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Pedas Fellows provide coverage of the election

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On Tuesday, Nov. 8, a new president of the U.S. was elected. As America watched the results of the days' voting, Thiel students gathered in Stamm Hall with CNN predictions and refreshments provided by the Pedas Fellows and Pedas Communication Center.

Dr. Dane Claussen and the Pedas Fellows sponsored this event due to the nature of the coverage. The Pedas Communication Center sponsors events that deal with communications, media, and presentational literacy. Claussen believed the election night coverage would provide students with the opportunity to watch live coverage conducted by professional journalists.

"Because of the nature of election results coming in continuously, the best network journalists are very careful about making predictions," Claussen said. "When they do, they get most right and a few wrong, then have to backtrack on the wrong ones."

Thiel students were also able to see the sources for the information provided in the predictions, such as exit polls, opinion polls, and campaign staff interviews. Victory and concession speeches also show students important lessons on content and speaking styles in public settings.

Claussen and the Fellows weren't sure how well the event would be attended. "By Election Day, a lot of people were exhausted by the campaign and may not have wanted to sit through hours of more TV coverage. Most Americans, including the Trump campaign, thought that Clinton would win, and so surely many people wondered why they should sit through hours of coverage to come to a foregone conclusion," Claussen said.

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Annual Cabaret performed in the LHR for the first time

by Nathan Flory, NFlory@thiel.edu

Students performed at the 13th Annual Evening of Broadway over the weekend of Nov. 11-13.

Hosted in the Lutheran Heritage Room, the event popularly known as "the cabaret" featured over a dozen Thiel students performing 17 musical numbers from a variety of Broadway shows.

The cast performed the show twice, on both Friday Nov. 11 and Saturday Nov. 12, in front of nearly full-house audiences. Traditionally a student-run production, this year's show was co-directed by senior Amanda Zimmerman and junior Andrew McClain. The choreography was created by Sammie Voto, also a junior.



Students gathered on stage in the LHR to perform this year's Cabaret.

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After opening with a dramatic group rendition of "21 Guns" from American Idiot, the show surveyed a wide range of musical emotions, from the humor of "Friendship" from Anything Goes to the gravity of "On My Own" from Les Misérables. The show wrapped up with the

ensemble returning to perform Rent's "Finale B."

The cast members seemed to enjoy the show as much as the audiences did.

"This was my first year being a part of cabaret, and I loved every moment of it," Sam Sesti said, junior. "Out of all the productions that I have been a part of, this was probably one of the most fun for me. I can't wait to hopefully be a part of it next year."

Likewise, Zimmerman and McClain thought the production was a success. According to Zimmerman, directing the show was "extremely rewarding." She said that the cabaret "is an event that I have always been passionate about, and

to be chosen to direct it was a great honor."

After booking venues at the outset of the semester, Zimmerman and McClain began the production process by hosting auditions in mid-September. Students were able to audition with solo pieces or duets. They also had to be prepared to appear in three full-ensemble selections. Practices for the show began on October 10, with Dr. Michael Bray acting as the students' vocal coach.

"Dr. Bray was extremely instrumental in the success of our production," McClain stated. "He supported us in all aspects of the show, from logistics to musicality."

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Carpenter and Franley awarded Student of the Month

by Kyley Raskob, KRask490@thiel.edu

Robert Carpenter and Audra Franley were recently honored as Students of the Month for October.

Carpenter will be graduating in May 2017 and is excited to see what life has in store for him after graduation. Franley will be graduating with Carpenter and hopes to attend graduate school for her Master's in Religion next fall.

Carpenter is an Early Childhood and Special Education major. He is currently working as a Resident Assistant and a Conversation Leader, two jobs that he finds very fulfilling.

"I want to take them as they come," he said, when asked about his future plans. Eventually he would like to complete his Master's in education and go on to teach, but he may take time off to travel first. "I'm not sure where I'll end up yet, but I'm excited to see how things turn out," he said.

Carpenter is originally from Ulysses, a town in northern Pennsylvania. It was there he graduated from Northern Potter Junior/Senior High School. When he is not living at Thiel, Carpenter heads home to stay with his dad. In his free time, he is learning to play the guitar and likes to spend his time outdoors, exploring, camping, fishing, swimming, geocaching, playing recreational volleyball and basketball, and hiking are all activ-



Carpenter is the first Student of the Month for the Year.

Photo credit:

Robert Carpenter

ities he enjoys.

Carpenter also loves to travel and go on adventures that allow him to embrace life. Carpenter is also devoted to his presidential position of the class of 2017. He takes part in Junior Chamber of Commerce, Global Club, Kappa Delta Pi, Relay for Life Dream Team, and the Student Advisory Board under the direction of Dr. Curtis L. Thompson.

"I felt very blessed and emotional. I actually emailed Lori back and asked if she had the right person," Carpenter said when he heard about the award. "I did not deserve such an award but I felt very honored and blessed. I was very

shocked."

Franley is a Religion and Persian Education major. She also has two minors in pre-ministry and psychology. Franley works on campus in the Religion department and as a peer tutor for other students for Scriptures. She is applying to graduate school at Syracuse University in New York. Franley is hoping to start working for her Master's and eventually get her Ph.D. in Religion. Eventually, she wants to teach Religion at the college level.

Franley graduated from Jefferson Area High School in Jefferson, Ohio where she lives with her family when she's not at Thiel. Franley's father and sister both attended Thiel for their undergraduate degrees, also. "I've always had a strong connection to Thiel. I knew I picked the right place," She said. Franley enjoys reading in her spare time.

She likes writing poetry and short stories or visiting small coffee shops for a drink. Audra is also devoted to Chi Omega, the largest female fraternity on campus. She is active in the Lutheran student movement, Sigma Tau Delta, Pi Nu Epsilon, choir, and the Religion Honors Society, also.

"I was pretty surprised but very honored," Franley said, upon receiving the award. "I thought it was cool Robert and I were chosen together." Franley



Franley is the first Student of the Month for the year.

Photo credit:

Audra Franley

and Carpenter are good friends and have known each other since their freshman year. "We are great best friends," Carpenter said.

Carpenter and Franley are both members of Alpha Chi, the highest honor of academic excellence. They are both members of the Dietrich Honors Institute as well. They will each be working on their senior honors thesis to be presented in the spring at the DHI Research Symposium.

LHR hosts first-ever Career Day for students

by Liz Carlson,

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The Career Development Center at Thiel College held their first ever Career day on Wed., Nov. 11.

The event took place in the Lutheran Heritage Room in the Howard Miller Student Center and featured twenty-nine different employers.

Several local employers attended the event including the Borough of Greenville, the Mercer County Trail Association and St. Paul's. Several other larger employers, including State Farm and Northwestern Mutual, also sent representatives to the event.

Over sixty students attended Career Day. According to Clarissa Arbuckle, the assistant director of the Career Development Center, the traffic was the heaviest during the morning hours prior to lunch. Several one-on-one interviews between students and employers took place during this time.

Career Day provided several benefits for students, including networking opportunities and practice engaging with potential employers in a professional manner. There was also the opportunity for students to land full time jobs or internships with a number of employers. Several citizenship and leadership project were also up for grabs from a variety of local businesses, such as United Way of Mercer County.

Planning for the event began way back in August. "I stated my job in the Career Development Center on August 8 and planning basically began that day. Whenever Martin and I were not meeting with individual students, we were calling employers. I also had lunch with a number of employers over the last few months to talk about how we could connect those businesses with students in a beneficial way," Arbuckle said.

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Langenheim Library hosts the 8th Annual Library Awards

by Austin Hall, AHall194@thiel.edu

On Nov. 3, 2016, the Langenheim Library hosted its 8th annual Library Research and Writing Awards.

Throughout the past eight years, this annual event has honored numerous students for their exemplary writing and research skills. The brainchild of Allen Morrill, Director of the Langenheim Library, and Tressa Snyder, Reference Librarian for Instruction, the awardees must have attended a library research instructional section with any number of their classes to be nominated for an award.

At the event, Morrill gave the opening remarks, noting that the awards ceremony had an unprecedented number of nominees, which shows the growth of the participants in the event. He also said that the col-



Allen Morrill, Director of the Langenheim Library.

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lege now has multiple arenas in which students can present their work, which was not always the case. One of the main reasons for creating the awards was so that students could present their works to wider variety of people than just their classroom peers. At the inception of the annual event, there were

very few avenues for students to present their research.

Numerous students were nominated and a few top scholars won awards for their efforts within a broad range of disciplines. The areas of those nominated ranged from computer science to Oral and Written Expression I to biology, English, and history. Every nominee was given a certificate to commemorate their scholarly achievements.

The top winners of the Library Research Awards were Sarah McConnell for her paper on the creation of the Nazi death camps, Austin Hall for his research on the Knights of Labor in Western PA and Eastern OH, Tina Kramer for her scholastic work on Anti-Social Personality Disorder, Crystal Carradine for her work on the genetics of



Tressa Snyder, Reference Librarian for Instruction.

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Wilson's Disease, and Nicholas Sarratori for his paper on the creation and implications of the Social Security Administration. Each of these nominees were allowed to present their research through a PowerPoint which enabled to greater Thiel College community to witness the work that these scholars ac-

complished.

Other awardees included the Writing Awards given in memory of Professor Evelyn C. Baer. The winners in this category were Mandalynn Shupek for her work in Abnormal Psychology, Alison Schemrich for her writing in British Literature I, and notable OWE award winners Annika Schul and Melissa Pugliano. These scholars were judged based on their comprehensive and scholastic writing abilities exemplified in these classes.

These awards allow many Thiel students to be recognized outside the classroom for the exemplary scholarly work in their classes. There were many thanks given to Allen Morrill, Tressa Snyder, and the whole Thiel community for their support of this event.

Thiel Happenings
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See all of the latest happenings on campus through the list below:

Friday, Nov. 18
Mexican Bingo:
7-9 p.m. in the Sawhill Georgian Room
Join us for this fun event as part of International Education week! International prizes will be awarded!
Self Defense Class:
8-10 p.m. in the Glen Johnson Community Center.
Hosted by Women Inspiring the Next Generation (W.I.N.G.), instructor Captain Tom Jones

Saturday, Nov. 19
Thiel College Cheer and Dance Zumbathon:
9 a.m. – noon in the LHR
Join the Thiel College cheer and dance teams for a fun morning of Zumba. \$15/person. There will also be a Chinese auction! All proceeds benefit the teams to participate in competitions!
Thursday, Dec. 1
Active Minds Mental Wellness Seminar:
7-8 p.m. in Stamm Lecture Hall

Friday, Dec. 2
Sixth Annual Dome Opener:
4-8 p.m. at Alumni Stadium
Come out for food, drinks, games, and various activities. Great way to relax before finals!

Saturday, Dec. 3
SGA Dance-A-Thon:
8 p.m. - 2 a.m. in the LHR
Join us as we dance the night away to benefit local organizations!

Come back in the final edition of the semester for any other happenings.

Career Development Center holds First Career Day

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Although this is the first time that Career Day has been held, the Career Development Center plans to make it an annual event. They named it Career “Day” on purpose rather than Career “Fair” because it allows them to alter the event in years to come to meet to the needs that students have in the area of career development, which may not always necessarily be a career fair.
“I stopped by the Career Day after class. Although there was not much available in my particular field

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Want to see a movie?
NEW TO THE BOX OFFICE...
Compiled by Liz Carlson


The Edge of Seventeen: Opens Nov. 18
This comedy describes the common hardships that we all experienced in high school. It is no different for Nadine, played by Hailee Steinfeld. The high school junior hits her peak of awkwardness at the same time her best breaks girl code and starts dating her brother. She soon gains a new best friend who teaches her how to accept the ups and downs of life.

Manchester by the Sea: Opens Nov. 18
Lee Chandler is shocked to find out after his brother's death that he is now the sole guardian of his teenage nephew. Reluctantly, he decides to leave his low paying job to return to his childhood home in Manchester by the Sea. While there, he finds that he must deal with the hardships that he once dealt with in the small town. Catch this film in theaters to see how this drama unfolds.

The 13th annual Cabaret a success in the LHR

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In addition to Bray, the students were assisted by Kay Gray, adjunct professor of music, who accompanied auditions, as well as Karyn Kirchhofer, who accompanied practices and performances.

The students have a long time to savor this performance before looking forward to the next cabaret, but plans are already in motion for the 14th Annual Evening of Broadway. Although she is set to graduate in the spring, Zimmerman said she is “very excited to see how next year’s directors [McClain and junior Megan Daugherty] are able to make the cabaret even better.”



The students who participated in Cabaret, a two-day event over the weekend of Nov. 11-13.
Photo credit: Tina Kramer

“Please Excuse my First Language”

Ciao Hola
Ahm young Guten tag
ha se yo Marhaba



Please join us in a cross-cultural discussion and simulation as international and study abroad students discuss their intercultural experiences

When? November 30th at 7:00 PM
Where? LHR
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The student-run newspaper of Thiel College in Lewisburg, Pa.

We are looking for students that love to write to join our staff!

Join us for an Open House: The Thielensian Office (In Pedas across from Stamm) Monday, Dec. 5 7-9 PM

Stop by to meet staff members, check out old editions of the newspaper, and learn about the benefits of writing for a student newspaper

Thiel College Police Blotter

November 5, 2016

- A speaker was reported stolen.
- A student reported improper conduct by a visitor on the football field.

November 6, 2016

- A small amount of marijuana was found in Flo West.

November 9, 2016

- A verbal dispute between two students was reported in the Cafe.

November 11, 2016

- A verbal argument between two students was reported in Flo West.



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Students gather to see Presidential Election Results

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However, by the end of the night, several dozen students and faculty members came to the event, some staying for minutes and others staying for hours. Refreshments included 20 pizzas, all of which were consumed by the end of the night. Most of those in attendance remained quiet, refraining from showing emotion beyond discussing results with one another.
“I was very shocked by the results and how late into the night it took to get a final answer,” student observer Faith Kohl said.
“The election night in Pedas was great. It was fun to be able to be with friends and watch the decisions of our nation come together,” another student present at the event, Dana DePaulo said.
“I have no idea whether the 2016 campaign and its media coverage will encourage students to become more involved in politics or media or both. I suspect not. The entire election cycle overall, including virtually all of the television media coverage, has been quite depressing,” Claussen said. “I hope that students think that in the future, the USA can and should do better.”
Claussen encourages any students and faculty that have ideas for media, communication, and pre-sentational literacy-oriented events, in any format, on any relevant subject, to contact him and let him know about the event.

Fake news in the media

by Tina Kramer, TKram138@thiel.edu

The First Amendment grants us several rights, one of these being a free press. As of late, it seems this “free press” has expanded beyond traditional journalists and fallen into the hands of the common people. In some ways, this has proven itself helpful, while in other ways this freedom has been harmful.
In college, we are taught how to research appropriately. Yes, that often times consists of logging on to data bases, but there are other ways to determine if a source is reliable. If we treated the information we shared on the Internet the same way we would a paper we were submitting to a college professor, then the articles we shared would be rooted in fact, not only opinion.
It is easy to point out someone's faults or dispute a person's beliefs. However, it is more challenging to respond to an argument with calm, collected thoughts and facts. In the current news age of Facebook and Twitter, it is easy to create an article and share it, whether it is true or not. In reality, it may be more likely to spread if it is false.
False information spreads like wildfire on the web, as the more emotional, biased, or sensational a piece is, the more likely it is to be shared. As the piece gets further from the hands of the author and circulates through different friend groups, states, and even countries, the piece becomes accepted, despite the nature or validity of the article.
I beg the public to think before they share. It takes one person to research

the reliability of a source for the lies to be stopped. Social media sites have become a source of news for millions of Americans and, as such, should include true information. A free press is not designed to make citizens more confused or ill-informed, but instead to give people information to help make educated decisions.
The Constitution has granted us the right to a free press-- a press that should provide citizens with reliable information. Yet, as citizens have begun to take matters into their own hands, news as we know it has begun to change into a sensationalized outburst of feelings rather than a systematic and thorough investigation of fact.

Photo of the Edition



The sunset of a cool autumn day is one indicator that snow will soon be covering the trees with colder temperatures in the air.
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Politics in America in 2016: a call for peace in a difficult time

by Justin Felgar, Jfelgar@thiel.edu

2016 has been the year of the title fight: Batman v. Superman, Captain America vs. Iron Man, Brexit, and now the 2016 election.
For those of you who don't know, on Nov.8 business tycoon and the epitome of the underdog Donald Trump won a decisive upset victory against the democratic hopeful Hillary Clinton. Many pollsters, pundits, politicians, and prognosticators predicated that Clinton would handily beat the oft controversial Trump in the election, many placing her chances in the double digits in the weeks preceding the election. This, however, was not the case.
Trump supporters showed up in droves on election night to give Clinton quite the shalacking. Trump was able to pick up many states that were predicted to go red, but in a surprising turn of events, managed to snatch away many Democrat strongholds. Key blue states such as Florida, Wisconsin, Michigan, and even the dreaded Republican nightmare Pennsylvania all went to Trump. Needless to say, Trump won the Electoral College vote handily, although the popular vote went to Clinton.
The supporters of The Donald were elated to see their candidate was victorious (though let's be honest, most of us were just glad not to have to see Tim Kaine's face for four years). The other half of the country?

Not so much. Many Hillary supporters were devastated to see the words “President Elect Trump” on their iPhones. Many a video was uploaded to YouTube showing the many reactions across the country, from shock and bitter tears, to outright rage. Many Clinton (and Bernie) supporters took to the streets to protest the new Commander-in-Chief, and as of when I was writing this, they are still at it. These strange turn of events left many people wondering what will become of our divided nation. There has been some major misunderstanding on both sides in this election.
So, I decided to write a piece to clear some things up. We all need to understand what happened over a week ago. Hopefully this will illuminate some people.
First off, to Hillary and her legion of supporters: would you like to know why you lost? We could talk about the marginalization of the middle class worker, the 13% of African Americans and the 30% Latinos that voted for Trump, the fact that many women voted for him, the democrats who went rogue, but really, there is one simple reason. When you call someone racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamophobic, misogynistic, and bigoted for nearly eight years, they tend not to vote how you want them to. What you did was create a poison pill that

tanked the Clinton campaign's chance of victory: the shy Trump supporter.
See, when people are afraid to admit who they are voting for, they won't tell you who they are voting for. They simply wait till they get into the voting booth and pull the lever for Trump with glee. This phenomenon is not anything new. Across the pond, shy Tories and shy Brexiters put the Conservatives back in power of merry old England's government.
We don't like being called these things because many of us aren't racists nor do we hate women or LGBTQ folks. Many Trump supporters such as myself were just tired, tired of being talked down to by the elites and told what is best for us by people who have no clue what our lives are like. Yes, Hollywood, I am talking to you. We are tired of corruption, of political correctness and lies. We grew tired of academia collectively calling us stupid for daring to suggest we wanted to go back to traditional values. In short, we were tired of people like Hillary Clinton. So, I hope you get this. We didn't vote for Trump because we are all those things. We were sick of the status quo.
While certainly not everyone who voted red in the election is a racist, it would be remiss of me to say that no racists voted for Trump. There has been a rise of racial abuse since Trump won. Now, it is very easy to

laugh at the hysterical and over the top reactions of the Social Justice Warriors. I mean, seriously Laci Green, Trumpocalypse is a bit much. However, we must be cognizant to the fact that people are in real pain and many are scared.
So, to my fellow passengers on the Trump Train: just because we won doesn't mean that we have any right to abuse people who think differently than us. We must never succumb to the siren song of the Alt.Right and let them use our zeal to turn our movement into what it's not. We are not racists. True conservatives know and believe that there is strength to be found in everyone, despite skin color, gender, and orientation. Don't believe me? Look at Allen West, Tomi Lahren and Milo Yiannopoulos for proof. Now we may vigorously disagree with people, but that gives us no right to abuse them. We must temper our strength and fire with mercy and compassion. We cannot be bullies, as the Left often call us.
So, in closing, I have some specific remarks to certain groups. To those who are scared right now because of this election: I got you. I will stand against anyone persecuting you because of skin color, gender or orientation. We don't want to hurt you. We certainly don't want to put you in camps, and we will stand against anyone who tries. I urge my fellow conservatives to make

the same promise. Now, don't mistake this for weakness, acquiescence, or compromise. I am a conservative and will be till the day I die. I will fight to make sure the government stays in its proper place, to ensure our constitutional rights are defended, especially our First and Second Amendment rights. I will fight to preserve the life of the unborn and to ensure everyone can worship as their conscience dictates. These things will I fight for, and will always fight for. This doesn't mean I hate anyone, I am simply being true to who I am.
To those who wish to use my zeal for nefarious purposes, who want to spoil this great movement that was strengthened on election night. To the Alt. Right, the KKK, the neo-Nazis, and anyone who is trying push racism on the backs of true conservatives: you will find no friend in me. I will not bow to your agenda any more than I will kowtow to the Left.
I hate everything you stand for and I will fight you to my dying breath. You are not welcome in America. I can't make you leave. Under our Constitution, you have First Amendment rights just like any citizen. That is why you are allowed to exist, but know this: anywhere you try to push your foul agenda, people like me will be there to stop you. That is my pledge.
To those who are protesting right now: I get it. You are angry and scared. That's okay. I can't really blame you. However, nothing good will come of this. On January 20th Donald Trump will be inaugurated as the 45th President of the United States. You are only hurting yourselves with this, in my opinion, infantile behavior.
You are only giving voice to the bad elements on the right, and if you truly do get the electors to turn on Trump, you will be throwing gasoline on their fire and many desperate and angry people will listen to them. You will only make the jobs of true conservatives, who are trying to snuff out racism, harder. Rioting and destroying property isn't the answer, no amount of emotion justifies breaking the law. My advice to you is to go home, rest up, and gear up to fight back politically. The next election isn't that far away. I know I am already planning my next moves. We will be vigorous opponents. I suggest you become the same.
America needs to come together. We need unity, not division. We need to mend the broken fences and start coming together. We must understand each other. We can overcome this. As President Obama said, the sun will rise tomorrow. We can heal this nation. Only by cooperating with each other, even when we can't agree, can we truly Make America Great Again.

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Dear Dirk: The Worst Advice on Campus

If you have a question you would like Dirk to answer, please submit it to thielensian@thiel.edu

Dear Dirk,	Hey Ditched,	need to work on emotional distance when dealing with your side chick.
<i>How do I do well in my college classes? I am new here so I wanted to start off on the right foot. Please help me out.</i>	Death in the family is my go-to, but there are only so many times grandma can die. If that's been used too much, try using some sickness that they won't want to question. Examples: Violent Diarrhea, Curious Rash, Hernia, Kidney Stone, or Gonorrhea.	If you want to keep your current side chick, then I prefer to only message mine on days of the week that start with "I." This way she sees boundaries and it keeps her guessing when I'm with my main bae. By the time Monday rolls around, she's thinking we are over. Then... BOOM, I reel her back in.
-Newbie	-Dirk	-Dirk
Hey Newbie,	<i>My side chick is starting to become more publicly affectionate. I'm worried that my main bae will start to notice. What is a good way of stringing along my side chick without tipping off my main bae?</i>	<i>One of my brothers told me that a good way to get rid of sexually transmitted diseases is by using toothpaste?</i>
Classes here are okay, especially if the professor's hot. I mean I don't really go, but I enjoy the other aspects of college. Playing video games, chilling with friends on the weekends, and just generally doing whatever I want is the greatest. I'd just focus on making some good friends man.	-Dirk	-Cure-all
Dear Dirk,	-Juggling Probs	Hey Cure-all,
<i>I skipped out on class the other day because I wanted to sleep in. Now my professor is asking for an excuse. What should I tell them?</i>	Dear Juggling Probs,	True. Just don't use the cinnamon one.
-Ditched	Clingy side chicks are a slippery slope, man. Sounds like you should get rid of that one and find one who knows her place. Also, sounds like you	-Dirk



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TLC honors Barber and Matczak 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 Natasha Barber and Sara Matczak.



Natasha Barber, one of the last Extraordinary Effort Award winners of the semester.

Photo credit:
Prof. Noel Stanger

Barber is a Psychology major with a minor in Neuroscience, while Matczak is a Math major with specialty tracks in Finance and Management.

Barber, who is a four-year member of the National Guard, spent the last couple of weeks off-campus for military training. She plays clarinet in the band and is an alumna of the Chi Omega sorority. "I joined the military because I wanted a change and a ground in my life, because I wanted to serve,"

Barber said. "A personal crisis in Natasha's life interfered with her academic performance in the spring '15 term. She self-admitted to the TLC program because she wanted help getting back on track academically," Nancy Katz said, Professor of English, academic coach, and Supplemental Instruction, SI, coordinator. "Using TLC resources such as academic coaching and peer tutoring, she raised her semester GPA's by 7/10th of a point in the following fall and another full point by spring. Her commitment to applying herself to her academics and achieving a high GPA is driven by her ambition to attend medical school. And she balances school as a commuter who serves in PA's Army National Guard."

Post-graduation, Barber plans on attending a pre-med program with the hopes of starting a career in neurology.

Matczak, who serves as Student Government Association, SGA, Vice President, is also a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, where she is the chapter treasurer. She is a two-sport athlete, participating in the tennis and bowling teams. She tutors for TLC.

"It's nice to be recognized," Matczak said. "I work more behind the scenes, so it's nice for the faculty to notice. I volunteer at TLC because I struggled with a class freshman year. I



Sara Matczak, one of the last Extraordinary Effort Award winners of the semester.

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learned good study habits and decided to pass it on to others." After graduation, she plans on attending graduate school for finance at Loyola University, based in Chicago, Illinois.

"Sara is one of our one-on-one peer tutors, and she recently noticed that one of her tutees was struggling, so she took the initiative to come to me to ask how she could better help the students she tutors," Noel Stanger said, Professor of English, academic coach, and Director of the Writing Lab. "We spent some time talking, and I was very impressed with her compassion and initiative. I was not surprised when I found out that Sara is also a stellar student. She has gone above and beyond what is expected of her, and we at TLC are proud to have students like Sara on staff."

Tomcats claw their way to the Mercer County Cup

by Justin Felgar, jfelgar@thiel.edu

The Thiel College football team blocked a fourth quarter advance by the Grove City Wolverines to win the Mercer County Cup for their third year in a row.

Quarterback Ryan Radke was instrumental to the Thiel effort, scoring six touchdowns in the game. Radke was 17 for 26 in his pass game for 317 yards, scoring four airborne touchdowns. Radke's ground game produced 131 yards over 22 carries and two rushing touchdowns. Radke broke another record, becoming Thiel's all time career rushing leader over Steve Minton.

Radke utilized DeShawn Bracy to great effect in the game, with Bracey catching eight of Radke's passes, tallying up 218 yards and three touchdowns. Junior Ryan Rowland also scored off a Radke pass in the third quarter.

Nick Barca put up 120 yards on the ground over 17 carries.

Jacquan Hicks ran down a 63 yard punt return early in the game.



The Thiel football team wins the Mercer County Cup for the third year to finish off the 2016 season.

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The Tomcats defense was led by linebackers Jake Elk and Cody Wagner. Elk put up his best game of the season with 13 tackles, 2 and a half of them behind the line of scrimmage. Wagner gave the Tomcats 10 tackles, two of them costing the Wolverines in yards. Both Elk and Wagner recorded a sack in the game.

A touchdown from Radke put the Tomcats in a precarious 47-41 lead. Grove City Quar-

terback launched a pass deep into Tomcat territory looking for a miracle but was thwarted by Lloyd Meeks, who picked the pass off to seal the deal for the Tomcats.

Lead by Coach Dan Blume, the Tomcats will finish off the 2016 season with 4-6 and 3-5 record in the Presidents Athletic Conference.

Congratulations to the Thiel College Tomcats on a valiant season.

Tomcats finish strong at Mideast Regional Championships

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The Thiel College Men's and Women's Cross Country teams finished off the 2016 season on Saturday at the NCAA Division III Mideast Regional Championships, held at DeSales University.

The Thiel men's cross country team finished 45th out of 52 teams. The team was led by John Clarke, who finished 184th with a time of 27:55. Christian McElhaney came in 269th in 29:55. Justin Walter finished the race in 30:39 coming in at 285th place. Eric Casey and Stephen Staats completed the race at 288th and 297th respectively, with times of 31:01 and 31:22. Jamey Montalvo placed 312th with a time of 32:25.

The Thiel women's cross-country team was led by Summer Wark, who placed 76th in



The Thiel Cross Country teams did well in their finish of the season at the Mideast Regional Championships.

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23:51. Alexis Mowry finished in 217th place with a time of 25:56. Beverly Kozuch completed the race in 26:45, placing 262nd. Josephina Whiteman placed 277th, finishing the race

in 27:27. Congratulations to both the men's and women's cross country teams on a great 2016 season.

Course/Instructor	Room	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Sunday
Supplemental Instruction Sessions						
ACCT 113: Accounting I (Oakes) Julia Fink Dana DePaulo (asst)	AC 40		8:30-10 pm			4-5:30 pm
ACCT 213: Intermediate Accounting (Witosky) Brittany Bates	AC 33		2-3pm 4-5 pm		2-3pm 3-4 pm	
CHEM 140: Gen Chem I (Khalsa/Eppley) Chandler Daugherty	AC 108			9-10 pm (Eppley)	8-9 pm (Eppley)	
			7-8 pm (Khalsa)		9-10pm (Khalsa)	
CHEM 200: Organic Chem I (Franz) Alexis Mowris	S 211	9-10 pm	9-10 pm		9-10 pm	
MATH 125: Quantitative Reasoning (Hecking, Gadola, Kim) Terri Eddy	AC 138		4-5 pm		7-8 pm	7-8 pm
MATH 181: Calculus I (Wu) Rebecca Adams	AC 4	8-9 pm		8-9 pm	8-9 pm	
PSY 270: Neuropsychology (Pickens) Nick McNutt	AC 201		8-9 pm		8-9 pm	
Group Peer Study Sessions						
PHYS 174: Physics I (C) (Torioe) Mike Long	S-1		9-10 pm		9-10 pm	
PSY 150: Gen Psychology (Deets/Pickens) Mandy Sliupek	Pedas 120	8-9 pm		9-10 pm		6-7 pm
Review Sessions						
CSCI 169: Data Structures (Anderson) John Clark	AC 35				7-8 pm	
PHYS 154: Physics I NC (Hecking) Mike Long	S-1				8-9 pm	
SOC 121: Microsociology (Sutton) Libby Grasso	G 201				9-10 pm	
NSCI 101: College Brain (Butcher) Jonathan Papa	AC 204		8-9 pm			3-4 pm
CJS 101: Intro to Criminal Justice (Hanneman) Morgan Chase	S 100		9-10 pm			4-5 pm
Test Review Sessions						
SPAN 150 Spanish I (Carlson & Thompson) Tasha Glaub & Samantha Deems			ECON 211 Macroeconomics (Shaffer) Desiree Totten			
HIST 101 US History to 1877 Nick Sarratori			dates & times to be announced in class			

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 strongly advised to attend sessions for classes in which they are enrolled.