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Witosky earns Professor of the Year

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On Feb. 4, Thiel College officials recognized the contributions of 15 faculty and staff members as part of their annual Founders' Day celebration in the Lutheran Heritage Room of Howard Miller Student Center.

Founders' Day has been celebrated annually since 1876 and serving as the official kickoff for the year-long celebration of the College's 150th anniversary. To make it even more special, the college had 15 faculty and staff members to congratulate and recognize these individuals for their prestigious hard work. The recipient for Distinguished Professor of the Year was Professor of Business Administration and Accounting, and also the Department Chair of Business; Gary J. Witosky of Chardon, Ohio.

Professor Witosky is an alumnus of this institution, who graduated in 1979. After graduating college, he held a career in business for 25 years, and for over 30 years has been a Certified Public Accountant. Professor Witosky started his career here, at his Alma Mater, in 2002. Along with his extensive years of experience, he hopes that his passion for accounting and business is conveyed to his students so that they, too, develop passion for what they do in and out of the classroom. When asked what factors have contributed to his success at Thiel, Professor Witosky replied, "I believe my dedication to the College and to our students as been the most significant factor. Like so many others here I am willing to do whatever I can to help our students succeed."

Professor Witosky was well represented during the Founders' Day ceremony.

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New Thiel Forum features faculty and student presenters

by Tina Kramer, TKram138@thiel.edu

On Feb. 18 at 4 p.m., the latest Thiel Forum was held in Stamm Lecture Hall, featuring Dr. Eppley, Dr. Khalsa, and Amanda Hautmann.

Dr. Eppley presented on Bible interpretation, focusing on the teachings of Richard Hooker. According to Eppley, reformers such as Luther, contrary to Catholic tradition, believed everyone is guided by the Holy Spirit, which means anyone can read and appreciate scripture.

Richard Hooker believed the Holy Spirit is what guides reason within the individual. This reason should be used to resolve disagreements between individuals over the Bible. Eppley said that even with reason and the Holy Spirit as a guide, humans will never be able to know what God knows, for people

are unable to ever reach full understanding. To read more about this topic, please look for Dr. Eppley's book, *Reading the Bible with Richard Hooker*, which will be available for purchase Mar. 1.

"I was very interested to see how Dr. Eppley outlined his new book. Especially in how he explained that Hooker believed in an imperfect human understanding of scripture that grows and develops in society. It's a good example of early-modernism applied to debates that continue even today," alumnus Sean Oros said.

Dr. Khalsa's presentation was titled "Solar Splitting of Water to Produce Hydrogen as a Green Fuel." Khalsa explained the way Thiel students and herself are trying to find a more environmentally friendly

energy source than dangerous fossil fuels. Khalsa explains that when hydrogen is burned, water is produced. The research question for Thiel students and other researchers is what catalyst would be most effective to speed up this reaction, and in what amounts. Thiel is testing four metals in the "SHaRK" system. Khalsa revealed that a compound formed from copper, nickel, and zirconium has showed some promise during tests at Thiel. If students have any interest in this program, which has now become "SHaRK 2," they are encouraged to contact Khalsa.

Final speaker and undergraduate student, Amanda Hautmann, presented "My European Experiences During Summer 2015 Study Abroad." Hautmann's study abroad experience



Dr. Rattan K. Khalsa presented student and personal research at the Thiel Forum.

Photo credit: Tina Kramer

took her to six different countries and 26 different cities over a span of 76 days, during which she earned a total of 15 credits.

Hautmann commented on her experience as a Thiel Forum presenter. "I was very nervous at first, but once I started talking, I realized that I was in a

room of friends and colleagues who would support me, regardless of mistakes or some sort of mishap. I really got a lot out of this experience. I really felt as though I grew in my presentation skills, as well as my appreciation for those who have the courage to present at talks like this."

Sigma Tau Delta inducts new members

by Tina Kramer, TKram138@thiel.edu

On Feb. 21 five students were inducted into the Alpha Iota Kappa chapter of Sigma Tau Delta in the Sawhill-Georgian Room.

In addition to induction, the society also installed new officers and unveiled the sesquicentennial edition of *The Phoenix*.

The induction began with opening remarks from faculty advisor Dr. Hall and an invocation by alumnus Sean Oros. Amanda Zimmerman, president of Sigma Tau Delta, gave an additional welcoming statement before turning the floor once more to Hall, who gave a brief history of Sigma Tau Delta.

Professor Karen Shaffer, assistant professor of business administration and accounting, was featured as the keynote speaker. Her talk included the words which comprise the society's crest: sincerity, truth, and design. She moved on to discuss the concept of each individual achieving their best possible life by striving for greatness and academic excellence.

"I loved the speaker and found her very inspiring," newly inducted member of Sigma Tau Delta, Alexis DeMott, said.

"I am also very enthusiastic to have joined Sigma Tau Delta."

At the conclusion of Shaffer's presentation, current members of the society were recognized, select members were honored, and new members were inducted. Student Madison Mele was recognized for her future studying abroad experience in Italy this summer as a recipient of the Vera Heinz scholarship, and Nathan Flory was recognized for his future studying abroad experience at Oxford University this summer.

Current members included Katie Allgeier, Nathan Flory, Audra Franley, Austin Hall, Ashley Johnson, Vincent Kuznicki, Madison Mele, Kourtney Polvinale, Kyle Raskob, Elizabeth Rice, Jordan Smith, and Amanda Zimmerman. The five members inducted were Alexis DeMott, Tina Kramer, Alison Schemrich, Alayna Sharp, and Stephen Staats. New members received certificates, pins, and the new edition of *The Phoenix*.

After the new members accepted their membership into the society, the new officers were sworn into office. Nathan Flory will serve as SGA



The induction ceremony of the five new Alpha Iota Kappa chapter of Sigma Tau Delta was held in the Sawhill-Georgian Room.

Photo credit: Allen Morrill

representative, Madison Mele will serve as treasurer, Kyle Raskob will serve as secretary, Tina Kramer will serve as vice president, and Amanda Zimmerman will serve as president for the upcoming year.

Many members of Sigma Tau Delta are also involved in leading Supplemental Instruction, tutoring in the Writing Lab, and other services offered by the Learning Commons. Sigma Tau Delta member involvement may also be seen in the DHI, presentations at conferences, selling flowers at theater productions, the English Club, poetry reading

at St. Paul's, and Distinguished Library Awards.

"We are, indeed, a very active and energetic organization on campus and in the community. Most importantly from the perspective of the English faculty, our Sigma Tau Delta students demonstrate leadership in the classroom, promote a mastery of written expression, encourage worthwhile reading, and foster a spirit of fellowship among students of the English language and literature, all qualities stated in the Charter and deemed important by the founders of the Society," Hall said.

New Faculty Spotlight: Amber Kimmel

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The Thiel College athletic department recently welcomed Amber Kimmel as the new cheer and dance coach. Kimmel has an extensive background in cheer and dance and is excited to take on the task of expanding and improving the existing spirit squad program.

Kimmel graduated from Clarion University in 2011 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in liberal studies and a minor in speech communications. She continued her education at Edinboro University where she graduated with her MA in communication with a concentration in conflict management. Before accepting her current position at Thiel, she previously worked as a human resources manager for a manufacturing company in Brookville, PA for three years.

Kimmel enjoys spending her free time with her husband, step-daughter, and one-year-old son. She also enjoys running and playing the piano, and frequently donates her free time to assist at cheer camps.

"Coach Kimmel is very professional and she has a successful background in cheer and dance. I am excited to cheer for her and am confident that she will be able to help this program grow a lot," junior cheerleader Tatyana Godfrey said.

A graduate of Keystone High School in Knox, PA, Kimmel was active in the school's nationally ranked cheer leading program. She has been cheering for as long as she can remember, and realized that she had found her niche after winning several awards for the sport at a young age. She coached high school cheer leading from 2007 - 2013 and has worked for the National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) as a camp manager since 2009.

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Pedas Fellows organize presentation on race and race relations

by David Dye, ddye@thiel.edu

On behalf of the Pedas Fellows, a presentation was held in Stamm Lecture Hall in the Pedas Communications Center on Monday that was available for students to attend, dealing with issues of race among American troops during World War II.

The presentation, entitled "World War II: Media Portrayals of Race & Race Relations," was given by Dr. Pamela E. Walck, assistant professor of multiplatform journalism at Duquesne University who has known Dr. Claussen for many years, even as a student of his at Point Park University.

Dr. Walck has worked for Savannah Morning News, as well as in the newspaper industry for many years, and worked as an Army reporter with the 3rd Infantry Division out of Fort Stuart, covering three deployments. While working with the 3rd Infantry Division, Walck mentioned that she saw both men and women perform-

ing door-to-door combat roles, despite originating from such a conservative area of the U.S.

The topic of Walck's presentation was the status of African-American soldiers who were stationed in the United Kingdom before being sent elsewhere during World War II, and specifically the way both the American media and the British media covered them.

For example, when the first white American soldiers arrived in Ulster, Northern Ireland on June 27, 1942, there was a lot of fanfare and media coverage showing the Americans arriving to assist the British in the war. However, when the African-American troops arrived, there was little coverage in either the U.S. or the U.K.

Walck also pointed out the irony in that the U.S. was helping the free world fight against the Nazi regime and their white supremacist ideology, while the U.S. Army often relegate-

ed blacks to supply convoys, cooking for officers and unloading ships.

The policy of "separate but equal" that has commonly been looked at in U.S. history was also applied to the army, as installations were required to have two of everything, one for whites and one for blacks. African-American units were also required to have white officers, and any African-American officers already in the unit had to automatically be in inferior rank to white officers. Eventually, however, total war helped to undo much of the segregation in the army.

"Try to imagine America in 1942 as it was, not as we would like it to be," Walck said as she began her presentation, illustrating the need to acknowledge the faults and shortcomings of American society during the time period, rather than the ideal image often portrayed in movies.

Aside from the difficulties faced within the U.S. Army, Walck also covered the British response to African-American soldiers. In the U.K. there was no racial discrimination, which allowed African-Americans to enjoy a lifestyle that they never would have been able to in the U.S. This caused some tension in the U.K., such as an incident in Antrim, Belfast when a scuffle between U.S. soldiers leaving a pub and some Army MP's resulted in an African-American soldier being stabbed to death.

"For the British, they didn't really see black or white as the racial identifier," Walck stated, "The soldiers were American: that was the racial identifier."

The main issue for the British side of things was not how they dealt with the African-American soldiers, but how the racial policies were being brought over by the U.S. Army, and that the Americans expected the

British to help maintain those policies.

The presentation did cover some positives as well, such as Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis Sr., the first African-American general in the U.S. Army who was personally appointed by Gen. Eisenhower to investigate racial issues in the army.

As to why she selected this specific topic, Walck said that when she was reading the Pittsburgh Courier, she found that some Allied countries did not want the U.S. to deploy African-American troops within their borders because they did not want the racial issues that could come along with it.

The entire presentation was filmed by Dr. Nugent and will be made available to view on YouTube for students who are interested in these topics but were not able to personally attend the presentation in person.

Thiel Happenings
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Tuesday, March 15, 8 p.m.,
Music & Comedy in the Bistro
ft. JD Eicher and MINI TACOS!

Thursday, March 17, All-Day:
St. Patrick's Day Gold Hunt!

Friday, March 18, 6 p.m. WAR:
Live Wrestling Show ft. X-PAC
And also on the same day is the:
St. Patrick's Day Gold Hunt

Thursday, March 23,
New York City Trip, Sign-Ups
online:
Facebook.com/Thielactivities

Want to see a movie? BLY HALL MOVIE PRODUCTION PRESENTS...

Compiled by Liz Carlson

Kappa Military Heroes Appreciation Week Movie:

13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers

Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m.

The story Michael Bay tackles in 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi is as notorious by now as it's grim: the 2012 attack on an American diplomatic compound in Libya in which a U.S. ambassador and three other Americans died.

The move is primarily focused on the details of the Benghazi attack and the CIA contractors who fought off Libyan insurgents in the hours after the initial attacks.

WXTC Music Festival has full show Saturday

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On Saturday Feb. 26 the WXTC Music Festival was a success. This festival was held to benefit the VH1 Save the Music Foundation. The events began at 5 p.m. with the 2nd Avenue Band, followed by Young A and Jay La'Mont.

DaMarra Underwood, Nevada Color and Turnpike Gardens were the next acts to take the stage, all having traveled from the Pittsburgh area to donate their time and talent for the cause. During Nevada Color's time on stage, they noticed a student studying in the audience and invited her to sit on stage with them and do her homework while they performed.

Lastly, John Ford of the Strawbs, Ian Loyd's Stories, and Joe Deninzon and Stratosphereus took the stage, all of which traveled from New York City to perform. During Joe Deninzon and Stratosphereus's performance the group invited members of the audience to get up on stage and dance during one of their songs.

"Overall the music festival was fantastic! I saw so many people working hard to make this event such a success, and that's exactly what happened. The best part was simply enjoying the phenomenal music and



Nevada Color getting ready to perform their next song after inviting a student to do her homework on stage.

being able to interact on a personal level with the artists and bands. Truly an experience to introduce them, interview, and speak and hang out with everyone" Terri Keisling said.

"I'm proud of how the festival turned out, overall. The best parts were getting to see how everyone involved with the radio station came together to make it an awesome event, as well as getting to hear a lot of great music live" Kira Snyder said.

During the festival's music a

Photo credit: Mike McElroy

few of the student organizations on campus had booths where people could get information, held bake sales and even games. Some of the organizations that participated included Phi Theta Phi, Delta Sigma Phi, and the Neuroscience Club.

"We need to get Thiel student organizations on board and excited about this earlier. But it's a good start, and we have something solid to build on" Peg Watts said.

"If I could make any improvements, it would be to do some

more community outreach for more sponsorship and exposure, as well as more outreach to student organizations. I would also like to do a longer and more aggressive advertising campaign off-campus to bring in members of the Greenville community" Snyder said.

In total, the WXTC Music Festival raised \$213.67 to benefit the VH1 Save the Music Foundation. Those involved hope Thiel students continue to help raise even more funds for the organization in future years.

Thiel College Police Blotter

2-16-2016	N/A
Student reported a theft of \$250.00 in cash.	
2-19-2016	10:15 p.m.
Twelve underage students were found consuming alcohol.	
2-26-2016	11:00 p.m.
Two students were found smoking pot.	
2-27-2016	3:30 a.m.
Unknown person(s) sprayed a fire extinguisher in the gym, setting off the fire alarm.	
2-27-2016	3:35 a.m.
A student was found intoxicated and hanging out with another student who was also intoxicated.	



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What do you read, and how do you read it?

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David DeVivo, staff writer
Photo credit: David DeVivo

What do you read, and how do you read it? Two very general questions that have a widespread possibility of answers. However, if I were asked these two questions by a professor, I would immediately answer that

the readings and homework for all my classes are what I read. Now, if my grandmother asked these questions, I would without hesitation say the Bible.

To be truthful, growing up I loved reading fiction books. But, after reading a book titled the *Elmira Express: The Story of a Heisman Trophy Winner*, my life changed in the sense that instead of only reading fiction books, I was now open to reading non-fiction books. The book itself sparked my interest in biographies and other prose writing that were based off of real events.

So to finally answer the two

questions at hand, today I love to read, but in two different ways. I enjoy reading a book, and I am also open to reading articles online. The online material that I typically read on a daily basis are scholarly articles. These articles have topics that can truly be almost anything, ranging from agriculture, to politics, to sports, to even global catastrophes that are currently happening or happened many years prior.

Not only are the articles informative, but I am able to access these articles anywhere, as long as I have my cell phone and there is service or with ac-

cess. The reason I am able to access the articles is because of an app I downloaded on to my phone, called Flipboard. What the app does is allow you to pick various topics that you are interested in. Then the app generates all of the topics that have been selected and compartmentalizes these topics into separate folders.

As you click a folder, you have the ability to swipe your finger across the cell phone screen to bring a brand new article up on the screen. The best part about this app is there is no limit or charge of how many articles you want to read or skip

over, making it that much easier to learn and discover a good amount of factual information about a topic or subject just by getting on this app.

As much as I love reading online, I do not think my love for reading paper books will ever subside. Currently I have been reading a book titled *Rules for a Knight*. The book is technically fiction; however the guiding principles and lessons it discusses are themselves factual.

Rules for a Knight is formed on the notes of an actual knight, who fearing he would not return home from a battle, decided to

write a letter to his children in an attempt to leave a record of all he knows. It seems his true intent is to give his children a compass for a journey they will have to now make alone. *Rules for a Knight* is a short guide to what gives life meaning and beauty through another person's eyes, and during a different era of time.

So to review everything, I love to read online scholarly articles, and I love to read both fiction and non-fiction books. In reality, as long as the reading material is catchy, I will love reading it online or in the form of a book.

Photos of the Edition



First picture: Thiel has invested in new 150 Years banners as part of the College's anniversary celebration taking place this semester.

Photo credit: Office of College Advancement

Second picture: Snow still covers the courtyard leading to Pedas, indicating winter hasn't given up, yet.

Photo credit: Camille Radford

If you have a photo you would like to see as the Photo of the Edition, submit it to thielensian@thiel.edu

A bittersweet farewell: your Editor in Chief

by Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu

When I look back on my experiences, it's kind of hard to believe just how far I've come.

I was selected to be Editor in Chief of *The Thielensian* in a time I needed it most. I had few leadership skills, was incredibly shy, and spent a high school career always being #2. I never held the senior position in anything before the paper.

When I arrived for the first day on the job, I was optimistic, full of ideas, and brimming with positivity.

As time passed, and I learned how stressful the job can be (and incredibly time consuming), I realized it wasn't for someone who didn't care about it 100 percent. I've always thought of the paper like a child - it needs constant care and love, and any neglect will leave it short-staffed, disorga-

nized and in trouble, sort of like how children can be malnourished or lonely.

This was part of the reason I chose to resign my position at the end of this year, instead of holding it one more semester like EICs usually do: I've always had very little time for anything. I thought it was time for someone with new ideas and concerns. I love the job we did since I arrived. I think the paper's only grown better, but new ideas help.

As for the lack of time, I'm not complaining. Far from it. I have mostly fond memories of running one of the oldest organizations on Thiel's campus.

I had the unbelievable privilege of running the paper during its 130 year anniversary, and the College's 150th birthday. Even though I'll be

staying on as copy editor, I will miss it. It won't be the same.

I've spent this semester wondering where I go now. While I'll be the Editor in Chief in name only from here, my successor will take it over. Heck, I could do something as crazy as running for Senior Class President, but until I find something to take up my new free time, I'll stick with being Thiel's newest Editor in Chief Emeritus.

It's been a huge honor and pleasure sharing the news with you, as the College grows and changes over the years. My friends, classmates, and professors are one of the things I'll never forget.

- Hunter Michaelis

Movie Review:

Deadpool

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The movie *Deadpool* has made leaps and bounds in the movie world, not only because of its R-rating, but because of its low budget, high box office ranking and unique marketing campaign. The first of its kind in Marvel's movie franchise, *Deadpool* rightfully received its R-rating due to its excessive amount of gore and hilariously explicit jokes. Being the first of its kind, Fox was reluctant to give it a large budget and gave *Deadpool* only \$58 million, roughly a third of what other Marvel movies have received.

Since its release on Feb. 12, *Deadpool* has made over \$500 million worldwide. According to hollywoodreporter.com, *Deadpool* pulled in \$132 million its opening weekend, topping previous President's Day weekend release of \$93 million from *Fifty Shades of Grey* set just one year earlier.

Most importantly, though, was the type of marketing ef-

fort that was taken by 20th Century Fox to get the movie to its appropriate audience. Being an R-rated movie, there were questions as to who would actually come to see the movie, since younger teenagers were out of the question. In an attempt to convince those in their 20's to go see the uncanny and possibly unfamiliar movie, 20th Century Fox took to YouTube and social media.

Building on the trailer released last year, 20th Century Fox has added 15 other clips or ad related content to their YouTube channel leading up to the movie. These videos have generated over 120 million views on their YouTube channel in total. On top of that, *Deadpool* had its own Super Bowl commercial, which could have very well reached a similar audience size.

Overall, I thought the movie was very well done, though I probably enjoyed it more the second time around. The way



Chad Anderson, staff writer
Photo credit: Chad Anderson

The movie starts in the middle, goes back, and resumes from where it started was rather confusing, but it seems to be the only way they could figure out to have the action scenes well spread throughout the movie instead of all of them being near the end. Hopefully 20th Century Fox sees *Deadpool*'s success as a sign that mid-budget movies can be just as successful as higher budgeted ones, so long as everything is executed properly.

Giant Monster Movies Are Making a Comeback

by David Dye, ddye@thiel.edu

For a genre that's often overlooked in the U.S., it seems like there's about to be an increase in movies about giant monsters destroying cities and fighting other giant monsters. With so many films like the *Transformers* series or the Marvel series about explosive action and wanton destruction, is there even room or a market for giant monster movies anymore? Yes.

As just stated, giant monster movies have been almost a rarity in the U.S. for a long time, and it's easy to see why. Granted, the kaiju genre (kaiju being Japanese for "monster," a sequel planned, featuring not just Godzilla but three more of the classic monsters, Mothra, Rodan and King Ghidorah. If you are not familiar with them, Mothra's the one that looks like a giant moth.

The 1998 *Godzilla* movie was absolutely horrible. Cloverfield was great to some, but boring to many others. Even the 2005 *King Kong* remake by Peter Jackson, while looking fantastic and capturing some of what made the original a classic, still left many people bored somehow (not me personally, but these people are out there). So what's different this time?

Well, first in 2013 there was the film *Pacific Rim*, a movie about humans building giant robots to fight giant monsters. If it sounds really sci-fi and mildly unrealistic, then welcome to the genre. However, unlike the similar *Transformers* movies, the robots had

depth and weight to them, the monsters were thought-out, and the story was about bringing people together instead of joking about racial stereotypes and sexual innuendo. All of these helped to win audiences over, and now a *Pacific Rim* sequel is officially coming.

The next year in 2014, another *Godzilla* remake was released, except this one not only increased Godzilla's size, but paid homage to the original while updating the core themes of nature, science and the dangers of radiation. The film was a huge hit and there's a sequel planned, featuring not just Godzilla but three more of the classic monsters, Mothra, Rodan and King Ghidorah. If you are not familiar with them, Mothra's the one that looks like a giant moth.

Next year in 2017, another *King Kong* film is on the way, except that instead of retreading the same expedition covered in the original film and the 2005 remake, the upcoming *Kong: Skull Island* will feature a new plot set in the 1970's and possibly explain more on Kong's species and how he came to be "king." Not only that, but after *Kong: Skull Island* is released, it will lead up to a crossover with the king of monsters known as *Godzilla vs. Kong*.

Now that I've listed some movies that have all been hits at the box office or are announced for the near future, why does that suggest anything different? The big factor is that Legendary owns all three of



David Dye, staff writer
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these franchises: *Pacific Rim*, *Godzilla*, and *King Kong*. Aside from allowing them to create a shared universe which permits certain crossovers, such as Godzilla getting to face off against King Kong, this lets Legendary really put a lot of resources and talented people into films that are relatively similar, since they are all in the same genre. Disney did this with Marvel and it paid off, and even Universal was known for its Universal Monsters films for a period.

Does this mean these movies will be successes? No, not at all. However, Legendary has the benefit of being able to look at both the original films and the failed remakes, seeing what worked, and building off of that. Respect for the source material was a huge influence on both *Pacific Rim* and 2014's *Godzilla*, and both received large amounts of praise from critics and fans alike. Personally, I'm keeping my fingers crossed the future films are well-received, too.

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Sigma Tau Delta is holding a Night of Creative Arts & Poetry on April 16.
Students are invited to bring poetry, short stories, sculptures, paintings, etc. to share. The annual publication of *The Phoenix* will also be featured. Drinks and snacks will be provided.



TLC honors McFedridge and Panasko for March Effort Award

by Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu

The Thiel Learning Commons (TLC) has named Daniel McFedridge and Patrick Panasko the Extraordinary Effort Award recipients for March. McFedridge, a senior majoring in computer science and web design, and Panasko, a senior majoring in environmental science, are both active in TLC activities. McFedridge is an SI leader for Introduction to Programming and Data Structures, a note taker for Computer Science classes, and a Peer Tutor. “I was kind of surprised,” McFedridge said on winning the award, “It was kind of out

of nowhere. I wasn’t thinking about it.” “Dan is one of the best and most personable SI leaders we’ve had at Thiel College,” said Nancy Katz, who runs the SI program. “Working equally well with his peers, Dan’s skill as a liaison between professor and students is exemplary.” McFedridge, who enjoys fishing and reading in his spare time, actively programs random codes when he has a chance, appreciating setting a problem and solving it. He’s an intern at Wesex Corporation, which specializes in in-



Dan McFedridge TLC recipient for March. Photo credit: Prof. Noel Stanger tegrated building design and construction. “I’m hoping to work there

full-time after graduation,” he said. “When I was a freshman, I didn’t take classes seriously. I was struggling. I got a tutor who really helped me out. I went to SI sessions before I became a leader, and then I wanted to help others.” Panasko, who has always been on the track for environmental science, enjoys any activities that deals with the outdoors. He hunts, fishes, and kayaks. “I was very surprised,” he said, “I work very hard because I want the better grades. I want to improve. I wasn’t really



Patrick Panasko, TLC recipient for March. Photo credit: Prof. Noel Stanger thinking of recognition.” “Patrick has been academically successful during his

entire college career,” Diane Donnelly, the director of the TLC, said. “He was nominated for this award due to his strong self-determination and motivation, especially when faced with a challenge. When he sets his mind to achieving a goal, you can bet he will.” Panasko, who works with Disability Services, hopes to pursue a job in conservation biology after graduation. “TLC is a great tool for all people who are struggling,” Panasko said.

Professor Witosky earns Professor of the Year

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Family included his mother, able to be in attendance along with several friends that graduated with him from the institution. He shared how much of an honor it was to receive such a distinguished award; receiving it in front of the people that mean the most to him made the experience even more memorable. “Receiving the award was a great honor, but what made it so much more special was that the institution presenting it was my Alma Mater” Witosky said. Witosky’s favorite class to teach is intermediate accounting, because he gets to spend two semesters with students covering very challenging material and, in the process, gets to know them on personal basis. He admits that he loves watching students develop in all of his classes and watching

students start to understand how to apply the material to real world work. He gets special satisfaction from seeing students begin their professional careers and successfully complete the CPA examination. Another highlight of his time back at this institution was having the opportunity from 2007 to 2009 to serve as the Senior Vice President of the College. During this time Witosky teamed up with Dr. Robert C. Olson, his former history professor and the 18th president of this institution. Witosky and Olson are both alumni of this institution and their dedication to their alma mater showed greatly during these times as the two of them set the standard that created the environment that would overcome the challenging times this institution was then facing.

Among the most rewarding and enjoyable experiences of his time at Thiel is having the opportunity to work alongside Professor David Miller after being a student of his many years ago. He indicated it has truly been a remarkable experience to spend time on a daily basis with Miller and it is something he will always cherish and appreciate. Along with his accomplishments as a student and as a professor at this institution, Witosky shared that the friends he made during his undergraduate years are still his friends today. To this day this group of friends goes to the beach annually to catch up on the good old times they had during their years spent at their alma mater.

New Spirit Squad coach comes to Thiel

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Kimmel also has experience choreographing routines for competitive cheer squads and dance routines for girls in pageants. “I was drawn to Thiel because of the opportunity to work with and expand a program that could one day be nationally ranked and undefeated

in the cheer and dance world,” Kimmel said. Her goal for her first year as the Thiel College Spirit Squad coach is to grow the program and expand upon the current skill level. She is confident that the cheer and dance teams will impress their peers with their positive attitudes and

spirit for the college’s athletic programs. “I am really looking forward to watching my athletes grow as people and expand upon their current skill levels. I want to be a positive influence in their lives and help them to succeed after they graduate college,” Kimmel said.

Kochka has a big game, Tomcats fall in Championship

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The Thiel College men’s basketball team was defeated 85-67 in Saturday’s Presidents Athletic Conference game against the Grove City Wolverines. Despite the loss, Senior Luke Kochka had an excellent game on Saturday. He scored an impressive 25 points for the Thiel effort in Saturday’s game. He put up four three- point shots on Saturday and had five rebounds in Saturday’s game. Kochka was also involved in three assists. Senior Khari Bess scored 19 points for the Tomcats on Saturday. He also recovered five rebounds for Thiel and stole the ball four times on Saturday. Sophomore Mert Ozkaynak put up 11 points for the Thiel effort on Saturday. Ozkaynak also recovered four rebounds for the Tomcats on Saturday. Senior Demetris Lafontant recovered nine rebounds on Saturday, a high for the game. Sophomore Clandell Cetoute recovered five rebounds in the game. While the Tomcats clinched the sixth seed in the President’s Athletic Conference Championship Tournament, they were eliminated by the third seed



Luke Kochka was one of a few players who had an impressive night against Grove City. Photo Credit: Thiel SID

Bethany Bison in the quarterfinals on Tuesday. The Bison beat the Tomcats 69-60 in the match up. Clandell Cetoute scored 10 points for the Tomcats in Tuesday’s game. He also recovered nine rebounds, a high for the team. Cetoute matched his career high in blocks in the game, denying Bethany seven shots. These seven blocks also tied for second place in Thiel men’s basketball single game history. Khari Bess scored 14 points for the Thiel effort. Sophomore Leandre Jackson

also scored 14 points for the Tomcats on Tuesday. Kochka netted nine points recovered eight rebounds for Thiel in Tuesday night’s game. Liam Davis recorded a double-double for the Bethany Bison on Tuesday. Davis scored 12 points for Bethany and recovered 15 rebounds. The Thiel Men’s basketball team will finish the President’s Athletic Conference 10-8 and will finish their season 12-14.

Men’s Volleyball Get First Win, Fall to Rutgers-Newark

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The Thiel College men’s volleyball team put up their first win of the season in the Continental Volleyball conference on Friday night. The Tomcat’s swept Cairn University Highlanders in three sets to win the game. Junior Thad Paunovich put up seven kills in the game. Pauvonich made his seven kills on 12 seperate attacks. He also put up six digs for the Tomcats and a service ace. Cody Patterson, also a junior, scored seven kills in Friday’s game. He put up five digs for the Tomcats and had two block assists in Friday’s game. Reagan Hess, another junior, was one behind with six kills for the Tomcats. He also had two block assists in the game.

A fourth junior, Duane Emanuel stopped eight Highlander attacks on Friday, blocking two himself and having assists on six others. Nate Roche put up six blocks for the Thiel effort, one by himself, five assisted. He put up 10 digs for Thiel. Both Emanuel and Roche put up their best number of blocks for the season. The junior class was also represented by Zach Rombach and Jeffrey Coffy. Rombach helped in 23 assists in Friday’s game. He also scored five kills for the Tomcats and had four digs with a service ace. Coffey dug out 11 Highlander attacks, a team high for the season. The Highlanders were led by Andy Willits on offense. Willits scored eight kills for Cairn University on

Friday Night. The Tomcats fell to the No.4 ranked Rutgers-Newark Scarlet Raiders in the Continental Volleyball Conference on Saturday. The Scarlet Raiders beat Thiel in three sets in Saturday’s game. Rombach put up his third double-double of the season Saturday. He had three assists for the Tomcats and 10 digs in Saturday’s game. Patterson scored 12 kills in the game, tying the high for the match. Roche put up eight kills for the Thiel effort, and Hess scored five kills in the game. The Tomcats will face off against Stevenson Mustangs on Saturday. The game starts at 2:00 p.m.

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS
Supplemental Instruction Sessions					
Accounting II ACCT 123 (Oakes/ Witosky) Julia Fink		7-8:30 pm AC - 40		8-9:30 pm AC - 40	
Calculus II MATH 182 (Richins) John Thiel	8-9 pm AC - 13			4-5 pm AC - 13	8-9 pm AC - 13
Quantitative Reasoning MATH 125 (Hecking) Terri Eddy		8-9 pm AC - 4	8-9 pm AC - 4		8-9 pm AC - 4
Elementary Statistics MATH 211 (Kim/Shellenbarger) Mandy Slupek	6-7 pm AC - 34	9-10 pm AC - 34		6-7 pm AC - 34	
Gen Chem II CHEM 160 (Khalsa) Derek Runge	2-3 pm S - 210	8-9 pm S - 210			7-8 pm S - 210
Intro to Neuroscience NSCI 202 (Butcher) Nick McNutt	6-7 pm AC - 201	7-8 pm AC - 201			8-9 pm AC - 201
Group Peer Study Sessions					
Physics II PHYS 184 (Torigoe) Mike Long	3-4 pm S - I		9-10 pm S - I		9-10 pm S - I
Gen Chem I CHEM 140 (Stanisky) Cheyanne Fedder	9-10 pm AC - 108		9-10 pm AC - 108		9-10 pm AC - 108
Spanish II SPAN 151 (Carlson) Dana DePaulo			8-9 pm AC - 233		9-10 pm AC - 233
Psy Research Methods PSY 222 (Pickens) Sam Raymond		6-7 pm AC- 108			6-7 pm AC - 108
Review Sessions					
Minorities SOC 251 (Sutton) Olivia Royal				9-10 pm TLC Classroom	

Supplemental Instruction (SI) and GPS (Group Peer Study) are a series of weekly review or study sessions for students enrolled in historically difficult classes. These sessions are voluntary, free, and facilitated by a trained peer leader who has successfully completed the course. All students who want to improve their understanding of course material and improve their grades are encouraged to attend sessions for classes in which they are enrolled. Information on Microeconomics will be announced in class.