

Media Day

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On Jan. 13, the James Pedas Communication Center hosted Media Day, an event created to introduce the population to the media at Thiel.

The event, which featured the services of media heads from the Endymion, The Thielensian, WXTC, Thiel’s radio station, and TCTV, Thiel’s television station, was more than just an event to showcase the new Pedas Center.

“It was pretty involved,” Ronnell Hunt, senior and Production Manager of WXTC, said, “The Pedas Center looks really good, but no one really knows what we do. It was our first-ever attempt to do something like that. I was really excited.”

As part of the idea initially conceived by Media Board Representative Bri Tiedemann, each section of campus media was made available to explain what they do and build public awareness, and the event quickly turned into a busy afternoon.

For Professor David Miller, professor of Business at Thiel College, who was a professional in the media world for 20 years, attending was second nature: “I was invited by Brianna Tiedemann after receiving an invitation in the mail,” he said, “In high school, I was the editor of the yearbook. That’s where I started.”

After teaching advertising for many years, Miller was always very interested in the media. Coming to Media Day seemed like second-nature: “I loved newspapers, radio, TV. When I was in business, I was spending thousands of dollars every month on media.”

In a public round-table discussion, heads of each media outlet answered the question, “What is newsworthy?” This was recorded and podcasted via a camera from TCTV.

Director of the Communication Center Bob Batchelor and Editor of the Record-Argus Caleb Straight were in attendance for this panel, giving their opinions. They helped to keep the panel going for more than a half-hour.

The thinking process involved to prepare might be different with each head, like the radio and TV stations.

“I knew Media Day was going to be a lot of work,” Hunt said, “Made sure we had everyone there, make sure we know how we’re going to explain it. What if someone came in from another school? What will we do, then?”

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AVI strives for better cooking as well as gaining a new image

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Chad Wilkoff, new head chef, has created a brand new menu.
Photo credit: Hunter Michaelis

Bacon onion jam burgers, waffle burgers, and turkey melts are just three examples of the new entrées being served in the cafeteria.

The new menu, which has been created from scratch by new chef Chad Wilkoff, focuses on using fresh ingredients, made fresh daily, and operates on a four-week cycle.

Wilkoff, the new executive chef who has been at Thiel since the beginning of the spring semester, has been cooking with AVI for three years.

“I was brought here to give everything a new look,” Wilkoff said, “I’ve been cooking for 18 years. I think making things from scratch is better than pre-making it and attempting to cover it up.”

The cafeteria’s use of hand-formed hamburger patties in lieu of the packaged, pre-formed patties the cafeteria served previously, is something that Wilkoff believes in.

One thing that concerned Wilkoff upon his arrival was the poor reputation the cafeteria had around campus,

even causing students to laugh about it when it was brought up.

“Students shouldn’t have to worry about the food,” he explained. “I really want this to be the hangout spot around campus. Food can touch on people from being away from home for the first time or people with allergies.”

For Jason Roller, the director of AVI here at Thiel, the decision to rework the menu was something that came as a result of the previous chef

at Thiel. “I think the previous chef was a little over his head. Cooking for this level is a challenge, but Chad is young and excited,” he explained, “I think that’s something the kitchen needed.”

Something the cafeteria has elected to experiment with is the four-week cycle. According to Roller and Wilkoff, this menu will reflect what is most popular among students.

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Phi Theta Phi raises over 34k for philanthropy

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Some of the brothers, alumni, and family of Phi Theta Phi pose for a picture at Arnold fire hall. The firemen give the brothers a lunch and an escort through their town every year.

On Dec. 05, at 10 a.m., the brothers of Phi Theta Phi set out on their annual Walk-a-Thon. Throughout the walk, brothers walked 100 miles from Greenville to the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh. They collect money in towns along the way. Besides the Walk itself, the brothers also collected money during Pittsburgh’s Light Up Night, and at a Pittsburgh Steeler’s game. The week before the Walk, they visited a different town every day to collect money from dawn until dusk.

This past semester’s effort marked the 45th Walk-a-Thon. Phi Theta Phi’s annual fundraiser has helped the fraternity’s brothers raise over \$1.25 million for their philanthropy – the Free Care Fund at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh. The mission of the Free Care Fund is to provide care to every child that comes to Pittsburgh, regardless of the family’s ability to pay. This year, the brothers raised \$34,059.22.

The brothers of Phi Theta Phi started

the Walk-a-Thon in 1968. During its first year, they raised \$1,100. Since then, the Walk-a-Thon has been held nearly every year. From 2002 – 2004, due to the disbandment of Phi Theta Phi, no walk was held. In 2005, the fraternity’s alumni association reorganized the walk, with Todd Pilipovich, a 2000 Thiel graduate, acting as the walk chair. During the time when Phi Theta Phi was not on campus, Pilipovich and other alumni, wanted to find a way to continue the walk.

“Children’s [Hospital] holds a very special place in my heart due to my involvement over the years. The Walk-A-Thon gives me the opportunity to not only catch up with some close friends that I have a strong bond with, but also step out of my day to day life and give back to society,” Pilipovich said.

With help from a Youngstown State University service group called the “Icebreakers,” the walk continued until Phi Theta Phi was reestablished

at Thiel in 2010. In the fall of 2010, active brothers began once again to organize the walk.

Every year, a different brother takes the position of Walk Chair, and does much of the work in organizing the walk. This year’s Walk Chair, Andrew Thomas, set his goal for \$35,000.

“It didn’t matter what we got, I still would have been happy because we put in our best effort, and anything we would be able to give would mean something to the children,” Thomas said.

The job of the Walk Chair is to work closely with Children’s Hospital, as well as an alumni representative, to organize and execute all of the fundraising for the Walk. The Walk Chair must orchestrate communication with alumni, the hospital, the Steelers, and the towns in which they want to collect. There are permits to be filled, rides to be organized, and brothers to rally.

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A bright future for theater program

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Pete Rydberg, Director of the Thiel Players and Assistant Professor of Performing Arts, has a distinct, optimistic outlook for the future of the department at Thiel College.

“I have a very strong five year mission about what I want to accomplish, develop, and define what exactly we are doing,” Rydberg said.

Rydberg said that this early on in the game, he isn’t quite familiar with the capabilities at hand since he is still adjusting to Thiel. He is still compiling all assets to then figure out how to implement his master plan. “I feel like everything is going well, and the plan is on track,” he said.

His biggest hope for the department is simple: to bring more students through the door to give acting a chance. “I really want to encourage people to be engaged in the theatre in some way or another. Whether that’s witnessing performances or actively participating both on and off stage.” Rydberg also mentioned that he enjoys the new core curriculum because it allows him to have freshmen try his courses early. Rydberg hopes that incorporating himself into the students’ schedules during freshman year will spark interest throughout their academic careers at Thiel to take more courses in the future.

Rydberg is working to incorporate new theatrical equipment and techniques “We are trying to anticipate those transitions,” Rydberg said. For instance, incandescent lighting is becoming obsolete and now they are turning into strictly LED. I’m really trying to develop our technical capacity here to stay up-to-date with everything. Bringing in a Technical Director this year was a huge step towards that process.” According to Rydberg, partnerships with nearby institutions and theaters also play huge roles in having great artistic collaboration and the best resources available for future productions.

In addition, Rydberg wants to see students soar in the department and hopefully bring forth hidden talents. “Here at Thiel, there’s no real hierarchy with theatre majors, we don’t have students saying ‘I want a piece of paper that states I am a theatre major’. Everyone comes from a different major and that’s something you don’t find elsewhere. Theatre is something that unites us here at Thiel.”

Recently, the cast for the Thiel Players’ production of “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” was finalized. “I’m extraordinarily happy with the cast and I’m sure it will be a great show. There’s a long road ahead of us, but we love the work and that’s why we come back to [performing]”.

Thiel welcomes new leadership organization

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Thiel students attend the NSLS leadership training.
Photo credit: Maryanne Elder

The Thiel College chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success welcomed its inaugural class at the induction ceremony held on December 9, 2014, in the Lutheran Heritage Room.

Hosts Mark Weir, Thiel’s Director of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, and Dr. Jared Johnson, Assistant Professor of English, welcomed Thiel students, employees, faculty, administrators, and guests to the celebration.

Forty-one Thiel College students were inducted at the formal gala, which celebrated the students’ successful completion of a series of individual leadership- and team-building steps to advance toward full membership. In addition

to honoring the inaugural class of inductees, the Chapter also recognized the efforts of leaders across campus.

Johnson presented the Excellence in Service to Students Awards to Patti Leipheimer, the Coordinator of Student Support Services, Debbie Schreiber, the Assistant Registrar, and Jonathan Shearer, the Associate Director of Web Development.

Weir presented the Excellence in Teaching Awards to Karen Shaffer, Assistant Professor of Business Administration and Accounting, Melissa Oakes, Associate Professor of Business Administration and Accounting, and his co-presenter, Dr. Jared Johnson.

Honorary Memberships were bestowed upon Curt Thompson, Professor of Religion and Director of the Deitrich Honors Program, Mike McKinney, the Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, and Troy VanAken, President of Thiel College.

Highlights from the evening included a keynote address by Victoria Snyder, the Director of Multicultural Student Services at Robert Morris University, a speech on student success by newly inducted member Kelsey Wise, and an inspirational leadership video assembled by Weir for the ceremony.

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Thiel Happenings

compiled by Liz Carlson, ecarlson@thiel.edu

Tuesday, Feb. 3

Coffee House Performance Featuring Tall Heights

9 p.m. in the Bistro

Don't miss this returning favorite!

Thursday, Feb. 5

Founders Day Celebration

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the founding of Thiel College at the annual Founders' Day ceremony. The Louis and Barbara Thiel Award and distinguished faculty and staff awards will be presented.

Friday, Feb 6 (Winter Weekend)

Student and Alumni Networking Reception

5 p.m. in the Sawhill Georgian Room

Current students will have the opportunity to learn from the academic and career related experiences of our alumni and board members! Please RSVP at too@thiel.edu. Formal black and white attire is requested.

Illusionist and Mind Reader Joshua Seth

8-10 p.m. in the Passavant Center

Joshua Seth is an internationally acclaimed entertainer, speaker, author, and voice over actor, who you will not want to miss!

Saturday, Feb. 7 (Winter Weekend)

Annual Black and White Student Dinner

6 p.m. in the Galleria's Formal Room

Please RSVP at too@thiel.edu. Formal black and white attire is requested.

Annual Black and White Ball

8 p.m. in the LHR and Bistro

Formal Black and white attire requested! A cash bar serving beer and wine will be available to those who are 21 and over and will end at 2 a.m.

TBA EVENTS:

Stuff-a-Bear Workshop

Cupid's Gameshow

Thiel Team Trivia: Every Tuesday at 9 p.m. in the Bistro.

Wanna see a movie?

BLY HALL MOVIE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS...

compiled by Liz Carlson

Big Hero Six: Feb. 6 and Feb. 8

When young robotics genius Hiro Hamada is introduced to Baymax, a personal healthcare robot, by his older brother, he is inspired to apply to the robotics school that his brother attends. Soon after being accepted, Hiro's world is turned upside down when his brother is killed. After accidentally activating Baymax, the two form a special bond that Hiro has not felt since losing his brother. The two-man team soon triples in size and forms a super hero team with the goal of defeating a fellow root genius that stole Hiro's work. You will not want to miss Disney's newest animated film.

The Theory of Everything: Feb. 13 and Feb. 15

This James Marsh movie celebrates the life of the famous scientist Stephen Hawking, played by Eddie Redmayne. While studying at Cambridge and establishing himself as one of the most prestigious scientist of his era, Hawking falls in love with a woman named Jane. Tragedy strikes when he is suddenly diagnosed with the debilitating disease Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). After being his caretaker for many years, Jane starts to lose interest in her relationship with Hawking, lacking the knowledge that he has also fallen in love with another woman. Stop by Bly Hall to watch the drama unfold.

Staff Writers Wanted!

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Thiel College Police Blotter

Dec. 6, 10:00 p.m.

Two students engaged in a fight with mutual consent.

Dec. 7, 10:15 p.m.

Headlight of a parked car was found to be smashed out.

Dec. 7, 11:40 p.m.

Tail light was found broken on a parked vehicle.

Dec. 9, 3:30 p.m.

Driver's side mirror of a parked car was reported stolen.

Jan. 8, 4:00 p.m.

A student's set of golf clubs were stolen.

Jan. 9, 8:00 p.m.

A mysterious individual pulled the fire alarm at the townhouses.

Jan. 9, 8:30 p.m.

Multiple musical instruments from the chapel were stolen.



Want to advertise your club or event?

Submit an ad or article!!!

Articles must be between 350-600 words. Publication is free for Thiel clubs and activities

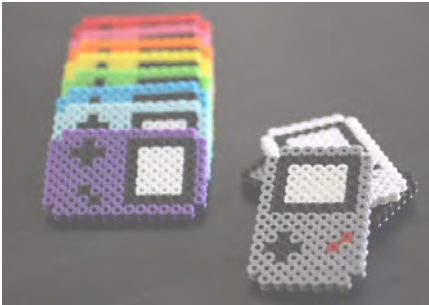
Submission Date	Publication Date
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Thurs, Feb 19	Fri, Feb 27
Thurs, Mar 3	Fri, Mar 20
Thurs, Mar 18	Fri, Apr 1
Thurs Mar 30	Fri, Apr 10
Thurs, Apr 16	Fri, Apr 24

If you give us 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!

Articles, ads, and information can be sent to thielensian@thiel.edu

Thiel Activities Board Presents:

Karaoke, Cookie Decorating, Custom T-shirts, and Melty Beads.



When: This Friday, January 30th at 8 p.m.
Where: Bistro

UPCOMING EVENTS

Stuff-a-Bear Workshop
Cupid's Game Show



DETAILS
TO BE
ANNOUNCED

Coffeehouse Performance
featuring Tall Heights
February 3
9 p.m. in the Bistro



Yoga classes offered

by Keeley Criswell, kcriswell@thiel.edu



Students practice a balancing position during Monday night’s yoga session.
Photo credit: Keeley Criswell

On Monday, Jan. 19, the first yoga class of the semester was held in the multipurpose room of the gym. The instructor for this semester’s classes is Thiel’s own Bobbi Mutinelli. Although this is the first time that Mutinelli has taught yoga at Thiel, she did teach yoga before this semester. When she was in Pittsburgh, she taught restorative yoga and introductory yoga classes.

“After I started yoga, I loved it so much that I just wanted to wrap it up in a box and give it to everyone. So, I decided to start teaching it,” Mutinelli said. Her instructor at the time had gotten her training at the Himalayan Institute and encouraged Mutinelli to do the same.

“Himalayan Institute has one of the most rigorous teaching programs because you have to have 10 weekends of instruction with them and read at least 18 books,” Mutinelli said. The reading requirement is designed to give prospective instructors as much broader understanding of wellness, life, and yoga. “Some of the books were on anatomy, and we had to learn Sanskrit,” said Mutinelli. Sanskrit is a classical Indian language and is one of the 22 official languages of India. Mutinelli has had her teaching certificate for over 10 years.

Mutinelli first started to learn yoga in 2001. “The 9-11 attacks happened, and I was working at La Roche college. We had over 100 students from the Middle East, and the repre-

sentatives from the government kept coming to interview and investigate the students to make sure they weren’t from a terrorist cell. It was a very stressful time because these students kept coming to me and saying, for example, “I swear, my family had nothing to do with it!” I felt so badly for these students, and I was very stressed out. My doctor suggested that I start taking yoga. So, I decided to give it a try,” Mutinelli said.

Soon thereafter, she fell in love with the practice, and La Roche hired an instructor to do classes. This was the instructor that helped Mutinelli find a teaching program to acquire her certificate.

Thiel has offered yoga classes before; last year’s instructor was unable to teach this year. Mutinelli was asked, and she is very excited to be sharing yoga with Thiel’s students.

“One thing I like about yoga is that it is always inclusive and it’s alright where you are. So, if someone new wants to start coming to lessons, I will try to pay attention and find the new people, and try to give them a little additional instruction when I’m going over a pose that was taught before that they don’t know. I would pay attention to see if any students are struggling. One thing I really like about the Himalayan instruction is they taught us that it is important to get info from your students to figure out where they are and help them,” Mutinelli said.

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“The most stressful thing was making sure nothing failed,” Thomas said. “I was always worried that I was going to get a call that something went wrong, like a town calling and saying that we couldn’t go through,” Thomas said. “For example, one difficulty was that we needed two passenger vans, and we could only get one from Thiel because the track team already had one re-

served. We had to find a second one, and it took a while to get.”

For the Walk Chairs, all of the hard work and stress is worth it in the end.

“It’s the best feeling when we get to the hospital and they all greet us,” Thomas said. “This year was really nice because we actually got to meet one of the kids – his name was Luke: he had a double lung

transplant. He’s 13, and he came and talked to us, he was really energetic and happy to see us. I bought him a Captain America action figure because he likes superheroes and his mom told the whole story – it just made the walk more meaningful this year to actually see someone that we have helped. It added that extra reward,”

The Walk-a-Thon also holds heartwarming memories for Pilipovich, who was a Walk Chair in 1999 during his senior year at Thiel.

“My favorite is always meeting a special young lady who comes out in her wheel chair each year as we pass her house just to put some money into our buckets. She never lets us help her get back up her ramp to get out of the weather. She just wants us to keep moving and get to the hospital to make sure her donation makes a difference in someone’s life. A very unselfish young lady,” Pilipovich said.

Because of changing laws, and new ideas for running and promoting events, the walk has changed a lot since it was started. This semester, the new Walk Chair, Daniel McFetridge will work with Thomas and the alumni to update the guidelines



Walk Chair Andrew Thomas collects money during the Walk-a-Thon.
Photo Credit: Dan McFetridge

for running the walk.

“The Walk-A-Thon is always evolving to keep up with the change in the local economy and trends. In the 80’s-90’s a lot of fundraising was done at the gates steel mills and other factories. In the mid 90’s the majority of money was made while standing in the road at intersections at high traffic intersections in towns along the route we took to Pittsburgh. Today, due to state policies, we’re limited to where we can collect and rely more on on-line, text-to-give and social media donations.” Pilipovich said.



This young lady donates to the walk every year. Seeing here is Pilipovich’s favorite part of the walk.
Photo Credit: Dan McFetridge

Global Club holds coffee hour; student discusses semester in France

by Lynsay Girts, LGirts@thiel.edu

Kris Karr shared his experiences in France at Global Club’s Coffee House series on Tuesday, Jan 21. Karr led his presentation by showcasing the pictures that he took while traveling through France and his four months journeying abroad. “The only thing I would have changed was staying longer,” Karr said.

“Before even coming to Thiel, I knew that I wanted to do International Business and take some time to study abroad,” Karr said. “At first I wanted to go to somewhere in South America like Argentina or something, but the school in France offered the program that I wanted.”

Utilizing the tools and support through the study abroad program CIS, Karr was assisted with the detailed paperwork that was required to leave the country. Karr explained that he was able to take advantage of multiple excursions through the CIS program and broaden his experience overseas.

“We had one layover in Munich, after which I flew to Marsat, and from there, my host mother picked me up.... This lady barely spoke any English.”

Karr explained that, through her lack of English skills, he was able to develop his French skills right off the bat. “Body language became a big thing,” Karr said.

Karr explained that he did have English-speaking teachers, and that helped with language barriers; around 140 American students in total were having the same struggles as him but “together, we were working toward the same goal.”

“This trip showed me that I can live for an extended amount of time out of my comfort zone,” Kar said. “It improved my communication skills and, ultimately, looks great on a resume. This experience will set me apart from many other applicants when it comes to job searching.”

Karr can now say that he has been to Bordeaux; Normandy; Beau; Omaha Beach, which is where D-Day bunkers can still be found; Fez, Morocco; Amsterdam and Paris, Karr’s least favorite.

“The room in which I stayed was not anything special by any means, but one thing I did notice about French living is that their furniture seemed closer to the floor. We are used to having open concepts and big picture windows in the States but it wasn’t like that over there. Also, one thing to note is that they have no screens in their windows, they are just wide open.”

When talking about the downtown market square, Karr said, “coffee shops, coffee shops, coffee shops everywhere. And a lot of nightlife. I



While in France, Karr visited several vineyards like this one.

Photo Credit: Kris Karr

would spend a lot of time people-watching at a fountain that could be found in the square. I would usually do lunch in the square on Thursdays or something like that because there would be a farmer’s market that had fresh everything.”

Karr said that he spent a lot of time at a fountain that was located in the downtown square but he also spent some nights up on Montagne Sainte Victoire. “At the very top of this mountain, there is a monastery that is very well kept because there are many volunteers that take the time to preserve it. However, it is about one and a half to two hours of a hike. The views are worth it,” Karr said.

Karr noted that at nighttime, the stars up on Mount St. Victoire were the most beautiful thing he has seen because he felt closer to them—he literally was closer to them; Mount St. Victoire’s elevation is 3,317’. However, “there are no safety nets up there, you just hike... you definitely do not want to slip and fall especially once the wind picks up,” he said.

During the Coffee Hour,

Karr showed many pictures of the beaches he encountered in France, but he also shared pictures of parks where he explained that, “you can drink in public.”

“It also seemed like colors were much more vibrant in France”, said Karr when explaining that painters even travel to this part of France in hopes of being inspired by the colorful setting. “This whole “artsy” concept is very different atmosphere than anything here in the United States,” Karr said.

Because the atmosphere is so different in France, Karr said that by the end of four months, he was overcoming barriers and finally getting accustomed to the culture. “By that time it was time to pack up my 8 bottles of wine and go home.”

To wrap up his presentation, Karr said, “I would suggest that if you are interested in traveling abroad, think about living there for four months or longer and you should begin saving now. Students get a lot of discounts so if you have the opportunity, go and go now because it truly is a fleeting instance.”

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Students, faculty explore Thiel's media outlets during Media Day

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Likewise, the paper and yearbook, since they share an office, focused on awareness. Some people just have no idea either branch of the media still exists, so the office was open and allowed people to walk around and inspect what they do.

"I was really impressed with the TV station. I had never been in there, but the room was particularly unique to me," Miller continued, "Having more experience with print, I never had that much exposure to it."

Media Day, which was about two hours in length, finally drew to a close with the heads reflecting on how the day went. Media Day itself, which was not attended by many members of the student body, rather, more members from the administration and instruction staff, was still viewed as a success:

"For beginners, it went well," Hunt said, "Maybe do something live [next media day]. We really only have the activities fair... Media Day is important for people to see what's so important about a Comm major."

"At the time, I would have

liked to see more students encouraged to what's right for them: take advantage of all the opportunities here. That was one of them."



Professor Miller explores the new TCTV production room.
Photo credit: Maryanne Elder



Students Ronnell Hunt and Trent Keisling run a radio show during Media Day.
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Under the microscope: policemen across country scrutinized

by Lynsay Girts, LGirts@thiel.edu and Jack Sindlinger, JSindlinger@thiel.edu

A policeman's job, in simplest terms, is to protect society from harm and serve those in times of need. As media has broadcasted recently, the stories paint a different picture, one that is controversial and highly debated.

Many news sources have highlighted the concepts of ethics and whether the actions performed by the police, in numerous situations, were ethically correct or not. In today's society, these actions are highly scrutinized by many different sources, which can make it extremely difficult for the police to remain seen as forces for good in communities.

Many news agencies also attempt to portray police as "regular people." The police too make mistakes, just like everybody else, except they are willingly stepping into life-threatening situations in order to bring good and order to the world.

"Shots fired, male down," one of the officers in the car called across his radio. "Black

male, maybe 20, black revolver, black handgun by him. Send E.M.S. this way, and a roadblock."

But the boy, Tamir Rice, was only 12."

Previous is an excerpt of an article published in New York Times describing the event that happened on Nov. 22.

For a couple of days after the incident, society heard stories about how a Cleveland police officer shot Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old African-American boy who died the next day. Jeff Follmer, Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association President, said in an interview that "officers had no way of knowing the boy was carrying an airsoft gun that only looked like a real firearm." The New York Times article also explained that, "the orange safety tip, intended to distinguish it from a pistol that fired real bullets, had been removed or had fallen off."

In light of the incident, and wanting to steer clear from any future errors, Cleveland is tak-

ing precautions to ensure that any excessive and unnecessary force is never executed again. In recent news, Cleveland is turning the investigation over to an outside source.

Using this news story as an example, there are roughly 2 seconds, at the maximum, for an individual to react to a life-threatening situation. During that time, that individual has multiple decisions that they need to make. Police are trained to think whether or not other people are in danger, whether the threat is legitimate or fake, and to plan whether to apprehend the criminal or wait for backup. In those two seconds, it can be difficult for the average person to consider the ethical scrutiny that their actions will be placed under following the incident.

More police departments are beginning to utilize body cameras. These may help police justify their actions and ease public scrutiny. The standards society holds for police officers seem to have grown tremendously in the last years.

AVI institutes changes, new management

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For example, someone who likes the waffle burger, which is a hamburger in between two waffles, can eat it on a Friday afternoon. The entrée will be available exactly one month after that afternoon.

"This idea is pretty innovative," Roller added, "It's exciting. We want you to have something good to eat. Since you have to have a meal plan here, you don't have a choice but to eat here... Chad understands what it's like to eat with an allergy."

Aside from introducing the four-week cycle system, Wilkoff and Roller have instituted "heavy training" for the entire staff to ensure the best food experience.

Another of Wilkoff's new philosophies is what he calls "Recipe Bibles." The goal is to set guidelines for each area based on the cycle. That way, there's no excuse to not make good food.

"I work 14 hour days," Wilkoff said, "I want to cater to

you. I really want to change up the food, but create some consistency. I'm excited. I don't think the staff here has really had an excited leader."

"The biggest thing I can say is that the students are our customers," Roller said, "If it weren't for you, we wouldn't have jobs, so we want to make this a positive experience. We want to do a good job, so talk with us if you have honest feedback."

Some of AVI's future plans including remodeling the caf-

eteria to create "a more enjoyable eating experience." This includes working with the college to decide what equipment is needed in order to create a better flow and allow for creativity.

"Our big thing is that students have to wait in long lines, which is really confusing. Then, go to back for seating," Roller concluded, "Why can't we have stations in the middle of the cafeteria to make it easier? Brighten it up, too."



AVI has been implementing a new menu.
Photo credit: Hunter Michaelis

Fresh Grounds coffeehouse aims to serve God, students, community

by Lynsay Girts, LGirts@thiel.edu



Fresh Grounds, in downtown Greenville, is relatively new addition to the town and Thiel.
Photo credit: Lynsay Girts

Fresh Grounds coffeehouse, located in downtown Greenville, has been labeled as the town's latest breakthrough.

At face value, Fresh Grounds is a non-profit organization, but "[Fresh Grounds] is much, much more," Kyle Marini, Greenville native and Thiel student, said. "Yes they serve excellent coffee, probably the best around, but they do this to get customers in the door, where [the customers] can be appreciated and the presence of God can be tangibly felt," Marini said.

Marini has volunteered more than 2,000 hours as a high school student and can now be found in the evenings at Fresh Grounds as a manager, whipping up some fancy mixture of coffee a la' amazing. Reflecting on the amount of time spent at Fresh Grounds Marini stated, "I have always loved volunteering at Fresh Grounds because it is such a positive, encouraging environment." Marini continued stating, "I put my heart and soul into every drink I make because it directly reflects the mission of Downtown Ministries—coffee is always a staple for conversation, and something as simple as a cup of coffee can lead to events that turn a customer into a disciple—if their cup is rancid, they may never return and become a missed opportunity, whereas if they come in and the volunteers love them and give them the best service they can, they may leave with much more than a wonderful espresso con panna, and will undoubtedly return."

Fresh Grounds is proud to

say on their website that they are "not just a meeting place but more importantly, a ministry. The beauty of the building and the excellence of the coffees and pastries are reason enough to sound off about, however, a more important aspect of Fresh Grounds happens inside, day-to-day. What is happening is not traditional church ministry. No preacher, no choir, no church service, etc. We are watching an amazing God do some amazing things. We are seeing relationships developing between Christians and non-Christians. We are watching volunteers exhibit selfless acts of Christian hospitality and evangelism is flourishing. Fresh Grounds is a place where Christ naturally enters into everyday dialog, which is not the norm these days. We get a sense that it is inviting to non-Christians as many have become regulars. It is an attractive, fun place; hip enough for youth and comfortable enough for seniors. A place where the main objective is to honor and glorify God."

"I love coffee and I love crafting an excellent espresso drink, but what I love even more is to serve a customer with the excellence that they are probably not used to—to show that even though we are a business and we make outstanding coffee, our ultimate mission is to create lasting relationships and share the love of Christ," Marini said.

The coffeehouse is the result of nearly four years and 100 volunteers working tirelessly to see the project through. "It is a tribute to Greenville's

talented labor force and to the community's giving spirit. The building project has been funded by a support network of friends, local businesses and churches. The building that was once a JC Penney department store has been transformed into a venue that rivals chic metropolitan coffeehouses," Downtown Ministries said on their website.

"At Downtown Ministries we are always in need of reliable volunteers who are dedicated to this very mission—especially those with servant's hearts", Marini said. "Fresh Grounds is always in need of volunteers, but with our recent expansions, they also need volunteers for Sans MOCO (The art gallery), The Health Ministry, and other areas of ministry."



Fresh Grounds offers a variety of discounted drinks to Thiel students.
Photo credit: Lynsay Girts

Seniors with Internships: Yosief Woldegebriel

by Keeley Criswell, KCriswell@thiel.edu



Thiel senior Yosief Woldegebriel spent his summer interning at FHC in Bowdoin, Maine. Here he is seen on one of his weekend excursions in Portland, OR.
Photo: Yosief Woldegebriel

This past summer, Yosief Woldegebriel he spent three and a half months interning in at FHC, a neuroscience facility located in Bowdoin, Maine. FHC’s mission is “to advance cranial microTargeting worldwide.” While there, Woldegebriel worked with the materials management section and the CFO (Chief Financial Officer), Scott Humphrey, and the business department.

“For the first three and a half weeks, I worked with the materials management and did cycle counting. That’s physically counting inventory to be sure that what is recorded in the recovers is actually what they had,” Woldegebriel said.

During the remainder of his time, Woldegebriel worked in the business department.

“They were getting ready for their yearly audit. I worked with the CFO, and he had me

gathering data and paperwork and invoices and organizing and sending it over to auditors,” Woldegebriel said.

Throughout the summer, Woldegebriel gained experience in his field, and was able to learn about the culture in a new area of the United States.

“I got to learn about accounting and business and how auditing works. I got to learn about Maine and the areas where I lived, and I was away from home for pretty much the whole summer,” Woldegebriel said.

Despite his internship, Woldegebriel’s summer was not all about work. Because he had weekends off, he spent some time traveling around Maine.

“I was able to go to Portland for the Old Port festival, which happens once a year. We took the train to the festival, and we toured and went to breweries

and saw some art shows and we got to go on boats in the harbor. We actually saw the island that has [former president George H.W.] Bush’s cabin. While in Maine, I also got to go to lighthouses and had a lot of lobster and played some soccer,” Woldegebriel said.

“I also went to Florida with SGA, and I went home for a bit for a wedding.”

Woldegebriel’s current plans are to come back to Thiel for an extra semester so that he can get closer to getting his CPA, which stands for Certified Public Accountant. After that, he plans on getting a job.

Woldegebriel said that he had a great summer and that he was very thankful for the opportunity.

“If you ever gets the chance to do an internship, even if it isn’t close to home, you should try it. It’s certainly worth the experience.”

Leadership society induction

[cont. from front page]

“I think tonight was a success,” added Johnson. “We packed the LRH with 142 or so people. The dean (Franken) came out. The president came out. The students seemed to have a good time. It was awesome.” Other notables in attendance included David Miller (Business) and Martin Black (Career Services).

The National Society of Leadership and Success, or Sigma Alpha Pi, is a collegiate association with memberships throughout the United States. The chapter was formed at Thiel through a grant authored by Thompson. In addition to the group’s current advisors, Johnson and Weir, the Society will introduce another advisor to the team, Chris Cianci, the

new Director of Student Health Services, and appoint a small cadre of student leaders to serve on Leadership Council.

The newly-formed campus organization recently kicked off the spring semester by welcoming 168 members to two orientation sessions on January 14 and 15.

Leadership Council member and orientation facilitator Kelsey Wise recalled her own orientation last fall: “I wanted to become a member because after talking to Mark (Weir) and checking out the website I believed in what the society was trying to accomplish and believed it would help develop me as a leader,” she said. Wise attributes the strong student interest in Sigma Alpha

Pi at Thiel to a common desire among students to develop leadership skills. “I believe that people want to join the society because it is a great opportunity to grow as an individual and it opens up so many doors to things like scholarships and networking,” she said.

In addition to these informational meetings, the Society has hosted two Leadership Training Days on January 24 and 25 and three live broadcasts of influential speakers. The spring lineup will include ABC News journalist and bestselling author Dan Harris on February 10, Mrs. Fields Cookies founder Debbie Fields on February 24, and Arianna Huffington, the founding member of the Huffington Post, on March 17.

*** ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS ***

All seniors are required to schedule an appointment with the Registrar, Denise Urey, to review your college core requirements. If you have not met with the Registrar, 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 1, 2015 for approval to participate in the May ceremony. The academic petition form can be obtained in the Records Office.

Spring 2015 KEEP CALM AND GO TO SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Elementary Statistics MATH 211 (Richins/Kim/Wu) Julia Fink	5-6:30 pm AC 34			9-10:30 pm AC 34	
Precalculus MATH 141(Kim) Keeley Criswell		7-8 pm AC 129		7-8 pm AC 129	8-9 pm AC 129
Calculus 1I MATH 182 (Wu) June Longbine	8-9 pm AC 4		7-8 pm AC 4	8-9 pm AC 4	
Intro to Programming CSCI 159 (Anderson) Daniel McPetridge	7-8 pm AC 35	8-9 pm AC 35		9-10 pm AC 35	
Principles of Accounting II ACCT 123 (Oakes/Witosky) Kelly Thompson			5-6:30 pm AC 40	4-5:30 pm AC 40	
Neuropsychology PSY 270 (Griffin) Audrey Rickard		8-9 pm AC 36	7-8 pm AC36		
		GROUP PEER STUDY			
Physics II (NonCalc) PHYS 164 (Hecking) Dominic Licata		7-8 pm S-I			
Physics II (Calc) PHYS 184 (Torigoe) Dominic Licata		8-9 pm S-I	8-9 pm S-I	7-8 pm S-I	
Microeconomics (Giannini) ECON 221 Courtney Gibson	6-7 pm AC 127			7-8 pm AC 127	

Students who regularly attend SI withdraw from classes less often than non-SI participants.

Deflating the balls of the championship game

By: Christian kafka, CKafk549@thiel.edu

The New England Patriots are a team built on success and championships, but there has always been doubt about whether their titles are rightfully theirs. Ever since Tom Brady took the helm, they became perennial contenders who teams feared. Replacing Drew Bledsoe due to injury in 2001, Brady led the Patriots to three Super Bowl Championships in four years and gave the franchise dynasty status. Coach Bill Belichick paired with Brady created the ultimate duo that would rein terror on opponents. However, controversy struck the Patriots in 2007.

The infamous “Spygate” scandal reared its head when the Patriots had eight video tapes of various teams’ walkthroughs and practices. Both Belichick and the organization were given hefty fines and the Patriots lost their first round pick for the incoming season. After the Patriots lost in their next two Super Bowl appearances, many believed that the team only won those three championships because of cheating and that they should have asterisks in the record books.

Recently, the team has been having so much success that many people were forgetting

about the whole Spygate incident until a couple weeks ago.

After routing the Indianapolis Colts 45-7, breaking news aired allegations that the Patriots purposely deflated footballs to make them easier to grip for the offense (mainly Tom Brady). The accusations seemed silly until it was reported that 11 of the 12 footballs weighed less than normal protocol requires. This does not appear to be a coincidence and there will be serious investigations. These will most likely not be finished until after the Super Bowl, but if charged, the incident will put a huge dent in the team’s legacy.

Spygate and “Deflategate,” as it is now being called, will stain the resumé of Belichick and the Patriots. Even if they win the Super Bowl on Sunday, no one outside of New England will take the team’s accolades seriously.

Whether the attempts to bend the rules had any serious implications on the outcome of big games in the Patriots’ history or not, cheating will never leave a good taste in anyone’s mouth. Looking at the team over the years, Belichick has always been able to get the best out of his roster and put the players in the best position to succeed.

However, most will label the production from those players as “products of cheating” instead of the genius that is Belichick. The most frustrating part of this debacle that has unfolded is that any football fan that can be objective will tell you that Belichick may be the smartest coach of all time and that Brady may be the best quarterback to play the game.

So the question is, why in the world would someone go to such measures to win a game? With Brady, a team can be competitive with lackluster talent and terrible coaching. It is frustrating to see so much talent be

questioned because of attempts to cheat the system.

Once Belichick and Brady retire, their mark on the NFL will always be questioned and underappreciated. The team could have recovered from Spygate if this new issue had not popped up, and the timing could not be any worse with the Super Bowl approaching against the defending champion Seattle Seahawks. The fans will continue to attend games, and players will love to play for the team, but the Patriots’ history will be remembered for the wrong reasons.

Why your favorite movie is awful... featuring *Pulp Fiction*

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.



John Travolta and Samuel L. Jackson about to execute someone. Photo credit: CBSNews.com

The Movie:
OH WOW, SAMUEL L. JACKSON JUST SAID “MFER” LIKE HE DOES IN EVERYTHING, THIS MOVIE IS AWESOME (aka. *Pulp Fiction*).
Okay, people, before I get started I would just like to say that if you have never seen *Pulp Fiction* and claim to be a movie fan, you should probably be dispersed from this planet, or maybe event the galaxy. It should be mandatory to watch this movie.
Now, let the smashing begin. First of all, besides everyone’s favorite man-on-man sexual assault scene and Marvin getting his head blown off, does anyone actually remember anything from the second half of this movie? It’s like the movie is purposely trolling us in the first 15 minutes by making it seem like this movie is going to be all types of exciting and

awesome, and that we would be on the edges of our seats the entire time. What we got instead from the last 2 hours and 20 something minutes is a bunch of monologues, running, back-story, and exposition.
Literally nothing happens in this movie. What is it even about? TELL ME! It’s easier to find the plot of a *Twilight* movie.
Character Everyone Loves To Hate:
In a movie that literally has about six of the greatest actors in the history of cinema in it, it’s hard to find a character that annoys me. That was until I watched it again recently and discovered that Uma Thurman’s character of Marcellus Wallace’s wife is literally a horrible and very stupid human being. Okay, hear me out.
She knows that her husband is a jealous S.O.B who literally had a guy thrown out of a win-

dow because the guy massaged her feet, yet she overly flirts with John Travolta’s character knowing that if he even looks at her the wrong way, her husband will have him killed. Thankfully, Travolta was smarter back then and decided to back off.
Anyway, later in the movie this idiot of a woman decides “HEY, LETS SNEAK AROUND THIS GUYS JACKET AND SEE WHAT TYPES OF WONDERFUL THINGS HE HAS IN HERE, OOOHHH LOOK COCAINE” HAHAAHAHA, DUMMIE, THAT’S HEROIN, YOU LOSER! This woman literally almost died because she was snooping. I guess the saying is true, Curiosity killed the cokehead. Sadly, she survives the movie.
Why The Movie is Awful:
TELL ME THE PLOT PEOPLE, TELL ME WHY THIS MOVIE IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BEST OF ALL TIME.
Why the Movie is Not Awful:
WHO CARES ABOUT THE PLOT? SAMUEL L. JACKSON PREACHES AND SHOOTS PEOPLE. IT’S ONE OF THE BEST MOVIES OF ALL TIME BECAUSE SAMUEL L. JACKSON, BRUCE WILLIS, JOHN TRAVOLTA, CHRISTOPHER WALKEN, UMA THURMAN, VING RHAMES ARE IN IT. SERIOUSLY, WATCH IT PEOPLE, IT’S AWESOME.

Sudoku Puzzle

The objective is to fill a 9x9 grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3x3 boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9, only once. Have fun!

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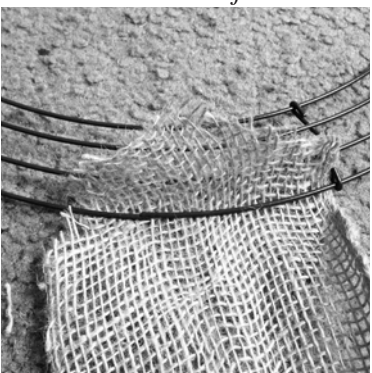
DIY: burlap wreath

by Keeley Criswell: kCriswell@thiel.edu

This burlap wreath has a Valentine’s theme, but you could easily adapt the steps below for any theme by changing the color of the burlap and flowers used.

DIY Skill Level: Beginner
time: 3-4 hours
(overall cost: \$20 - \$25)

Materials: prices from Walmart
Burlap: brown (\$4)
red (\$4)
Wire wreath (\$2.50)
Flowers (\$5-\$15) (I used red and white roses, red flowers, and little white flowers)
**note* a craft store will likely have a much larger selection for your flowers than Walmart*
Hot glue gun and glue (\$6)
Scissors
Optional materials:
Wooden hearts: \$2
Paint: (\$5 – \$1 per bottle)

Steps:
1. Attach your burlap to the wreath. I usually wrap one end of my burlap around a section of the wire, and glue the burlap together.
**note* Alternate between burlap colors as you work. I like to use more of the tan burlap than the red since the tan is cheaper, and I think it looks just as nice*


Place some glue on the edge of the burlap, and fold it over the wire, gluing the burlap together and around the wire.

that way.
2. Take the other end of your burlap and weave the burlap through the wires in the wreath. I always work from outside to inside, and then turn the wreath and work from inside to outside and so on with the burlap. You will notice that your wreath is sectioned. I do one section at



This Valentine’s Day-themed wreath is easy to make and looks great on your door. Or, give it to someone as a gift. Change the colors/flowers for different holidays or seasons. Photo Credit: Keeley Criswell



Weave the burlap in and out of the wire like this to give your wreath a nice, fluffy look.

a time, and pause to adjust the burlap so that it looks how I want it in each section before moving to the next section.

3. Continue working the burlap around the wreath. When you reach the end of the wreath, make any last burlap adjustments before attaching the end of the burlap to the wreath. Again, I use the hot glue.
**note* You may need to cut the burlap before gluing it if you didn’t use your whole role.*

4. Separate your flowers from their stems. I like to get rid of as much stem as possible before putting my flowers on my wreath. Grasp the flower with one hand, and the stem with the other hand, and pull. If this doesn’t work, use your scissors to cut the rubber around the

wire and then pull the flower off.
**note* Unless you have wire cutters, you may not be able to cut through the wire. Don’t try too hard to get through the wire, or you will break your scissors. Gently cut around the rubber stem, not necessarily through the wire, just make sure the rubber is cut all the way around.*

5. Place your flowers on your wreath and arrange them in a way that you like. **hint* try tucking the flowers among the burlap rather than just laying them on top.*



Fluff each section and make any adjustments before you move on to the next section.

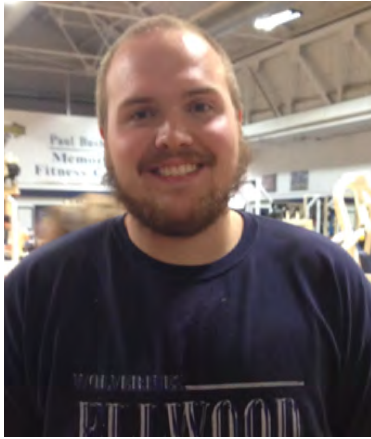
6. Use the hot glue gun to glue your flowers to your wreath. Glue in as many places around the flower as possible.

7. Optional: Paint, arrange, and glue your hearts. Paint your hearts with colors that you think complement your wreath. Let your paint dry. Then, arrange and then glue them on your wreath similarly to how you arranged and glued the flowers.

hints
Don’t try to make your wreath look “perfect.” The secret to a nice wreath is some imperfections.
Try flipping the burlap around some so that it gives your wreath different patterns.

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3	4	2	1	5	8	7	6	9
9	1	7	4	6	2	3	8	5
7	3	1	8	4	9	2	5	6
5	6	4	2	3	1	9	7	8
2	9	8	6	7	5	4	1	3

Opinion Poll: Who do you think will win the Superbowl?



Sean McCarthy

I think the Patriots.



Screen Thomas

I think it's the Patriots.



Julia Fink

I don't like football. But, I do like Katy Perry



Corey McDougald

The Seahawks.



Berto Dryden

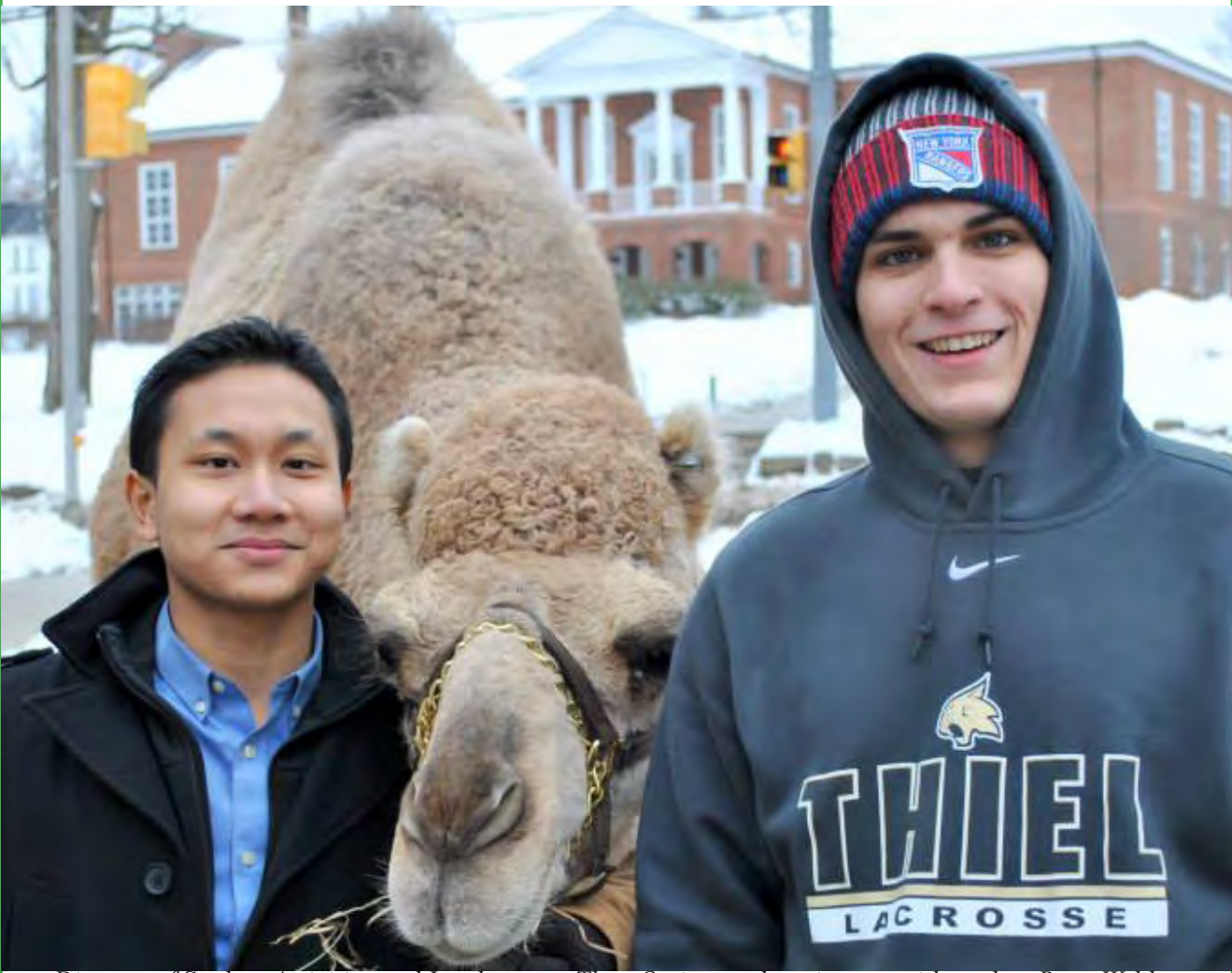
The Atlanta Falcons.



Kelly Thompson

Seahawks.

Photo of the Edition



Director of Student Activities and Involvement, Than Oo is seen hanging out with student Ryan Weldon and the hump day camel. Pastor Jayne Thompson and Oo brought in the camel to raise awareness for the Wednesday evening chapel service.

Photo credit: Lynae Jackson

#Twittin' @Thielensian



@??? - Thiel sidewalks: 1, me: 0

@??? - Life Frustration No. 136: Finding where one garbage bag ends and the next begins in a roll.

@??? - Life Frustration No. 137: Opening said garbage bag...

@??? - I told myself I was gonna be productive this weekend.

@??? - Girl Scout cookie season: infiltrate the dealer, find the supplier.

@??? - Loving the empty gym @ Thiel College

@??? - I hope the mind reader that is coming to Thiel next weekend can help me out because I don't even know what I am thinking anymore. EL OH EL

@??? - I feel it... this isn't good... the Thiel plague is coming upon me #thielcollege #SickNotWeak

@??? - Does chicken nugget day at Thiel still exist?!?! and if so, where is it?!?!?!?!?

@??? - Just a quick thanks to everyone for choosing Thiel. Thanks for picking Thiel College.

@??? - Basketball at Thiel tho

@??? - Senior year of volleyball starts tonight! Thiel vs. Hunter College!

@??? - Thiel's got better cafeteria food. Thiel's washers and dryers work. Thiel turning things around.

Fashion Frenzy: Charcoal Juice

by Katie Allgeier, kallgeier@thiel.edu

While browsing through Vogue.com's articles about Kendall Jenner (I'm honestly a little obsessed, but that article is coming, friends, don't you worry) I came across a photo of what look like a bottle of an adult beverage. The fake French writing on the bottle lured me in, and soon enough I was looking at an article about the newest trend in health drinks: charcoal juice. I had no idea what the stuff was (other than some horrific hazing ritual, maybe), so I went to my expert on all things pop culture: Pinterest.

Here's what I found out: this stuff is everywhere. Not the juice itself, but the active ingredient: activated charcoal. This black gunk comes in powders, capsules, and tablets, and its wide range of forms lends itself to just about any kind of home remedy you can think of: face masks, teeth whiteners, and hair tonics, all claiming to work wonders for the body.

What exactly is activated charcoal? According to the Pinterest gods (though admittedly not any legitimate sources), "activated carbon" or "activated charcoal" is regular charcoal heated to a specific temperature in the presence of certain gases, causing the charcoal's absorption properties to increase dramatically. This allows the charcoal to soak up toxins and the like upon ingestion. The charcoal also has no taste or flavor.

But back to the juices. The Vogue.com article explains that health companies are trying to maximize the spread of the charcoal phenomenon by applying its detoxifying benefits to the GI tract. "It has a great capacity for absorption," Donald Hensrud, MD, MPH, of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, said in the Vogue.com article. Holistic health experts are claim-

ing it has the power to help with the stomach flu, fight food poisoning, and even battle the effects of a hangover by absorbing the toxins making you sick. The juices, sold by companies like Juice Served Here and LuliTonix, are generally lemonades or juices to which the carbon has been added. Companies claim the drinks are cleansing and energy-boosting. What's not to love?

Apparently, a few things. A few big things, actually. The charcoal's absorption isn't selective: most companies tell you to not drink ingest any charcoal until at least 2 hours after taking any important medicines, as the charcoal will suck up the beneficial chemicals along with the toxins. Charcoal consumption can turn the stool black. Also, as LuliTonix website informed in its "Not-So-Sexy Note: Drinking on a regular basis may cause constipation for some—so just keep umm...track of that!"

How lovely.

If you're not feeling like charcoal is going to be added into your daily routine, you're not alone: in my research, I couldn't find a single doctor or scientific study who accepted the charcoal juice appeal. "I can see the rationale, but the body has its own very efficient detoxification processes," Hensrud said for Vogue. "The liver and the kidney do a lot of [detoxifying]. I haven't seen any studies to prove how beneficial activated charcoal is at detoxifying."

The long and short of it is, charcoal might be beneficial under certain circumstances, but nothing concrete has been proven regarding its digestive benefits. Before adding charcoal to your diet, talk to your doctor or nutritionist to see what they have to say about it. Until then, leave it in your facial scrubs and poison kits.

Thiel With It: pipeline project

by Keely Criswell, KCriswell@thiel.edu & Katherine Allgeier, KAllgeier@thiel.edu

"Thiel With It" is a satirical representation of life at Thiel. We understand that there are some things that simply cannot be changed, and that many of the things that frustrate students are done for a reason. However, students still enjoy some comic relief about the subjects that are often out of our hands. This is how we "Thiel with it."

Issue of the issue: the pipeline maintenance

Keeley: So, that pipeline maintenance was a major inconvenience, wasn't it?

Katie: Oh, you mean the thing that was supposed to be done over break and not cause "any undue inconvenience?"

Keeley: Yeah, I remember reading that. Looks like it didn't happen.

Katie: No, and neither did morning showers, morning coffee, or morning bathroom trips. You know what did happen, though?

Keeley: What?

Katie: Portapotties. Portapotties happened.

Keeley: Yes, those must have been cold! I pity the people that had to use them.

Katie: I didn't use them; I decided that since our tuition clearly isn't being spent on the construction or renovation, it should be put somewhere, and house-keeping staff deserves a round of applause for what they had to deal with that day.

Keeley: Oh, yes. I walked into one of the restrooms

around 8 that night and every toilet was filled with toilet paper. I feel badly for whoever was on restroom duty the next morning.

Katie: I mean, I can understand port-a-johns in May, perhaps. But not January at 12 degrees. Besides which, we were told the water would be off at 9; it didn't get shut off until around noon! That's going to mess up some plans!

Keeley: At least I was able to have water while I was getting ready for class! You know what, I actually thought for a bit that my apartment was going to have water all day...

Katie: And I thought I'd be able to shower when I got back to my room. What silly dreams we do have!

Keeley: Silly indeed.

Katie: I mean it's fixed now I suppose. Still, we have to wonder how often we'll have to deal with stuff like this before we can start a revolt.

Keeley: Revolting college students. Now, that's an interesting thought. I can picture it now...



The recent pipeline construction left students, staff, and faculty without water for several hours on [date]

Photo credit: Keeley Criswell

Katie: I mean, not that there aren't some pretty revolting students already *Ba-dum tssss*

Keeley: Yeah... But, back to the pipeline. I hope there aren't any more major water outages this semester.

Katie: I hope there isn't

any more "scheduled maintenance" at all, really.

Keeley: If there is, I guess we'll just have to "Thiel with it."

If you have an issue, and would like to see us discuss it, please send an e-mail to newspaper@thiel.edu.

Cetoute’s perfect performance pulls
Tomcats to victory

by Paul Connelly, PConnelly@thiel.edu



Freshman forward Clandell Cetoute went a perfect seven-for-seven from the floor and led the team with 15 points during Saturday’s win against Geneva College at home.
Photo: Thiel SID

Tough play on the glass and a perfect shooting performance by freshman Clandell Cetoute helped Thiel get the win, 69-58 against Geneva College. The Tomcats got out to an early lead and they never looked back, capitalizing off of forced turnovers and playing big in the low post to score on multiple second shot opportunities. The Tomcats started out on a 14-7 run after Cetoute made three buckets inside the paint and Thiel junior guard Justin Dade went two-for-four at the foul-line. Geneva’s Ethan Adamczyk hit one from beyond the arc to bring the Golden Tornadoes within four but Luke Kochka would find Avril Campbell inside and hit a jumper, as well, to increase the lead, 18-12. The two teams played back-and-forth, trading blows and taking trips to the line as Adamczyk would convert the and-one bucket to bring Geneva within three. Two good shots in the paint by Thiel freshman guard Tyreik Burton would increase the Thiel lead by seven after he and Tomcat freshman guard Berto Dryden stole the ball away on two separate possessions. As the first half neared its end, Kochka made the three-pointer off of the assist from junior guard Khari Bess with 36 seconds left and Thiel went into

the half up 30-25. The Tomcats’ shooting percentage was a little behind Geneva’s but they were winning at the foul-line and in the rebounding category; Thiel was 50% from the charity stripe while Geneva was at a poor 20% in the first half and Thiel was out-rebounding Geneva 18-13. Kochka was leading the team in scoring at the half with 11 points, shooting four-for-six from inside and making one of two three-point attempts. The second half stayed pretty close but the Tomcats never lost the lead. Sophomore forward Josh Lumbus got the opening basket for Thiel of the second half and a foul by Geneva’s Jacob Jaros would send Cetoute to the line where he would make one of two tries. It was Cetoute, again, with a layup inside off of the assist from Kochka to bring the Tomcats to their first double-digit lead of the game, 35-25. Kochka picked up another assist after the jumper by senior guard Josh Johnson. Geneva’s Tyler Damazo was fouled on his way up but missed both of his attempts from the line and it was Dade who got the rebound. Two straight buckets by Geneva’s Anothay Carthen brought the Golden Tornadoes within six and then four after the layup by Geneva’s Nick Shel-

ton. In fact, it seemed like the Tomcats couldn’t quite pull away from Geneva until the final minutes as the Golden tornadoes seemed to respond to almost every made basket by Thiel. Up six with under eight minutes left, Dryden got a look from Avril Campbell to hit from beyond the arc and put Thiel up 54-45. Dryden would then convert the three-point play after Geneva’s next successful trip to the line. Then, Geneva came knocking back when Carthen sank one outside off of the assist by Geneva’s Jimmy Leichliter and Tyler Damazo went one-for-two from the line to decrease the deficit to five. Thiel then went on an 8-2 run with five points coming from Bess to finally seal the win as Adamczyk missed the last three-point attempt and Geneva had no choice but to foul, sending Dryden to the line to get the last bucket of the game and the Tomcat W. Cetoute played a perfect game from the floor going an impressive seven-for-seven and led the team in scoring with 15 points while Kochka and Bess each picked up 11 apiece; Dryden had 10 points and went three-for-five from the foul-line. With the win, the Tomcats improve to 10-8 (6-3 PAC) while Geneva falls to 7-11(4-5 PAC).



Junior forward Luke Kochka had eleven points, six rebounds, and seven assists in the win against Geneva at Beehly Gymnasium last Saturday
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A personal record day for Thiel
Track & Field

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It was a day full of personal bests for the Thiel College men and women’s track & field teams when nine different career bests were made at the YSU College Invitational at Youngstown State University last Friday. Senior Nic Jones took home the best placing for Thiel, taking second in high jump while junior Meri Steinmetz racked up a personal best in the 3,000-meter run and fell just two-hundredths of a second short of breaking Thiel’s record; Her time for the 11th place finish was also a ca-

home with 26th, another personal best of the day for the Tomcats. Over at shot put, RJ Malson came in 12th place with a season-high try while James Abbs came away with a career-high toss, placing him at 23rd. Zack Bell and John Clark beat their career times as well; Bell came in 18th in the 60-meter hurdles while Clark placed 20th with his career-high time in the 3,000-meter run. Hannah Budzowski claimed 21st in the triple jump and 37th in the 60-meter dash while sophomore long distance run-

year in the 4x400-meter relay, placing them at 13th. For the men’s team, junior Ron Howard notched his season-best in the long jump, placing 20th while junior Evan Sokira came in 26th for shotput. Sophomore Chris Jones led the Tomcats in the 60-meter dash, placing 16th while Howard and Trevor Cope came in 35th and 36th, respectively: Cope’s finishing time was also a season-high. Jones also led in the 200-meter dash, placing 12th while Cope’s time earned him 39th. David Devivo tallied another best on the season in the



Meri Steinmetz was one of multiple Tomcats to record career bests at YSU College Invitational on Friday. Her time in the 3,000-meter run was just .02 seconds short of the school record.
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reer-high for her, as well. Freshman Jessa Covine managed to finish with not one but two different personal bests in both the 200 and 60-meter dash, that earned her a 33rd and 34th placing, respectively. In the 60-meter hurdle, junior Morgan Berg finished 18th while senior Alex Hall came

ner Shea Primrose took 40th in the 400-meter dash. Behind Steinmetz, sophomore Alexis Mowris came in 16th in the 3,000-meter run while Summer Wark and Kristin Diegan came in 23rd and 25th respectively in the 5,000-meter run. Berg, Hall, Steinmetz, and Primrose recorded their best time this

400-meter dash, earning him 27th. Junior Erik Braun and freshman Christian McElhaney came in 24th and 27th in the 800-meter run; McElhaney’s time was also another high on the year. The Tomcats’ next outing will take place at the Spire Midwest Indoor Track & Field Open Jan. 30th in Geneva, OH.

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DOUBLE HEADER

Mens Volleyball v. Fontbonne University @ 1:30 pm

v. College of St. Joseph @ 6:30 pm

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Mens Volleyball v. Lakeland College @ Noon

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Womens Basketball v. Thomas More College @ 1 pm

Mens Basketball v. Thomas More College @ 3 pm