

The Thielensian



Prospective Communications Department Day

By: Colin Schroyer

Feb. 16th, 2024: Prospective Thiel College students participated in a discussion panel with the college's Communications department, including faculty and students, to learn more about the program.

At 11 a.m., students and staff gathered in the lobby of the Pedas Communication Center for an informal discussion panel, in which prospective students interested in pursuing a major in communications would be able to learn more about the opportunities provided by the program at Thiel.

The panel featured the Communication department's faculty: Dr. Lana Kulik, Matthew Humphrey, Jake Clark, and Paul Coatsworth, to speak about their role and what has been accomplished within the department. However, the real stars of the panel were the student speakers: Jason Jewett, Christina Newman, Roxy "WAVmaker" Reeher, and John Robbins.

These students are notable communications or media and journalism majors, and the projects of three of these students have received nominations for the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System awards. Between students and staff, this panel consisted of the finest

figures in the field of communications that Thiel College has to offer. As for the turnout, only three prospective students were present and participated in the discussion.

However, that did not deter the panelists from thoroughly discussing the opportunities and offerings of the department.

One student, Jason Jewett, spoke about his journey from a history major to a nominee for an IBS award. "Doors just seem to open," he shared, commenting on how his time at Thiel College has provided him with a plethora of new and exciting opportunities. In addition to equipment and spaces provided in Pedas — such as the ISO booth, the TCTV studio, and more — the students talked about the help offered by the career development center, as well as the college's alumni relations.

Another student, John Robbins, discussed the vast student network that Thiel has garnered. He spoke on how, though Thiel is a smaller college, that closeness means that students truly connect with each other, developing a personal and authentic network. "The doors never shut," said Robbins, echo-



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Jewett's sentiment.

Toward the end of the panel, the quote-unquote "adults," to use Humphrey's words, stepped away to allow these potential students to honestly speak with the students, so as to not feel pressured by the presence of faculty. The prospective students were asked about their goals and aspirations going into college and if they knew what they had planned for after school.

The students also discussed college outside of the Communications department. Thiel student and fellow IBS nominee Christina Newman discussed with the prospective students about involvement in the performing arts, including band, chorus, and theatre. Robbins discussed participating in athletics at Thiel, sharing his personal story of his time on and off the field.

At 11:30 a.m., the panel concluded as the prospective students ventured off to admissions meetings and lunch.

Sports

Caitlin Clark Captures Women's All-time Scoring Record

By: Jacob Walsh

Feb 15, 2024: Going into a match-up against the Michigan Wolverines only needing 8 points, Caitlin Clark broke the NCAA Women's Basketball all-time scoring record early in the 1st quarter by shooting a three from the half-court logo.

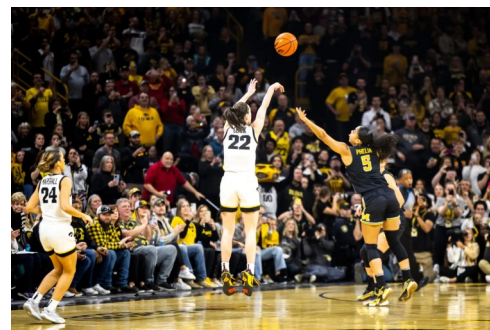
Clark finished the game against Michigan with a career-high 49 points, breaking Iowa's single-game scoring record. Clark now sits at a career total of 3,569 points, passing Washington's Kelsey Plum who scored 3,527 points from 2013-2017. The Hawkeyes beat the Wolverines 106-89.

Caitlin Clark is an Iowa native, who grew up in Des Moines and played in boys' basketball leagues at a young age due to the lack of girl's leagues. When she was finally able to find a league, Clark joined AAU girls' teams

that were in higher age groups. Clark continued to play AAU while she attended and played for Dowling Catholic in West Des Moines. By the end of her high school career, Clark finished with the fourth most points and sixth most three-pointers in Iowa's five-on-five basketball history. Caitlin was also awarded Iowa Miss Basketball and Iowa Gatorade Player of the Year. In 2019, Clark announced she was staying home and playing basketball for the University of Iowa. Clark holds a multitude of colligate honors and awards, in 2023 she was named AP Player of the Year and awarded Naismith College Player of the Year. Also in 2023, Clark broke Iowa's scoring record on November 12. She then became the BIG 10 Conference's all-time women's scorer on January 31st, 2024. Clark passed Missouri State's

Jackie Stiles (3,393) and Ohio State's Kelsey Mitchell (3,402) by scoring 35 points for a career total of 3,424 that night. Clark is the only Division I player to score 3,000 points along with 1,000 assists in a career. The last milestone Clark needs to hit is Pete Maravich's Division I scoring title of 3,667 points.

Caitlin Clark fell one game short of a National Championship last season, falling to LSU in the championship game. Iowa is currently ranked no.4 in the nation with a month to go in the regular season.



Games to Watch

Lacrosse @ HOME: Mens vs. MOUNT UNION—SAT, 2/24—12p.m. / Womens vs. CALVIN—SAT, 2/24—3p.m.

M. Volleyball @ HOME: vs. PENN STATE BEHREND—WEDS, 2/21—7p.m. /

vs. PENN STATE ALTOONA—SAT, 2/24—1p.m. / vs. ADRIAN COLLEGE—SAT, 2/24—5p.m.

Indoor Track & Field @ YOUNGSTOWN, OH: PAC CHAMPIONSHIPS—THURS, 2/22—ALL DAY

Current Events

Shooting At Kansas City Super Bowl Parade



By: Jason Walsh II

Feb. 14th, 2024: A shooting at the Super Bowl 58 Parade in Kansas City, Missouri left 1 dead and 22 wounded.

After the Kansas City Chiefs beat the San Francisco 49ers in Super Bowl 58, the city held a parade to celebrate the victory. The parade was held on Wednesday, February 14th and although it started with a celebration, it ended with loss and demands for gun regulation.

An estimated 1 million people were in attendance at the parade last week celebrating the second straight win for their city's NFL team when an outbreak of gunfire occurred. The aftermath of the shooting left 1 woman killed and 22 injured, 11 of which were children. The woman that was killed was Lisa Lopez-Galvan, a mother of two. The injured, ages 8-47, were treated at local hospitals.

The police currently have 2 juveniles detained with gun-related charges and are searching for a third. The juveniles were caught by Trey Filter, a 40-year-

old attendee, and another man who tackled the gunman while fleeing. During the shooting, players and coaches shielded fans and children as well as helped to calm the crowd afterward. The Chiefs's Head

Coach Andy Reid shielded a young fan and stayed with him, talking to the child until he was reunited with his parents.

After the gunfire ceased and the suspects were detained, it did not take long for action to be taken from all sides of the situation. The Chiefs and Chiefs Kingdom immediately started fundraising for the incident, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for those affected by the shooting. The Chiefs, the Hunt Family, and the NFL donated \$200,000 while the Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes and his wife Brittany donated \$50,000. Chiefs tight-end Travis Kelce donated \$100,000, matching popular singer-songwriter Taylor Swift's \$100,000.

Multiple other NFL players and organizations have donated as well.

Kelce and his brother Jason, who plays for the Philadelphia Eagles

as a center, discussed the incident on their 'New Heights' podcast, a podcast that has been prominent in pop-

culture recently. Both agreed on the matter and were saddened by the incident. Jason said. "It's unfortunate and deeply tragic – the events that occurred". He also stated that it is "beautiful to see" how the community responded to the incident.

Most, if not all, NFL teams and countless other sports outlets released statements on social following the shooting, giving their support and prayers to the city of Kansas City. Along with this, Kansas City and the Chiefs responded to the shooting with the phrase "Kansas City Strong".

In wake of the shooting, protests formed on Saturday, February 17th. Protesters came together to demand gun reform. The protesters also pushed the issue that the shooting was concerning juveniles. The protest of several dozen people was filled with chants of "Enough is Enough!" and signs on gun regulations.

Image from AP News.



Current Events

Student Becomes Teacher: Audra Franley, Coordinator for Campus Ministries



By: Carol Birdy

February 2024: Audra Franley, once a diligent learner at Thiel College, has returned to their alma mater, not as a student, but as an esteemed member of the faculty. Embarking on a journey from student to educator, Audra has come full circle, bringing with her a wealth of experience, knowledge, and a deep-rooted connection to the institution as the new coordinator for campus ministries.

Audra graduated in 2017 from Thiel College with a degree in religion and psychology then pursued her master's at Harvard Divinity. She expressed that working in a campus setting had been something that she felt experi-

enced in, because of her prior campus ministry work while completing her master's. "We did a lot of service work and interfaith dialog, there were like 30 chaplains of different faiths, and I was able to learn so much." At first, Audra wasn't sure if she wanted to teach or go into ministry but further explained her experiences in graduate school helped her realize she was destined to do both.

In the spring of 2021, she reached out to George Branch-Trevathan, Ph.D. who is the religion department chair, and her former professor, for a letter of recommendation to become an adjunct professor. He then responded with an offer she couldn't resist, to become an adjunct professor at Thiel College. Not only was Thiel her alma mater but both her father and sister also attended Thiel College, which she explained was another reason why she felt Thiel was where she was where she belonged.

As Audra Franley takes over the role of Campus Ministries Coordinator, some of her goals include a more open ministry for not only those of the Lutheran faith, but for all religions. "There is something of value in spir-

itual life for everyone, while still being rooted in Lutheran tradition, but really open to all the forms that religion and spirituality can take." She explained that college is a time when religion and faith are often explored, because students emerge into adulthood and have opportunities to expand their knowledge by taking various religious courses, thus guiding them to what suits them spiritually.

Still working full-time as a teacher, Audra has plans to incorporate ministry into Thiel's campus, but for the time being she wants to take time to get to know students and let them know she is here for them. After becoming more adjusted to Thiel again and learning about what students may want or need, she hopes for the future of campus ministry to take shape in the fall semester. She also says she wants to work with other clubs and organizations on campus, because of their firm foundations on campus, she believes she can build upon a community that is already great. "I want to learn how to best create spaces for the students who feel like they might not belong or have a space on campus, and further help them explore their faith."

Current Events

Greenville Symphony Orchestra's Love Is In the Air: Would You Be My Valentine Concert

By: Christina Newman:

Feb. 17th, 2024: The Greenville Symphony Orchestra (GSO) held its Valentines' concert titled 'Love Is In the Air: Would You Be My Valentine' in Thiel College's Passavant Center.

The Orchestra is under the direction of Michael Gelfand. The ensemble includes 60 musicians, each within one of the following sections: Violin 1&2, Viola, Cello, Bass, Flute, Piccolo, Oboe, English Horn, Bassoon, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, Percussion, Harp, and Keyboard.

The repertoire of music listed in the event program included: Wedding March (Feliz Mendelssohn 1809-1847) from "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Liebesleid (Love's Sorrow, Fritz Kreisler, 1875-1962/arr. Roberts,) Songs of Israel: Romantic Music for Harp and Strings (Paul Lewis, b. 1943) which included "Hava Nagila Rumba" featuring Harp soloist Kirk Kupensky, Canon in D for String Orchestra (Johann Pachelbel, 1653-1706/Elaine Fine,) A Time For Us: Love Theme from "Romeo and Juliet" (Nino Rota, 1968/arr. Longfield,) Greensleeves (14th Century Traditional English, arr. Leavitt,) Salut D'Amour (Edward Elgar, 1857-1934,) The Little Orchestra That Could (Todd Maki, b. 1977,) Liebesfreud (Love's Joy, Fritz

Kreisler, 1875-1962/arr. Roberts,) Evergreen: love theme from "A Star Is Born" (Barbra Streisand/Paul Williams, 1976,) and Romeo and Juliet Overture-Fantasy after Shakespeare (Tchaikovsky, 1840-1893) which featured guest narrator Dr. Allan Mosher.

The piece 'The Little Orchestra That Could' was a gift to GSO from arranger Todd Maki. Maki composed this piece to symbolize GSO's 95 years of performing. Maki shared his thoughts on the piece with Director Michael Gelfand, who included these thoughts in the program. Maki is quoted saying "For an orchestra to have survived over 95 years is a testament to a reliance that is seldom seen in any organization." He continued his praises describing how GSO has come stating, "The Greenville Symphony Orchestra survived the Great Depression, World War II, and was creating music for audiences before sound was available in film. It has fought its way through the turbulent 50s, the radical 60s, the trippy 70s, the cheesy 80s, the unpredictable 2000s, and the uncertain 2020s." In addition, Gelfand was very excited about the performance of 'Hava Nagila Rumba', as it is a song that is often heard at weddings and celebrations in the Jewish community.



GSO is supported by its amazing Greenville Symphony Society (GSS) Board of Directors including their President David Relmold, their Recording Secretary Sheryl Lanning, Corresponding Secretary Esther McClimans, Treasurer Luan Way, GSO Orchestra Representatives Andy Erb, Thomas Fleet, and Gloria Slocum. Other board members serve under Vice President of Planning and Programming Judy Eckler and Vice President of Sponsorship and Marketing. The board positions are volunteer positions.

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GSO is set to continue celebrating its 95th Anniversary celebratory season in the spring on April 6th, 2024.

Current Events

Co-Inventor of Pop-Tarts William Post Dead at 96

By: Hannah Stoughton

Feb. 10th, 2024: William Post, a co-inventor of popular breakfast pastry Pop-Tarts, dies at 96 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Born in 1927 to a line of Dutch immigrants, "Bill" Post began his long career in the workforce as a teenager, washing trucks in high school. He then joined the Army during World War II, serving as an Army Air Corps soldier in Japan. After finishing his deployment, Post returned to his high school job and ascended the corporate ladder, eventually becoming the personnel manager at just 21 years old. The familiarity with production, sales, and the rest of the business inspired Kellogg's executives to reach out to Post with a new idea.

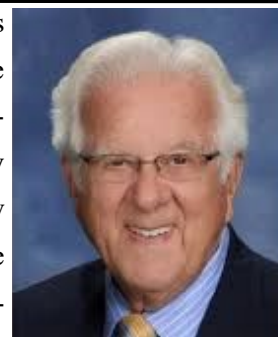
The executives contacted him with an idea about an enclosed pie-slice-like breakfast pastry, and Post created the Pop-Tart in response. Though he is often credited as the inventor of Pop-Tarts, Post preferred to say that it was a joint effort. "To be accurate, however, Bill would say 'I assembled an amazing

team that developed Kellogg's concept of a shelf-stable toaster pastry into a fine product that we could bring to market in the span of just four months," his obituary says.

Pop-Tarts debuted in 1964, offering four flavors: brown sugar cinnamon, strawberry, blueberry, and apple-currant. It was sold only in Cleveland, Ohio for a year before going nationwide in 1965. The product became wildly popular, and the decision to add icing came in 1967. This was one of the final steps in the basic Pop-Tart evolution, creating an extremely popular snack in America. 60 years later, the Pop-Tart remains a household favorite. In 2022, 3 billion boxes of Pop-Tarts were sold.

Post worked closely with Kellogg's for the rest of his career, moving to Illinois in 1967 and working at the Keebler corporations. He made his way to the top, retiring as a senior vice president when he was 56 years old. For twenty years after his retirement, Post served as a consultant for Kellogg's, per their request.

Post enjoyed his retirement stage at a senior living community just a few minutes outside of the Kellanova (buyer of



Kellogg's) plant that he worked in for many years of his life. He was preceded in death by his wife and self-proclaimed best friend in 2020, with whom he spent 72 years. Also preceding him in death are his siblings, their spouses, and their parents. He is survived by his children and grandchildren, who he described as the lights of his life. Post loved his family, his work, and God for the entirety of his life, and is often described as one of the humblest people to have lived.

Kellogg's has since released a statement, saying that they are "deeply saddened" by the news of Post's death and thanked him for his many years of service to bettering the Pop-Tart brand.



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