eaten, and the long month before summer will begin. In light of the fading memory of Easter, it can be easy to despair of the dearth of holidays before summer break, and to wonder where the next day's celebration will come from. However, there are several entertaining, though lesser-known, holidays preceding the summer break, holidays that deserve a share of the celebration and festivities.

Dyngus Day (also spelled "Dingus"), held on the first Monday after Easter, involves the practice of men sprinkling water on women and then switching them with Pussy-willow branches. The women, for their part, throw dishes and crockery at the men, then take their turn sprinkling and switching men on the following Tuesday. According to the Official Website of Dyngus Day, these customs have a widely contested past; the pouring of water and switching with pussy willows are connected

to ritualistic purification and fertility practices, but came to represent thanksgiving for the baptism of the first king of Poland, a baptism that brought Christianity to the country. In more modern times, Dyngus Day is celebrated with traditional Polish Easter foods, such as kielbasa and fresh breads, polka music, and other such revelries.

"I've heard of it, but the only thing I knew about it was that it was a Polish holiday and that it was related to fertility," Shelby Gitchel, senior, said. "I will not be participating, though it does sound like an interesting holiday."

World Penguin Day is held on Apr. 25. According to Greenpeace, the holiday (along with the corresponding Penguin Awareness Day, held on Jan. 20) seeks to bring change and appreciation to penguins across the world. Although penguins have been shown in man varied positions throughout literature and cinema, the true nature of penguins is just as adventurous as the cinematic representation. The oldest fossils of penguins show the birds to be the size of a full

grown man; the biggest breed of penguin alive today, the Emperor penguin, can grow to be nearly four feet tall, while the smallest breed, the Little Blue penguins, measure only 12 inches in height. Penguins are known to have intricate mating rituals and incredibly fast dive speeds, and there are records of jealous penguins projectile-defecating on the source of their jealousy. World Penguin Day celebrates the history of penguins everywhere, and serves as a reminder to protect wildlife.

National Honesty Day, celebrated on Apr. 30, was established in the 1990s by M. Hirsh Goldberg, former press secretary to the governor of the state of Maryland. According to Christian Post, Goldberg established the holiday to encourage national honesty and truth, both in the workplace and in one's personal life. Goldberg chose the final day in April as the date for the holiday because April begins with April Fool's Day, which he viewed as a day of deception, and believed that the month should end on a note of higher morality.

Campus Ministry: constantly changing

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Thompson, who is in her first year at Thiel, is constantly stressing the point that it is not all about her in the ministry: "I have a staff of wonderful volunteers. Without them, none of all of this would be possible without their leadership and ability to work together."

These volunteers know how to run the department in her absence, as well as have department meetings that she cannot attend. They are in charge of the building's management and upkeep as a unit.

"I was so surprised when she asked me... I didn't know what to think," Amanda Hautmann, freshman, said. Hautman has become a regular flute player in the weekly chapel events, "I love being involved with it. It's like being part of a greater cause of helping others."

Dr. Michael Bray and Kay Bray joined Hautmann in the service on Feb. 12, but it varies based on student or faculty interest.

"You can really find our Lutheran heritage in the classrooms and the

activities that we do," One-gow explained, "Campus ministry really is the lifeblood of Thiel College, bridging the gap between academics, activities and student life."

At the end of everything, Thompson and her volunteers want to provide the answers to questions students may have by remembering history. "If not for the \$4,000 from Louis and Barbara Thiel to William Passavant, there would be no Thiel College. They gave him that gift to continue that faith," Thompson concludes.

Students attend Jubilee Conference in Pittsburgh

by Kristen Fedder, kFedder@thiel.edu

Twenty students traveled on February 14, 2014 to Pittsburgh to worship God and learn at this annual event sponsored by Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO). Held in the Westin Hotel and the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Jubilee served over two thousand college students, families, advisers, and guest speakers. Our students arrived Friday evening, checked in, and went to join in the Plenary worship service. The break-out sessions in between Plenary offered discussions and lessons on topics from the mind to athletics, and any other topic that you could imagine. At the start of Jubilee, the speakers began to teach the audience about Creation, about living in a culture without being overwhelmed by it, and about standing firm for faith in Jesus. By the end of Jubilee, the college students learned about how God loves relationships, about speaking through action rather than word, and how people react to suffering. Finally, Jubilee closed after talking about what the future holds. To learn more about Jubilee, please visit: www.ccojubilee.org. Next year's Jubilee is on the weekend of February 20-22. Please contact Thiel Christian Fellowship if you are interested in coming next year.



Academics Happenings

Wednesday, March 26

PERC Teacher Job Fair: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Monroeville, PA

Join us at a job fair for teacher candidates. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Contact Heather Balas to pre-register!

Thursday, March 27

Career Workshop: Campus Job Fair Preparation: 4-5 p.m. in the Library Classroom

Join us to gain insight and helpful tips to prepare for our upcoming on-campus job fair.

Wednesday, April 2

Minute Clinic: 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the Lobby, Academic Center

Do you have questions pertaining to the career center, but are too busy to stop by the office? The minute clinic will be set up in a convenient location for students to stop by between classes and have their questions answered!

Thursday, April 3

Just in Time Job Fair: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Lutheran Heritage Room

Meet with employers for summer and full-time career opportunities. Professional attire and resume required. For more information, contact Heather Balas.

Thursday, April 10

Career Workshop - First 30 Days, Manage Your Boss: 4-5 p.m. in the Library Classroom

Join the career center team to learn about your first 30 days on the job and how to manage your boss.

Thiel Forum - Andy Erb and the Concert Band: 4-5 p.m. in the Passavant Center

Join us for a performance by Andy Erb and the Concert Band as part of this month’s forum!

Senior Business Seminars: Wednesdays (from January 15 - April 9, 2014) 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Sawhill-Georgian Room

The Senior Business Seminar class provides students the opportunity to meet and interact with individuals who have enjoyed distinguished careers in the corporate and foundation worlds. Thiel graduates who are prominent leaders in business, industry and finance address the seminar each spring. Different speaker each week!

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

30-minute presentation, followed by Q & A - 7:30 p.m.

The Senior Seminar class is open to juniors and seniors with a major in the department.

SCIP Business Summit in New York

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Students head to New York City to participate in Selective Corporate Internship Program, which was founded by Thiel College’s own alumnae.

Photo credit: Martin D. Black

This year’s Selective Corporate Internship Program Business Summit and Career Expo, founded by Thiel College alumnae, took place on March 1 in New York City. Twelve Thiel College students of all different majors, including myself, attended the summit and learned from its several career-related and networking facets.

The summit being the first weekend of Spring Break, I hesitated to sign up. After Martin Black, Associate Dean of Career Services, explained that we would be networking with corporations such as J.P. Morgan Chase, Major League Baseball, New York Life, and several other world-wide conglomerates, I knew it was not likely I’d have that opportunity again.

In turn, on behalf of all of the career-seeking, future-oriented undergraduate students, I’m going to tell you a story about what I learned, and how it helped me in more ways than I predicted, how it showed me to never pass up a chance to do something new, and how it rejuvenated my passion for my future.

Upon our arrival to New York, New York –I felt exhausted and uncomfortable because yes, eight hours is a long time. But none of that mattered when we got off of the highway. Bright lights – big city: that’s all that went through my head.

I thought about how much business, how much success, how much dedication exists in New York. And it was all around us – outside the walls of the white van was a place none of us knew, but all wanted so badly to meet.

After settling in to our adorable bunk beds at the Vanderbilt YMCA, we all dressed to the nines and met in the YMCA lobby at 8 a.m. Saturday morning. We walked two blocks through the yellow cab jungle to the JP Morgan Chase Conference Center and made our way to the Dunkin Donuts breakfast awaiting us, along with our registration for the day’s events.

We ate and mingled with both high school and college students from all over the eastern region before making our way to the first event – a panel discussion with professionals.

Before the panel opened up, the group of students I sat with practiced our ‘60-second pitches’ with each other, per the suggestion of two Haitian college students.

At one point, another student, who knew none of us personally, proposed that we network with each other to practice: that moment affected me the most. Speaking to others professionally is such a simple idea, and yet so effective. When he spoke and addressed everyone at the table, I’m pretty sure everyone’s jaw dropped – but he didn’t miss a beat and we all introduced ourselves, discussed our goals, and reflected on our past. One person made that happen. That suggestion could have come from any of us.

The diversity, alongside the brilliance displayed by these people whom I luckily chose to sit down with restored the visions I had of unwilling, unmotivated college students. High-caliber, high-minded, and high-educated students are exactly who we as undergraduates need to surround ourselves with.

And that leads me to this first lesson – do not underestimate your friends or peers at Thiel. The school has a reputation for student gossiping, worse than most schools, but we all are here for a reason, right?

I could tell you about each seminar, each part of the weekend, but our generation likes easily and quickly obtainable information – so I’m just going to lay it out for us. Let me start with my new Haitian friend’s advice to senior Ryan Shannon, junior Mathew Ceremuga, and myself:

1. If we network with our peers first, networking with the big leagues will become easier. How much easier is it to talk to your friends and your equals than it is to talk to a potential employer? A lot. This one is easy – practice with your peers what you fear with the hiring board.

What else did I learn? These next tips relate directly to all career-minded elements.

2. Do not internalize the feedback you receive. Be your harshest critic and you will never feel

ashamed of someone else’s opinion. Do not fear failure – take advantage of it. If you work with the people who want to work with you, success will come easier.

3. “Be mobile! New York City is not the world.” Executive director of Critical Systems Technology for JP Morgan Chase, Don Perez gave us this advice during his overview of JP Morgan Chase. And he’s right – any new place you go is going to be a noteworthy experience because it’s not going to be the same as anywhere you’ve been. He suggested going abroad or going west – anything out of your comfort zone.

4. Research and Rehearse: the two words you need to know to prepare for job interviews. Study the company interviewing you, prepare your own questions because they will expect you to have them, and send a follow up thank –you email no longer than 48 hours after. Sure you could learn that in your Senior Seminar class, but most of us will have job interviews long before senior year.

P.S - don’t lie. Be honest about your lack of skill and explain what it is you’re doing to compensate for that.

These last few pieces of advice came directly from the last panel of the day entitled the “Importance of Mentorship & Collaboration” hosted by four SCIP professionals. These men were just a few years fresh from exactly where we are in our professional lives, no older than 27.

5. This panel specifically emphasized that networking, mentors and pure curiosity are crucial elements to our careers and our success. In response to a few questions regarding sacrifices and challenges, the panel explained that it’s not about what you sacrifice; it’s more about what you gain from committing yourself to a career.

All I know now, after absorbing all of New York and all of this pertinent advice, is that it’s crunchtime. There is just no time like the present if you want a successful future.

Final Thiel Forum of the semester

The final Thiel Forum of the semester will be held on April 10th and will feature the talents of Andy Erb and the Thiel Marching Band. Andy Erb is a professor of Music and the Band Director. He has been at Thiel since 2010. The band will perform from 4 - 5 p.m. in the Passavant Center. This is your last chance to attend a Thiel forum this school year. So, please come enjoy the musical talents of several of the members of the Thiel community.

The Thiel forums with resume on October 16, 2014.

Kappa Mu Epsilon Sudoku

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TOOMBS TIME: “Whatever connection you make, I promise that the power of camp will surprise you.”

by Sara Toombs, stoombs@thiel.edu



I read an article a few days ago that has been circling social media for a while called “The Power of Camp in my Life.” I am notorious for skimming over anything on Twitter that prompts me to read more than 140

characters (English major problems – I read enough). However, basically anything with the word “CAMP” anywhere in the title is guaranteed to catch my eye.

From the outside looking in, I get that camp doesn’t seem like that big of a deal. Parents get their kids out of the house for a while, you get a lot of mosquito bites, and there are s’mores. Big deal, right? From the inside though, anyone who has ever truly been touched by a camping experience will tell you that it is a big deal – one of the biggest deals of my life, actually.

Camp is so important to me, in fact, that it ranks in the top three most important things in my life; God, my fi-

ancé, camp. The best part is, the first two wouldn’t even exist in my life if it wasn’t for camp. Much like the author of the online article, I was an angry, hurting kid when I went to camp for the first time. I went to Wesley Woods to escape, hoping to hide from the world just that much longer. What I got was so much more of an escape than I dreamed was possible.

I still remember, so vividly, sitting Indian-style on the floor in the camp chapel. Someone was gently strumming guitar chords, the lights were dim, and I was really praying for what I still think was the first time in my life. But the part that really made all the difference in that moment were the hands placed

upon me - my counselors and new friends reaching across that small distance to touch a piece of my heart that was hidden far, far away. Because of camp and the people in it I felt loved, valuable, and filled with purpose. I remember feeling all those hands on me, small and comforting, and then I felt one big invisible hug that let me know I could let it all go. I gave all of my heavy, ugly life to God and started a bright, beautiful future that night – at camp.

The amount that my life is different because of that first summer is not within my ability to calculate. But I kept coming back for more. Every year I fundraised as much money as possible so I could

go to camp. It became my home and refuge, the place I met my truest friends, where I grew up and found out who I am. Eventually, I outgrew camp, but I couldn’t let that keep me away. I came back on summer staff in an attempt to return what had been given to me, and in doing so discovered the truest passions of my heart and a direction for my life.

Being a camper at Wesley Woods did not make my life perfect. Finding God at camp did not make all my troubles disappear. But, it gave me a place to belong. It gave me open arms and listening ears and loving hearts. And along the way, God used camp to answer my most desperate

prayers. When I needed a family to help me survive, I met true friends at camp. When I was completely lost with no direction for my future, I found my calling to missions at camp. And when I thought I had been lied to all along and the man God made to be my husband didn’t exist – I met him at camp.

I guess what I’m getting at here is this: camp matters. If you know a child who is struggling with this big, messy life, help them go to camp. Actually, if you know any child, help them go to camp. Go work at a camp. Go visit a camp. Donate to a camp. Whatever connection you make, I promise that the power of camp will surprise you.

Why your favorite movie is terrible: Saving Private Ryan

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The Movie: Everyones favorite semi true story, Saving Private Ryan. This movie is arguably the greatest World War 2 movie of all time. This is despite the fact that the characters and plot are a bit.....stupid. We will get to that later. Brief summary of the movie includes Tom Hanks taking a rag tag group of American stereotyped soldiers (including Vin Diesel, Daniel from Lost, and a Tony Soprano reject) to rescue Will Hunting erghh I mean Jason Bourne, ummm I mean Mr. Ripley, gahhhh sorry, Private Ryan. Seriously, why is every Matt Damon movie having his character’s name in the title? Anyway, they finally rescue Matt Damon even though most of their group dies along the way.

Character Everyone Loves To Hate: Much like most movies I write about, this movie has many a stupid character that you literally have to scream “just die already!” at the screen before they ultimately do die and you realize you did not want them to die at all and you cry.....or maybe that was just me, especially when Vin Diesel died.

IF ONLY HE WERE FAMOUS THEN!!!! HE SURVIVES EVERYTHING NOW, GO WATCH THE FAST AND FURIOUS MOVIES. Sadly the character that EVERYONE wanted to die was Upham. The group brings Upham along because he is a translator, but seriously you could not find an actual soldier that was not such a morally inept idiot like Upham. If you get past the fact that he is always complaining and bumbling around like an older American Ron Weasley(STAY TUNED NEXT WEEK, I WILL FINALLY BE DOING HARRY POTTER), I will never forgive him for A. Complaining when the rest of the group wanted to kill that Nazi scumbag who killed their medic and B. Letting another Nazi scumbag into their fort and kill THE ONLY JEWISH SOLDIER THEY HAD! And to top it off, it turns out Nazi Scumbag Number 1 was sort of the leader of the final battle at the end of the movie. So you can blame good ole Upham for almost blowing the entire mission and you can definitely blame him for TOM



“Everyones favorite semi true story, Saving Private Ryan. This movie is arguably the greatest World War 2 movie of all time. This is despite the fact that the characters and plot are a bit.....stupid,” critic Andrew Denson had to say about Saving Private Ryan.

HANKS DEATH!! They try to redeem Upham’s character by having him finally killing the first nazi, but by that point the hatred of this guy is so large that you don’t even care.

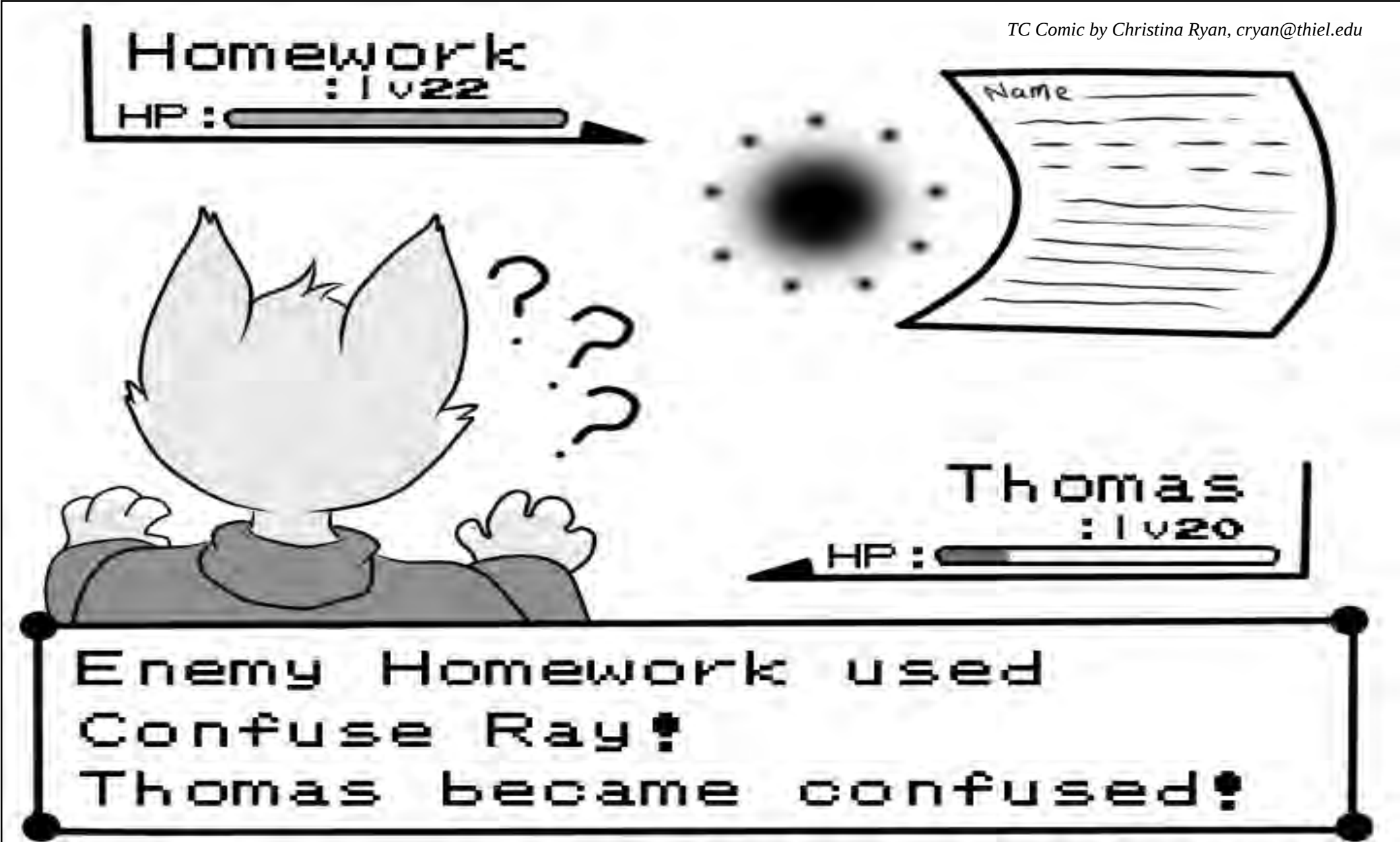
Why The Movie is Awful: A group of soldiers go into the middle of nowhere to rescue one soldier because his three brothers died and somehow in

the 1940’s the government cared about their soldiers enough to rescue one because of the loss of his siblings. Even if that was the case, why send these guys on a suicide mission, I may be wrong (I am not, but go with it) but didn’t these guys survive D-Day.....give them a break please. Other than that, I have

nothing bad to say about it. **Why The Movie is Not Awful:** Tom Hanks and Matt Damon in World War 2. Best movie battle sequences ever. Plus this movie went where few movies ever go, THEY KILLED TOM HANKS. Sidenote, when Hanks character talks about his teaching career pre war, he says he taught

in Hadley, PA. If you don’t know where that is, we are literally there.

Best Scenes: Ummmm, all of them. BUT WHY DID THEY KILL SNIPER JESUS? COME BACK TO ME SNIPER JESUS.



Opinion Poll - What are you most looking forward to about summer?!



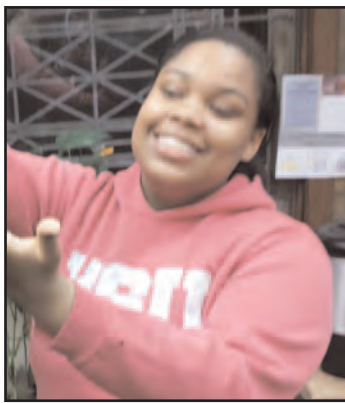
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“Sleeping in actual warmth.”



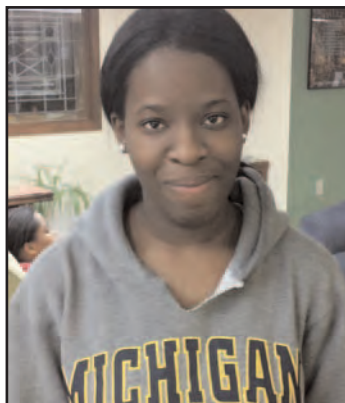
Ebyeolyi Kim
“Getting home to Korea.”



Hugin Lee
“Getting a driver’s license.”



Sareeen Thoms
“To get a job and make \$\$\$.”



Keyona Kpou
“Seeing my boyfriend.”



Kierra Lee
“Getting a tan - Lord knows I need one!”

Photo of the Edition



*This past Wednesday, the activities department hosted a Master Handwriting Analystist.
Photo by Than Oo.*

If you have a picture of Thiel, send it to the Thielensian. thielensian@thiel.edu

Fashion Frenzy: At The Gym

by Katie Allgeier, kallgeier@thiel.edu

As someone who does not frequent the gym, I will freely admit that I have never truly understood the “gym atmosphere.” In all honesty, the gym atmosphere is often intimidating to the new gym-goer, and this “gym-timidation” is not lessened by the high class fashions frequently sported at the gym. It seems as though a certain dress code is required to go to the gym, a dress code that consists of moisture-wicking, form-fitting, sleek separates that all

coordinate with each other, right down to the name-brand socks inside big-name athletic shoes (don’t even get me started on women wearing makeup to the gym). I understand that the fitness fashion sector is massive, and that cute workout clothes can be fun to wear, but why are we so obsessed?

And we are obsessed. According to Brigham Young University, \$100 billion is spent annually on workout clothes worldwide, and the

United States alone spends nearly \$30 billion on the “activewear.” Aside from being a massive toll on the average college student’s budget, what are these clothes really saying about the people wearing them?

It’s time for a revolution—or at least an acceptance. There is nothing wrong with wearing the sleek gym “uniform” favored by many people. However, there is also nothing wrong with going to the gym in an old T-shirt and

baggy shorts. I say that the “gym-timidation” needs to end, and it needs to start with an acceptance of all kinds of workout styles. Everyone at the gym is (ostensibly) there to workout and become healthier, so everyone (if they’re doing it properly) will be covered in sweat looking gross by the end of the workout. No one has the monopoly on feeling good at the gym, and everyone should feel welcome to improve their own health.



Lucy Hale and Julianne Hough look fresh and fit in their easy workout fashions.
(Photo credit--Google).

#Twittin’ @Thielensian



@??? - Only at Thiel College would it snow on the first day of Spring. :(

@??? - I don’t understand why people at Thiel drive to class. It’s like a 5 minute walk tops.

@??? - Of course after I’m gone Thiel makes a doughnut, pie and hot dog eating contest for Greek Week. #smh

@??? - Please continue to disregard others’ feelings.

@??? - They would change the schedule after I decide the classes I’m going to take....

@??? - Your gallon of perfume will not cover the smell of cigarette smoke. No matter how much you wish it would. #headache

@??? - It’s 2014 and there are still guys trying to rock the 2009 Justin Bieber hairstyle, please love yourself

@??? - Be careful Thiel College. The giant worms are out and about...

@??? - Don’t worry guys. I got some cheese sticks.

@??? - You know it’s going to be a good day when build me up butercup comes on Pandora. :)

@??? - Have two papers due tomorrow and I’m just starting now? Sounds about right.

@??? - “This trip needs more twerking. There would be less drama and everyone would like each other if there were more twerking.” - #ShitLoyalSays

@??? - Okay people it’s like barely 50 degrees it is not short weather, tomorrow it is going to snow and you will all be sick come the weekend!

@??? - Maybe I’ll just drop out.

A Traditional Woman Leads Non-Traditional Life:

Leaving A Legacy

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There is much made, here at Thiel, about leaving “Footprints” – both environmentally and within the lives of others. Lately, I have been contemplating what Footprint I will be leaving behind when I graduate in May. I have been wondering, to myself, have I made a difference in any way? What message have I sent to my younger contemporaries here – if any?

Some might think that leaving a legacy behind is only defined by the inheritance of money or property left to subsequent generations in one’s own family. But, I would disagree. I believe that you can make a difference so profound, before moving on to the next chapter in your life, that others remember you – and it has had nothing to do with

tangible things and everything to do with actions.

So what message am I hoping to leave with all of you? It is this – that age should never limit achievement of dreams or goals.

Of course, the next logical step in this thinking process becomes: What Footprint has Thiel left on me and my life? Have I been changed, in any way, by my time here? I know the answer to both of these questions is yes – Thiel has changed me in many ways. For instance, I am more aware of the world around me and how events happening across the globe affect my everyday life. I am, also, able to see how actions that I take can send a message in a global fashion – even if that’s not what I intended.

But, I think the most important message I have received while at Thiel is this: Forget thinking outside the box – throw the box in the garbage and think for yourself.

What legacy do you hope to leave the future generations of students coming to Thiel?

Nic Jones Places at Indoor Championship, named All-American

by Paul Connelly, pconnelly@thiel.edu

Track athlete, Nic Jones, was recently named All-American after finishing fourth in the high jump at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field National Championships at the University of Nebraska. Jones was recorded with a jump of 6-feet 8.25-inches. Jones has been sweeping up the competition leading up to the Nat'l Champ. including perform-

ances that earned him first place at the Tufts University Last Chance Meet, the Dan Kinsey Invitational at Oberlin and the PAC Indoor Track and Field Championships in Youngstown. "It's exciting because we as coaches know how hard Nic has worked to get to this point," said Thiel track & field head coach, Steve Carr. "He continually works hard in the classroom

and on the track, and he is a joy to work with. I am confident he will give his best effort and represent Thiel to the best of his ability and come back a champion wherever he may finish." Jones looks to continue his success when he and the rest of the Tomcats start the outdoor season at the California University (Pa.) Early Bird Invitational on March 22.



Nic Jones, Track and Field athlete, is a recipient of the prestigious All-American status. This comes after placing at the Indoor Championship.
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Jake Lowry Gets Third at Nat'l. Championship, All-American Status

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Lowry is only the 26th All-American in Thiel history. He is also the first Thiel wrestler to receive such a high placing in the National Championship tournament since 1993.
Photo credit: Thiel.edu

Thiel wrestler, Jake Lowry, won third place on the medal stand at the 2014 NCAA Division III Championships and became Thiel's 26th All-American in school history, this past Saturday. Lowry had set the program's record for the longest winning streak to start a season with 38 straight matches before losing to Wisconsin-Whitewater's, Shane Siefert, in the consolation semifinals.

He began the tournament by winning his first match by a 5-3 decision against

Elmhurst's Danny Balderas. He then faced off in the quarterfinals against previous NCAA Midwest Regional Championship opponent, Brockport State's Paul Glover whom he pinned in just 23 seconds of the match. Lowry won third place in 3-2 win by decision over Delaware Valley's, Aaron Karns, after scoring a take-down early in the first and holding off Karns' late comeback in the third.

His performance earned him a rank amongst the Thiel

greats by recording the highest placing at the NCAA tournament since Mike Lewis took third in 1993. "Jake had a great weekend, a fantastic season and going into the NCAA's 36-0 is very impressive," said Thiel Wrestling Coach, Craig Thurber.

This is the sixth consecutive season that the program has placed an All-American in the tournament. Lowry, a junior, finished the season 40-1 and his career record stands at 87-9.

NCAA Faces Allegations; Conferences are an "unlawful cartel"

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Mark A. Emmert, president of the NCAA, is the head of an organization that is dealing with several lawsuits against it.
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Jeffrey Kessler will represent four former NCAA athletes who feel they have faced economic harm from their time as collegiate athletes. Kessler, from the law firm of Winston & Strawn, argues that by preventing compensation for the athletes, the collegiate athletic association is violating federal antitrust laws. "As a result of these illegal restrictions, market forces have been shoved aside and substantial damages have been inflicted upon a host of college athletes whose services have yielded riches only for others" said Kessler.

Former UCLA power forward and retired NBA player, Ed O'Bannon, was recently green-lighted on a

class action antitrust lawsuit that will fight the NCAA's ban on paying student athletes. O' Bannon recently reached a settlement with Electronic Arts for their use of players' likenesses in their NCAA video games. Northwestern University student athletes are even looking to form the first college players union in U.S. history.

Kessler and his four plaintiffs will target the actions of the Big 12, Big 10, Southeastern Conference, Atlantic Coastal Conference, and the Pac-12. Kessler labels them as an "unlawful cartel" that holds a monopoly on their student athletes and stands to make billions by not providing

compensation. Kessler uses past lawsuits where the NCAA was found guilty of violating antitrust laws including cases involving part-time coaches' salary capping and the limiting of televised broadcasts of football in the 80's.

President of the National College Players Association, Ramogi Huma, supports the suit and believes that this case won't be taken lightly. "For one, I think people are going to take it seriously. I think players will take it seriously. And importantly, I think the NCAA will take it seriously" said Huma. "There should be a moral compass. Players should not be denied their rights."



The National Collegiate Athletic Association, NCAA, is currently under fire, including against athletes not being paid for playing.
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Womens' Lacrosse Earns First Win of The Season

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The Tomcats' Womens' Lacrosse team earned their first win of the season as they put up 17 goals against Hiram on Tuesday. Thiel had seven different players contribute to the scoring effort against the Terriers including midfielders, Emily Harrigan, Cassy Mahdi, and Hannah Stelmach who combined for twelve goals. Samantha Burkhardt, Courtney Fatta, Sharr Martin, and Jennifer Rickens all had a goal apiece. Goalie, Amy Boxer, saved for 50% in her thirty minutes in the cage. The Thiel Women's Lacrosse team is 1-5 coming into this Saturday's matchup against Capital University in the Rissell-Schreyer dome.