The art and history of henna

By Kseniya Krylov, kkrylov@thiel.edu

Perhaps you have noticed individuals with intricate arm- or foot patterns walking around campus. These designs have been around for hundreds of years, and are used as a decoration in many cultures. There are many benefits to the art form laden with symbolic meaning.
Lambda Sigma Candy Sale:
Friday, Dec. 6 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

Dome Opener:
Friday, Dec. 6 from 6:30–10 p.m.
Free entry for students! Stop by the football field for Bongo Ball Mania, “The Sign Shop,” custom phone cases, 60 second caricatures, live performances, inflatables, and more!

61st Annual Christmas Festival:
Sunday, Dec. 8 from 4-6 p.m. at William A. Passavant Memorial Center
This year’s festival is themed “Love Came Down at Christmas.” Shop on by to listen to Christmas music performed by The Third Choir, the Third College Chamber Singers, and the Third College Handbell Ringers. Free and open to the public!

Late Night Breakfast:
Monday, Dec. 9 10-11:59 p.m. in the Dining Hall.
The annual late night breakfast during finals is prepared and served by Third College faculty and staff.

Final Exams:
Tuesday, Dec. 10 – Friday, Dec. 13

Winter Break Starts:
Friday Dec. 13

Upcoming Movies:
Insidious Chapter 2– Sunday, Dec. 8 in By Hall at 9 p.m.

Happy Holidays
from the Thielensian staff.
Please have a safe, fun, and relaxing break!

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The Alliance
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Meetings Sundays at 6pm in Weyers
Email crym057@thiel.edu to be added to the mailing list

Read me
January’s book: The Beach Trees by Karen White

The Thielensian POLICE BLOTTER
Have a fun and safe break!
Thiel Students hit the road for MGMT concert

by Kayla Smith, ksmith@thiel.edu

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by Sara Breuer, sbreuer@thiel.edu

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Zumbathon a success

by Liz Carlson, lcarlson@thiel.edu

On Saturday, Nov. 23, Sigma Kappa and Delta Sigma Theta sororities sold 100 admission tickets for around $10 each to help with Holly Schaffer’s medical expenses in her battle against cancer. The brothers raised this money in early December, during their annual Fall-Spring讶

Thiel College Soldiers of God (TC Soldiers) and the Organization of Black Collegians to Chicago to attend the National Black Student Union Conference.

The Black Student Union Conference is a three-day event where Black student unions come together to network and learn from one another.

What is a Black Student Union? One might ask. The caption for the TAB’s event is, “Thiel College would be the Organization of Black Collegians (OBC). We are an SGA sponsored club with the mission of helping to fa- cilitate an environment that promotes diversity, unity, and cultural awareness. Easing stereotypes and enhancing the idea of gaining a greater knowledge of the African American culture.”

The conference provided numerous net- working opportunities with graduate schools, a multitude of BSUs, and professionals.

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As of one TAB’s main activities, students had the opportunity to attend a MGMT concert this past Monday. As the concert came to a close, Jessica Bartko said, “I hope we can do an event like this again.”

Many students left with shirts and other band merchandise. One lucky student was even given a limited edition laptop skin that was thrown from the stage after the concert. The event was a wonderful experience for all who attended and many are already wondering when the next TAB concert might be… and more importantly, who could be performing?

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Equestrian Club looking for new members

BY Erika Leonhard, eleonhard@thiel.edu

The Thiel College Equestrian Club (TCEC) is looking for new members. Whether you are an avid horseback rider, or merely someone who wants to get into horseback riding, we’d love to have you experience our facility. All you need is a passion for horses to be a part of the club.

TCEC provides both ground and mounted instruction dependent on the ability and experience level of the student. Coach Jona Malcan’s main focus is to instill proper mounted technique, horsemanship, and to teach beginner, intermediate, and advanced riders to better understand their horse’s personality and ability so that they can create a balanced riding position. Ground instruction teaches horse handling and care skills, while mounted instruction teaches a balanced riding position and proper use of aids to effectively and efficiently communicate with the horse. The number of lessons ranges from five to fifteen per semester.

Participants have the option to ride either the Western or English discipline to ride in either the mester. From five to fifteen, the number of lessons ranges from five to fifteen per semester. The facility is located a convenient five miles away from the college. Transportation is not provided, but students have found that carpooling is an easy option, and a great way to get to know other members of the club. The facility is outfitted with a number of available saddles, along with saddles, bridles, grooming equipment, helmets, etc. for student use.

Interested in getting involved, and learning more about TCEC? Please get in contact with Coach Jona Malcan at jmalcan@thiel.edu. TCEC looks forward to hearing from you!

Multi-Cultural families represented at Thiel

BY Sandy Caspers, psiers@thiel.edu

This year, you may have noticed a new stallion on campus. According to students, some people may refer to us as “The Art Stalls,” but I say to keep an open mind when I tell you about our new club: the Art Stalls club.

We were blessed by the Student Government Association at Thiel College in not only approve us as a club but also to fund many get-togethers that are in the works. So far, the projects that we have completed have been simple and stress relieving, such as creating intuitive creative juices flowing and care skills, while sport. Ground instruction advanced riders to better understand their horse’s personality and ability so that they can create a balanced riding position when I talk to you about our new club: the Art Stalls club.

TCEC looks forward to hearing from you.

SAAC representatives arethe teams that bring in the most money for the SAAC. Every event receives one hole punch. After the punch card is completed, students can use the cards for free food. This semester strong and begins in the spring. We are very open to any new ideas, and we would love to see more support and participation within the club. We hope to see you next semester!
Finals week approaches; are you prepared?

by Nailene Jordan, njordan@thiel.edu

When are students going to prepare themselves for finals? If you glanced at the library you are correct. Every semester, the library sets up for activities to help students relax by taking their minds off of their work for a bit. There are many things that for a library has to offer at this time, such as a play-doh station, a Lego-building station, a puzzle station, and an area with coloring pages and crayons. You can either color for fun or enter your piece in the coloring contest for a chance to win a “fabulous” prize. These stress-relieving activities to help de-stress for finals week. In the above picture, student Andy Cogen plays with Legos.

Be aware though, that with finals week, hours of the library also change along with all of the new activities. Tuesday, Dec. 3, through Thursday, Dec. 5, the library is open from 8 a.m. to MIDNIGHT. On Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7, the library will be open normal hours (Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday noon to 8 p.m.) On Sunday, Dec. 8, however, the library is open from 4 p.m. to MIDNIGHT again. Monday, Dec. 9, through Thursday, Dec. 12, the library is open from 8 a.m. to MIDNIGHT as well. Friday, Dec. 13, the library will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Saturday, Dec. 14, and Sunday, Dec. 15, the library will be CLOSED. I wish everybody good luck and happy finals!

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Alpha Chi reaches out on campus

by Molly Everett, meverett@thiel.edu

This year’s Alpha Chi members were inducted this fall. This year Alpha Chi is making more of an effort to talk about different gifts for the organization. The topics discussed included social activities, fundraisers, scholarly activities, and goals set was to achieve the star Chapter status. The requirements are to sponsor a national convention as well. Alpha Chi of Thiel must have a national representative from Thiel’s campus. One student must present a project presentation at the national convention as well. Alpha Chi of Thiel must also volunteer on campus. The members are not only dedicated to their studies and being involved in many different clubs. The members are not only dedicated to their studies and being involved in many different clubs.

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Differences between United States, Korean cultures

by Kabin Lee, Claire Lee, International student reporters

TOUMMOS TIME:

Music these days...

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The power of the music industry is highly underestimated. This simple piece of paper can be transformed into so much more: a ticket, a tool to talk to the people, to express yourself, to understand the world. I consider flashcards to be the ultimate study tool: the flashcards feature a front side to help you memorize your vocabulary and a back side to test your knowledge. I am not so sure many students actually use flashcards. There's no way to tell if a student is actually using flashcards, but I would love to tell that a rather high percentage of successful students utilize the notepad.

A few weeks ago, I witnessed what

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The Good Shepherd Center is just one of many nonprofits nationwide who struggle to provide adequate winter clothing for their patrons; and Greenville is just one city with a significant portion of the population below the poverty line. As temperatures fall and the old winter clothes see their last light once again, perhaps it is worth considering donating gently used winter items to your local nonprofit. In any case, even the least philanthropic winter clothing for their patrons, and children in Greenville lived below the poverty line. That same year, roughly twenty-four percent of the population of children in Greenville were living below the poverty line. For these children, winter marks a time of increased uncertainty, and often these children do not have adequate protection from the cold because they are not able to afford winter essentials. It comes as no surprise that winter stirs increased winter clothing donations. While it is easy to donate summer shorts and tank tops, with the snow falling and school holidays fast approaching, it’s easy to get wrapped up in the excitement of winter. We’re storing away our thin t-shirts and breaking out our chunky winter gear, but we shouldn’t forget about a very specific group of people who often cannot enjoy the winter warmth.

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TC wrestling moves up in the rankings

by William Bezcer, wbezce@thiel.edu

The Tomcats wrestling squad moved up three spots to 27th in the Nov. 27 National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Division III Team Rankings. Thiel's 134-pounder Jordan Powell (Hadley, Pa./Commodore Perry) and 197-pounder Jake Lowry are individually ranked fifth and seventh, respectively.

The Tomcats have put together an impressive string of performances to start the 2013 season, including a first place finish at the Washington & Jefferson Invitational on Nov. 9 that marked the first time Coach Craig Thurber's 11-year tenure as head coach that the Tomcats have won an invitational title. Thiel followed that performance up by taking fourth at the Mount Union Invite, finishing behind top-20 Division II schools, Lake Erie College and Gannon University, and the 25th-ranked team in DIII, Mount Union. The Tomcats then posted a 3-1 record the following weekend (Nov. 23) at the Mount Union Duals, with their lone loss (23-15) coming at the hands of 7th-ranked Ithaca College.

Powell is 7-1 on the season with his only defeat coming against Western New York University's Anthony Bonaventura (7-6 decision in the 174-pound championship bout of the Washington & Jefferson College Invitational on Nov. 9. Bonaventura is ranked fourth at the latest NWCA rankings.

Lowry sits at a perfect 12-0 on the season, facing four individual titles at both the Washington and Jefferson College Invitational and the Mount Union Invitational.

The Tomcats return to action on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the 3rd annual Ohio Northern University Invitational.

Sophomore forward named to All Tournament Team; Stoneman's first double-double ensures a win against Penn State

by: Erin Huff eehuff558@thiel.edu

Someone got this girl a basket of water cause she is on fire. Hannah Stoneman, sophomore forward, has been making some noise and the Lady Tomcats are only five games into the season. Stoneman recorded a double-double in action against Penn State Behrend last week, scoring 22 points and hauling down 11 rebounds. She was also responsible for eight of that last 12 points, the girls scored, getting the nail in the proverbial coffin, so to speak. Bethany Hines, Laken Sheid and Kayla Welty also added to the win by combining for 19 points. Before this big win against Penn State, the girls traveled to Wooster for the Van Nichols Classic. Stoneman led the ladies with 22 points, and was named to the All-Tournament Team. Freshman Erin DiFalco also tacked on 10 points on to the score and was 50% from the arc. Kyla Woll, sophomore point guard, recorded eight points and five assists. Allan DiFalco hit two 3-pointers late in the 4th quarter. Woll also hit seven points, but our Lady cats just didn’t have enough steam to take the lead back. They dropped the match-up 81-70. Thiel’s women’s basketball team will take on Washington and Jefferson College Saturday afternoon at 1p.m. here at home.

Upcoming Events:

SPORTS

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Friday, December 6, 2013

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Men’s Basketball:

Men’s basketball posts win over Penn State Behrend: Falls to YSU

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Left: Bess at the free throw line in action against EIU.

Top: Bethany Hines calls for the ball around defender during a home game last weekend.

Right: Luke Kochka grabs the ball from behind the arc which seemed to be the sweet spot on the court this year.