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Conference for SGA

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Students get ready to play chess during the SGA conference.

Photo Credit: Bri Tiedeman

In between exploring Germany, lobster-feasting in Maine, interning, and working, your Student Government executive board members spent a weekend in Orlando, FL this summer, preparing us for the 2014 – '15 school year.

SGA's 2012-2013 executive cohort discovered the American Student Government Association during their term and set the trend in motion, allowing this year and last year's boards to go to Orlando. Vice President David Waugaman, Treasurer Yosief Woldegabriel, President Kelsey Schneider, and Media Board Manager Brianna Tiedeman attended the conference from July 18 to 21.

"After the ASGA conference the E-board gained a lot from the trip - Not just as individuals, but as a cohesive group," Waugaman said. Coming in to the conference we knew of each other, but by the end we better knew each other and will be able to work together a lot better."

Board members agreed that the trip not only benefitted their professional rapport, but also enhanced their confidence in their upcoming roles within the Student Government. Secretary Jenna Farina was not able to attend the conference.

Through over 20 different relative workshops and opening seminars, ASGA official speakers preached advice and guidance in direct-correlation to leadership in general, as well as specific executive roles.

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Thiel Adopts New Core Curriculum

by Kristina Cotton, kcotton@thiel.edu

At Thiel this semester, a new core curriculum is being exercised. There is a shift from classes that study the western humanities to seminar-style classes with varying class subjects, from Stephen King to Myths Exposed.

"The [Seminar] structure gives more freedom to individual instructors, which is great in some ways, my concern is that it may not result in even coverage, in many topics- not just literature, that students maybe

would have gotten in the history of western humanities" Professor Brenda DelMaramo, of the English department, said.

She pointed out that in the old core classes that revolved around the history of western humanities, there was a unifying factor: the syllabus and textbooks used by instructors, especially when teaching the literature, with the new core this has been lost.

When asked whether or not the new curriculum will

be more beneficial for students, than the old one, DelMaramo said "it's hard to predict." She mentioned that there are many variables that involve the student's attitude and level of motivation.

But DelMaramo concluded that education, in any case, can have tremendous offerings for students, it is all about what the student chooses to take from each course, be it a well taught class or one that a student must put that extra effort

forth to find worth in it.

When asked to explain and comment on the new core curriculum, Allen Morrill, director of the Langenheim Library, emphasized that the courses in this new curriculum will help students develop necessary communication skills for the workforce.

"Your generation will be presenting their information not by writing a paper and handing it in to the boss, you're going to be using other means to get that in-

formation out there...with presentation intensive courses, you will be picking up skills along the way," Morrill observed.

He is very excited for the research and preparation that these new courses will entail. For the library itself, Morrill predicts that there will be a spike in the number of visitors they will have.

"We're going to be in a position where students are going to have to come to us to get prepared to go to class," Morrill said.

Countries Face New Ebola Outbreak



Health workers prepare to help anyone affected with the virus in Sierra Leone, which recently saw the death of a fourth doctor.

Photo credit: The Guardian

by Sara Toombs, stoombs@thiel.edu

You may have seen the word "Ebola" while scrolling through Facebook updates, or heard about an "outbreak" recently, but how much do you really know about the recent Ebola outbreak in West Africa? To get a starting point, the Thielensian asked a few students about their knowledge of the event. Some of the responses include:

"I know that there have been quite a few cases near the equator in South America and Africa. They brought a few cases to the US to try and locate a cure but it's still spearing from what I last knew," junior Ashley

Reynolds said.

"It was explained to me as an extremely aggressive strain of AIDS," an anonymous student said.

"I know that two Americans were in Africa and that's where it's centered. And those Americans are back in America now. I think that Africans have since destroyed the Ebola centers for some reason," senior Brittany Patten said.

"Basically, it's a deadly virus that's ravaging Africa and that people can't contain yet," senior Sean Oros said.

"I think it has to do with food," senior Joe Disch said.

It's clear that not everyone is exactly sure what has been occurring pertaining to the outbreak. The disease itself is formally known as Ebola virus disease, or EVD. The disease was first seen in two outbreaks in 1976, one in Sudan and the other in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The outbreak in the Congo occurred near the Ebola river, giving the disease its name.

The disease is contracted originally in animals, and then passed to humans who have close contact with the infected species.

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6.0 Earthquake Thrashes California

by Liz Carlson,
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At approximately 3:30 in the morning on Sunday, Aug. 24, residents of the Napa Valley in northern California were woken and caught off guard as the ground beneath them trembled and shook. The earthquake was recorded at a 6.0 magnitude, making it the strongest earthquake to strike the area since 1989. The quake injured nearly 200 people, and caused considerable damage across the valley, including fires caused by broken gas lines. As history shows, earthquakes such as this one are not unfamiliar to residents of that area of the country.

The tragedy does not end with this quake either. As with many large-scale earthquakes, less intense aftershock trembles are predicted to continue for several more weeks. As the injured continue to heal and recover from what was mostly reported as very minor injuries, the other residents of northern California must remain alert and prepared in the incident that another quake would strike.

Due to the severity and danger of the situation, the Napa City area declared a local emergency early Sunday morning in hopes that they will get more help from the State of California to clean up and recover. The majority of the damage that occurred affected utilities such as gas and electric, leaving several thousands of people in the dark. The quake also left around 100 families homeless, completely destroying their homes to the point that they were declared inhabitable. On the positive side, all bridges are reported to have held up against the force of the quake and main water sources were uncontaminated. Officials are continuing to access the damages and respond accordingly.

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Technology Updates a Double-Edged Sword

by Katie Allgeier, kallgeier@thiel.edu

As students return to their dorms, classrooms, and lunch tables this fall, they will inevitably notice the technological updates that have been put in place over the summer. The most obvious of these is the presence of wireless Internet in residence halls, a feature that most students have received with open arms.

In an interview, chief information officer Kurt Ashley noted that the Wi-Fi was just the first phase of the technology updates.

"We completed three large projects this summer... The first was the addition of Wi-Fi in residence halls, with theme houses and fraternities receiving upgrades later this semester. The second project was the Thiel Hub, our new campus portal that provides single sign-on access to technology resources on any device anywhere. The Thiel

Hub also provides an easy way to reset your network password. Finally, we quintupled Internet bandwidth by replacing our existing two 100 Mbps connections with two 500 Mbps connections. This allows for faster downloads and streaming. This also required us to replace our Internet firewall and router, and change our public IP addresses, so this project was quite complex."

While it is certain that the updates help the majority of students, the updates have not been without flaws.

Connectivity has been an even greater issue this year with the introduction of the new wireless network. "Nothing connects," remarked Andrew Thomas, junior. "The computers (fail) all the time." Thomas also remarked that the new network inhibits connection to on-campus printers for many students.

Perhaps the biggest concern for many students is the lack of Wi-Fi in theme houses and throughout apartment complexes. "I feel as though Wi-Fi should be available in every place on campus and not just a select few," Tyler Beebee, junior, remarked. "Some of the townhouses don't (have Wi-Fi); my RD doesn't have Wi-Fi. It's not just a Greek thing; it's affecting more people than people realize."

Ashley addressed this, noting that while a great deal of feedback has been positive, Information Technology has received quite a bit of negative feedback regarding Wi-Fi in theme houses.

"Unfortunately, we didn't have enough time over the summer to add wireless to all student residences," Ashley said. "Based on this feedback, we've accelerated our time table and will add wireless to these spaces later this semester."

Ashley encourages any students having technology issues to contact the Solution Center at extension 4000 or SolutionCenter@thiel.edu for support.



One of the many routers currently providing Wi-Fi around campus.

Photo credit: Keeley Criswell

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Thiel Happenings

compiled by Liz Carlson

Saturday, Sept. 20: Fries and Lies:

Come test your abilities at a brand new TAB game show, and enjoy some fries while you are at it. Bistro at 10 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 22: Noble Hour:

Student volunteer hour tracking presentation. LHR at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 24: SGA Blood Drive:

Donate blood during the first school blood drive of the year. MPR, Gym, 12-5:30 p.m.

Anti-Hazing Presentation:

Stop on by to learn about the ins and outs of hazing and how to respond to it. Passavant at 9:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 26: Bongo Ball Mania:

By popular request, large inflatable hamster balls are here. Upper quad, time still TBD.

Wednesday, Oct. 1:

TAB Game Show: Minute to Win It:

Based on the popular television game show, this TAB favorite is back again. Bring your friends and put time to the test. LHR at 9 p.m.

Thiel College POLICE BLOTTER

22 Aug., 22:10

Students were found smoking marijuana on the 3rd floor of Sawhill Hall.

29 Aug., 1:30

Student was found intoxicated.

06 Sept., 7:30

A table set up to play beer pong was found set up in an apartment. Also, underage students were found drinking.

12 Sept., 22:45

Officers witnessed a student jump on the hood of another student's car.

13 Sept.

Four students got into a verbal confrontation during lunch.

14 Sept.

Underage student found drunk behind Frat #2.



Wanna see a movie?

BLY HALL PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS...

compiled by Liz Carlson

Neighbors:

Friday, Sept. 19 and Sunday, Sept. 21 8-10 p.m.:

Imagine yourself 10 years from now, settling into your first home in a small neighborhood with your newborn child and your spouse. Now imagine that a fraternity full of crazy party animals moves in next door. That is the basic plot line of this comedy starring teen heart throb Zac Efron, Seth Rogen, and Dave Franco. The members of the frat are very welcoming of the family next door at first, but after an incident involving the police, things take a turn for the worst as a near war breaks out between the two households. If you enjoy comedies full of crazy pranks and drama, this is one that you will not want to miss.

22 Jump Street:

Friday, Sept. 26 and Sunday, Sept. 28 8-10 p.m.

If you saw the original 21 Jump Street, don't miss out on this opportunity to experience the adventures of Schmidt (Jonah Hill) and Jenko (Channing Tatum). This time around, instead of going undercover in a high school, the duo disguises themselves as college students. Big changes are in store for them though, as their partnership is put to the test and they face what could potentially be the biggest drug bust of their careers.

Blood Drive
Thiel College
Gym - Multipurpose Room
75 College Avenue
Greenville
Wednesday, September 24
12:00 PM to 5:30 PM
To schedule an appointment:
Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: Thiel

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5K RUN~FUNWALK

Saturday, October 4, 2014

Glen Johnson Center, Thiel College

Start time: 8:00 a.m.

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

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

Registration fee by September 26th: \$15
Registration fee after September 26th: \$20

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

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



Ê Ó Presents Seesaw-A-Thon

Who: Ê Ó

What: Seesaw-A-Thon

When: October 2nd-5th

Where: In front of the HMSC

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

How: Donation portal at SeeSawAThon.com

Want to advertise your club or event? Submit an ad or article!!!

Articles must be between 350 and 650 words.

Publication is free for Thiel clubs and activities.

Submission Date	Publication Date
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Thurs, Oct. 23	Fri, Oct. 31
Thurs, Nov. 06	Fri, Nov. 14
Thurs, Nov. 20	Fri, Dec. 5

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

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Freshman Move-In 2014

by Kristina Cotton, kcotton@thiel.edu

Imagine having all your stuff toted from the back of your car into your new home, allowing you to cross one more thing off that long list entitled “Move-in-day.”

Freshman move-in day



On move-in day, Greeks joyfully joined forces to help new students move in, even in spite of the rain.
Credit: Thiel College Media

this year was met with many helping hands and smiling faces, despite all the heavy lifting. The on-campus fraternities and sororities were gracious enough to spend their Friday morning

and early afternoon’s lugging box after box until every freshman was moved into their respective room, in either Hodge, Sawhill or Flo West. This is becoming an annual occurrence, being that this is the not the first year.

“Even though it started pouring, it was a fun time. It was nice to see everyone come together. The families were very appreciative,” Senior Lynsay Girts said. Girts definitely supports this cause, because she believes that it opens the doors of communication between the upperclassmen and underclassmen. “They were asking questions about clubs and stuff,” Girts informed with excitement.

Although Girts is no longer an active Sorority member, and did not truly need to be there, it is refreshing to see someone put forth

their time and effort simply to make a nervous freshman feel more welcomed. This statement holds true for all the volunteers from that day.

Freshman Mandy Slupek informed that she was not nervous coming to Thiel because the environment on campus is very welcoming and pleasant, and the people are cordial and friendly. With a smile on her face Slupek said that she enjoyed watching people carry her stuff up to her room so she wouldn’t have to and she also observed that everyone helping was in a great mood, which was amazing to witness.

Between the ecstatic upper-classmen assisting the move-in and the bustling Howard Miller Student Center, where an incoming freshman could sign up



Move-in weekend left new students excited for their lives as college students.

Photo: Maryanne Elder

for an online banking account while biting down on a ballpark hotdog, Thiel campus on Freshman move-in-day is not only fun-

packed, but also a showcase of the unity that exists and the kind heartedness of students that may otherwise go unnoticed.

Conference for SGA

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“The most beneficial workshop I attended was How to Chair a Meeting with Confidence led by Susan Leahy. Prior to this workshop, I had a bit of anxiety over chairing my first SGA meeting as president,” Schneider said. “But this session focused on what skills one needs to run a great meeting with confidence and it taught me just that.”

On their down time in the sunshine state, Waugaman, Woldegabriel, and Schneider travelled with step-in advisor Than Oo to Universal Studios. Tiedeman spent the day at Cocoa Beach with Thiel alumnae Melissa Beltran, who is a Florida native.

According to the board, they are excited to begin the year and bring forward their potential. Application to the government as a whole will be vital, but your involvement as a student body is also encouraged.

“For those students that want to get involved with SGA at Thiel College it is simple. All you have to do is show up to one of our general meetings and see what it is all about,” Waugaman said. “If we do not have a club or organization you may be interested in it is not hard for you and group to start one that best fits your inter-

ests.”

“The best way our executive board can show our representatives that we want them to be there, is to want to be there ourselves,” Schneider said. “I can’t wait to lead the first SGA meeting on September 2nd with confidence alongside my executive board.”

Welcome back, Thiel. The first SGA meeting of the semester will take place at 9:30 P.M. in the LHR on Tuesday, September 2.

“The best tips that were given to me were how to handle people who are upset about the budget and how I, as the treasurer, should go about handling them,” Woldegabriel explained. “The conference really helped me get ready for the semester and the different situations I will be facing.”

According to keynote speaker Dave Kelly, America’s Student Leadership Trainer, the key to a distinctive SGA is confident and servant leadership. This concept that many develop in their college years develops through “determining your commitment, maintaining positivity, and affirming your accomplishments frequently.” The entirety of the conference revolved around these three themes.

6.0 Earthquake Thrashes California

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Pennsylvania experiences very limited amounts of seismic activity.

“I hope that I never have to experience an earthquake in my lifetime,” responded sophomore Victoria Hermann when asked how she would react if the ground started shaking right here in Greenville. “Growing up in Pennsylvania, I would probably have no idea how to even respond if something like that happened. It just isn’t something that I ever anticipate happening around here.”

“My first instinct would be just to duck and hope I come out alive,” Tatyana Godfrey, also a sophomore, responded. “I can’t imagine living in areas like California and living in fear not knowing when the next earthquake will strike.” When asked the same question.

It is not likely that Thiel will experience an earthquake anytime soon, especially of a magnitude like the one that recently struck the Napa Valley. But it is reality that they can and do occur nearly anywhere at any time, without any warning at all. They are just one of many natural disasters faced by humanity.



Wineries in the Napa Valley sustained damage from the earthquake.
Credit: LA Times

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White Water Rafting Trip

by Doei Kim

On Monday, Sept. 1, a group of Thiel students went whitewater rafting. On the day of the trip, students gathered in front of Passavant Center to take a bus. It took almost two and a half hours to arrive at the rafting site, the Yough (pronounced “Yok”) in Ohio. The students were divided into two groups: the first bus left campus at 6 a.m. and returned by 8 p.m. The second bus left campus at 8 a.m. and returned by 10 p.m. And each trip started on the water at 10 a.m. and noon, respectively.

After arriving at the rafting sites, students ate a light lunch. Then, they were able to borrow safety equipment such as helmets and life jackets. Students did not need to bring any special equipment of their own. After a short explanation about the security, finally, they could get onto the water.

Students were divided into groups of 4-6 people on each boat. Because all of the people in the raft have the same goal – to not fall in the water – this activity required cooperation and the spirits of team work. If everyone’s paddle didn’t move at the same time, the boats could not move forward. Also, without cooperation, it was



Students battle the waves and whitecaps on their whitewater rafting trip in early September.

hard to go in the right direction.

The white wave made by the border of rocks and water current was rough but beautiful. Some students came out of the boat and landed in the water because of the strong waves. However, everyone was safe. The safety guards who rode in

the small boats always picked them out right away. It was rainy and the weather of the day was not that good, however, students enjoyed the trip.

“It was an adventurous trip that was very exciting, filled with lots of fun and laughter,” said sophomore Thad Paunovich.

“It was a novel experience. Though I went rafting in my country, I cannot make a comparison. The rafting in U.S is much more challenging,” said Sungkyung Ko, a freshman and an international student.

Photos can be seen on the www.facebook.com/thielactivities page.

Abroad!

by Keeley Criswell, kcriswell@thiel.edu

There are over 175 countries in the world; and, throughout their lifetimes, most Americans will only visit one – the United States. According to the U.S. Department of State, only about 35% of Americans have a valid U.S. passport. However, a passport (or passport card, depending on the country) is vital to travel outside the United States.

“A passport is a vital piece of equipment for an educated mind,” said Dr. Morgan, the Thiel’s study-abroad coordinator. “It signifies freedom to cross boundaries. It shows a willingness to embrace what is not the same, not the self, not quotidian. It is a mark of a person who is at least willing to believe they can venture to trust the fellowship of humanity, rather than the safety of the familiar.... As Mark Twain wrote once, ‘Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness, and many of us need it solely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one corner of the earth all one’s lifetime.’ (Innocents Abroad)”

During the past few years, there have been a number of faculty-lead trips to Europe and Nicaragua. Most of these trips, which last about 9-13 days each, afford students the opportunity to acquire a sampling of the country they visit. “My experience with travel through Thiel has been phenomenal.... All [of my trips] were excellent opportunities to explore the world and learn more about humanity as a whole and myself as a person,” said Sean Oros. Oros has embarked on man of the faculty-lead trips over the past three years including Italy in 2013, Nicaragua in 2014, and Greece in 2014. He also went on an in-country faculty-lead trip to New England in 2013.

“The benefit to trips [of a shorter length] is that you’re not actually away long



A street in Hannover, Germany.
Credit: Keeley Criswell

enough to encounter real culture-shock; everything stays very bright and new while you’re there. In addition, longer trips mean more money, as you have to pay for housing, food, etc., making shorter trips more feasible for students overall,” said Oros.

“A 9 - 13 day tour [like the current faculty-lead trips at Thiel] is good because it introduces a student to international travel. This will promote in the end, longer, more immersive experiences,” said Morgan.

While these truncated trips certainly have their benefits, they also have drawbacks. Since you spend a small amount of time on the trip, you are greatly limited in the amount that you are able to see and do. Perhaps more importantly, though, is that you have less time to experience the culture.

“When you are in a different

place... for that long, you not only appreciate and understand it better but you begin to assimilate,” said Kristopher Karr. Karr lived and studied in France during the Fall 2013 semester. “When I left France I felt I was a part of the country.... When you only get those few weeks to a month you barely leave the status of tourist and never feel at home...., but by the end of my time, I had made acquaintances with local shop owners, was a regular in most places and felt as though I was home. Something important to note, though, is that I did not experience the above until the last month to three weeks of my trip, so I would suggest an even longer stay if possible for those looking for the whole deal.” Students also have the opportunity to study or intern abroad during the summer through programs that last from about 4-8 weeks.

upcoming faculty-lead trips:
Nicaragua (May 2015), contact: Dr. Buck
London and Paris (May 2015), contact: Dr. Morgan
South Africa (May 2016), contact: Dr. Pale

summer or semester-long study abroad partners:
ISA – www.studiesabroad.com
AIFS – www.aifsabroad.com
CIS – www.cisabroad.com



Students pose for a picture in Greece.
Photo credit: Thiel College Study Abroad

Countries Face New Ebola Outbreak

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Between humans, the disease is passed through direct contact with body fluids or indirect contact through environments containing bodily fluids (such as contaminated water sources). Ebola symptoms include fever, sore throat, muscle pain, vomiting, skin rash, and damage to the liver and kidneys. In most cases, internal and external bleeding occurs. Death typically occurs within 16 days. (WHO)

The current epidemic, occurring over several countries in West Africa, has been declared the worst Ebola outbreak in history. It is said to have originated in Sierra Leone, and has since hit four counties, infected approx-

imately 3,000, and caused 1,500 fatalities. Yet, the disease did not seem to gain national recognition in the United States until Ebola came to the states by way of infected missionaries.

Nancy Writebol, 59, contracted the disease while working with a team at an Ebola treatment center in Liberia. She was treated in-country until she could be evacuated to the US. Writebol, her husband David Writebol, and American doctor Kent Brantly were all infected and quarantined in the US. Through a mix of experimental drugs and intensive life support, the infected US citizens were able to fight and recover from

the disease. As of now, the disease still has no known cure. However, if the patient can be provided supportive care, the body can be kept stable enough to run the course of the virus. All missionaries involved and returning from the area were also subjected to 21-day quarantine. (NY-Times)

The most recent update in the American victims’ case is a touching conclusion for the original three patients. Physician Richard Sacra, who contracted Ebola while working in a West African hospital, received a life-saving blood transfusion from doctor Brantly, one of the original American survivors.

Korean Thanksgiving

by Sungkyung Ko, sko@thiel.edu

On September 10, a small party was held for international exchange students from South Korea in Florence West Hall. On the grounds in front of Sawhill Hall, balloons were sent carrying the hopes of their own wishes into the air and folk games, such as Ganggangsullae, were played. The Korean circle dance was also performed. Those are the things that Koreans traditionally do on that day.

“It is an unforgettable experience at Thiel. I was very impressed by their effort and won’t forget the day after I go back to Korea” Shin Eujin said, smiling.

The party is called Thanksgiving Day in United States, but it is called Chuseok in South Korea. In South Korea, on that day, family members from near and far come together to share food and stories to give thanks to their ancestors for an abundant harvest. Koreans eat food such as Songpyeon and Jabchae and drink traditional liquors to celebrate their “Thanksgiving.”

Other than South Korea, a lot of countries have special festivals or days. Above all, Thanksgiving Day is one of the biggest and the most important holidays in many countries. But that day is called many thing and celebrated differently in each

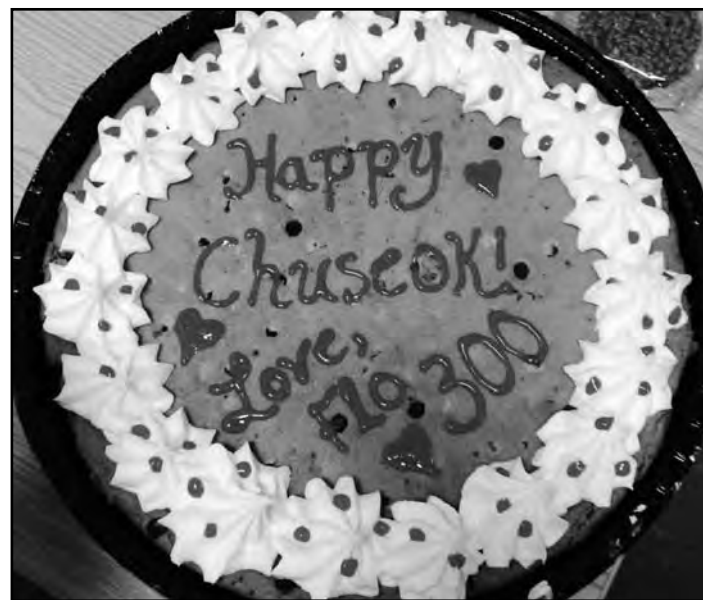
country.

In China, the day is called Mid-autumn festival. The festival is held on the 15th day of the eighth month in the Chinese Han calendar. The festival celebrates three fundamental concepts which are closely tied to one another. The concepts are gathering, thanksgiving, and praying for what they hope.

On that day, “We eat mooncake and watch the moon, and family gets together on that day,” Shi Yi said. This is because a round shape symbolizes completeness and unity in Chinese culture.

Thanksgiving Day in the United States is a holiday on the fourth Thursday of November and traditionally a day for families and friends to get together for a special meal. The meal often includes a turkey, stuffing, potatoes and so on.

Although many countries celebrate Thanksgiving, the way in which people celebrate differs. But, the general meaning is the same – Thanksgiving Day is a time for many people to give thanks for what they have, and gather with friends and family.



Residents of Florence West Hall celebrated Chuseok, the Korean Thanksgiving.

Beloit Mindset List

by Keeley Criswell, kcriswell@thiel.edu

At the start of every school year, Ron Nief and Tom McBride, two professors emeriti from Beloit college, devise a list. The list highlights the worldview of each year’s college freshman. Although the list is humorous in nature, it serves an important purpose. The world is changing rapidly, and every year’s college Freshman has had a different experience of life. Not only do the overall worldviews of incoming classes change from year-to-year, there is a huge difference from the time when professors were children. The list began as a reminder to professors to be cautious of dated references; but it’s become a phenomenon, a commentary on the rapid changes of the modern world.

This year’s list has 55 points, some of which can be seen below:

–“Students heading into their first year of college this year were generally born in 1996.

–Among those who have never been alive in their lifetime are Tupac Shakur, Jon Benet Ramsey, Carl Sagan, and Tiny Tim....

–During their initial weeks of kindergarten, they were upset by endlessly repeated images of planes blasting into the World Trade Center.

–When they see wire-rimmed glasses, they think Harry Potter, not John Lennon.

–“Press pound” on the phone

is now translated as “hit hashtag.”

–Hong Kong has always been part of China.

–Hello Dolly...cloning has always been a fact, not science fiction.

–Bill Gates has always been the richest man in the U.S.

–Everybody has always Loved Raymond.

–Their collection of U.S. quarters has always celebrated the individual states.

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Photography: The Art of the Selfie

by Maryanne Elder, melder@thiel.edu

The selfie. What is a selfie? It is one of the biggest trends in social media. Celebrities, politicians, mothers, fathers, and friends have joined in this world wide culture phenomenon. It is introducing a whole new twist on traditional photography. So the question remains “What does your selfie look like?”

In a day, millions of selfies are uploaded to every type of social media. Selfies show arms held straight outward, some are mirrored, and some can even be close-up. The question still remains “How does one take a great selfie?” Has our culture defined what is a great selfie versus a failed selfie?

First off, this is a picture you want to look good. You need to begin to think “Am I camera ready?” Work the angles of your selfie. There are numerous selfie moments lost because one doesn’t know their angles. Learn the difference between a side shot, mirrored angle, and the above downward angle.

Think back to kindergarten and remember to smile. If you’re not in it for the likes or the favorites you should stop there. A smile can give your picture the spark it needs to be great. If you’re feeling a bit stubborn, look away from the camera. Looking away from the camera can add a different tone to your selfie. Your friends and family will wonder what you are doing. Avoid the “duck face.” Leave it to Donald Duck.

Filters are our friends, not a tool to be abused. Instagram is great with filters. In a survey by Optimum, it was found that 44% of people who taken selfies have altered their appearance in some way. Learn to properly edit in your photos and most of all be aware of your surroundings. Selfie photographers have a hard time trying to find the best light that works for that specific photo. Flash will overexpose the photos, which is not a good idea. Try to avoid the over-use of a hashtag. Hash tag-



Maryanne Elder demonstrates the art of the selfie.

ging originally had the purpose of directing traffic to your social media account. Less can be more in the case of a selfie.

Our generation has become a “Selfie Nation.” Next time you try to take a selfie to be camera ready. A picture says a thousand words; what do you want yours to say?

Meet The New Faces of Thiel Faculty

by Amanda Zimmerman, AZimmerman@thiel.edu

On a campus as small as Thiel, rumors are likely to spread rapidly. That has definitely been the case lately with the new professors that have been added to Thiel's faculty this year. Campus has been buzzing with all kinds of questions regarding them. Where did they come from? What did they do before they came here? What should we know about them? We have the scoop. This edition we are featuring Professor Watts and Professor Petricini.

Professor Peg Watts was a former Preschool and Elementary school teacher, until 2004 when she began to have extreme issues with her eyesight. Due to this circumstance, Professor Watts decided to make a change in her life. She went back to school at Clarion University, where she obtained a Bachelor's and Master's degree in the field of communication.

Professor Watts finds a passion in communication, especially radio. She was attracted to Thiel because of the opening that was available for a faculty member to be in charge of running the Thiel Radio station. Professor Watts is now the managing advisor of the Thiel Radio Station, as well as a part-time professor in the communications department. She feels as though everything is coming together like a "perfect storm" for her at Thiel. She is able to pursue her two passions, teaching and communication in the form of radio.

So far, Professors Watts's favorite part about Thiel is that she has the opportunity to meet so many people here. Thiel is unlike many schools that she has encountered, in that it is a small family community. She is excited that she is able to meet and befriend colleagues from across divisions.

Professor Tiffany Petricini is also starting out her career at Thiel in the Communications Department. Professor Petricini attended



Professor Watts poses outside her office with her guide dog, Reggie. Reggie comes from the Guide Dog Foundation in Smithtown, NY, and love his mum, Professor Watts. Photo Credit: Keeley Criswell

the schools Penn State Shenango as well as Youngstown University for her Bachelor's Degree in Communication Studies with an emphasis on Interpersonal Communication. Before coming to Thiel, Professor Petricini was working on her obtaining her Master's Degree in Communication at Edinboro University.

Professor Petricini was looking for adjunct positions when and opportunity at Thiel arose. There was an opening and she feels very fortunate to have found a position in a place that is close to where she lives. She is looking forward to being able to teach Intercultural Communication, due to the fact that this is her main area of interest.

Professor Petricini's favorite part of Thiel so far has been the student's that she has had the opportunity to work with. She is excited by the level of participation

and interest that has been shown in her classes. These characteristics have not only been leading to making class more interesting and exciting, but also teaching her much more due to the many different interactions that have been taking place.

Both Professors are bringing many new and exciting things to Thiel's campus. They are both excellent scholars who will help to not only teach, but inspire students. On top of being wonderful career women, both professors consider themselves to be very family oriented. Professor Petricini lives with her husband, her toddler son, and her two dogs and three cats. Professor Watts was excited to share about her two grandchildren, who are the light of her life. Be sure to stop by sometime and introduce yourself to these awesome new professors that Thiel has the pleasure of adding to the faculty.

Students Raise Awareness through NSSLHA

by Kelsey Smith, ksmith@thiel.edu

On Saturday, Sept. 13, NSSLHA (National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association) hosted a fundraiser to raise money for communication disorders. Students made baked goods to sell at the football game which ranged from Oreo truffles to Nutella hot chocolate. The seniors this year in NSSLHA are: President Kelsey Smith, Vice-President Molly Preston, Megan Bevevino, Alliana Hardgrove, Paige Raines, Kelsey Wise, Jenna Farina, Chey Ross, and Alex Hall.

NSSLHA is a small club on campus that is associated mostly with Communication Science and Disorder (CSD) majors and also psychology majors. However, everyone is welcomed to join!

Every year students in NSSLHA volunteer at St.

Paul's nursing home and put on fundraisers throughout the year. It is their mission to create awareness and to educate others whether it comes to speech and/or hearing. Every year they attend St. Paul's Snowflake Ball which consists of serving the residents appetizers and socializing with them.

Comments from NSSLHA state that it is such a heartwarming experience to spend time with the residents and hear the experiences they had our ages. They plan on doing more community service this year at St. Paul's. For example, they will be presenting games (such as bingo) to the residents. More comments from students of NSSLHA state that it is always an amusing experience to see how com-

petitive they are with one another and also to see how much fun they have. Last year they held a walk-a-thon for "Small Steps in Speech" which was to help children with speech and/or language disorders take the steps needed to be better communicators. Each of them got up bright and early to walk a few miles to show their support. They raised almost \$200 which they donated all to Small Steps in Speech.

They hope to raise more money for this cause in the spring. Even though they are a small club on campus their capabilities are endless! NSSLHA has a special place in each of their hearts that makes them proud to be part of such a great club offered on campus. Thank you to all who helped raise money for their bake sale!



Members of the National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association raised money for people with communication disorders Saturday night at the first home football game. Photo credit Marianne Elder

Supplemental Instruction Schedule

Calculus 1: Leader - June Longbrine
Sunday: 8-9 p.m.
Monday: 9-10 p.m. AC-4
Tuesday: 8-9 p.m.

Elementary Statistics: Leader - Julia Fink
Monday: 8-9 p.m.
Tuesday: 9-10 p.m. AC-34
Thursday: 9-10 p.m.

Data Structures: Leader - Daniel McFetridge
Monday: 9-10 p.m. AC-35
Tuesday: 7-8 p.m.
Thursday: 9-10 p.m.

Physics I(Non-Calc): Leader: Dominic Licata
Monday: 9-10:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 8-9:30 p.m. Pedas 120

Principles of Accounting I Leader - Hailey Beck
Sunday: 3-4 p.m.

Tuesday: 7-8 p.m. Pedas 120
Thursday: 9-10 p.m.

Intermediate Accounting II: Leader - Zarchary Macurak
Sunday: 8-9 p.m. AC-33
Tuesday: 7-8 p.m.
Thursday: 7-8 p.m.

Physics I(Calc): Leader - Keeley Criswell
Monday: 8-9 p.m.
Wednesday: 8-9 p.m. S-1
Thursday: 9-10 p.m.

WRITING LAB SCHEDULE - FALL 2014						
TIME	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESD	THURSD	FRIDAY
9:00-10:00						Jess B.
10:00-11:00		Katelyn D.	Loyal J.	Katelyn D.	Loyal J.	Jess B.
11:00-Noon		Katelyn D.	Loyal J. Molly P.	Katelyn D.	Loyal J.	Molly P. Katelyn D.
Noon-1:00			Molly P.	Lizzy W.		
1:00-2:00		Colin V.		Lizzy W. Molly P.		
2:00-3:00		Colin V. Loyal J.		Molly P. Loyal J.	Lizzy W.	Loyal J.
3:00-4:00		Jess B. Katie A.	Austin H. Katie A.	Katelyn D.	Lizzy W.	
4:00-5:00						
5:00-6:00				Austin H.	Austin H.	
6:00-7:00				Bess O.		
7:00-8:00	Colin V.	Bess O.	Katie A. Katie A.	Bess O.		
8:00-9:00	Colin V.	Bess O.			Jess B.	
9:00-10:00			Colin V.		Colin V.	

Toombs Time: The Angry Feminst Strikes Again

by Sara Toombs, stoombs@thiel.edu



I have been called a lot of things in my short time here at Thiel, but I'm pretty certain I managed to gain myself yet another title at the "Sex Signals" event last Thursday. The term "angry feminist" comes to mind. I know I've written about this topic before, but it's a new year and it seemed fitting. I guess if I'm willing to scold a room full of people,

I should be ready to write an explanation afterward.

So, for the record, I don't usually speak up during the audience participation section of basically anything. It's much more interesting on my end to just listen to everyone else and observe the chaos. I guess this night was different, because while everyone was discussing sexual harassment and assault, I couldn't help but raise my hand and point out that we were all committing another crime I have just seen way too much of lately.

So when I said, "We're all forgetting that men can be raped too," it came out a little preachy (and a little weird), and it was even really what I wanted to say, but the point behind what I said is something I would repeat a thousand times: gender stereotypes need to die. I am done with "woman" and "victim" being

synonyms. "Man" and "rapist" are not the same word.

The beginning of the presentation had me really pumped. I know things got heated toward the end, but I was bouncing up and down in my (broken) seat hoping that everyone was paying attention, because there were some very important things being addressed. The speakers talked about gender stereotyping, the words we automatically associate with men and women, the fact that our way of life instigates rape culture, and (praise the Lord) victim blaming. This first half of their presentation had all of my equality-loving blood pumping hard, and I was ready for more.

Then, we got to the discussion of sexual assault and things started to fall apart. As soon as the word "rape" was uttered, everyone in the room went back to talking about how women shouldn't "lead men

on" and portraying men as animals that want to take advantage of everything with legs.

At the time, I didn't know how to express what I was feeling, but I knew we had slipped away from the beautiful egalitarian moment I had been enjoying. I was back in reality, where I found myself trapped in the pervasive mentality that often confuses and saddens me. And I know, after reflecting on it a while, that the reason I raised my voice was because I was tired of being alone. Because being a feminist is categorized and wrought with negative connotation, but it's also pretty lonely.

Saying "I'm a feminist" automatically cuts you off from people. Forcing yourself to always use gender-neutral language gets you funny looks. When I think about the fact that the United States is leading nation of the world and we have never had a female president, I en-

ter a state of complete exasperation so intense that I don't even want to look at people for a while. It is maddening. While everyone is re-joining over the invention of the "anti-rape" nail polish, I am sitting in my room sick to my stomach because of how much we expect of victims to "protect themselves," while we just continue to enable a culture of aggressors who "can't help themselves."

I think I raised my hand because I wanted to see who would raise their hands with me. And the performers responded well, pointing out that they started their presentation by saying their skirts could be interpreted in any gender or orientation setting. So I accepted that, I closed my mouth, and went back to my introvert corner. But if I had a chance to do it over, I would respond, "Saying it is fine. Talking about equality is great. But when am I going to see it?"

Consider Morgan's Words in Your College Lives

by Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu

Remember when God asked Bruce if he was having fun in Bruce Almighty and Bruce startlingly dropped his parting of the tomato soup? Instead of learning a lesson about miracles, I would say, "Well, yes, actually. I'm having fun."

Believe it or not, the same applies for college. This message is mostly for freshmen, but I know that anyone can always learn a thing or two. Stay with me.

The point of college is to have fun with the time you have here. Yes, the course load is more difficult than high school. Yes, you get more homework. Yes, all of your friends are at home (except if you commute). However, there is something that you are forgetting.

You control your own destiny. You can have as much or as little fun here as you want. You can find your own miracles by passing that first test or getting involved. What about going over and meeting the shy kid at the other end of the café? That could be his or her first friend. That was me when I first arrived here at Thiel before I found great friends.

I was so confused and did not understand anything. I changed majors very quickly after I realized that my school did not give the classes needed to prepare me for it. I wanted to give up college and pack it up that day, but the strong support system and the hard-to-resist call of the college degree was a little too much for me to refuse.

The secret: you just stick with it and get it done. If you have all of these homework assignments and your friends want to hang out, just get it done. If you have not seen your significant other since you came because of other commitments, just get it done. While you are here to learn, everyone needs a break. You cannot take a break if you did not start to begin with.

If you do nothing but sit and do homework, or play video games in your room, you are completely missing out on what Thiel has to offer. Some people will tell you differently, but it is actually a really fun and beautiful campus. If you still do not know, let me be the first to tell you.

I'm not saying you have to

join every club, apply for every Greek organization, or pick up so many credits that your head explodes. No, I'm saying that there are plenty of ways to balance your schedule and have fun at the same time – pick up a club or two, a Greek organization if that is what you are into, and a reasonable amount of credits.

I understand some of you may be saying, "Isn't this all common sense, Hunter?"

I did not know these things when I first arrived. I'm the first of my family to go to college, so I knew nothing about the customs, the rituals, the good and the bad. I had to learn that quickly, which I did. You will do the same thing.

If you are the guy or gal like me – you do not have a lot of friends or things to do, stick with it. Please. Every dark tunnel eventually finds a light, and like I mentioned before, you can make your own miracles. You just have to find them.

So, the next time God asks you if you are having fun, I hope you can declare, "You bet."

Culture Shock: The Way they Mingle with Thiel College

by Juyeon Julie Park, jpark@thiel.edu

'Culture shock' means the personal disorientation a person may feel when experiencing an unfamiliar way of life due to staying in a new country for a long time.



Residents of Flo West get to know each other during a celebration a few weeks ago.

It has been about one month since new international freshmen and exchange students arrived to Thiel College from different countries. After coming here at the end of August, they get accustomed to the life of Thiel in their own ways. However, many foreign students experience culture shock because of different lifestyle and culture on the American campus.

'Culture shock' means the personal disorientation a person may feel when experiencing an unfamiliar way of life due to staying in a new country for a long time. The number of conspicuous differences chosen from international students is the mood of classes, and solicitude with patience for other people.

American students are usually considerate of others, and wait patiently in line.

In my case, the first experience of American student's consideration is that they open the door and wait for the person behind them. When this happened to me, I was a little bit far away from him, but he kept waiting until I got to the door, so it was

surprising. It is ordinary behavior for them which is not easy to find in Korea. American students usually pay attention not to block a door when someone wants to go through the door, and even though they just brush against each other, they say 'Excuse me' or 'Sorry'. Also, American students stand relaxed without angry expressions regardless of how long the line is in the Bistro, the Galleria, or waiting for the shuttle.

When I went to the Bistro with my Korean friends for lunch, there were a lot of people waiting in line, so we stood there feeling annoyed because we were accustomed to fast service and everything moving quickly. However, we never find a look of negative expression from American students for waiting in a long line. Gradually, I could keep my composure in those situations, unlike in Korea.

Comfortable atmosphere between professors and students in interactive class

Many international students feel that there is a complete difference between the universities from their

countries and American college.

"There is an active interaction between a professor and students. Professors usually draw students' participation by asking question rather than just giving information," So Young Lim, who came from Korea, said.

"Thiel professors are so kind and friendly so I can talk to them a lot," Chihiro Tanaka, Japan, said.

Students in America can get instantaneous discussions with professors, and the atmosphere of the lecture is very comfortable to ask any questions to professors, because classes are run mainly by students' participation. In case of most Korean universities, the classes are progressed by professor's talking and one direction, so students often feel tedium for just obtaining information.

Even though it will take time to completely acclimatize to classes and participate in the discussion easily, someday international students may get good opportunities to join in interactive classes at Thiel College.

Why your favorite movie is terrible... featuring *Titanic*

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



The titanic sank in 1912. It's titular film came out in 1997.

The Movie:

The movie about that unsinkable ship that sunk.....haha SIKE, it's a love story about two whiny teens falling in love on a boat that happens to sink in the end, aka. Titanic. Seriously for most of the movie you forget that they are on a boat that is literally destined to crash by the end of the movie. Not that I was complaining, halfway through the movie I was hoping something bad would happen to the two silly love birds. Why exactly is this movie 3 hours long? This has long confused me.

The Character Everyone Loves To Hate:

You can pick one of two people in this situation although the ship is full of morally and mentally incompetent people who all deserved the end they received. The two obvious

characters that stand out though are of course, Jack and Rose. They have literally the worst love story ever (and this is coming from the person who just last year stated how much he hated Romeo and Juliet and all the fools that point to that story as a true love story). Let me summarize it for you.

Poor American sneaks his way onto ship. Spoiled rich English girl decides to try and commit suicide because *GASP*, she is being put into an arranged marriage, OH NO! I mean for the most part the guy she is supposed to marry is kinda of a toolbag, but he seemed like he treated her right, kind of.

Anyway, suicidal rich girl is saved by the castaway and quickly (and when I say quickly I mean QUICKLY) fall in love. I don't know about you people but I despise cheaters, yet this movie open-

ly endorses cheating because.....Dicaprio. Fast forward through the cheesy romantic scenes (seriously if you still utter the phrases "I'm the king of the world" or "Draw me like your French girls", you are literally the worst form of human being). Blah blah, "Iceberg straight ahead," blah blah, "JACK! ROSE!" (times 100) blah blah, "I'll never let go," The end. Good riddance.

Why The Movie is Awful:

Everyone knows by now that I have a bias against romantic movies because of the lack of realism that 13-45 year old women believe will actually happen to them. This movie reinforces that. They take something historically significant like the Titanic sinking and proceed to leave metaphorical excrement all over it by adding an unneeded love

story to make.....about a billion dollars (pitiful). Also am I the only one who thought it was terrible that they killed the two characters who actually had no reason to die (The Irish and Italian roommates). I mean for goodness sakes, Fabrizio was an iceberg away from making it to America and starting his life as a lower class Italian mobster.

What has Always been Awful:

Ok, here is the part where I FINALLY bring up the part that all of you are DYING to talk about. Yes we can agree there was more than enough space for both of them on that door but seriously, who cares? You do know this movie is fake right? Like I said before, I was already cheering for both of their demises about halfway through the movie, so when the time came for it to happen I was more hoping the

door would tip over and they would freeze together holding hands, you know, for love purposes. SHUT UP PEOPLE, WE GET IT, THEY COULD HAVE BOTH FIT, MOVE ON!

Why The Movie is Not Awful:

Was the highest grossing movie of all time for over a decade. You don't just do that without actually putting some thought into every aspect of the story and cast. Dicaprio and Winslet were fresh upstarts and this skyrocketed their careers. Also, who wouldn't want to ride a Six Flags rollercoaster called the "Sinking of the Titanic". Think about it. Truthfully, this is one of my favorite movies much like every movie I write about and once you get past the horrible love story, the visuals of this movie are pretty awesome.

Opinion Poll: What is your favorite movie/role with Robin Williams?



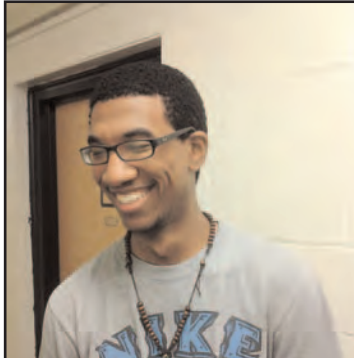
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Kaily Jackson
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Photo of the Edition



Bees swarm around a tree on campus. The changing weather will soon force them into hibernation.

Photo by Allen Morrill. If you have a picture of Thiel, send it to the Thielensian at thielensian@thiel.edu.

#Twittin’
@Thielensian



@??? - Broke out the scarf today!!
#LoveFallWeather

@??? - If I follow you out of the kindness of my heart. You BETTER follow me back or consider yourself a peasant cause you #basic.

@??? - We got a dryer sheet in the MIMC. What a journey it must’ve had.

@??? - Waking up from a nap is the same process as waking up in the morning... don’t talk to me

@??? - Can somebody please being me chipotle?

@??? - this whole homework thing isn't going too well...

@??? - Happy Rush Week, and may the odds be ever in your favor....

@??? - I made myself a fort and I plan to stay in it all days acting snacks and watching movies.

@??? - The Thiel plague is on full force today

@??? - I wish my room wasn't so cold...

@??? - It's September...and I just put on my north face to go out. Something is wrong here.

@??? - Why am I still blowing my nose every 20 mins?! The Thiel Plague is strong with this one.

@??? - Counting down the days until Homecoming 2014

@??? - Thiel version of dinner and a show: sheetz and a street fight #college

Fashion Frenzy:
Will the Apple Watch be the next great fashion trend?

by Katie Allgeier, kallgeier@thiel.edu

Will the Apple watch be the latest fashion must-have?

Early last week, Apple gave the world a look at its newest technologies. Alongside the new iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus, Apple debuted their smartwatch, the first new device since founder Steve Jobs died in 2011.

The Apple Watch comes in two sizes, six finishes, and six band options. Apple Watch features applications for messaging, phone, and e-mail, along with customizable apps to send sketches, use a walkie-talkie feature, and send disembodied taps, including the pattern of you own heartbeat, to other Watch wearers, along with the always-present Apple applications like Maps, Stocks, and Siri.

What is interesting about the Apple Watch is that Apple is not limiting their appeal to the technologically-savvy. The number of band and finish options are, according to the Apple website, an appeal to the fashion industry as well. Apple has gone all-out to appeal to the fashion-conscious, enlisting the help of Burberry’s Angela Ahrendts and Yves Saint Laurent’s Paul Deneve. In spite of this, the Watch has received quite a bit of criticism from the watch cognoscenti.

"It looks a little cold, and lacks, for my taste, a bit of personality," said Jean-Claude Biver for Wall Street Journal. Biver is a legendary figure among Swiss watchmakers who led the revival of Switzerland’s Blancpain brand in the 1980s before stints at Omega and Hublot. "It looks perfect," Biver remarked, "But perfection sometimes has a lack of sexiness."

"From the design point of view



The Apple Watch, Apple’s newest product, comes out in 2015.

you cannot say it’s a watch—more an iPhone for the wrist," added Alain Spinedi, chief executive of privately owned Montres Louis Erard SA.

Indeed, the Watch looks very similar to the iPod Nano wristbands, which debuted several years ago alongside the iPod Nano 6th generation. The Watch also looks similar to other smartwatches that have already debuted, including Samsung’s Gear and the Sony Smartwatch.

I think that it’s kind of cool, but I also think it’s kind of tacky," remarked sophomore Amanda Hautman. "The purpose of a watch is to look at the time, not to check your e-mail or listen to your

music."

Of course, to be fully operational, the Apple Watch must be synchronized to an iPhone, limiting the market to which the Watch can be useful. Because of this, and the gadgetry involved in the Watch itself, it is difficult to say whether the watch will take off in the market as a whole. Hautman does not believe it will.

"Think about your grandma: is your grandma going to wear (an Apple Watch)?" she remarked. "I feel like it’s going to be more for the “new generation,” I don’t really think it’s going to take off as much as they think it will." The Apple Watch will debut in 2015 for \$349.

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

by Shawn Konter, skonter@thiel.edu

As I made my triumphant Thiel return as a student from a nearly twenty year hiatus, I realized very quickly many things had changed. Prior to returning, I volunteered my time at all Thiel football games since the opening of the new stadium just prior to Sept 11, 2001 and enjoyed many walks around campus as I have lived here in Greenville since my earlier Thiel days.

Anyways, I showed up for my evening class this past January in Bly Hall and as I pulled out my pen and notebook and anxiously awaited my professor to hand me my syllabus, I noticed I was the only one to do so.

Furthermore, I was introduced to Thiel’s interface system, “Moodle”, and as I later explained it to my mother, she honestly thought it was chicken noodle soup and in trying to be the good son I strive to be I told her “yes” it was and now the soup had added letters to help children with their spelling.

Throughout the upcoming weeks, I will do my best in as much accuracy as possible to describe what student life was like twenty years ago here at Thiel and in our community. These topics range from but are not limited to student life, living arrangements, extra-curricular activities, Thiel’s and the professional sports teams and events including the first true night game in Thiel College football history in 1992 against Albion at Greenville High School stadium where all the games used to be played, buildings and remodeling’s that have come and gone, top billboard music and movies of the time, and what one would do outside after class hours or on the weekends.

The topic that I will address today and perhaps the biggest change

that I observed was in the computer realm. During the Fall Semester of 1993 while in my Computers in Society course, I was learning about e-mail being a thing of the future and how Internet was in its infancy.

For those who had a cell phone, you would probably like to know how it was the size and weight of a red brick as you may see on the outside of the Academic Center and the antenna option was an extra \$5 a month of which I could not afford at the time. If I were to use the Internet then to send an e-mail to my mother, who lives near the Pittsburgh International Airport (which is also in a different location as well), it would be the same price as a long distance phone call. During those times, there were land line phones and packaged deals or unlimited features were pretty much nonexistent. Computer students were learning about BASIC, C, C+, and C++ languages. We had two computer labs at the time and they were located in the library near the Commons Area and the Career Services offices, and the other place was Kemper Lounge in the Academic Center. A laser jet printer was to be used for special occasions only as most papers you had to physically remove the bubbling from the outside of the paper after it was fed through the regular printer only after using the newest feature of spell check.

In the interest of time and my guidelines of being able to being limited to so many words, I must close out although I would like to leave you with just a simple thought... if you think student life is boring now just think how life may have been then now and I encourage to read the rest of this years pieces of my series on a student’s life from twenty years ago.

Tomcats Fall to Bison in Home Opener; Saints On-Deck

by Paul Connelly, pconnelly@thiel.edu



Sophomore QB, Ryan Radke went 14/22 for 97 pass. yds. and three TDs Saturday night in the Tomcats’ 45-24 loss to the Bethany College Bison.
Photo Credit: Allen Morrill

It appeared as if the Tomcats were going to start off their run in the PAC on a high note before getting downed by Bethany 45-24 after a second half Bison rally Saturday night at Alumni Stadium. Sophomore QB Ryan Radke went 14/22 in the air for 97 yds. and 3 TDs including a nice connection to Tim Walker on a third-and-goal situation to put Thiel up early in the first quarter. Junior WR Ron Howard also contributed to the Tomcats’ scoring effort, completing a 10 yd pass from Radke in the second quarter. Thiel went into the half with a four point lead on the Bison but something must’ve clicked during the break as a completely different Bethany squad took the field, rallying with 35 unanswered points until Radke found freshman wideout Mike McLaughlin on a 9-yd TD pass to end the game. After being sidelined last

year by injury, senior RB Taylor Fink split the ground-work with junior Josh Potter combining for 79 yds. rushing on with 12 carries apiece. Junior kicker Jon Fennick al-most tied his longest career field goal (39 yds.) with a 38-yarder to start the second half. Senior LBs Tom Thorpe and Jack Sidlinger led the Thiel D, recording nine tack-les each while Thorpe sacked Bethany QB Brian Vales three times for twenty-five yards. The Bison outplayed Thiel both on the ground and in the air, racking up 365 yds of to-tal offense. Vales went 19/23 for 167 yds. passing with 3 TDs. The Tomcats face another tough opponent in the likes of Thomas More College. The Saints are cur-rently 1-1, losing to 5th ranked Wesley 35-20 and blowing out Hanover at home 45-16.

Coming off of a 623 yd. performance, the 22nd ranked Saints open up PAC play when they face the Tomcats at Alumni Stadium. Thiel will look to contain senior RB Domonique Hay-den who put up 166 yds. rush. against Hanover with 3 TDs. Thomas More puts up a tough matchup under center with junior QB Jensen Geb-hardt who went 23/28 for 327 pass. yds. and 3 TDs as well. He has plenty of tar-gets including Ryan Winkler (116 rec. yds., 1 TD), Bobby Leonard (83 rec. yds. 1 TD) and Goose Cohorn (106 rec. yds.) to make TMC a threat on the ground and in the air. While Thiel faces a tough challenge in the Saints, this also a tough Tomcat football team who will certainly look to avenge last year’s 42-21 loss at home. That game is set for kickoff Saturday at 1 p.m.

Tomcat W. Volleyball Goes (2-2) at Allegheny Invitational

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Women’s volleyball wrapped up the last day of competition at the 2014 Allegheny Gator Invitational on Saturday, losing 3-0 against Adrian College but ending positive on a 3-0 win over Mount Aloysius. Over the two day period, The Tomcats went 2-2 overall, sweeping Pitt-Greensburg 3-0 and falling to 0-3 to host Allegheny. Megan Sweeny notched nine kills in the first match against Pitt-Greensburg while Lauren downs put up 14 digs. Freshman Veronica Brueggman recorded six kills and two digs and was given All-tournament hon-ors, racking up 32 kills, 12 blocks, and 11 digs. Thiel won their first match win-

ning 25-22, 25-17, and 25-23 in their sets. Sophomore Jenny Shelley had a double-double in the Tomcats’ second match of the day with 22 assists and 13 digs. Senior Alex Hall found herself one short of joining Shelley with a double-double as well, putting up 13 digs and nine kills while Senior Lauren Downs put down 13 digs. Brueggman also had eight kills and four digs to add to the Tomcats’ scoring effort. Allegheny won 25-22, 25-13, and 25-17 to end the night. The next day, Adrian won 25-21, 25-19, and 25-23. Hall had 14 kills and six digs while Brueggman helped with eight kills and

seven blocks; Downs put up 16 digs as well. In the Tomcats’ 25-17, 25-18, 25-19 win over the Moun-ties, Brueggman recorded 10 kills with four blocks while Sophomore Lenora Boyer had 11 kills as well. Hall had eight kills along with Downs and soph-omore Ashley Baer who combined for nine kills and seven digs. Shelley put up 29 assists to help Thiel finish with the W. The Tomcats are currently 5-6 after losing 0-3 in their home opener against Bethany. Look for the blue and gold to carry momentum from the Allegheny Invita-tional forward when they travel to Latrobe to face St. Vincent, Wednesday.

Steelers Survive Scare in Rivalry Matchup

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The Cleveland Browns visited the Pittsburgh Steel-ers at Heinz Field for the season opener. A lot of storylines were being close-ly followed, as Brian Hoyer won the starting quarterback job and the Steelers were trying to continue strong from where they left off last season. Both teams scored back-to-back field goals to make the score tied 3-3, but the close contest spun out of control for the Cleveland Browns. Pittsburgh’s next posses-sion resulted in a 9 play, 80 yard drive for a touch-down as new starting wide receiver Markus Wheaton Even after Karlos Dansby intercepted Big Ben, Cleve-land’s offense began to falter. Antonio Brown and Le’Veon Bell were taking the game over as Brown caught a TD for 35 yards and Bell had a scoring run from 38 yards out. Steel-ers’ kicker Shaun Suisham put icing on the cake for the first half; driving in a 34 yard field goal to make the score 27-3 in favor of Pittsburgh. The Manziel chants were coming from fans and free agent running

back Ben Tate for the Browns got knocked out of the game with a knee in-jury. The second half began with boos directed towards Hoyer and the rookie run-ning back Terrence West starting in place of Tate for the Browns. West and an-other young back Isaiah Crowell sparked new life into the offense as Cleveland took their opening drive in the second half for a touch-down, courtesy of a 3 yard run by Crowell. After the Steelers went three and out, Cleveland would score an-other touchdown as Crowell hit pay dirt again on a 15 yard run. Suddenly, the Browns were only down by 10 points after being domi-nated during the first half. Steelers’ fans were quiet as they saw a potential come-back brewing. After another Pittsburgh punt, Cleveland drove down the field for a 25 yard field goal to make the score 27-20, scoring an unanswered 17 points. West and wide receiver Andrew Hawkins for the Browns could not be stopped and Cleveland looked poised to steal a game from the Steelers. Af-ter going 5 yards backwards, Pittsburgh had to punt yet again as their offense re-mained dormant. Hoyer took the offense on a 7 play, 51 yard drive for a touchdown as Travis Benjamin caught a

9 yard scoring pass. With 11:15 left to play in the game, the score was tied 27-27. Momentum was com-pletely in the Browns favor as Pittsburgh tried to make a move. However, they were only able to muster 30 yards and punted to the hot Cleve-land offense. The Browns drove down to the Pittsburgh 40 yard line. Kicker Billy Cundiff is known for his strong leg, but the coaches decided to punt instead of trying to convert a 57 yard field goal. Big Ben started moving the ball with Bell catching and running the rock, but they had to punt once more. With 1:53 left, the Browns got stuffed and had to punt deep within their own territory after a sack and negative pass play. This time, the Steelers would not falter. With good field position the Steelers wasted the clock after Wheaton caught two important passes. Suisham does not generally miss from inside 50, and he did not dis-appoint as he made the 41 yard field goal to win the game 30-27. In a game where the Steelers’ defense got gashed by the run and got manhandled in the sec-ond half, they found a way to win with Bell and Brown having strong performances. When these two clubs meet again, expect another close contest.



Steelers’ wideout Antonio Brown was fined \$8,200 for kicking Browns’ punter Spencer Lanning in the face when returning Cleveland’s punt in their first game of the regular season.
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9/20

W. Tennis vs. Penn St.-Behrend @ Noon
Football Vs. Thomas More College @ 1PM

9/23

W. Soccer vs. Medaille College @ 6:30 PM
W. Vball vs. W&J College @ 7 PM

9/25

W. Tennis vs. Saint Vincent @ 3:30 PM
M. Soccer vs. Pitt-Greensburg @ 8:30 PM

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W. Soccer vs. Carlow University @ 6:30 PM