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Stress-Less Day

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On Wed., Oct. 12, a Stress-Less event was held in the bistro from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event included a hot apple cider bar, adult coloring books giveaways, a registered therapy dog, and a certified massage therapist.

There was even a mandala coloring contest to win the stress-less basket. The Counseling Center and Student Activities organized the event.

Everyone was allowed to come over to the bistro throughout the day and participate in the various activities designed to help students breathe a little during mid-term week. Students were spread out in the bistro coloring pictures and drinking cider. Many students took some time to enjoy a free massage as well. "I really enjoyed getting a massage. Stress Less day is cool!" Allison Schemrich said.

The hot apple cider bar was a favorite as well considering they ran out a while before the event ended. Students and faculty had the option of mixing their cider with a large variety of goodies including cinnamon sugar, cinnamon sticks, whipped cream, and many other toppings.

The registered therapy dog was there with his owners. Everyone was given the chance to pet him as he sat on his blanket and looked around curiously at the groups of people enjoying the event. For many people, the therapy dog was the best part. "While I was disappointed that they ran out of hot apple cider, I really enjoyed petting the therapy dog, Max, and relaxing from studying for tests" said Ashley Johnson.

Director of the Counseling Center Melanie Broadwater, M.A. was handing out small packets that contained colored pencils and pocket-sized adult coloring books.

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New Political Science professor brings international perspective

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The campus is in the middle of its biggest array of changes in decades. In a way, it is the end of an era, as professors retire and new ones replace them. They each have their own views and approaches to teaching their students.

Dr. Michael Morgan is in his first semester in the Political Science Department. He was hired after Dr. Robert Wells' retirement in 2015 left a void in the department.

Morgan specializes in International Relations, and teaches mainly in foreign policy and international conflict. He earned his BA from Marietta College in 2010, later earning graduate degrees from the University of Kentucky, all in Political Science.



Dr. Michael Morgan is in his first year at Thiel in the Political Science Department. Photo credit: thiel.edu

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"Marietta was a smaller, liberal arts school," Morgan said on coming to Thiel. "I wanted a smaller location that emphasized teaching, and not so much research. Classes at Kentucky were 150 to 300 people. You don't really get to know people there."

The University of Kentucky has around 30,000 students, while Marietta only has around 1,200. The former powerhouse of education has 30 times more students than Thiel and Marietta, and it shows. According to Thiel's website, students have the opportunity of a student-professor ratio of 13:1 and class sizes under 20. That makes a big difference when

considering a school.

Like all majors on campus, the career track takes one further than its title. "Business Administration" does not mean someone has to run a business and "English" does not mean that a student is going to teach. Political Science is the same way – there are many ways to take the degree, aside from law school or being a politician.

"Opportunity makes Political Science attractive," Morgan said. "People see it and assume you're going to law school. While that's an option, there are many areas you can go to. It's broader. It's up to the student to apply it."

This year is an election year, with Trump and Clinton acting

as the primary representatives of their parties. While debates are happenings, words are being exchanged, and sectionalized beliefs are becoming paramount, understanding politics is more than important.

The United States' habit of having controversial events not only makes the world more uncertain, it makes having an understanding of politics and being aware all the more important.

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Communication Department earns new name, majors

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The Department of Media, Communication and Public Relations, previously known as the Communication Department, gained more than a new name this semester.

The department announced in April that they would be rolling out two new majors in the fall: Business and Financial Journalism and Religion Communication.

The Business and Financial Journalism major involves a joint effort between the Communication Department and the Business and Accounting Department.

Thiel College is one of only three four-year undergraduate schools in the United States to offer a Business and Financial Journalism major. The major at Thiel is unique because it incorporates classes from two different departments and therefore well prepares and qualifies students for a future career in business journalism.

"I think that the Business and Financial Journalism major in particular will be attractive to international students. When you look at who is in the master's degree programs for this kind of work, there is a significant amount of international students from all over the world. It is a huge draw for international

students to come to Thiel," department chair, Dr. Dane Claussen said.

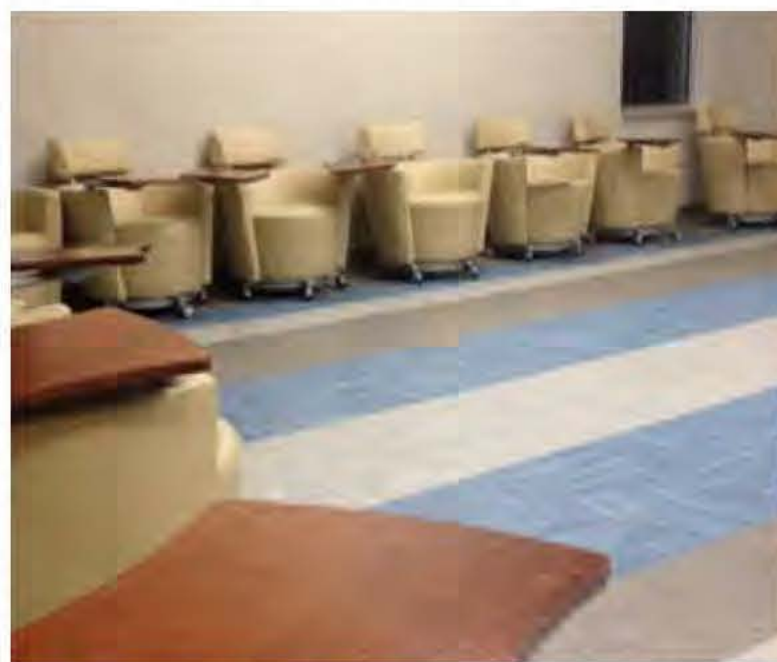
The second new major, Religion Communication, is also a joint effort with another department, this time Religion. The major has two different tracks: religion journalism and religion broadcasting.

The religion journalism track prepares students to cover religion for mainstream media such as radio and television stations.

The religious broadcasting track prepares students specifically to work in religion television networks and stations or at a TV studio in a mega church. Thiel College is the only school in the United States to offer a Religion Communication major, making it extremely unique.

"I think that these new majors are perfect for Thiel because we are a liberal arts college and they allows communication students a diverse range of options for a major. The Religion Communication major is also a great way for communication students to be able to pursue the field they are interested in while staying in-tune with their faith," senior Communication Studies Major Mercedes Quarles said.

The Department of Media, Communication and Public Relations hopes that these two new



Classrooms, such as the one pictured above, are used by the communication department and the new majors that have just been introduced.

Photo credit: Tina Kramer

majors will help the College in their efforts to recruit students from across the nation.

"All three programs are very specialized and you cannot expect a critical mass of students to show interest from the general geographic area that Thiel attracts from. These new majors can be and need to be marketed nationally," said Claussen.

In addition to being unique, the two new majors also provide the Media, Communication and Public Relations Department the opportunity to work with other

departments at Thiel.

"Both the Business and Accounting Department and the Religion department were completely on board with our proposals for these majors and collaborated well with us," Claussen said.

For more information regarding the Religion Communication and Business and Financial Journalism majors, check out the Thiel College website and 2016-17 Course Catalog.

SGA creates new budget system

by Nate Flory,
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Meetings of the Student Government Association (SGA) are livelier than ever, thanks to a revamped process for distributing budget funds.

Last year, SGA Treasurer Jaclyn Kuzma worked with Vice President of Student Life Mike McKinney to adopt this new system, which is used by many other colleges and universities, with the goal of increasing participation by the general assembly.

"The new system encourages clubs to be more active," says Kuzma. "It involves the general assembly and utilizes the SGA fund more effectively." In the past, student clubs proposed budgets to the SGA Executive Board at the end of the previous school year. Kuzma said that clubs often requested more funds than they needed in anticipation of budget cuts but still ended the year with a surplus of funds. Now, each club in good standing begins they year with \$200 and may request more money as needed.

Instead of the Executive Board having the final decision on club budgets with no input from the General Assembly, it is the members of the Assembly who now have all the power. They are the ones who vote to approve or deny budget requests. Dan Wiegmann, President of the SGA Executive Board, said that "We wanted to increase the influence that the general assembly has on how their funds are spent. This system transfers the fiduciary power from the Executive Board to the General Assembly members."

"At first, it was difficult for many clubs to wrap their heads around the new system," Wiegmann said. "After proper explanation, the system is functioning correctly."

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English professor to retire after spring semester

by Austin Hall, AHall194@thiel.edu

Dr. Chris Moinet, professor of English, is retiring at the end of the 2016-2017 academic year. Moinet has been a staple in the English department for the past 32 years.

Moinet, being a professor of English, is extremely well-read. Most English majors know him for his American Literature and other courses. When asked who is favorite author is, it is difficult for him to decide. However, Walt Whitman is who comes to mind.

Before coming to Thiel, Moinet taught for seven years at Kent State University. It is safe to say that many students have come to enjoy his classes and have learned a lot in their time in a Moinet-led discussion.

When asked about what his favorite memories are from this institution, Moinet said, "It was definitely all of the wonderful people I have met at Thiel, students and faculty alike. This

institution has been a dream-come-true for me." Moinet also plans to stay in the Greenville area after retirement.

Throughout 32 years at an institution, one makes a lot of memories. Moinet said one of his favorites is the "lunch bunch." "This was the early days of the HMSC before it was renovated," Moinet said, "We would try to squeeze in many people around small, pub-like tables. I had many great conversations during lunch bunch." Lunch bunch is a staple to this day. You can see many Thiel faculty and staff members eating lunch together in the Bistro, Monday through Friday.

Moinet also elaborated on his life at Thiel regarding what he calls Noon Hoops.

"Basketball has been going on since I got here," Moinet said, "Dr. Curt Thompson played a huge part in this. Dr. Thompson invited me to play



Dr. Christopher Moinet has spent his career in Thiel's English department.

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basketball in the Rissill Gym, in what is now the weight room, on a Saturday before the football game. I played that morning and after that it became a regular twice a week noon basketball. This is my 32nd and

last year and it can't come soon enough. Someone actually figured out that I'm probably the all-time leading scorer in Noon Hoops Basketball. People who worked at Thiel, community guys, and students all played. It's been, from the beginning, it's always been a friendly game and light-hearted. We've tried to calm down the people who are gym class heroes. Nobody need take it too seriously. It's not for blood, but for fun."


Moinet has always tried to be student-first and student-friendly. He said that there haven't been too many "bad" classes and that the students are what makes his job easier.

Moinet has led five trips throughout, what he refers to as, Literary New England visiting sites such as Mark Twain's house, the House of the Seven Gables, and Edith Wharton's mansion. He also makes sure to invite all of his upper level

classes over to his house at the end of the semester to cook for them.

Moinet really believes that Thiel is his ultimate dream. "I remember being in college and going into my mentor's office and sitting there, chatting with him," Moinet said, "Books all over the walls and I remember thinking what a neat life this would be and had a vague idea of being a professor, but that's when I figured out what I want to do. I got exactly what I dreamed of and it came true. Thiel has been a dream come true."

Moinet is married and has two children and a granddaughter. He plans to travel a lot after retirement. "I know that I'm ready and I know that it's time." Moinet will be missed by the Thiel community. We thank you for all that you have done for this institution. Enjoy retirement.



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Thiel Happenings

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Sunday, October 20

Chi Omega Make-A-Wish Bingo:
12-6 p.m. in the Glen Johnson Community Center

Tuesday, October 25

HPI Guest Lecture with John Lozoraitis: 5-6 p.m. in Stamm Lecture Hall

John will be sharing with us advice about preparing for and applying to physical therapy programs

Saturday, October 29

3rd Annual Zombie Prom: 9:30 p.m. – 1 a.m. in the LHR

Thursday, November 3

Library Research and Writing Awards: 4-6 p.m. in Stamm Lecture Hall

Relay for Life Kickoff: 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Stamm Lecture Hall



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Want to see a movie?
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Compiled by Liz Carlson

The Accountant: Opened Oct. 14

In this crime and drama film, Ben Affleck plays a CPA with a ties to dangerous criminal organizations. When a treasury agent start to uncover his secret, the accountant happens to take on a robotics company as a real client. As Wolf starts to uncover a discrepancy tied to millions of dollars, the stakes become much higher and more and more people find themselves victims to his crime.

Kevin Hart: What Now?: Opened Oct. 14

Famous stand-up comedian Kevin Hart is back, and as funny as ever. This time he performs in front of a crowd of nearly 50,000 people at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. Hart has previously completed several specials for Comedy Central and release in theaters, the most of recent of which was *Let Me Explain*. This earned over \$32 million in the box office.

Second presidential debate shown in Bly

On Sunday, Oct. 9 students gathered in Bly Hall to watch the second annual presidential debate moderated by Martha Raddatz and Anderson Cooper. Students were able to enjoy food and fine company while reacting to the debate, often times with laughs, gasps, and outcries.

"I really enjoyed being in Bly rather than Stamm. It seemed less crowded and more open than having everyone shove into Stamm. The energy was great, and I would definitely recommend everyone come to the next debate if they have the chance," senior Courtney Logan said.

Clinton was first asked by an audience member if she was a good role model for children. Clinton thinks it is important to make it clear that our country is great because we lift each other up and work together. She hopes to be the "president for all Americans." Trump agreed, and hopes to revamp the Iran deal and trade deals. He hopes to "make America great again."


Trump was asked about the recent video in which he is depicted disgracing women, in which he responded that there is so much bad stuff on line and that it was strictly "locker room talk." He continued to say that he's going to make America safe again.

Clinton says she believes he is not fit to be president, and claimed that others agree. She reinforced this by citing the video. The world should know that we are great because we are good and respect one another, which Trump does not show. Trump responded by saying that he is going to help African Americans and other under-represented populations.

The moderators brought questions from social media platforms. Trump was asked if and how the presidential race has changed him. He apologized for his previous actions, but says that Clinton should be ashamed of herself.

Clinton rebuttal was that Trump does not know what he's talking about, and cited Michele Obama, who once said "when they go low, we go high." She also claimed that Trump needs to take responsibility for his actions.

Trump claimed that Clinton is responsible for the start of the Obama birth certificate lie, and that he wishes to reveal the lies she tells. Clinton said that she cannot fact-check Trump all the time or she would not have an actual campaign. She encouraged





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Thiel College Police Blotter

Oct. 10

Two students were found in possession of marijuana in Sawhill Hall.





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A break from Midterms

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She also handed out pictures of black and white mandalas for people to color. The mandalas had to be turned into her office by 3pm to enter into the contest for the basket of stress reducing items.

Overall, the day was helpful to students who needed to take a short break from their classes and studies. Students who had the chance to attend the event were able to get some time to relax from the mid-semester studying.



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SGA implements budget requests

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"The meetings are full of debates and productive conversations about what clubs are doing and how they are spending their money," Wiegmann said.

Kuzma is also happy with the application of the new process. "The system has been functioning as we hoped it would," she said. "The general assembly has been very engaged in discussion and voting on fund allocation, and clubs are able to promote their events during meetings, which is an added benefit of this system." Since clubs have to describe their plans to everyone in attendance at the meetings, the hope is that awareness and interest for events will increase in turn.

Members of the SGA General Assembly seem to be pleased as well. "Meetings are now rather interesting to attend," said sophomore Evan Youker, who is the SGA representative for the Neuroscience Club. "We were able to get some money to help pay registration fees for our conference, and it's cool to see what other clubs are doing with their money." The money granted to the Neuroscience Club will help cover their costs for attending the annual conference of the Society for Neuroscience, which will be held in San Diego in November. They are one of several clubs that have already successfully requested



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Dr. Morgan on the Growth of Thiel

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"One thing we don't always think about is politics," Morgan said. "Anyone who wants a job and wants to provide for their family should be thinking about politics. There's a fundamental change in the future, based on opinion. The situation's very tense. People overseas are paying attention to this election, maybe better than some Americans."

Most professors at least know the names of the quiet ones, which is a unique feature, and something schools like Kentucky are unable to boast.

Some professors are more open than others, just like their students. Some have a hilarious senses of humor, while others are more reserved and adopt the "get in, get out" approach to teaching. That's what makes schools like Thiel unique, however. One can never form an opinion about a professor without getting to know them first.

"It comes with the territory here of being a small institution. I want to emphasize individual responsibility, but reward effort. Be firm, but fair. Be energetic as possible. If I'm bored, I can't expect you to be excited. It seems to work well, and I hope it translates to Thiel," Morgan said.

While most departments have a diverse range of full professors – sometimes four or more – the Political Science



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Photo of the Edition



Leaves on the ground and cooler temperatures mean that winter is around the corner.

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Bible verse for thought

selected by Hunter Michaelis, HMichaelis@thiel.edu

Isaiah 6:8 - "Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"

2 Chronicles 16:9 says God is always looking for faithful men and women to support His will. I chose this verse because it really affected me when I read it for the first time. When I look around all the evil, hatred, and destruction around our world today, I wonder how we're representing ourselves as a society. When people look back on 2016, what will they say? Does God feel shame when he looks down on us now? I don't think so. We're all His children. We all can be the faithful, righteous messenger that Isaiah was, but we need to work together to make that happen. This doesn't have to be a world of riots and fear. We're all brothers and sisters in the eyes of God. So, stand up proudly and volunteer yourself to be sent.

A Review of Trevor Loudon's *The Enemies Within*

by Justin Felgar, JFelgar@thiel.edu

In the 1950s, we knew who our enemies were. The U.S. had just defeated the Nazis and Imperial Japan, and we had turned our attention to the Soviet Union.

Considering them our arch rival in the Cold War, we sought to fight against Communism and Socialism anywhere in the world, from Russia to Cuba and beyond. Fast forward to 2016, and we had an avowed Democratic Socialist running for president. What happened? How did this relatively unknown socialist from Vermont become so popular?

The rise of the Bernie Sanders campaign raises some startling questions. Is Socialism alive and thriving in what was once its greatest foe the United States? Are there not just socialists but communists infiltrating and subverting our government? And, perhaps most importantly, who are they?

Enter Trevor Loudon, a native of New Zealand who specializes in studying Communism, Socialism and the under belly of American politics. Loudon just released his documentary, *The Enemies Within*, based on his book of the same name.

The documentary identifies and details members within the United States government who are secretly members of subversive communist and socialist organizations, as well as what their agendas are. Loudon started his twenty year quest after New Zealand's Labor government terminated the ANZUS alliance with the United States by disallowing U.S. nuclear warship from docking in New Zealand harbors, severely damaging the countries position in the world and leaving them vulnerable to the Soviets. When asked why a New Zealander would care about American politics, he gives two answers.

One, out of gratitude for U.S. involvement in stopping Imperial Japan's conquest of the region, and two, because he believes that if America loses its freedom, the whole world will follow suit. Loudon pres-

ents the evidence he has gathered over the years in the film, as well as interviewing former U.S. security officials and former socialists and communists, to get the inside scoop on the goings on of these insidious groups that have infiltrated the government. The Enemies Within focuses on the specific communist/socialist organizations influencing our government, the specific politicians that have ties to socialism or communism, and their specific goals and strategies.

Loudon starts *The Enemies Within* by laying out the specific organizations that are subverting our government, the American politicians that serve as their pawns, and the anti-American policies that they have successfully pushed through Congress. Some of the specific organizations that he identifies are: The Democratic Socialists of America, The Communist Party USA, and the Council for a Livable World. Loudon outlines many U.S. Congress members as being controlled by the Communist Party USA and the Democratic Socialists of America.

Former government security investigator Max Friedman said of many sitting congressmen "Most Congressmen on the left could not pass a security check whatsoever. Senator Barack Obama could not have passed a security check whatsoever."

The specific individuals he identifies are: Rep. Rosa DeLauro, Rep. Bobby Rush, Rep. Charles Rangel, and Bernie Sanders, who Loudon claims is one of the DSA's greatest allies. Loudon alleges that Sanders is truly a closet communist masquerading under the less alarming Democratic Socialist moniker. Loudon also details many anti-American legislative initiatives that have been pushed through by subversives, including but not limited to gun control, government controlled student loans, anti-fracking laws, Obamacare, and defense cuts that hurt our military strength.

One of the most notorious subversive groups that Loudon mentions is the Council for a Livable World. Loudon claims the CLW has done tremendous damage to the U.S. military, more so than many armies are capable of. The Council has historically had ties with the Soviet Union and the DSA.

The Council's main objective is to ensure that senators favorable to their viewpoints are elected. These senators will in turn vote to under mine the U.S. military and American defense through their legislative actions. Loudon alleges that the CLW has bankrolled many U.S. senators over the years, including Al Franken, Elizabeth Warren, Tim Kaine, Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, and Joe Biden. Loudon alleges that the CLW has been influencing our defense decisions for decades and has done irreparable harm to our military, and he is not alone in this opinion. Retired Navy Admiral James "Ace" Lyons said "Never in my lifetime, would I believe that I would witness this great country of ours, being withdrawn from our world leadership role, and taken down by our own administration."

Loudon also discusses how communist sympathizers work with proponents of radical Islamic terror to bring down their common enemy, the United States. Loudon calls this tenuous relationship the red-green axis. Loudon goes on to identify the most dangerous radical Islamic group that has infiltrated the American government, the Muslim Brotherhood.

According to Loudon, the Muslim Brotherhood has covert ties to many radical terror groups, such as ISIS, Al-Qaeda, and Hamas. The Muslim Brotherhood has infiltrated the American government via their many front organizations, such as the Muslim American Society (MAS), the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), among others. Loudon details how the Muslim Brotherhood uses pro-communist and socialist government offi-

Happy Halloween to the best time of year

by Kyley Raskob, KRask490@thiel.edu

When it comes to holidays against the rest of the year. most people tend to think of Christmas. Sure the lights, food, and gifts are a lot of fun in the cold winter weather, but I never liked Christmas nearly as much as most people seem to. When it comes to holidays Halloween is my time of year.

Halloween has been my favorite holiday for as long as I can remember. In fact, the entire month of October is my favorite time of year. October is when you really start to believe it's autumn. The leaves change colors and fall like snow, pumpkins, squash, and corn are all ready to be picked, the days are still warm but there is a cool breeze that is just strong enough to bring out your coat. All these little things make October stand out


October is also one of the last months before the cold sets in. I like the winter as much as any other season, but it isn't as vibrant as autumn. October is the last time to enjoy shorts, cold drinks, camping, and the beach. Once we head into November it is usually too cold to enjoy the outdoors for more than a short while.

As the last day of October, Halloween lets us go out with a bang. The costumes and decorations are so exciting. For a nerd like me who loves comic conventions, this is the one con I don't have to pay for. Every year I'm looking forward to wearing a new costume, attending Halloween parties, decorating with spider webs and orange lights, and cooking

food that tastes amazing but making it look disgusting.

I am not usually a big fan of parties, but Zombie Prom is tons of fun. Looking at everyone's costumes is my favorite part. I love seeing what other people came up with. Every gets very creative during this time of year.

Halloween allows everyone to show their creative side. The costumes, colors, and excitement of this time of year is always very exciting. As the weather starts to move into winter, everyone gets to experience that last bit of warmth with lots of fun. Halloween will always be my favorite holiday and I can't wait for it each year.



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Hilary Clinton of having ties to Communist subversives. Now, Trevor Loudon has compiled staggering evidence to suggest that our concerns were more than just conspiracy theories, as many left wing politicians, pundits, and academics have suggested.

The information in *The Enemies Within* is presented clearly and succinctly, and is validated by many former members of the U.S. intelligence community. For myself, I believe the information presented in the video to be accurate. I met Mr. Loudon in September during a visit to the Value Voters Summit in Washington D.C. I talked with him at length and judged him to be a man of integrity. I also met many of the security officials interviewed in the film, experts such as Phil Haney, Max Friedman, and former CIA operations officer Clare Lopez. Meeting these experts in the security field brought a stark realism to the information I was receiving.

This wasn't some fly by night, right wing conspiracy shock film. The dangers that Loudon warns us about are real and they are present within American politics today. Now some may think that this movie is a condemnation of the Democratic Party and the religion of Islam. That is far from the case. *The Enemies Within* seeks to illuminate the dangerous subversives and radicals that have wormed their way into the Democratic Party and the religion Islam. They are dangerous and have an insidious agenda that seeks to accomplish their goal of destroying the United States of America from within, and they will use any means necessary to accomplish their goal.

I encourage everyone to see the film for themselves and form their own opinions. We as Americans cannot afford to turn a blind eye to these warnings, for if we do, our nation may very well be stolen from us.

When asked by Loudon if she could pass an FBI security check, former Department of Homeland Security officer Phil Haney replied, "No, because if you have overt ties with organizations with known associations with terrorism, you cannot pass a background check."

Haney also said that by her endorsement of Human Resolution 1618 that she is "by default aiding and abetting the Muslim Brotherhood on a macro, global level."

Loudon gave three simple ways that U.S. citizens can hinder subversive activity in the government. The first way he mentioned was to insist that Congress pass H.R. 3892, or The Muslim Brotherhood Terrorist Designation Act, which would officially designate the Muslim Brotherhood as a terrorist organization. Haney said that passing the bill would "send a shockwave through the pro Sharia, pro Jihad Islamic world without firing a single shot or dropping a bomb anywhere in the world."

The second way he suggests is demanding that all congressmen and senators pass a security background check before serving on any committee. He alleges that as over one hundred subversive congress members and around twenty senators could not pass the background check, that this would have a cleansing effect on our government. The final solution he gives is to simply go out and vote pro constitution politicians into office.

As for my personal opinions on Trevor Loudon and *The Enemies Within*, I agree with what he has to say about many politicians in the Democratic Party. Many conservatives like myself have long suspected individuals like Barack Obama and



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Hautmann and Williams honored for Extraordinary Effort Award

by Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu

The TLC Extraordinary Effort Award is given to two students by The Learning Commons, TLC, based on a nomination by a TLC staff member. The latest winners are seniors Amanda Hautmann and Megan Williams.



Amanda Hautmann, TLC Extraordinary Effort Award Recipient.

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Hautmann is a Neuroscience major with minors in Psychology and Music, while Williams is majoring in Psychology.

"I'm very honored," Hautmann said, on winning the award. "I was very surprised to be selected out of the numerous people who also do work."

Hautmann serves as the President of the Neuroscience Club and is the founder and charting member of Thiel's chapter of Nu Rho Psi, the Neuroscience honorary. She plays flute in the band and is a sister of Chi Omega. She is a note taker and peer tutor for The Learning

Commons.

"Amanda has been a peer tutor for many classes for 3 1/2 years," Barb Samson said, coordinator of the Peer Tutor program. "In that time, she has developed an excellent rapport with the TLC staff, and most importantly, with the students she tutors. Despite her own very busy schedule, Amanda has always adjusted her schedule to accommodate her tutees. She is willing to tutor students individually or in small groups. Amanda is responsible, professional and committed to helping students succeed."

In addition to tutoring, Hautmann has also taken advantage of TLC services. She recently suffered a concussion in a rafting accident. TLC helped by accommodating her studies and tests, as well as offering emotional support.

"They've really helped me. They want to see you succeed," Hautmann said.

After graduation, Hautmann plans to attend graduate school to pursue a PhD in Neuroscience.

Williams is a transfer student who has to complete an extra year because her credits didn't fully transfer. She'll walk with the Class of 2017.

"It's pretty great after what I've been through," Williams said, on being selected. "I'm glad it's being acknowledged."

On campus, Williams plays on the lacrosse team and is a

sister of Alpha Xi Delta, after pledging last semester.

"Megan was chosen for this award due to her 'never give up' attitude," Diane Donnelly said, Director of The Learning Commons and Academic Advisor.



Megan Williams, TLC Extraordinary Effort Award Recipient.

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"When experiencing academic difficulty, she put in 100% effort and utilized TLC services (tutoring and academic advising), earning her Dean's List honors. It is Megan's motivation and strong work ethic that has helped her become and remain successful."

While she doesn't have a set plan for after graduation, Williams may pay off her tuition and go back to school for a minor or something like it.

"I should've graduated last semester, but Diane [Donnelly] helped me through it. Now, I get to graduate in the spring."

Students earn jobs early in the year

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It's October and the Class of 2017 is about seven months away from being thrust into the professional world. Loans will have to be paid back, but salaries will be much better, as they put those degrees to work.

Thiel has an unspoken secret in the Department of Business Administration and Accounting known as the Accounting Consortium. The Consortium, which gives students the opportunity to improve résumés, participate in mock interviews, and network, has helped several students get jobs or land interviews already. Just having a job before graduation is impressive, but in October is something else entirely.

Rachael Rose and Trevor Martin are both currently in the interview process, in an attempt to find the fit best for them. She numbered her jobs to make remembering which ones she was interested in the most easier to do. It may seem like a lot, but a wide of choices is sometimes welcome.

"I got an internship through the Accounting Consortium," Rose said. "I managed to get five second interviews. I'm going to visit their offices before making a choice."

A triple major in Forensic Accounting, Accounting, and Business Administration, Rose worked in the Department of Revenue in her hometown

in the Bureau of Audits. She would like to work for the government when she's older. She and the rest of the participants in the Consortium were required to meet with the Career Center on campus to improve résumés. They were taught how to make the format look more presentable.

"It was like a blessing," Rose said, on her internship. "It helped me to figure out what I was looking for. Differentiation is what the Consortium does best. It's more than just work experience. You're learning how to make yourself stand out. If it wasn't for the Consortium, I wouldn't have five offers. I already had to turn one down. I didn't think I'd be this lucky."

Martin is an Accounting and Business Administration double major who already has an offer from his chosen firm. He had his second interview on Oct. 10.

He started his collegiate career solely on the Accounting tract, but added Business Administration as a sophomore. The extra major required only a couple more classes, making the job slightly easier.

"I applied for about 13 jobs through the Consortium," Martin said. "Eight of them got back, and I interviewed with one already in a different office."

One thing Martin noted that made him and his colleagues stand out is their professional attire. That's of the biggest rules from the Career Center when going to a networking event or interview – full suit or dress for males and females. Anything less makes the potential candidate seem like they're not as excited as the next person.

"We had a more professional look, and I think that helped us stand out," Martin said. "We had our padfolios. Some girls looked like they had skinny jeans on, but we didn't."

Like Rose and the rest of his colleagues, Martin utilized his professors to help whisk through the sometimes confusing atmosphere of the job market. It's been said that finding that first job is based on who you know, and one never knows who the professor may have in their address book.

"I definitely had a lot of help with my professors," Martin said. "They brought in Sandy Parker for two mock interviews and Prof. Witosky gave me a lot of tips. He helped me to get familiar with the fit I needed."

Parker is an expert with mock interviews, who worked with the other students in the Consortium to improve a vital area of the job process.

Tomcats show their best against the Wolverines

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The Thiel Women's volleyball team put up a valiant effort in a five set President's Athletic Conference competition against the Grove City Wolverines in a on October eleventh.

The Tomcats fell three to two in the contest.

The Tomcats pushed two win two sets after losing two sets to force a final showdown in the fifth set, where they fell 13-15.

Three members of the Tomcats put up kills in the double

digits. Shelby Friedel set a new career best with 15 kills in the match, also blocking six attacks by Grove City.

Both Peyton Allen and Lenora Boyer put up kills in the double digits, with Allen registering 13 kills and Boyer 11. Allen also recorded 20 digs, setting her tenth kill-dig double-double for the season.

Hannah Rossman and Jenny Shelley put up 9 digs for the Tomcats against the Wol-

verines. Rossman assisted 25 times, also recording four kills and three service aces. Shelley had 19 assists in the match.

Megan Sweeney and Hayley Macko brought up the Tomcats back row. Sweeney put up 24 digs against the Wolverines, a high for the team. Macko put up 14 digs against Grove City.

The Tomcats will face off against the Waynesburg Yellow Jackets Saturday, October 22 at 11:00.