

New
Professor
Highlight

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Professor Karen Shaffer joins Thiel’s Business Communication department this semester.

She received her Master of Business Administration from Clarion University in 2013, and has served as a lecturer at Penn State Shenango, Edinboro University, and Slippery Rock University, as well as an adjunct professor at Mercyhurst University. After a fortuitous meet-and-greet with Dr. Miller, chair of the Business Communications department, Shaffer is excited to join Thiel’s faculty.

Shaffer is thrilled with her move to Thiel’s campus. “I am off the chart,” she said. “I am pleased with how the students prepare, communicate, [and] collaborate. They’re open to creative projects. And the business department [is] so welcoming, so nice. Between the students and the faculty, it’s been a delightful first couple of months.”

In her 35 year career in business administration, Shaffer has served in many different capacities. She wants her students to know that passion and skill must both be present to have a meaningful, fulfilling career.

“Pick something that you have a genuine passion or at least deep interest for, and something that you’re good at,” she advises. “Pick something that intersects. If you have great interest or passion for it but you’re not good at it, get good at it or pick something else.”

Dr. Delbert Abi Abdallah is among the newest additions to the biology faculty at Thiel. He received his Bachelor of Sciences in Microbiology and Cell Science from the University of Florida in 2005, and his doctorate in Immunology and Infectious Diseases from Cornell University in 2011. He served as research assistant following his doctorate, and now teaches Foundations of Biology, Immunology and Parasitology, Cell Biology, Toxicology, the senior seminar class in the biology department.

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Thiel Begins New Community Service Program

by Kristina Cotton, kcotton@thiel.edu

Have you volunteered but did not have the means to keep track of your hours? Do you wish there was a way to record these hours, interact with your peers, and give back all the same?

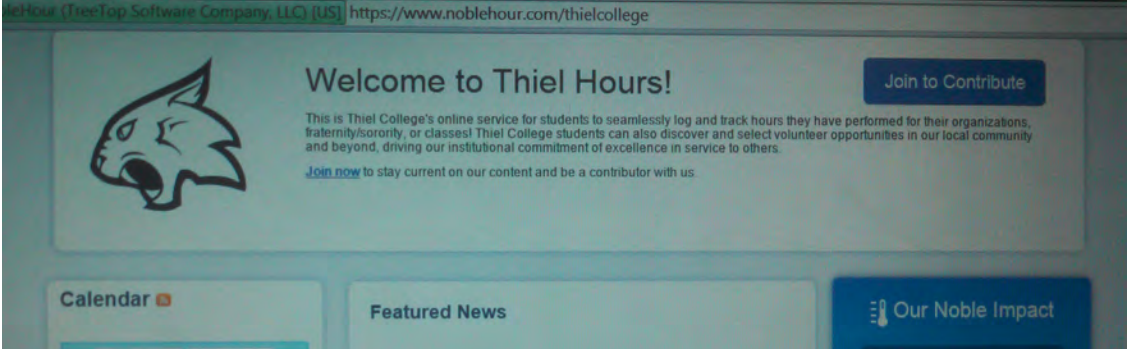
Well, Thiel is now making this possible for its students. With great anticipation, the college is adopting a new community service program called NobleHour. It is a cloud-based service for students to identify and sign up for volunteer/service opportunities within our community and beyond.

Upon completion of the project, students will be able to record hours on a personal NobleHour page. Campus groups including fraternities, sororities, classes, teams, and clubs will be able to seamlessly track the volunteer hours of all their members.

This program is free to anyone who wishes to volunteer and record their hours in a structured manner, affiliated with an organization or not. Thiel is encouraging everyone to give back in one way or another. This program will help in organizing students’ ability to recall hours for job applications, resumes and much more.

Thiel looked into many other similar programs, but ultimately decided on NobleHour due to the capabilities of its user-interface.

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The new community service program helps volunteers find volunteer opportunities.

Photo credit: Lynae Jackson



Today, carved pumpkins signify the Halloween season in many towns and cities.

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The Traditions of Halloween

by Chris Kafka, ckafka@thiel.edu

Halloween is one of the most popular holidays around the world. The money spent for Oct. 31 is the most compared to every other celebratory day except for Christmas.

We all love dressing up in costumes and trick-or-treating, but many people are not conscientious of the history of Halloween and its traditions.

Logically, the creation of “Halloween” should be understood first. Halloween traces its origins back to Ireland’s Druid religion. Then, Nov. 1 was the date of the New Year on their calendar. All the spirits that perished the year before would rise and wander amongst the living.

This was not the typical, happy celebration, as this day was feared by everyone. The Lord of Darkness, Samhain, would take spirits back to the Underworld with him. Under the ancient Celts, there were only summer and winter seasons.

According to the website “Holiday Insights, Samhain’s name translates to “summer’s end” and he would reign over the living during the winter months.

“At this time, the hours of nighttime were growing significantly over the hours of sunlight. Hence, Lord Samhain reigned over the long winter months as the influence of the Sun god and the summer season (Beltaine or Beltane) proceeded. Samhain’s influence grows with the increase in the hours of darkness. He can only roam the earth during hours of darkness” (holidayinsights.com).

The Druids’ New Year’s Eve was known as Halloween. “The Druids believed that on this night, all of the people who died in the past year would rise up and search for the passageway to the netherworld. On this night the passageway or “veil” between both worlds was its thinnest” (holidayinsights.com).

The Druids worshipped many gods, but none rivaled the power or fear of Lord Samhain.

“All Hallows Eve” is also a relative of Halloween; it is a holiday when people would honor the dead. Men and women would leave candies outside of their houses to keep the dead satisfied and leave them alone. Turnips and rutabagas would be carved out and have embers placed inside to scare off the spirits. Jack O’Lantern came into play here as well, and also has an interesting backstory.

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Zeta Tau Alpha Practices Breast Cancer Awareness

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October is nationally recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month to increase awareness of the disease.

The sorority Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA) is dedicated to raising money and awareness for the disease that affects millions of women worldwide each year and many students’ families here at Thiel. Every Wednesday, members of ZTA can be seen wearing pink (the official color of breast cancer) to show support for the disease.

On Saturday, Oct. 25, the sisters of ZTA along with the Thiel Activities Board presented a “Pink Out” football game when Thiel took on Waynesburg at 7 p.m. under the lights at Alumni Stadium.

At the game, the sisters of ZTA hosted a bake sale, sold apple cider, handed out glow necklaces and pink ribbons, had a Chinese raffle, collected money, and presented one



The sisters of the ZTA sorority hosted a pink out game at this past Saturday’s football game at Alumni Stadium.

Photo credit: Mary Kate Dougherty

lucky fan with a Sheetz gift card for dressing in the most pink. They also lit “in memory” bags that Thiel students decorated for any victims of breast cancer.

All the proceeds ZTA collected during this campaign went towards Breast Cancer Education and Awareness. The sisters were able to raise a total of \$721.54 during their Pink Out game.

“If you are able to catch breast cancer during its earliest stages, your chances are survival are so much greater. Once it gets to those later stages, then it’s a lot riskier,” Jessica Bartko, a sister of ZTA, said when asked about her thoughts on breast cancer. “The big

key is to know your body and be educated and able to perform the at-home exams,” she added.

The members of ZTA want to make others aware of the seriousness of this disease and to make sure the public is taking the right precautions to reduce everyone’s chance of developing this devastating illness. One

in eight women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some point in her life, excessive alcohol intake can increase one’s risk of the disease, and men are also at risk of developing breast cancer.

Around age 20, women should start having clinical breast exams with their physician every three years, and begin having mammograms at age 40. Maintaining a healthy lifestyle with regular exercise and an adequate diet is one’s best way to prevent breast cancer.

“I think ZTA does a great job raising money for breast cancer, and I will continue to support them in their efforts,” said student Emily Carlton.

The sisters of ZTA host numerous events throughout the year to raise money and awareness for breast cancer, and also educate others on the early signs of breast cancer.

Chi Omega
Hosts Bingo for
Make-a-Wish

by Sara Toombs,
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Here at Thiel, we play bingo for a lot of things – food, prizes, condoms, more food... You name it, and chances are we have a bingo for that.

But on Oct. 18, the sisters of Chi Omega hosted an event so students could play bingo for something just a little bit better – wishes for kids.

Wish Bingo was held in the Lutheran Heritage Room at 2 p.m. on Saturday in conjunction with a Chi Omega alumnae reunion event. All proceeds from the event benefit the national Chi Omega philanthropy, Make-a-Wish foundation.

Those in attendance were given a stack of enough bingo cards for 20 games. Eighteen of the games were “regular” bingo, and winners took home one of the themed prize baskets put together by donations from sisters and their families. Some of the baskets up for grabs: the “ultimate” baking basket, fitness basket, Starbucks bundle, a camping basket and many others. Games 10 and 20 were played for special prizes; in order to win one of these larger prizes (a Scentys basket or a Harry Potter World basket), players had to make the letter “M” or “W” on their card.

Participants were also able to purchase baked goods, 50/50 raffle tickets, or chances to win prizes from a Chinese auction.

Hannah Fernandez, junior, coordinated the event with the help of her team members. The day of Wish Bingo, Fernandez seemed very excited and overwhelmed by the success of the event.

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Chi Omega hosted a bingo event to raise money for the Make-a-Wish foundation.

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compiled by Liz Carlson,
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Friday, Oct. 31:
Zombie Prom:
9 p.m., Theater
Put on your best costume and stop on by for a live DJ, snacks, and costume prizes! Free beer and wine will also be available for students over 21 with valid ID.

Sunday, Nov. 2:
Cedar Point Trip:
Free to all students! Sign up in the Student Life Office!

Thursday, Nov. 6:
Magician Leon Etienne:
9:30 p.m., Passavant Center
We are bringing back a fan favorite! America's Got Talent Magician Leon Etienne will be joining us once again! This is one show you will not want to miss!

Friday, Nov. 7:
Family Weekend Dinner Buffet:
4:30-7 p.m., Dining Hall
Parents eat free! Additional guests are \$6.95 per person! Stop by to enjoy a meal with your family!

Honor's Convocation:
6-8 p.m. at the Passavant Center

Saturday, Nov. 8:
Coffee with Thiel Family Council:
9:30-11 a.m., Sawhill-Georgian Room

Tailgate Brunch Buffet:
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Dining Hall
Parents eat free and additional guests are \$5.50 per person.

Family Weekend Entertainment:
8-10 p.m., Lutheran Heritage Room
Featuring Sadie Price, Amos Moon, Sarah Brooks, Ronnell Hunt and the Greenville Steel Drum Band!

Play: "An Enemy of the People":
Friday, Nov. 14: 7:30-10 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 15: 7:30-10 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 16: 2-4:30 p.m.
American theater icon Arthur Miller's adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's classic play in which a man finds himself at odds with his town after revealing the truth about their "miracle" mineral springs. Show is free and open to the public!

Wanna see a movie?

BLY HALL MOVIE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS...

compiled by Liz Carlson

Into The Storm (dates to be announced):

The small town of Silverton, Oklahoma lies right in the heart of Tornado Alley. The location lives up to its name when one day turns into a living nightmare after several very severe storm fronts converge and join forces right over Silverton. A group of storm trackers and researchers take advantage of the opportunity, but soon find themselves fighting for their lives against the storm. The same is true for a widowed school principle and his two sons, who team up with the storm trackers, hoping that they will be able to wake up the next morning. If you love thrilling adventures, this is one movie that you will definitely not want to miss!

If I Stay (dates to be announced):

Chloë Grace Moretz stars as teenage girl name Mia Hall in this film based on the New York Times best seller by Gayle Forman. Mia finds herself in a deadly coma following a car accident that killed the rest of her family. Suring this state, she has an out of body experience, and she concludes that she must make the decision to move into the next life or stick around to live a life that is completely different than what she has ever known. Be sure to stop by Bly Hall to see what she decides, and be sure to bring your tissues!

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A student under 21 was found under the influence of alcohol.

Oct. 18, 2014: 2:00 a.m.
A student was found intoxicated hiding behind a theme house.

Oct. 25, 2014: 9:00 a.m.
Unknown student destroyed a toilet in one of the residence halls.

Oct. 27, 2014: 4:20 p.m.
A student was found underage and in procession of beer and a small rabbit.



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Semester’s First Thiel Forum a Success

by Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu

The Thiel Forum, one of Thiel’s diverse educational gatherings, debuted for this year in the Stamm lecture hall.

The Forum was opened and closed by Dr. Mary Theresa Hall. Four speakers gave 10-15 minute lectures on subjects that they felt passionate about.

Dr. Eugene Torigoe, Professor of Physics, presented first with a lecture titled “How to Confuse People with Mathematics.” Dr. Torigoe explained that math is similar to physics in vocabulary and grammar, but different in practice and execution, and this difference is what makes math confusing to many people.

“Grammar’s important to math,” Torigoe said during his lecture, “There [is] a set of rules you have to follow to make math. Communication is secondary [in math]. This leads to

miscommunication with equations.”

Sadie Price, Thiel sophomore and guitarist/singer, presented a discussion titled “Good Vibes and the Big Five.” Hall asked her to participate after hearing about her endeavors in the music industry: several tryouts on American Idol and America’s Got Talent, succeeding past the first round. Price has played in locations from Chicago to New Orleans, and has recorded her own album.

Price used the questions “who,” “what,” “where,” “when,” and “why” in a PowerPoint to explain more about herself, and why music is so special to her.

“I like country and indie rock. They’re honest people,” she said, focusing on her favorite genres to sing. “This music has a meaning. Katy Perry just

talks about getting drunk and partying.”

Price explained that “indie” music is independent music, or music that doesn’t have a set style. She concluded her time with playing a song by Miranda Lambert, who she described as one of her idols.

Professor Brenda DelMaramo of the English department titled her presentation “Living the Global Village at Thiel.” This presentation touched on foreign exchanged students and their experiences at Thiel.

DelMaramo helps exchange students fit in a little more into the campus by working with them to teach reading, writing, and listening skills.

“Thiel is where people from a lot of places [come],” she said. “I think foreign exchange students are really courageous.”

There are 52 foreign exchange students at Thiel, 22 of which are earning degrees from Thiel. The other 30 students are staying for only one semester.

“Their biggest problem is adjusting to a smaller community. You have to be really aware of how you speak to them,” Delmaramo said

Concluding the Forum were Drs. Fatimata Palé and Matt Morgan discussing the college’s study abroad program.

Morgan encouraged contacting either professor for additional details about the program.

“We have programs in London and Paris coming up this May. It’s not too late to apply for them,” he said.

“Why not spend money that’s worthwhile to your life and your career?” Palé said.



Dr. Torigoe discussed why mathematics is confusing to so many people
Photo Credit: Hunter Michaelis



Sadie Price enthralled listeners with her presentation on the applications of music.
Photo Credit: Hunter Michaelis

The traditions of Halloween

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Everyone thinks of pumpkins whenever the term “Jack O’Lantern” is brought up. However, the roots of the story have nothing to do with pumpkins, which did not grow in Ireland. So, turnips were carved out instead (as stated earlier).

According to the website “Pumpkin Nook,” the original Jack O’Lantern came from the story of Stingy Jack.

“Stingy Jack was a miserable, old drunk who took pleasure in playing tricks on just about everyone: family, friends, his mother and even the Devil himself. One day, he tricked the Devil into climbing up an apple tree.” (pumpkinnook.com). Jack was smart, and placed crosses on the trunk of the tree. Since the Devil was stuck, Jack convinced him to not take his soul once he died. The Devil agreed and Jack set him free. Jack died years later, and was kept out of Heaven. Saint Peter declared that he was a cruel man, and cannot be allowed in Heaven. The Devil did not deviate from the deal that was made before Jack passed away.

“The Devil kept his promise and would not allow him



The tradition of carving pumpkins may have originated in Ireland with a carved turnip like this one.

Photo credit: irelandtravelkit.com
Jack light his way.” (pumpkinnook.com). Jack carried a turnip with him since he loved their taste, and hollowed it out to place the ember inside. Without a resting place, Jack roamed the earth with the turnip to light his way, creating the “Jack O’Lantern.”

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Dr. Curt Thompson: “Useful Abuses of Kierkegaard in Business Education”

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Chi Omega hosts Make-a-Wish-bingo-event

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“Wish Bingo was a huge success for our first time,” Fernandez said. “We were able to raise \$846.11 to go towards granting wishes. It is our hope that we can hold an event like this again in the future and raise even more money.”

Other sisters, both active and alumnae, were also excited about the first-time event. Sister Emily Trunzo, junior,

served as the bingo caller for the first half of the games. “It was so fun to meet with the alumnae, most of whom I have never met before,” Trunzo said. “The support and excitement of the sisters after they’ve been away from the chapter for so long is awesome.”

Younger sisters were excited to be part of an event that could be carried on as a tradi-

tion. “Wish Bingo was one of the most unique philanthropy events I’ve been to. It was a wonder to see all the support for Make-a-Wish,” sophomore Jenn Lippert said. Freshman Lydia Stroul, an Alpha Xi Delta new member, expressed that she really enjoyed and appreciated the Chi Omega’s event. “Wish Bingo was a great idea and a fun way to

raise money for an incredible cause,” Stroul said.

Overall, the sisters of Chi Omega were deeply grateful for the support from the Thiel community. “Next year, I really want to see more campus and community involvement,” Fernandez said. In the future, she hopes to advertise the event better and pull an even bigger crowd.



The sisters of Chi Omega hosted Wish Bingo to benefit Make a Wish, in the hopes of eventually granting a wish to a child in need.
Photo Credit: Cassie Graham



Chi Omega sisters Rebecca Leonard and Allie Gloor sell raffle tickets to patrons of the sorority’s Wish Bingo.
Photo Credit: Cassie Graham



Thiel utilizes new Community-Service Program

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This program is both easy to navigate and visually-pleasing. NobleHour is a proven success on other college campuses. It will especially be useful in generating reports required by SGA, professors, and national headquarters, but it will fulfill many other needs and purposes.

Than Oo, Director of Student Activities and Involvement at Thiel, informed, “We decided to invest in this program due to Thiel’s commitment to enhancing civic engagement on campus. NobleHour is an excellent tool to help us accomplish this. We’ve slowly begun introducing to select populations

and plan on a full-launch in the upcoming spring semester.”

The website allows for students to interact with one another and have a pleasant experience while also giving back to their community. Students can view future opportunities for volunteering. They can learn about the organizations they are volunteering for or intend to. Further, students can be in several groups at once, for instance the English club and one of the sororities, and they can simply go to each group and click on it.

The page informs them on the amount of hours the group has recorded and the “econom-

ic impact” those hours have had.

Although the website is not in use completely by Thiel College yet, the group “RA Tyler’s Floor” has already contributed five hours of community service, which is equivalent to \$107.

“If interested, students can begin signing up now at www.noblehour.com/thielcollege. The majority of the functions offered by NobleHour are already available. If interested in a demo, students can request one through our office. Feel free to stop by Student Activities or email us at studentactivities@thiel.edu,” Oo said.

Canon or Nikon?

by Maryanne Elder, melder@thiel.edu

A DSLR is a camera styled for users to have full control of all settings. When investing in a camera, one comes across different brands such as Panasonic, Sony, Pentax, but the two biggest brands are Canon and Nikon.

Focusing on Canon and Nikon, the age-old question is this: between Canon and Nikon, which DSLR system is best? This is a question that has frustrated many of the words greatest photographers and creates feuds across generations. The differences between each brand are simple, yet monumental. Canon and Nikon offer some of the best cameras, flash systems, accessories, and lenses, and have been able to sustain their reputations for years.

Canon and Nikon are both based in Japan. Each of the camera giants has a long history of manufacturing optical equipment. They have traded with each other the honor of

having the number one spot in camera sales and style over the past 50 years.

Today the companies stand as two of the largest DSLR and compact manufactures. The range of the cameras is geared to all levels of photography, from the amateur to the professional.

It is common for professional photographers to swap systems. The majority of the population can afford the purchase of either of the systems.

There are some considerations to look at that may prejudice consumers one way or the other. If, for instance, lenses for one system have already been purchased, it makes more sense to stick with that brand unless you can sell your equipment without losing a lot during the process. Canon has had a larger market share for about ten years, and is generally more accessible.

Photography is often a so-



cial engagement. The borrowing of lenses between friends and colleagues is not uncommon, and may make it possible to switch between Canon and Nikon brands with ease. Photography is experimental. Fit the camera to the lifestyle, and the camera will not disappoint.

Students visit Erie Tricaster

by Maryanne Elder, melder@thiel.edu



Photo Credit: Maryanne Elder

On Monday Oct. 20, Thiel College Communications students participated in the Grand Opening of Tri-State Video Services Inc. and Mega Media Factory offices in Erie Pa. Students that participated in

the event had hands on experience using the newest edition of “The Broadcast Pix” at The James Pedas Communication Center. The Broadcast Pix is a portable new station that can allow one to produce a news-

cast virtually anywhere. Webinar presentations presented by Panasonic were recorded by students Trenton Keisling, Tanner Mesing, Tyler Buffington, and Maryanne Elder. Dr. Victor Evans supervised.

Pumpkin Carving in the Bistro



Students had the opportunity to carve pumpkins in the Bistro on Tuesday, Oct. 28.

Photo Credit: Than Oo

My view of the

WORLD

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- 4) Submitted photos must have been taken within the past year.
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- 6) Participants must be a Thiel student, faculty or staff member.

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The New Faces of Thiel Faculty

by Katie Allgeier, kallgeier@thiel.edu



Professor Karen Shaffer joins the ranks of Thiel's business department while Dr. Delbert Abi Abdallah adds to the biology faculty.

Photo credit: Katie Allgeier



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Abi Abdallah said that the move to Thiel's small campus has been a good one. "It's a switch, let's put it that way," he said. "It's an adjustment, and I like it."

Abi Abdullah noted that the interactions between students, faculty, and administration at Thiel are quite different from the interactions of the 20 thou-

sand plus campus of Cornell.

Abi Abdallah noted his expectations of students in his classes. "I expect [students] to hold their end of the bargain," he said.

"You're in college, and I expect you to... play the part," Abi Abdallah said.

"You're here to study and be a student, and if you're in

my class I will ask that of you all the time. And I will push you. I will push you to your limits. I will push you to limits or boundaries you did not know existed. I will expect of the student more than they expect of themselves."

Both Shaffer and Abi Abdallah can be reached during their office hours or by e-mail.

October 2014 Students of the Month

by Dominick DiRienzo, DDiRienzo@thiel.edu

Kayla Hibbard, of Greenville, Pa., and John Riggins, of New Castle, Pa., are the students of the month for October 2014.

Hibbard is a senior early childhood/special education major. She is a member of the education honorary, Kappa Delta Pi. She is also a member Alpha Chi, which is Thiel College's highest honorary society.

Hibbard has been on the Dean's List each of her five semesters and has volunteered for numerous groups, from assisting at education workshops to helping with a sixth-grade environmental club. Hibbard has been a student worker in the Academic Records Office for the past three years.

Hibbard plans to be a teach-

er and will student teach this spring. She is the daughter of Jodi Hibbard of Greenville, Pa. and Jim Hibbard also of Greenville, Pa.

Riggins is a senior biology major. The senior transfer student has been on the Dean's List all four of his semesters at Thiel College. He is the vice president for Beta Beta Beta, the biology honors society, and is a member of Alpha Chi, the highest honorary society at Thiel.

Riggins also interned last summer at the Greenville Neuromodulation Center and has been a member of the Outdoorsman's Club and Ski Club.

Riggins plans to attend medical school. He is the son of Thomas and Margaret Riggins of New Castle, Pa.



Kayla Hibbard (top) and John Riggins (bottom) are current students of the month.

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ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS

All seniors are required to schedule an appointment with the Registrar, Denise Urey, to review your college core requirements.

Appointments can be made at the Records Office or by calling extension 2110. Seniors who desire to participate in commencement exercises in May 2015, who will complete graduation requirements in summer school 2015, must petition the Academic Standing Committee by April 15, 2015 for approval to participate in the May ceremony. The academic petition form can be obtained in the Records Office.

UPCOMING CAREER SERVICES EVENTS

Contact Martin Black for more information, mblack@thiel.edu.

Nov 4, 4-5 PM **Survivor: The Real World** (Room TBA)

Nov 5, 10-12 **Noon Minute Clinic** in the AC Lobby

Nov 7, 11am-2pm **Open House** — Join us for Pizza in the Library Gallery (Introducing the New Assistant Director for Career Development)

Nov 14-16 **NYC Career Expo** (Travel by Van to a Thiel alumni hosted career networking event)

Abroad: A Moroccan Experience

by Keeley Criswell, kcris483@thiel.edu

This past summer, Sara Toombs traveled to Meknes, Morocco. Meknes, located in northern Morocco, was at one point the capitol, and is currently one of Morocco's larger cities.

While abroad, Toombs partook in several internships. Her four-week experience allowed her to work with others in an orphanage, a women's co-op, and an association for women's rights. Although she spent her weeks helping others, she spent her entire trip learning about Moroccan culture. During the week, she explored Meknes. On weekends, she explored other parts of Morocco.

"I traveled every weekend within country. Morocco is one of those places where every city has a different culture. So, even though money was tight, I made sure I got to see as much of Morocco as I could. I wanted the full picture of who Moroccans are," Toombs said.

Toombs received the Vira Heinz scholarship for summer 2014. This was her second time applying for the scholarship as she had not been chosen for the summer 2013 scholarship.

"I really wanted to be a part of the Vira Heinz program," Toombs said. The program, which offers financial support to participants, also provides participants with guidance throughout their first international experience as well as leadership and women's issues seminars. It encourages women to challenge and better themselves.

"I knew that the best way to achieve [acceptance into the program] was to push my boundaries as hard as possible. I originally wanted to study in Europe, which would still have been an amazing experience, but I knew I was being challenged to stretch my comfort zone. Morocco is a country of rich heritage and culture that is so vastly different from anything I have ever experienced. I knew I wanted to go to a brand new place and learn to serve people in a humble and curious way," Toombs said.

One of Toombs's goals was to interact in a meaningful way with Moroccan people. With the help of her service-style internships, she was able to accomplish this goal. The people of Morocco ended up being both her favorite and the most surprising thing about Morocco. Despite the fact that Moroccans speak Arabic, a language that, according to Toombs, is



Sara Toombs on a hike in the Atlas Mountains of Morocco.

Photo Credit: Sara Toombs

very difficult to grasp, she was able to learn from the people.

"I was really surprised at how much people really are similar. You go somewhere so far away, it almost feels like you will meet aliens. But people are people, and they have the same desires, pains, joys, and sadness that we do.... The people I met in Morocco were absolutely my favorite part of studying abroad.... I could barely speak to anyone, but it made me listen and pursue conversations in a new way, and I learned that laughter is universal. I made really close friendships and grew to love people. I will always remember my friends in Morocco," Toombs said.

Another one of Toombs's pre-departure goals was to challenge herself. A desire for this challenge was what prompted her to choose a country so different from America. While abroad, cultural differences can seem frustrating and upsetting. But, they offer a challenge unique to culture-immersion programs.

"Sometimes, it was really challenging for me to not see the world through American-colored glasses. I would get really offended and frustrated by catcalls on the street or being stared at. Sometimes I was angry about the way people did certain things. It made me think about how I perceive others and just how closed off I can be," Toombs said.

A plethora of cultural differences can also bring about frus-

tration in the sense of homesickness.

"I got hit by the homesickness train pretty bad. It was a really overwhelming experience for a lot of reasons, and it was difficult to not be able to find comfort the usual ways. I know now that it was one of the most beneficial parts of the experience and gave me so much strength, but at the time all you can think about is how far away the people you love are."

Like many other students who study abroad, Toombs believes that her experience was extremely beneficial.

"Going to Morocco flipped the world upside down for me. I learned so much about my own weaknesses, but also my passions and my big heart. I feel accomplished and experienced," Toombs said. "Being abroad taught me that it is so much more important to listen than to speak. I made an idiot of myself in some big ways in Morocco, and I have learned to consider my words and actions so carefully. Mostly, I learned that the world is very big and very small at the same time, and I want to see so much more of it."

She also has some advice for anyone considering a study-abroad program.

"Study abroad no matter how scared you are or how poor you are. The fear will teach you who you really are and finding the money to go will make you grateful," Toombs said.

Kids in Chemistry Event Held at Thiel



Kaile Jump teaches a class during the Kids in Chemistry event, sponsored by the American Chemical Society.

Photo credit: Maryann Elder

by Maryanne Elder

On Sunday Oct. 19 the American Chemical Society held their annual "Kids in Chemistry" day.

Kaile Jump, president of ACS, and advisors Dr. Reinsel, Dr. Stanisky, Dr. Zimmerman, Dr. Frantz, and Dr. Butcher (neuroscience department) assisted in running the

event.

The event involves students from various majors helping children find excitement in the exploration of science. It promotes community service and helps the college reach out to the community.

The day day had a special guest from the neuroscience

department; Dr. Greg Butcher prepared activities that were called "Mind Games."

This event is held every year to help show kids science is fun. Event demos included silly putty, slime, rainbow fish, chromatography butterflies, crushing cans, pop-rockets, and mind games.



Toombs Time: Why Slut-Shaming Has No Place On Halloween

by Sara Toombs, stoombs@thiel.edu



There comes a point in your college career where you begin to fear questions. Family gatherings become sheer torture because you know, inevitably, you will hear question after question from every relative... “Do you have a boyfriend yet?” and “Are you putting on weight?” and the ever fateful, “So, what

are you going to do with your life?” This is the point when I pretend to choke on something and then hide in the bathroom until its time for dessert.

But, there is one question I hate more than any other - “What are you going to be for Halloween?” People start asking around the end of August, the stupid extra aisles of pre-made costumes pop-up at Wal-Mart, and every year someone will try to convince me to join in on a group costume (to which the answer will always remain, no I will not be Sailor Moon).

Every year my answer is always the same; I am not dressing up. Sometimes I get a little snarky and say something like “I’m a college senior who doesn’t give a crap about Halloween.” I just really don’t like costumes. Every experience I

have had at a costume party has been either humiliating or ended in me realizing once again that I truly hate Halloween. But even with all my built up dislike for all things Halloween, I’ll admit it’s kind of fun to browse the Facebook pictures and see who came up with something creative.

I have come to realize through all this Internet stalking that the most probable reason for my disinterest in Halloween parties is that I don’t fit in when I get there. I guess it never occurred to me that Luna Lovegood stopped being a good costume somewhere between the turtleneck sweater and the homemade Quibbler. I just never got the memo that I had entered the phase of life where costume parties cease to be about the costumes and are primarily

about the party.

So, yeah, I never learned to show enough skin to truly blend in at the annual Halloween festivities. The allure of wearing less than I do in the swimming pool combined with grinding my body against people just gets lost on me. But I am completely okay with that, and will continue to enjoy the holiday solely for the massive sale on fun sized candy two days later.

However, I don’t think it’s alright to judge the people who really love the whole costume thing. I know that some of us are more conservative and maybe the “sexy cat” costume isn’t our style, but I get pretty fired up by the hate-slinging surrounding women’s Halloween costumes.

So, here’s the deal: it doesn’t matter how small, tight, revealing, slinky, or *sexy* a costume

is - it’s still not a “slutty” costume. It’s a sexy costume. It’s a revealing costume. It’s probably a really cold costume. But, it is not slutty. The woman in that costume is not a “slut” because she wanted to look good while going out with her friends.

And here’s a revolutionary concept: she’s still not a “slut” if she does decide to go home with someone that night. (Granted, it probably isn’t going to be the guy who calls her costume slutty.) As it turns out, women have the same right as men to sleep with literally whoever they want. A person’s number of sexual partners does not determine their worth or personality - it just means they like to have sex.

I know that saying this kind of things goes against some of my own values. But that’s the key here - they are my val-

ues and I have my own right to them. I am entitled to my crew neck sweatshirts and fear of short skirts, because I don’t have to show my skin to anyone I don’t want to. It is equally another woman’s right to wear those tiny shorts that show off her hard work at the gym. She feels good in them, she feels *sexy* in them, and it’s her prerogative to wear them. But looking great is not an invitation, and the way someone chooses to dress does not make them a slut. In fact, I’m here to argue that absolutely nothing a woman does grants anyone else the right to call her a slut.

So, this Halloween I want you to put on whatever costume makes you feel gorgeous, have a really great (and safe) time, and take a well-deserved break from the slut-shaming.

Farewell to New York Yankees Jeter

by Mary Kate Dougherty, mdougherty@thiel.edu

This past February, the world of baseball received some sad news as the most likable and possibly the most hated figure in baseball, because of the uniform he wears, New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter announced his retirement from baseball after a 20 year Hall of Fame bound career.

For fans like myself who has grown up admiring the superstar shortstop, this is not the news I welcomed with open arms. I’m not going to lie; I let a few tears drip from my face after reading the farewell letter Jeter posted on the internet.

No young girl wants to see her ultimate favorite athlete walk away from the game she has played and watched her entire life.

I have grown up trying to emulate the actions and leadership skills of Jeter. When I was younger and first started playing baseball, I kept my hands up high in my batting stance and rhythmically swung my hands as I waited for the pitch to get to me.

I wanted to be a team player and put the team’s needs before my own,

because that is what Jeter would do. My coaches even gave me the nickname of ‘Jeter’ because I resembled his style of play so much, and they still call me that to this day.

I have worn the jersey with the #2 on my back for as long as I can remember and wouldn’t be able to play the game without it.

Jeter not only exhibited how to be a good baseball player, he showed the world how to be a good person and respect the game of baseball. Never once was Jeter’s name linked to any type of scandal.

Yes, baseball is a game, but it was also Derek Jeter’s job for 20 years and he treated it as so. He played the game with grace and remained poised under harsh New York critics.

He never took the game for granted and could always be seen playing with a smile on his face. The world of baseball and beyond needs to tip their hats to this man for showing optimism in a world filled with cheaters and scandals.

Baseball in 2015 will be a little weird to watch, because the face of



Derek Jeter takes one final moment at shortstop at Yankee Stadium.
Photo credit: nj.com

the New York Yankees and arguably the face of baseball will no longer be on the field.

I want to thank you Derek Jeter for being the best teacher I ever had outside of school settings, and for teaching me to love, respect, work hard, and carry myself appropriately on the diamond.

I tip my hat to you.
#Farewell Captain.

The Differences in Age: Korea and the U.S.

by Doei Kim, dkim@thiel.edu

“Hello, what is your name? How old are you?” It is general conversation when Koreans meet new people.

However, when I came Thiel as an exchange student, I was confused that the way to say hello to Americans. I found that they usually ask other’s name, major and grade. When I asked one girl’s age, she reluctantly answered. I didn’t know why at that time. However, after I became close with her, she said that it is better not to ask someone’s age at the first time met. This is because Americans regard “private” as important.

Is it rude behavior asking other’s age? I was shocked compared to Korean culture. It is so common and also necessary behavior asking other peoples’ ages because we need to decide on a title.

In Korea, if someone is older, we call them a sister or brother. It is a very rude thing calling their name without an appropriate title.

Also related to age, some other differences exist between Korea and the US.

In Korea, babies becomes one year old when they are born. How surprising it is! The reason of this is that Koreans

count the period of 10 months inside the mother’s womb. Korean regards the baby in his mother’s body as a living thing.

So every year on the first day of the year, regardless of when he was born, he grows a year older. Therefore, the baby who born on 12/31, amazingly the next day he becomes 2 years old.

However, in US, when the baby is born he is a 0-year-old. And when it is his birthday, he grows a year older.

So, during the first time that I have been in the U.S., I am so confused to change my Korean age to my U.S. age.

Now, here is so easy method to solve this problem, how to change my Korean age to U.S. age. First, I take 1 from my Korean age. Then, if my birthday is not yet passed, in addition to that, take off an additional year. Now, it is my US age.

Like this, so many differences existed between Korea and the U.S. Sometimes, it is little bit awkward to adapt to another culture far away from my own culture. However, I’m still excited and happy to learn the new culture in the US.

Why your favorite movie is terrible... featuring “Mean Girls”

by Andrew Denson, adenson@thiel.edu

****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 easily offended.****

The Movie:

Possibly the most annoyingly quoted movie of all time, with possibly the most annoying fans of all time, and starring possibly the most annoying actress of all time (aka “Mean Girls”).

Yes, people, we have indeed reached the point where I can finally put into words the true awfulness behind the Mean Girls phenomenon. Everyone remembers when this movie came out. It was a cute little teen comedy similar to almost every other teen comedy in the history of cinema.

Instead of falling to the way-side like so many others before it, somehow it gained a ridiculous cult following that has singlehandedly produced the most annoying fans in any medium.....including Steeler fans (gosh those people are just awful).

Anyway, the movie follows Cady, a white student from Africa who comes to an American white school and is befriended by a gay and antisocial stereotype. Boy, this sounds awful so far.....BUT WAIT, THERES MORE.

Cady eventually infiltrates the local hot girl clique lead by blonde Rachel McAdams. Its kind of like The Departed, except no one dies and the acting is ten times worse. The group

also includes the chick who provided the voice for Eliza Thornberry (Remember Wild Thornberries? Great show) and that blonde girl from that awful Nicholas Sparks movie (and not awful in a comedic sense like this article, but a truly awful movie that should have led to the author being tortured for life).

The movie continues as Cady slowly changes her identity and because one of the Mean Girls (called plastics in the movie). Laughs and annoying quotes ensue and at the end of the day, everyone is happy.

You can tell the creators of this movie definitely did not go to high school in the real world.

The Character Everyone Loves To Hate:

Now it would be really simple to choose any of the Plastics for this section, but I mean they are like the only realistic characters in the whole movie. We all know that most of you reading this were just like these girls were in high school. Evil, manipulative, promiscuous, and downright evil people. Heck, lets be real, most of you still are.

Let’s go with Cady as the most annoying character in the movie because quite simply, she just is not a likable character. Go ahead, give me one rea-

son why I should like her. She befriends two outcasts and lets them manipulate her into hating another group of girls that have “recruited” her.

She becomes a liar, backstabber, and overall awful person. Wait a second, I don’t think she really became all of those as much as she was already all of them. It should have her being hit by that bus, it would have saved us from that overly cheesy scene where she breaks the crown and gives it to everyone.

Why The Movie Is Awful:

Besides the annoying fans, an-

noying quotes, annoying acting, and annoying story, the movie is also awful because of television stations. It’s like the people that run these TV stations sit down at the beginning of every week and say “Hmmm, HEY LETS PLAY A MEAN GIRLS MARATHON FOR THE 5TH TIME THIS MONTH, THAT MOVIE IS AMAZING AND I AM SURE MANY PEOPLE HAVE NOT SEEN IT IN SO LONG, OOOO THE NOSTALGIA”

Please, in the name of all that is holy, PLEASE STOP PLAYING THIS MOVIE ON TV. I don’t want to get on Facebook

and see everyone quoting the same scenes at the same time for two hours. Its annoying.

Why The Movie Is Not Awful:

Every female lead and supporting character in this movie are amazingly beautiful.....especially Tina Fey.... mmmmmmm, Tina Fey.

Yes, it does have all of those annoying features, but seriously you have to be the worst human being ever if you legitimately hate Mean Girls.

What has Always Been Awful:

Here are just a few quotes that NEED TO BE STOPPED

“Raise your hand if you have ever been personally victimized by Regina George”

“It’s like I have ESPN or something.”

“I don’t hate you ‘cause your fat. You’re fat ‘cause I hate you”

“She doesn’t even go here”

And finally, the worst of the worst.....the ultimate in awful movie quotes, and anyone caught saying this one is no longer acquainted with me. You are the worst person ever. If you ever say “You Go Glen Coco” I hope something bad happens to you.



Mean Girls, which premiered in theaters in 2004, has picked up a sort of cult following in recent years. Pictured are “plastics” Gretchen Weiners, Regina George, Cady Heron, and Karen Smith.

Photo Credit: vulture.com

Opinion Poll: What are you going to be for Halloween?



Amanda Callahan

“My friends and I are going as the Flintstones.”



Colin Vitale

“Rocky”



Amber Fox

“Misty, from Pokemon”



Ronnel Hunt

“Twiggles the clown”



Jaclyn Kuzma

“A minion paired with an evil minion”



Alex Ciepiela

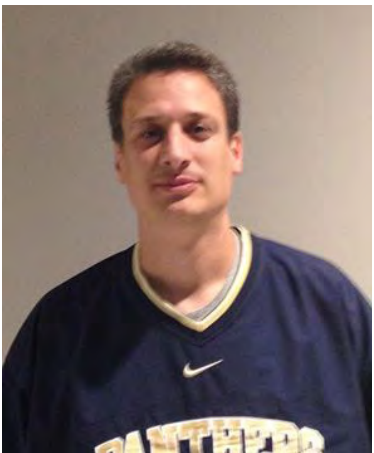
“The obnoxious fan wearing a half-blue, half-gold morphsuit.”



A scene from *The Madison Blitz*, a “one-day theater extravaganza” hosted in the Robinson Theater.
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20 Years Later; 20 Years Wiser:
Tomcat Returns to Thiel

by Shawn Konter, skonter@thiel.edu



Perhaps the most popular theme that transcends people is sport. For my continued series on student life from twenty years ago, I will take us on a virtual trip back into time as I reexamine both Thiel and professional sports.

While many traditional sports such as football, basketball, and baseball were offered by

Thiel, many other sports were not. There were only five Thiel cheerleaders were and there was certainly no bowling, dance teams, men’s volleyball, or lacrosse. I did not even witness any type of lacrosse until a visit to Penn State Main campus in the spring of 1995.

In 1990 and 1991, the Thiel College football team went for a combined record in those two years of 9-9 culminating with a winning season of 5-4 in the fall of 1991, its first winning season since 1971. If not for a “Hail Mary” play at the end of a game versus Clinch Valley State, the team would have ended their season 6-3.

In 1992, the Thiel College men’s basketball team started out the season with a 9-4 mark eventually earning a trip

to the first PAC tournament as a second seed, losing to Bethany. There were only four other schools in the PAC and they included W & J, Bethany, Waynesburg, and Grove City.

In professional sports, the Pittsburgh teams were very good. The Pirates won three straight division titles from 1990-1992 and if not for the Atlanta Braves, they would have advanced to the World Series. Playoff formats were much different as only the two division winners from each league made the playoffs. There were no wild card teams in baseball. In other Pittsburgh sports, the Pittsburgh Penguins won two straight Stanley Cups with Mario Lemieux leading the way.

In Cleveland sports, the Indians would get a new sta-

dium, Jacobs Field, in 1994 or 1995 and would sell out for 455 straight games and ultimately compete for a world championship of their own. If it wasn’t for the Florida Marlins or Atlanta Braves, they would have won it all as well. The Cleveland Cavaliers played their games at the Richfield Coliseum and if not for Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls-they may have won it all.

In NCAA men’s basketball, the Michigan Wolverines had the “Fab 5” while teams such as Duke and UNLV were competing for and winning the national championship. For women, there was no WNBA as it did not start until 1996.

In the NFL, the Dallas Cowboys were back to being America’s team as they won sever-

al consecutive Super Bowl’s while the Buffalo Bill’s went to four straight Super Bowls winning none. Expansion teams such as the Jacksonville Jaguars and Carolina Panthers did not exist. The Pittsburgh Steelers division included the Houston Oilers, Cleveland Browns, and the Cincinnati Bengals.

In 1992, the winter and summer Olympics were still held every four years with both of sets of games being in the same year. The winter games were held in Albertville and the summer games were held in Barcelona. The USA would send its Dream Team of basketball of players including but not limited to Larry Bird and Magic Johnson over to win the gold medal that year.

One may also be interested

to know in MLB, the Arizona Diamondbacks or the Tampa Bay Devil Rays did not exist and the present day Washington Senators were then known as the Montreal Expos.

My first sports fantasy league, baseball, did not begin until 1995/1996 and one had to pay money for that service. One would also be sent papers in the mail, once a month, to see your standings. If one were to get a deal for \$25 dollars for one team, you certainly took the offer for \$39.95 for two teams.

Again due to word limitations, I must now conclude this article and hope you have enjoyed this virtual trip back into time.

Until next time,
Shawn A. Konter

Fashion Frenzy:
The Death of Fashion Icon Oscar de la Renta

by Katie Allgeier, kallgeier@thiel.edu

Oscar de la Renta, fashion icon and dresser to the stars, died on Monday at his home in Kent, Conn. from complications of cancer. He was 82.

De la Renta’s death marks the passing of one of the greatest fashion designers of the age. One of the famous designer’s final creations was the wedding dress of Amal Alamuddin, successful human rights lawyer and wife of George Clooney.

After finishing in his native Santo Domingo, de la Renta sailed to Spain to study art. In Madrid de la Renta

spent much of his time in nightclubs and cafes, spending the allowance his father sent him on designer clothes.

To make ends meet, de la Renta drew sketches of clothes for various fashion houses. These sketches were eventually picked up by the wife of the then-U.S. ambassador to Spain, who asked de la Renta to design her daughter’s coming out dress. The dress appeared on the cover of Life magazine later that fall, and de la Renta’s career was launched.

After working for the famed

Cristobal Balenciaga in Madrid, de la Renta packed up his sketches, luggage, and letters of introduction and moved to Paris, where he was immediately offered a job at Christian Dior.

De la Renta turned down the offer in favor of a position at Lanvin, where he worked as an assistant to Antonio del Castillo. Two years later, de la Renta moved to America to work for Elizabeth Arden, and Seventh Avenue. During this time, he dressed first ladies Reagan and Clinton.

In 1993 De la Renta be-

came the first American citizen to design a significant couture collection in Paris since Mainbocher in 1940.

He went on to win several prestigious fashion awards, including several Coty Awards for his influence on fashion. In 1973 he was inducted into the Coty Hall of Fame and was presented with a lifetime achievement award by the Council of Fashion designers of America.

De la Renta never forgot the difference between street fashion and runway fashion.

“Never, ever confuse what

happens on a runway with fashion,” he once said. “A runway is spectacle. It’s only fashion when a woman puts it on. Being well dressed hasn’t much to do with having good clothes. It’s a question of good balance and good common sense.”

De la Renta had experience dressing first ladies, high-profile socialites, and the women of Hollywood.

He is survived by his wife, son, three sisters, three stepchildren, and nine step-grandchildren.



Oscar de la Renta recently passed away.
Photo credit: Elle Magazine Online

Tomcats W. Volleyball Clinches Win in Thriller at Westminster; Downs Makes Record Night

by Paul Connelly, pconnelly@thiel.edu



The women's volleyball team beat out Westminster 3-2 (21-25, 27-25, 15-25, 25-23, 15-13) on the road.
Photo Credit: Thiel.edu

The Thiel women's volleyball team snatched up an impressive PAC win last week, besting Westminster College in an exciting 3-2 shootout on the road. In a back-and-forth brawl between the two conference rivals, the Tomcats traded blows with the Westminster Titans, when the sets were tied 2-2 going into the final match. The final set was decided by Veronica Brueggman who got the kill to put Thiel up 14-13 before Westminster's Alaura Hanssen would commit an attack error to end the match and seal the victory for the Tomcats.

A late rally would fall short for Thiel on their first set of the night when the combined scoring of Alex Hall, Ashley Baer, and Bailey Holmes would bring the Tomcats within four. Thiel just couldn't hold on when the Titans' Kendell Dickson tallied the kill from Anna Thompson to end the first 25-21.

The second set was a well-earned win after both clubs continued to fire back after kills from Hall and Brueggman helped bring the Tomcats within one at 16-15. Hannah

Budzowski, Brueggman, and a service ace from Lenora Boyer would all help finish off the titans in the second and tie the sets 1-1.

Early mistakes by Thiel in the third set helped the Titans capitalize and hold the Tomcats to 15. Westminster started out 7-1 and continued to roll off of Thiel errors and the scoring of Hanssen. Hall and Budzowski both picked up two kills in the set.

Thiel clinched the tie in the fourth, coming back from four straight Titan kills by Dickson and Lexie Yoho. Brueggman would score off of a kill and a service ace to keep Thiel within range. Budzowski and Bailey Holmes would give the Tomcats the lead late into the set before Budzowski and Brueggman would get two straight to force a fifth and final meeting.

The fifth set was an absolute slugfest as Hall and Budzowski would keep the Thiel effort alive and keep the Tomcats within one. It was a call-and-answer display when Dickson replied right back from scores of Budzowski and Jenny Shelley. Then, late Titan mistakes ultimately sealed Westminster's fate as Brueggman would be the one to get the final kill and the win for the Tomcats.

Senior Lauren Downs made it a record night for her, recording a career-best 43 digs. Shelley and Hall finished the night with double doubles while Brueggman and Budzowski both racked up 15 kills. The Tomcats are currently 8-7 in the PAC (11-15 overall) awaiting three more conference opponents before the postseason.



Senior Lauren Downs recorded a career-high 43 digs.
Photo Credit: Thiel.edu

Playoff-bound Cowboys?

by Christian Kafka, ckafka@thiel.edu

Raise your hand if you believed the Dallas Cowboys would be 6-1...anyone? Unless you are a Dallas homer, you surely did not think that was an attainable goal for the franchise. A team that carves out a niche for mediocrity is surpassing all expectations in an exemplary fashion. For a team that averages an 8-8 record almost every season, Dallas looks primed to be in the playoffs for the first time since 2009.

For an offense that is known for turning the ball over in crucial situations, the Cowboys have avoided late heartbreaks so far this season. A big reason for that is the emergence of running back DeMarco Murray. Murray has always shown talent, but he never produced like he has this year. Whether it was injuries or the coach forgetting to utilize him, the multitalented runner did not have a consistent impact in the past.

Through seven games Mur-

ray has already rushed for 913 yards and is averaged 4.8 yards per carry. Just to prove how ridiculous his production has been, Arian Foster is in second place for total running yards this season with 615. That is almost a 300 yard difference, and Murray is on pace to break the all-time record for the most rushing yards in a single season, which is held by Eric Dickerson.

Tony Romo is keeping the offense rolling as well with his arm. The knock on Romo has always been that while he produces great numbers, he falls apart in clutch situations. That has not been the case this season. Against the Seattle Seahawks, Romo completed a pass on 3rd down and 20 to Terrance Williams with a beautifully thrown ball to keep the drive going (which Murray finished the drive with a running touchdown).

Against the New York Gi-

ants, Romo did not miss a pass in the second half to keep their division rival from coming back.

The defense for the Cowboys has been a pleasant surprise as well. With injuries and players leaving in Free Agency, many expected the defense to be even worse than last year's historically awful unit. So far, they are 20th in total yards allowed.

That is a far cry from elite but a vast improvement from last season. Also, they are ranked 14th in points allowed which is a pretty decent rank. Newcomer Rolando McClain has brought solid play and leadership to a team that lacked playmakers with Sean Lee out for the year and Demarcus Ware leaving. When you have all of these things put together, it is hard to picture the playoffs without Jerry Jones's squad involved in the hunt.

Ross Seals Senior Night Victory in OT

by Paul Connelly, pconnelly@thiel.edu



Chey Ross scored the game-winner in overtime against St. Vincent
Photo Credit: Thiel.edu

Last minute heroics and the ability to capitalize off of opponents' mistakes propelled the Tomcats women's soccer team to a 2-1 victory against conference contender St. Vincent on senior night. It was senior fullback Chey Ross who got the call on a golden goal late into overtime, finishing with a header after Morgan Berg's free-kick attempt ricocheted off of the crossbar.

The first period ended scoreless as Thiel continued to outshoot the Bearcats while St. Vincent couldn't avoid the offsidess, getting called four different times in the first 45 minutes. Thiel was the first to break the silence when Berg fired one through off of a penalty kick to take the lead.

St. Vincent answered fourteen minutes later after an unrelenting six-shot attack to start the half finally gave way when Elly Colvin got the bearcats on the board. Thiel keeper Kim Gentry stayed tough in-goal for the Tomcats, recording four saves in the period to send the Tomcats into overtime.

Monica Ochoa attempted to get the game-winner, five minutes into extra time but St. Vincent keeper Meghan Lyden came up big with the save. Meghan Smith got the touch downfield and struck through to have her shot blocked. Then, Kaytee Candela and Berg both made attempts while Candela's

was saved and Berg's shot went off target. It finally came down to a St. Vincent foul that would give Berg the free kick nearly one minute later and give Ross the glorious finish.

Gentry racked up seven saves while Lyden tallied four for the Bearcats. Berg fired off seven shots, two were on target while Ross had two total, one on-goal. Candela and Ochoa got off two shots total, Ochoa's were both on cage. St. Vincent was called offsidess eight different times while Thiel held their run, receiving no offsidess calls.

The program recognized six different seniors including Nicole Jeschelnig, Alliana Hardgrove, Megan Hardgrove, Suelen Gutierrez, Ochoa, and Ross.

The Tomcats are currently 3-4 in the PAC (5-13 overall) and face Chatham University on October 29th and Washington and Jefferson College on November 1st on the road to end the regular season.

Manning Magic

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Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning pays homage to Wilt Chamberlain, posing with teammate Demaryius Thomas after breaking the all-time record for passing touchdowns in the 42-17 win against San Francisco
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Peyton Manning's career was in jeopardy of ending due to multiple neck surgeries. The road that led him to Denver was one filled with hard rehab and being let go by the Colts in favor of Andrew Luck. Peyton received a couple of offers from various teams, but eventually John Elway persuaded him to join the Broncos. On Sunday night football of week 7 of the NFL season, Peyton Manning threw his 509th touchdown pass to Demaryius Thomas.

The pass came with 3:05 left in the second quarter; the record setting Touchdown surpassed the old record holder Brett Favre. The Broncos' wide receivers played a little game of keep away from Manning before giving it to him. Peyton only had the ball for a couple moments before a representative of the football hall of fame whisked it away from him, and processed to leave the stadium to get the ball back to the hall.

Manning added another touchdown pass to make the new record 510, and number is sure to grow much larger with at least ten games plus with super bowl hopes roughly twelve games remaining this season, and he has two year left on his contract after this season with Denver. In a post-game interview with NBC, Manning said on his passing touchdown record: "Quite an honor. I do have an appreciation for the quarterbacks who have played this game over the years. A lot of people helped get me to this point. I'm very honored."

Brett Favre tweeted, "Well deserved Peyton. Congratulations on breaking my record." The Denver Broncos' organization did a couple of things to honor this accomplishment. First, the cheerleaders put on blue jerseys with 509 on them.

Second, Blue and Orange fireworks were set off from above the scoreboard. Finally they had the mascot, Thunder, run across the field dawning a 509 flag instead of the traditional either American or Broncos' flag.

According to ESPN, "Former Colts wide receiver Marvin Harrison has 112 touchdowns; the most that Manning has thrown to anyone. Demaryius Thomas has leads the Broncos' with 29 touchdown receptions following the Sunday night game."

Peyton is known for attention to detail to the other team's defense, and using their tendencies to pick them apart with his pinpoint passes. His most famous audible is "Omaha" confusing defense since he came into the league in 1998 with the Indianapolis Colts. The question now becomes how many can he rack up before he retires and becomes enshrined in Canton.