


Spring Into Action

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Student Ryan Thomas picks up sticks in Riverside Park
Photo credit: Michael Boratyn

This year, Spring Into Action was held on Sunday, Apr. 12. Spring Into Action is a day when Thiel students and the Greenville community come together with a common goal: to clean up Riverside Park and surrounding areas to make them safer for all to use.

Many students who participated in this event gained a sense of accomplishment from the day.

“Getting involved with Spring Into Action shows that we care, and I was happy that I had the opportunity to participate,” Ryan Thomas, an event participant, said. At this event, there were around 180 Thiel students and even more citizens from the Greenville community. Throughout the day, participants did a vast number of things to help clean up the community. Some swept debris off sidewalks, some laid down mulch, and still others picked up sticks from the park grounds.

The event is a way to get students off of campus and involved in the community of Greenville.

“As part of our mission at Thiel College, we want students to get, as part of their education, a sense of giving back to the local community, to each other, and essentially to the world. We are trying to instill that sense of giving back in the students here, so that wherever they go after Thiel College, they continue to make that impact, which can have a really strong ripple effect” Than Oo, an organizer for the event, said.

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Yozwiak wins in Solo Twirler category

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On Mar. 20 and 21, senior Jessica Yozwiak competed at the Marching Auxiliaries (MA) National Competition in Fort Worth, TX. The competition brings individuals from all over the United States to compete at many different levels. Event competitors included color guard teams, dance teams, and twirlers. Yozwiak competed in the Solo Twirler category, where she was crowned the MA National Twirling Solo Champion for the second time.

“Last year was my first time [at the MA competition], and I won. So, I was a returning national champion, and I won again this year,” Yozwiak said. According to Yozwiak, it was difficult to win the competition once. Because of the difficulty, she was not expecting to win again.

“It’s very difficult to win two years in a row. I would say it was a very surreal feeling when I found out I won. I wasn’t expecting to win two years in a row,” Yozwiak said.

Although she did not expect to be national champion two years in a row, she still spent many hours practicing for the competition. She practices twirling year-round, and began to specifically practice for this event several months before it took place. In preparation for the competition, she choreographed her own routine.

“It’s something that’s fun for me. I feel like I can freely express myself [by devising my own routine],” Yozwiak said.

Yozwiak has been competing in twirling competitions since she was seven, but she has been twirling even longer.

“I first began twirling recreationally when I was two. I’ve loved twirling ever since then. When I twirl, I feel like I can freely express myself. I enjoy performing and I get a thrill out of it,” Yozwiak said.

Yozwiak’s favorite event is three-baton twirling.

“I feel like, with my personality, I am a very energetic, bubbly person. Three-baton always keeps me moving, and I love seeing the crowd’s reaction. [The event] is a crowd pleaser, and people are always entertained by it,” Yozwiak said.

After graduation, Yozwiak plans to attend graduate school for biomedical sciences. Eventually, she hopes to matriculate into medical school. However, she does not want to stop twirling.

“I want to continue competing. There are several different competition systems for various age groups, so I will move into a different age group. Eventually, I want to open my own baton studio as well,” Yozwiak said.

Yozwiak has already had some experience teaching baton, and it is her current experience that inspired her desire to own a studio.

“The baton studio I grew up with was run by a single coach. Eventually, she expanded her organization and would sometimes need an additional teacher if she had to miss practices.

Also, since I am a college twirler, high school students will ask me to coach them to prepare for their college try-outs... I also feel that choreographing my own routines is preparing me to have my own studio. I’m getting practice doing the things I will do with a studio,” Yozwiak said.



Jessica Yozwiak is shown with her Champion trophy.
Photo credit: Jessica Yozwiak

Valley Exotics comes to campus with petting zoo

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Pastor Jane and Ronnell Hunt take their opportunity to pet and admire one of the goats in the Bistro.
Photo credit: Tina Kramer

The Bistro was filled with people and wildlife on Apr. 9 for a TAB pop-up event. Among the creatures were goats, iguanas, snakes, and plenty of other creepy crawlies, courtesy of Valley Exotics, LLC.

Owner of the company, Jamie Beneke, and his son, Jake, helped Thiel students, faculty, and workers hold and learn about the different creatures.

Beneke receives help in his business from all of his sons, and his company is over 80% family run. His work includes a variety of unique environments, from petting zoos to animal displays and demonstrations.

For Beneke, the best part of the job is working with young children.

“The greatest reward is working with preschoolers; putting animals in their hands that they have never seen before and seeing the smiles on their faces,” Beneke said.

Though all who were present at this animal show were adults instead of children, there were still many smiles to be seen. Student Rachel Horrell was among the many who were enjoying the two and a half hour long attraction.

“All of these animals are so cool. We should do this more often,” Horrell said.

One of the most appealing attractions was two small goats posted at the entrance of the display. Students were permitted to hold one of the goats and pet either goat.

in plastic containers holding a centipede, cockroaches, turtles, and more. Freshman Sam Sesti admired the reptiles.

“That turtle is the real MVP. Look at him eat that apple,” Sesti said.

Near the table of insects and reptiles there were several snakes in circulation from student to student. Some students greeted the animals with joy, while others did not seem so enthusiastic. Still some others just took a while to warm up to the idea, like junior Loyal Jasper and sophomores Katelyn Brunsgaard and Jen Lippert, who became close friends with one of the snakes at the show.

This TAB event seemed to be quite the zoo, but also very enjoyable for everyone who got to partake in these animals’ surprise appearance.



Katelyn Brunsgaard, Loyal Jasper, and Jenn Lippert become friends with one of the Valley Exotics’ snakes.
Photo credit: Tina Kramer

British Life and Culture series comes to campus

by Tina Kramer, TKram138@thiel.edu

On April 8 at 4 p.m. the tenth segment of the British Life and Culture Series was presented by Dr. Cynthia Sutton in Weyers Lounge to inform attendees on proper British tea drinking etiquette.

The British Life and Culture Series includes a total of 12 unique presentations, all geared towards preparing students for the study abroad program to London and Paris starting May 11 and continuing through May 19 of this year.

However, these presentations are open to all students and welcome anyone interested in learning more about Great Britain.

The key part of this presentation was a hands-on teaching of British terminology and table manners by allowing those in attendance to partake in the actual act of tea drinking and scone eating. Those present for the “High Tea” demonstration enjoyed more than just food and beverages, but also gained a great deal of knowledge about the development of tea as a tradition in Britain.

“I came to learn about British tea ceremony. I have an interest in British culture and wanted to expand my knowledge. Apparently there’s a lot Americans say and do regarding tea that the British find rude,” freshman Alison Schemrich said.

Prior to the start of the presentation, each person served themselves tea and light sandwiches and pastries.

“I was glad to choose what went into my tea because I drink my tea black,” sophomore Kelly Thompson said. The presentation began with Sutton explaining the difference of each piece of a proper tea service and then moved onto the history of tea.

“The history of tea is very much a history of women,” Sutton said.

Sutton gave a time line of the term tea changing from a just drink, to a social event, and then finally becoming a meal. From there the information went into defining different terms and distinguishing American tea tradition from British tea tradition. Everyone was taught how to properly hold a tea cup, formal stirring technique, and how high to fill the cup with tea. The remaining time was filled with a question and answer session.

Sutton explained that even though there is a lot of different parts to properly partake in formal tea drinking that it is important to remember to “keep calm and enjoy high tea.”



Dr. Sutton taught all at the presentation the proper way to hold a cup of tea. Photo credit: Tina Kramer

A monumental Relay for Life this year

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Ryan Hart, the founder of the campus’ Relay for Life
Photo credit: Ryan Hart

On Apr. 11, the American Cancer Society came to campus in hopes of people coming together to share and treasure memories of cancer survivors and the ones who have been lost to the disease, while also raising awareness and showing support for the cause. The Relay for Life took place in the Rissell-Schreyer Dome and students and other organizations set up stands in hopes of raising donations through the sales of various things from clothes, to chocolate covered pretzels, to key chains.

To bring the crowd into the seriousness of the disease, cancer survivor and Thiel student Ryan Hart was asked to share a few philosophical words. “Treatment outcomes can be disheartening but we are taking steps; we are making progress,” the cancer survivor and Relay for Life founder at Thiel said on Saturday during the lunaria ceremony.

Hart, along with several seniors on Relay’s leadership committee, celebrated his last event as a student and will graduate early this May. The committee was happy to announce that they have found a junior student and also sophomore students who have agreed to one day take over the reins. According to Hart and his team, the leadership committee “tries to cultivate a younger generation of leaders.”

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Thiel Happenings

compiled by Liz Carlson, ecarlson@thiel.edu

Friday, April 24th

Farewell Festival in Freshman Quad:
* Zipline, corn hole tournament, tie dye shirts, inflatables, name letter art, fraternity and sorority fundraisers and games, and live music! Food will be provided: jelly belly burger (burger with a donut for the bun), popcorn, popcorn chicken station, fruit/veggie station, cotton candy, and churros!

April 27 to May 1 Senior Week:

* Sip and Paint: Wednesday- learn how to paint the Thiel Tomcat logo while enjoying some refreshing wine

* Final day of exams: **Thurs, April 30**

* Senior Candy Grams: all week

* Presentations with Thrivent about Financial Literacy (partnering with Career Development), tentatively on Friday, May 1.

* Senior Social at Padrone's: Friday, May 1

* Finals Stress Relief: Keep on the lookout for free massages and therapy dogs!

Graduation Day:

9:45 a.m. Call to worship; ringing of the College Bell

10 a.m. Baccalaureate service

11:15 a.m. Class of 2015 tree dedication: Brother Martin's Walk

11:45 a.m. Gala luncheon: Galleria Dining Hall, Howard Miller Student Center (HMSC)

1 p.m. Graduate robing: Rissell-Beeghly Gymnasium

* Faculty robing: Greenville Hall
Platform party robing and photographs: Friends of Art Gallery, HMSC

2 p.m. Commencement exercises: Passavant Center

3:30 p.m. Commencement reception: HMSC terrace and lawn

Wanna see a movie?

STAMM HALL MOVIE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS...

compiled by Liz Carlson

The Duff: Friday, April 24 and Sunday, April 26

Bianca, a senior in high school, gets a rude awakening when she find out that her classmates refer to her as "the DUFF," which stands for "Designated Ugly Fat Friend." She takes desperate measures to improve her image and measure up to her more attractive and popular friends. She seek help from a popular jock named Wesley, who helps to boost Bianca's confidence. She eventually takes the school the school by storm and has an everlasting impact on the social order.

Spring into Action brings the community together

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Even though Spring Into Action encourages students to help the community, there are ways to improve the event.

"I think that the people in charge of Spring Into Action should give us bigger projects to do, such as fixing the broken bridges, or filling in the potholes," Thomas said.

Spring Into Action is fairly short because of time constraints. It is currently only a one-day event. However, that could be changing in the near

future.

"I think that we shouldn't limit Spring Into Action to a one day event. I would really like to partner it with Earth Week, because I know it falls around the same time. Being in our geographic area, it's hard because we are battling the elements at times. I mean, the snow only melted completely off the ground a couple of weeks prior to Spring into Action. However, I would like it to be a week-long event

where we identify these opportunities in our community and on our campus and have people show up to as much as they can and have more of an impact in that way," Oo said.

This is a good opportunity to give back and a good way to make sure that everything is in good condition for the future. The event helps Thiel College students feel that they have done their part to help their community become a better and safer place.

Thiel College Police Blotter

April 9, 9:00p.m.

A student reported a wallet stolen out of dorm room.

April 11, 11:00p.m.

An underage student was found to be in possession of a liquor bottle.



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Third annual Relay for Life

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Current juniors Nick McNutt and Jordan Lupori will step in as the American Cancer Society Chair, which was Hart’s previous position.

McNutt hopes to continue the Relay legacy by focusing the event themes around Hart, and Lupori aspires to bring clarity to the mission of the Relay for the student body and attendees of next year’s Relay for Life event.

“Any learning that goes on in our efforts is rewarding because as a cancer patient, knowledge is one of the best weapons we have toward dealing with the disease,” Hart said.

Amy Clark of the Mercer and Lawrence County offices for American Cancer Society shares the new leader’s wishes as the Thiel representative. She is happy to have connected the Greenville Community Relay with Thiel’s, but is looking for ways to improve the Relay. “There is always room for improvement,” Clark said.

“This Relay team may have done their best to come this far, but it is not the only way to do it,” Hart said. “It’s not the end-all.”

“We’re really looking at Relay as a whole at Thiel,” Clark said. “We want it to not be an event that happens on campus but really a campus event. Our message would be understood year-round, rather than just the February to April months.”

Graduating seniors Chey

Ross and Anne Mullhausen, previous entertainment and social media chairs, share that they hope to see more campus involvement, support, and recognition for future efforts.

“It is great to see such a small campus show such powerful support and the student body coming to show their support for a great cause,” Ross said. As long as there is hope, the Relay for Life will never stop their fight.

“More of an outright commitment from everyone involved [would help the Relay’s goal of] taking what Ryan built and making it grow,” Clark said. “We will always tell Ryan’s story, but we will make each event bigger and new,” Clark said. Clark has hopes of attracting more support from

the campus and town.

Future Relay leaders will continue to work on their plans for the event, but graduating seniors will soon be working on their plans outside of Relay and Thiel. The commitment of these seniors reflects their personal messages on why the Relay means so much.

Hart’s next step is attending Leuven University in Belgium for graduate studies in philosophy. He also has plans to return to the states for doctorate studies and his biggest aspiration is to “affect the medical paradigm in a way which enables alternative medicine to have a more fair footing, compared to the allopathic (mainstream medicine) dominant industry,” Hart said.



Sister of the Alpha Xi Delta pose by their chapterstand during the Relay for life event.

Photo credit: Kennedy Hubbard

Kappa Mu Epsilon Initiates New Members

by Prof. Max Shellenbarger, MShellenbarger@thiel.edu



KME members pictured left to right Keeley Criswell, Sara Matczak, Megan Kidder, Katelyn Downey, Mary Oakey, Julia Fink 2nd Row: Prof. Max Shellenbarger, Kelsey Schneider, Jennifer Rickens, June Longbine, Tanner Liptrap 3rd Row: Derek Runge, Sean McCarthy, Kale Postlewait, Daniel McFetridge, Nicole Richins Missing: Amanda Callahan

Photo Credit: Keeley Criswell

On Sunday, March 29, 2015, nine new members were initiated into the Pennsylvania Rho Chapter of Kappa Mu Epsilon at Thiel College, Greenville, PA. Professor Max Shellenbarger, Corresponding Secretary, and Keeley Criswell, current President, served as the Masters of Ceremony. Professor Ron Anderson gave a presentation about brain neurons.

The new members were initiated and the new officers inducted.

Kappa Mu Epsilon is a specialized honor society in Mathematics. KME was founded in 1931 to promote the interest of mathematics among undergraduate students. Its chapters are located in colleges and universities of recognized standing which offer a strong mathe-

matics major. The members are selected from students of mathematics and other closely related fields who have maintained standards of scholarship, have professional merit, and have attained academic distinction. The society has grown steadily since its’ founding and today has one hundred eighteen chapters and approximately 61 thousand members.

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June Longbine:
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Precalculus:
Keeley Criswell:
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7-9 Tuesday

Elementary Statistics:
Julia Fink:
5-7 Sunday

Calc-Based Physics:
Dom Licata:
8-10 Tuesday

Intro To Programming:
Daniel McFetridge:
7-9 pm Monday and
7-9 Tuesday



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Monday, Apr. 27-Wed. Apr. 29: 8:00 am - Midnight

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Thoughts on First Female Referee in the NFL

by Chris Kafka, CKafka549@thiel.edu



Chris Kafka, staff writer
Photo Credit: Keeley Criswell

Sarah Thomas was notified on April 2nd that she would become the first woman to officiate a professional football

game. Thomas, a communications major, wanted to keep the spirit of sports going after she finished college. Not only was she a sports fan, but she also played basketball at the University of Mobile and had a stellar career, attaining Academic All-American before she graduated. Upon graduation, she realized that she wanted to be an NFL official but knew that she had a long road ahead of her. After moving up the ranks from high school to college level, she received the call from NFL vice president of officiating Dean Blandino. There are pros and cons to Thomas reaching this milestone. Obviously, this gives a lot of

empowerment to female sports fans and others who hold the desire to officiate professional sports. There have always been a lot of sexist remarks directed towards women who love sports. Such comments like “not truly knowing the game” or “it’s a man’s sport” are just demeaning accusations that do not hold water. From personal experience, there are plenty of men who, when talking about sports, have no idea what they are talking about and do not understand the rules. In contrast, there are women I know that know a heck of a lot more than most people (including myself) who would

make great radio hosts or officials for sporting events. Thomas’s journey to the NFL should definitely change sexist’s minds that women have as much of a place in the sports world as men do. Fun fact, women make up more than a third of the viewers of football. Unfortunately, I do not see Thomas’s NFL officiating career lasting for long. I would love for it to be the opposite, but the NFL is a reactive league that is clearly focused on public relations to make money. Domestic violence has always been an issue, but it became an even bigger problem when the video of Ray Rice punching Janay Palmer (his then fiancée) in the elevator and

knocking her unconscious. The NFL did not handle his situation well with the initial suspension of two games, and while they tried to save face by giving him an indefinite suspension, there was a huge outcry from the female fan base (as there should have been). Since the female demographic makes up a large chunk of revenue for the NFL, it seems likely that the hiring of Thomas following the end of the football season is clearly a PR move, and those are usually forgotten after a few years. It isn’t like there were not talented female officials at the college ranks before Thomas, but there was a need for a female official in the NFL after a

season filled with domestic violence. Another predicament that will lead to the downfall of female officials breaking into the professional ranks is disputed calls. Fans always scrutinize referees for blown calls, and that will be amplified with women officials because of sexism. It is neither fair nor correct, but she will receive hate mail on social media with her first missed call in the NFL. I really hope that she lasts and that other women continue to join the ranks because gender has no bearing on refereeing or anything in life, but she will have a tough road ahead. I wish her the best of the luck.

Why your favorite movie is awful... featuring *The Breakfast Club*

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:

The ultimate prototype of all high school movies since the 1980s, full of naughty language, misunderstood teens, evil parents, evil principals, know-it-all-janitors, and montages a-plenty.. AKA: The Breakfast Club. This movie takes place in a little town in Illinois and chronicles the life in the day of five Saturday detention students. That’s it. That’s the movie. Seriously, watch it. Much like most movies that are covered in this column, this movie has done what others have, and that is gain a cult following without any type of plot that would firmly pull in an audience. These kids spend 90 minutes complaining about their lives, being bullied by the principal, trying to figure out why all of them are there, smoking pot, and WHO SAW THIS ONE COMING.....falling in love with each other. Yes because even in the early 80’s, kids who spend more than an hour with each other and realize they have even one miniscule similarity believed they were in love. The worst part of the movie

does not even have to do with the actual movie, and instead with its stupid fans. Ask any fan of this movie who their favorite character was and ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE TIME they will reply with Judd Nelson or Ally Sheedy’s character because “THEY WERE SO MISUNDERSTOOD MAAAAAANNNN” These fans are so predictable and need to be dealt with. **The Character Everyone Loves To Hate:** Every single character younger than 30 years old. The teens in this movie are single handedly responsible for this generation of whiny misunderstood teens that think that if they act different that they too will end up in detention and find the love of their life. Here’s a hint kids, give up now. **Why The Movie is Awful:** Besides what has been talked about so far, this movie is also extremely cheesy. Yes I get it, they were five kids that thought they were different but soon realized that they are all the same. Having said that, in terms of the high school hierarchy nothing changes. The pop-

ular girl made out with the bad boy. The bad boy walks away with pride because he knows that they will be in a committed relationship sooner or later. The jock makes out with and probably ends up dating the girl with “social issues” who as soon as people start paying attention to her decides to clean up her look. Finally, the nerd is tricked into writing the paper and leaves alone, still facing the same pressures he faced when he got in there. Nothing too incredibly different from every other teenage movie. **Why The Movie is Not Awful:** It’s the Breakfast Club. It is the greatest high school movie of all time. All movies after it are just posers. **Word from The Writer:** Thank you all for reading this article every week for the past few years. I have enjoyed both the love and hate that I have received from it. I hope you all have understood the satire in these articles and have not taken too much to heart. Its been a fun ride and I hope to one day entertain you all again in some medium. In the meantime...



The cast of The Breakfast Club has enjoyed a great deal of success since the movie’s premiere in the 80s.
Photo credit: nypost.com

What does OBC really mean?

by Jasmine Esh, JEsh366@thiel.edu

Officially, OBC stands for Organization of Black Collegiate but behind the whispers on Thiel campus, it means Only Black Collegiate. Despite these comments, OBC was not just created for African American students. “OBC has been a great experience for my first year. We are a family of diverse people who work together towards a similar goal,” Taylor Burnett, a freshman at Thiel, said. Burnett then went on to say that because this is her first year she has not been a participant in everything that OBC has done and accomplished, but she is

really enjoying everything she has done. OBC’s President, Valen Meade, says she joined this group her freshman year and it is the reason she started getting involved on campus. Being president, Meade has heard the comments people make about it being an all African American group but would like to clarify that this is not the case. “OBC is an organization not only for African Americans – it is for everybody. We are like a family, and I would do anything for my members because without them there wouldn’t be an OBC,” she said.

“We do a lot of volunteer work, big events on campus (I.e. soul food feast, fashion show, cookouts and parties), go to big conventions to get our name out there, retreats, networking with other schools, and we really just try to do things that can better the campus and keep students together, engaged and comfortable,” Meade said. OBC will be hosting an event this Saturday. The Flawless Fashion Show will be held in the Passavant Center. Doors open at 7:00pm. Tickets are five dollars at the door or three dollars in advance.

Seniors reflect on time at Thiel

Survey conducted by Keeley Criswell, kwcriswell@thiel.edu

Q: What has been your favorite thing about Thiel?

- Bess Onegow:**
My friends
- Joseph Disch:**
Being a brother of Kappa Sigma
- Andy Gaul:**
Being able to expand my horizons and really try anything and every thing I wanted was my favorite part. Thiel gives you the opportunity to experiment while still sticking true to what you want to accomplish with your life.
- Charlina Westbrooks:**
Fair Well Festival
- Nic Jones:**
Slip n’ Slide in the quad!
- Maryanne Elder:**
One of my favorite people I am going to miss on this campus is someone that I consider an MVP to the Thiel College Photography Club — she knows who she is! I wouldn’t have survived those countless hours of not knowing what to do without her. I am going to miss her!
- Nathan Nitzczynski:**
Diane Donnelly in The Learning Commons. She was my biggest cheerleader all four years-endless support and ALWAYS believed in me!
- June Longbine:**
Dr. Wu
- Marissa Damon:**
Joining Chi Omega
- Kyle Dougherty:**
Greek life/intramural sports
- Amanda Callahan:**
Bridget Lydon
- David Waugaman:**
All of the memories that have been made thanks to the small college setting of Thiel.
- Tyleeza Reagle:**
My favorite thing about Thiel is that there is always something to do on campus.

Q: What has been your least favorite thing about Thiel?

- Joseph Disch:**
Definitely the increasing tuition every year
- Andy Gaul:**
I think Thiel has some major disorganization/administration problems for the students that need to be addressed. I have seen too many problems occur because someone in the higher ups was disorganized and wasn’t able to remedy the problem once it occurred.
- Charlina Westbrooks:**
The food
- Nic Jones:**
The Bistro isn’t open 24 hours.
- Maryanne Elder:** The rain
- June Longbine:**
I don’t like how there aren’t different prices meal plans or how you have to be on them if you live in apartment or townhouse
- Marissa Damon:**
Paying for laundry
- Amanda Callahan:**
Housing



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Two-hundred and thirty-five Tomcats from the Class of 2015 will walk across the stage in Thiel’s 141st Commencement. The above photo was taken during commencement 2014.
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Photos of the Edition



*April showers aren't the only signs that spring is just around the corner.
Photo credits: Maryanne Elder (left) and Hunter Michaelis (above)*

Letter from the Editor in Chief Emeritus

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In just over a week, I will be donning my cap and gown and walking along Brother Martin's Walk towards commencement and a future away from Thiel. It's hard to believe that only four years ago I moved into a small dorm room in Hodge. Like most freshman, I was a ball of excitement and nerves, unsure of what college life would bring my way.

Turns out, it brought some stress and frustration. But, it brought a lot of good things, too. Mostly good things, like the newspaper.

During the first weekend of classes, I was out taking pictures with my camera, when someone invited me to join the Thielensian staff. I thought I would give it a try (why not, right?), and it turned out to have been one of the best things I did that first semester. It was through working for the newspaper that I learned about life at Thiel and met many of Thiel's staff



and administration. When I became editor-in-chief, I really began to learn about balancing schedules, being a leader, and working with a group. When I considered transferring after my Sophomore year, the newspaper was one of the major reasons why I stayed.

As a freshman, I tried to be as involved as possible. I attended any event I could (I still do! Thiel activities is pretty awesome!), I joined some clubs, and I attended SI sessions regularly for calc and physics. That turned out to be a pretty good idea, too. In SI, I formed bonds with fellow physics majors (and one Chem major... shout out to Michelle, my best friend!) that have lasted through our time at Thiel.

As frustrating as life at Thiel can be sometimes (meal plans, slow maintenance, expensive laptop repairs, eh, you already know what I'm talking about), I'm glad that I made the decision to call this campus home for the past four years. Ultimately, Thiel is a great school with loads of great people (see below).

Here I am today, trying to decide how I want to decorate my cap for graduation (I'm thinking a Disney/travel theme). I've been editor-in-chief of our paper and president of both the shooting club and Kappa Mu Epsilon. I've been an SI leader and an Honors student. I've gone greek, deactivated, and became greek again (shout out to the brothers of Phi Theta Phi). I've been to Spain, England, Germany, and Nicaragua. And now I'm going to Arizona. So, thank you to everyone at Thiel, for all the opportunities. Thank you for helping me blossom into who I am today.

Before I finish, a few additional shout outs to some faculty and staff who have been instrumental in my life at Thiel:

Allen, our wonderful librarian – If you don't know Allen, drop what you are doing and go introduce yourself. He's probably my favorite person at Thiel. Go talk to him, you'll understand why. Anyway, thank you Allen for all the enlightening conversations and for the support in anything I did. I always knew that I could count on you.

Tressa – Seriously, people, just go to the library. Thank you Tressa for being one of the nicest people that Thiel has to offer, and thank you for all the great research advice.

Dr. Hecking and Dr. Torigoe – Thank you for all the advice, helping me get an REU, and for helping me get into graduate school. Also, thank you for being great professors, and the other reason I stayed at Thiel.

Dr. Hall – Thank you for teaching me how to work hard, persevere, and give presentations.

Dr. P – Thank you for all the interesting class discussions, and the snacks!

Professor Katz – Thank you for being there for me and giving me support and advice over the past few years.

Professor Grover, Professor Anderson, Dr. Kim, Dr. Richins, Dr. Wu :Thank you for putting up with my constant presence in the department. Perhaps you should consider putting in a couch for the next department shut-in.

Last, but not least: Professor Newton: Thank you for putting the fear of programming in us. You are missed.

Fashion Frenzy: Sensible Suits

by Katie Allgeier, kallgeier@thiel.edu

That time of the year has come, everyone. I know, it's not something many of us want to talk about. That's right: it's bathing suit season.

But it just snowed *yesterday!* Yes, I know, and I am not pleased about it, but Target and Walmart have started putting out their bathing suits, and the rest of the stores are following suit. Sooner or later we're going to have to face the music and decide what we're covering our tiddly-bits with this summer.

Now, I know that I have a fairly sizable male readership. It therefore breaks my heart to say that this article will focus exclusively on female swimwear, mostly because there isn't much going on in the male swimsuit arena (well, there is, but I'm not allowed to print pictures of it in the paper).

Here's the problem. I've looked at a couple of websites, and I have found that the pieces of clothing that cover perhaps less than our underwear seem to cost twice as much, if not more. At Victoria's Secret, for example, the low-

est top-and-bottom suit set I could find was \$34, *and that was on clearance*. The cheapest full-price suit set was \$39, and that was assuming you chose the cheapest (and smallest) bottom. And by the way, I do hope you're not planning on moving at all in this "Teen-y Bikini" (their words, not mine), because it covers next to nothing.

I mean I would be worried after a sneeze in this thing.

So okay, maybe Victoria's Secret is a little much (their highest-priced suit was over \$100). Maybe American Eagle would have something better? Maybe not.

I will say this, American Eagle *was* cheaper, and they did have a better selection of suit styles. Their lowest priced suit was about \$34, and was your fairly basic triangle-bikini affair. Their highest-priced set was about \$50, though a lot more variety was seen between the two extremes in terms of suit styles.

I know I'm not really saying any-

thing new: the prices for women's fashions are ridiculous, and swimsuits are no different. Maybe I'll just use the suit I wore last year.

Or maybe I'll just keep eating Easter chocolate.



*I just thought this was cute, and it's only \$35.
Photo: ae.com*

#Twittin' @Thielensian

@??? - Watching episode one makes me love Jar Jar Binks even more.

@??? - Is it weird that I love the smell of freshly opened tennis balls, or even racket balls.

@??? - Not sure if it is a testament to windy it is or how drafty the house is, but my blinds are gently swaying with the window shut.

@??? - A little party never killed anyone.

@??? - Hate Tuesdays with all my heart.

@??? - You are either the butcher or the cow.

@??? - Just some Western PA kids, spitting tobacco in class.

@??? - I wonder what people at thiel will talk about when I am gone! Good luck to the new target!

@??? - I STARTED THE SELFIE STICK AT THIEL. KBYE.

@??? - Why are the heaters still on everywhere on campus and in my room?? It's 60 degrees out.

@??? - I'm posting a perfect 0/4 on Thiel spring concerts. Lawl.

@??? - No matter where I am, home or at Thiel. I got family by my side. #Furious7

@??? - Back to Thiel after my last college break ever...

@??? - Thiel College.... is alive today... weird.



Whatever happened to getting involved?

by Hunter Michaelis, HMichaelis@thiel.edu

For us at the paper, this represents the final edition of the semester. It's been a great ride giving you the news this semester, both locally and around the world.

As we change staff with the graduating seniors, my staff has been replaced for at least the next semester. However, not every club is this lucky. In fact, most are still looking for people to fill up their open positions.

You may be sitting there thinking, "What's the big deal? They can just fill those positions next semester when classes resume, right?" Sure, they definitely can do that, but it's better to have those positions filled before the school year ends and the current people leave or step down from their positions.

This is a great training opportunity. You get to learn from the people who have held the position already. They can give you their insights, what they did, what they wish they could've done, and then you get their advice about how you can make the position better. That's why we try to find replacements as soon as we can, because creating a paper that looks good and has good news takes a professional, well-trained staff.

To my friends who say things like, "We need a new Editor in Chief," or a new Copy Editor or Layout and Design Editor, I have to tell you two things:

First, come work for us at the paper, and you'll see that we're not just being lazy or not knowing what we're supposed to do. Putting a paper together takes time, probably more time that you think it does. Besides writing articles, layout takes at least three days, several hours a day. Copy editing takes several hours once all the layout is complete and conforms to our strict standards.

Secondly, if you have something to say, don't complain about it to other people. We want to create the best possible paper, not because we want the glory or the salute of the administration (it helps to have it). No, we want our readers to enjoy what they

read. If you notice a problem, bring it to attention of one of our editors or even me. We have office hours or can be reached through email very easily.

If writing for the paper isn't your thing, then maybe you should consider the other clubs on campus. They are always looking for other people to help them have a wider diversity of members, no matter where they are.

It doesn't matter what age you are on campus. You can be a freshman with no more than a weekend under your belt, or a super senior who's looking at their final semester at Thiel. You can make a difference at Thiel just by showing up at a club. Why? They will enjoy just seeing another person.

Let me give you some math: when my class came in, we had over 400 people. Now, we have about 250. That many people missing gives you a lot of opportunities to get involved. Things are just bad in terms of enrollment and retention. All colleges go through it. However, colleges like Thiel need people just like you to get out there and make their clubs better.

Is it because you feel you're not good enough? Trained enough? Don't have enough time in your schedule?

Why party when you get out there and do something productive for the school that took you in for your future education? You can do it. No one's going to judge or laugh at you. No one's going to hit up Twitter or Yik Yak (for those of you who choose to use that).

It's been awesome being your new Editor-in-Chief. I look forward to next couple of years. Big congrats to the seniors of 2015. Good luck out there! Thanks to my seniors on my staff. You have no idea how much you helped!

Either way, even if you choose not to get involved, it's your call. Thiel has made it this long. It will continue to survive somehow. For those of us who love Thiel, we'll do what we have to do to save it. So... who's with me?

NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs Preview

by Hunter Michaelis, HMichaelis@thiel.edu



Capitals' Alexander Ovechkin will lead the charge as Washington looks for its first Stanley Cup in program history

Photo credit : AP Sports

All 82 games of the NHL regular season have been played, and now the playoffs will begin with the top eight teams from the Eastern and Western Conference for the Stanley Cup. However, each team has their own reason for participating in the Cup, and other teams' even being in the cup is nothing short of a miracle. The teams listed below are just a few of the teams to watch out for in the first round and beyond.

The New York Rangers (53-22-7) are the President's Trophy-winning top seed in the Eastern Conference. They face the Pittsburgh Penguins (43-27-12) in the first round, who held the honor of the first seed for the previous two seasons. The President's Trophy is awarded to the team in the NHL with the best record at the end of the regular season. The Rangers have had the honor two other times, 1991-92, 1993-94, whereas the Penguins only won one in 1992-93.

The Penguins ended their regular season with goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury tying career highs in goals against average, GAA, (2.23), save percentage (.920), and shutouts with 10, which led the league. The team ended the season losing the last handful of games and limped in only after beating the Buffalo Sabres 2-0. The Rangers, while not in any danger of not qualifying, showed they were ready for the playoffs by finishing 4-1 in their last five games. Henrik Lundqvist finished his season 30-13-3 with a .922 save percentage and five shutouts.

The Pens compete with Sidney Crosby's leadership in the goal column (28, which is shared with Evgeni Malkin) and 84 points. The Rangers

have Rick Nash on top with 69 points.

The Washington Capitals (45-26-11) were on the playoff bubble for a nice part of the season, but eventually secured the fourth seed with the Penguins giving up ground. They face the fifth-seeded New York Islanders (47-28-7). The Islanders traded placed with Pittsburgh for the lead of the Metropolitan Division and the outright lead in the Conference before the Rangers took off in the standings.

The Capitals are still looking for their first Cup in their 40-year history, while the Islanders are still trying to replicate the success they had in the early-80s when they won the Cup four times from 1979-80 to 1982-83. They were a threat in the playoffs until the late-80s.

In goal, the Islanders have Jaroslav Halak's (38-17-4) 2.43 GAA, .914% and six shutouts to contend with. Halak's 38 wins is an Islanders' single-season record. For the Capital's, it's a different story when it comes to Braden Holtby (41-20-10), who finished his season with a 2.22 GAA and .923% and nine shutouts, which are the league's second-best numbers for the season.

The two front men, Alexander Ovechkin and John Tavares have 81 and 86 points for their respective teams.

In the West, the Vancouver Canucks (48-29-5) play the Calgary Flames (45-30-7), who haven't played in a playoff series since the 2007-08 season. Led by the Sedin twins, Henrik and Daniel, the duo put up 149 together in the regular season (Daniel had 76 and Henrik had 73), the Canucks haven't won a Stanley Cup in their 45-year

history. However, they have been a threat in recent years.

They are led in goal-tending by former Sabre Ryan Miller, who finished the regular season 29-15-1 and with a 2.53 and .911 in the GAA and save percentage areas, respectively. While these are fairly respectable numbers, they are not as strong as Flames' Jonas Hiller's season of 26-19-4 and 2.36 and .918.

The Flames previously won the Cup in 1988-89, but participated in the Finals in 2003-04, losing to the Carolina Hurricanes. On offense, they are led with Jiri Hudler's 76 points, followed closely with the Canucks' Johnny Gaudreau's 64.

The Nashville Predators (47-25-10) may be the last team discussed here, but they're certainly not least. They face the Chicago Blackhawks (48-28-6), and both teams were on top of the Conference in the West for much of the season. The Predators in particular just started to lose ground within the last 10 games of the season, and both teams ended their season with multi-game losing streaks.

Pekka Rinne (41-17-6) of the Preds pulled off an astonishing 2.18 GAA and .923% with four shutouts, which is behind only Holtby and Montreal's Carey Price's league-leading 1.96. On the other side of the ice, Corey Crawford (32-20-5) finished with 2.27 GAA and .924% and only two shutouts. Notably, Crawford has already won a Stanley Cup in 2013.

Filip Forsberg leads the Preds with 63 points, while the Hawks' captain, Jonathan Toews, notched 66 points for his team.

Two Proposals that could hurt the NFL

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The impact of injuries from helmet-to-helmet hits have forced the NFL to eradicate dangerous hits

Photo credit: AP Sports

The NFL is a reactive league. It looks to do whatever it can to improve its image when approached by adversity and make money, just like most businesses do. To achieve this, they make rule or game changes to please the fans and ultimately increase revenue by keeping viewers happy. We have seen this with all the rules made to create a pass-happy league with high scoring since the younger generation does not appreciate defensive contests like the older demographics do.

As soon as former player Kevin Everett suffered a helmet-to-helmet collision that almost left him paralyzed, those types of hits are now illegal. Not all rule changes negatively impact the game too much, but two proposals that might take effect within the next couple years could heavily damage the game.

The first of those is removing kickoffs. From a nostalgic point of view, the opening kickoff has always been the great start to a game that immediately starts the action and gets the fans pumped up. However, do to the issues with concussions that the league failed to properly address sooner, higher-ups

are considering removing kickoffs to make a safer game. They do not realize how much of an impact this will have for the game and individual players.

Some of the biggest plays happen during kickoffs that can make or break a season for a team. Devin Hester is widely regarded as the best kick and punt returner of all time, and he carried the Chicago Bears to their appearance in Super Bowl XLI. Hall of Fame cornerback Deon Sanders was always a big play waiting to happen whenever he touched the ball on special teams. Without kickoffs, players with only bring these skills to the field will never make it to the NFL.

To go off this even further, some players depend on special teams. Not every player that gets drafted will immediately start, so they have to spend time on special teams for a few years until they obtained the abilities needed to perform on offense or defense. Other players will never be starters, so they make a career out of playing on special teams. If taken away, teams will no longer spend money on good returners and players will have to develop quicker or be in fear of getting cut. Unlike

other major sports, few players can go to developmental leagues and then succeed in the NFL. This could kill a lot of player's careers.

The second change is the possibility of an 18 game season. To anyone who watches football, it is common knowledge that this sport causes the most wear and tear on the body.

There is a reason that the average NFL career is around three years, and adding two extra games could cause a lot of injury. Most players are banged up and already playing through medical ailments towards the end of the season, so two more games could end their season.

Also, this would eliminate two preseason games. The preseason can be boring and tedious, but it also allows new players to make a name for themselves. Players such as Victor Cruz depending on the extra time to further develop their skills. Cruz was an undrafted free agent who used a couple years of preseason games to showcase his skills to earn a starting spot, and has become one of the best receivers as a result of it. These two changes should never come true in the NFL, or the game will be in danger.

Championship call controversy

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This past Monday the NCAA Division one men's basketball championship game was held in Indianapolis, Indiana. The game was the 77th anniversary of the tournament known as March Madness and it concluded with a 68 to 63 victory, Duke over Wisconsin. The win for the Blue Devils did not come easily as the teams battled it out until the last remaining moments of the game.

With less than two minutes to play in the game, a call was made by the officials that involved an out of bounds play in favor of Duke. Plenty of college basketball fans are still currently talking about this missed call that could have potentially changed the outcome of the game. The ball was originally thought to have touched a Wisconsin player last before going out of bounds. During the lengthy review of the play,

CBS displayed to its viewers a camera angle that clearly showed the loose ball last touch Duke's Justise Winslow before going out of bounds. Even after the official review, the ruling on the court was ruled in favor of the Blue Devils because the referees were stated to not have enough clear evidence to overturn the original call.

To stir up even more controversy within the missed call, NCAA officials have been sending mixed messages to the public after the incident. Early Tuesday after the big game the NCAA Supervisor of Officials, John Adams, stated that the referees never saw on the replay monitor the angle that "everybody saw at home". This statement was contradicted shortly after when a statement was made the next day on Wednesday by the NCAA Vice President, Dan Gavitt. Gavitt told

ESPN's "Outside the Lines" that officials actually did see all the available replays of the controversial call late in Monday's title game. He continued to state that it was missed because it was the last angle they reviewed and they likely did not look at that specific angle for a long enough time.

After the call was made and the game continued on, Duke would eventually hit a three pointer to put them up by more than one possession with about a minute to go. The Blue Devil's would eventually seal the deal and take this year's NCAA Division one men's basketball championship. Whether or not the call truly effected the outcome of the game will never truly be determined; what is known is that the NCAA can always be counted on for plenty of college sports excitement.



Penguins' goalie Marc Andre Fleury is having a career season with 2.23 GAA and a 92 percent save percentage

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