



Thiel College Disability Resource Center

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Have you ever felt like you were not given enough time to complete your exam, or as if you were not able to take efficient notes in class? If you answered yes to either of those two questions, you are not alone. In fact, more than one hundred students on Thiel's campus have utilized the disability center for these kinds of problems. However, the disability center is reserved for students with specific learning needs, meaning that interested persons must meet specific criteria to receive certain services.

Many students are unaware that the Disability Resource Center, which is located in The Learning Commons area of the Library, even exists, let alone the services that are available there. The Thiel College Disability Resource Center (DRC) provides accommodations for students with documented disabilities. Accommodations include, but are not limited to, extended time on tests and exams, a distraction free testing environment, audio textbooks, note takers, and even adjusted housing.

That is only the beginning of all that the DRC has to offer. All information disclosed by students and documentation used to determine eligibility for services is kept completely confidential. Obtaining services can be as easy as setting up a meeting with the center's Director, Tami Micsky. If approved for services, students will be able to develop an individual plan to meet their individual needs.

As the Mission of the Thiel College Disability Resource Center states, "The Thiel College Disability Resource Center recognizes disability as a valued aspect of diversity and fosters an inclusive environment for all of the Thiel College community through awareness, accessibility, and empowerment. The office is committed to not only ensuring access, but also to supporting success."

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College field trip takes Youngstown's Phantom arena by storm

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On Oct. 24 Student Activities hosted a trip to the Covelli Center in Youngstown, OH to watch the Youngstown Phantoms play the Muskegon Lumberjacks. This trip was specifically designed as a component of the social psychology course instructed by Dr. Kristel Gallagher, put in place to help students analyze aggression in sports, such as how people learn to be aggressive, how society shapes aggressive behavior, and the consequences of aggression.

"Being at the game put you in the actual environment, and you could feel the energy and vibe in the stadium. It is something that occurs that cannot be duplicated," student Trey Vaughn said.

The hockey teams competing were both from the United States Hockey League, which is the top junior hockey league in the US. The age of the players range from 16-20, and most will go on to play top level collegiate hockey. The teams were pretty evenly matched, with an ending score of 3-2, in favor of the Phantoms.

The trip showed real world application of course concepts and materials, as well as provided a fun atmosphere to learn and discuss social psychology.

"It really made you pay more attention to your surroundings and analyze player behavior from a psychologist point of view as opposed to a fan view," student Bailey Holmes said.

Students were able to observe firsthand how social psychology concepts may be found outside of class on a daily basis. Beyond discussing aggression, other social concepts, such as product placement and persuasion techniques used by sports teams and facilities, were observed by students. Those on the trip specifically looked at crowd behavior and the effects of norms on individuals.

"I found people watching to be quite interesting," Holmes said.

Students were given free purple Phantom Hockey hats upon entering the arena and were able to learn while enjoying the company of their classmates and friends.



Students of the Social Psych class pose for a picture during the Phantom Hockey game.

Photo credit: Dr. Kristel Gallagher

"I loved getting the free purple Phantom's hat," student Jalya Provitt said.

"My favorite part was being able to spend my Saturday

night with my friends in an atmosphere we all enjoyed, as well as earning class credit for just being there," Holmes said.

VAQ holds first academic research conference

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On a cold, bright Oct. 24 morning, VAQ, Veritas Ars Quaero, held a research conference in the Pedas Center.

VAQ, Thiel's research honor society, is the first of its kind. Founded in 2014 by Thiel students Austin Hall and co-founded by Ashley Reynolds, the society inducted their second class of members only a few weeks prior to the conference in a ceremony that took place in the Chapel. Dr. Pete Rydberg, theater director, advises the organization.

"I thought the conference went really well," Reynolds said, who serves as the chapter's vice president. "We reached out to 40 schools, and one responded. There's room for improvement, but we wanted at least one outside school to come."

Two students from LaRochelle College, Sarah Thomas and Bryan Mutiso, came to present their papers. They traveled two hours from just outside of Pittsburgh, leaving at six in the morning. Freshman Thomas and junior Mutiso are both Political Science majors.

The goal with the marketing campaign was not only to build relations with Thiel students and other colleges, but also to expand the VAQ to other schools. The ultimate goal is to take the VAQ from a Thiel exclusive group to being a part of other colleges and universities,

much like any other honor society.

"From here, we are hoping to keep up the great work we have going on campus, as well as expand to new schools," Reynolds said. "We are also applying for national recognition this year, in order to gain more credibility as a legitimate collegiate honors society."

The morning began with a keynote speaker, Dr. Mary Theresa Hall, Professor of English and Faculty Chair, who gave a speech on the importance of scholarly research.

"I'm bursting with pride at this initiative to put the humanities at the center of our academic enterprise, and I'm proud of the students and faculty members who delivered papers and panel presentations and served as panel moderators. That's what scholars do," Hall said.

Each student at this conference had the opportunity to present a research paper they had previously crafted during their college career. Eleven students presented their papers in panel discussions.

The first panel was Shakespeare Studies, which focused on subjects ranging from existentialism to imperial negotiations. The second was Literature Studies, which centered on the Mexican Revolution, Harry Potter, and immortality portrayed in books. Next



Student members of the research society VAQ pose for a photo at the end of the conference.

Photo credit: Dr. Pete Rydberg

was an Interdisciplinary Panel, which touched on United States landmarks, the Salem Witchcraft Trials, and Rachel Carson. Finally, American Studies concluded the morning, with Thomas' Freedom of Information Act presentation, Mustio's thoughts on U.S. foreign policy and the causes of the Civil War.

Once the presentations were finished, a poster panel was available for viewing from other members who were unable to attend that morning. These six posters, which varied in style and presentation, were created with simplicity in mind. Anyone could stop and read any of the posters without prior knowledge of the topic and still understand the main points of the research.

A lunch of Subway sandwiches, drinks and desserts

was provided for participants and their families following the conference. The conference lasted nearly six hours, concluding at about 1 p.m.

At the completion of this conference, the emphasis turns to the future – this organization was able to plan, prepare, and spearhead an the academia of colleagues from multiple areas, as well as present Thiel's dedication to research and the pursuit of knowledge.

"The beautiful thing about VAQ is that it is just a baby. It has so much potential for growth and amazing development in the events we host and the research we collect. I have no doubt that we will continue to do amazing things in the future," Reynolds said.

Forum Presentations Highlights Travel

by Sean Oros,

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On Thu. Oct. 14, Hanna Tegel and Dr. Mark DelMaramo presented at the latest Thiel Forum to relate their recent travel experiences. Tegel, a junior double major in religion and business with a minor in international relations, presented on her internship abroad in Washington, D.C. DelMaramo, an associate Dr. of English at Thiel, presented on his recent pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago.

Tegel titled her presentation "The Lutheran College Washington Semester (LCWS) in a Snapshot," focusing on her experience in that program and the value of undertaking it. She encouraged students from any majors to consider it: "There's a plethora of organizations you can fit your major into," Tegel said. Tegel added details to the class requirements, saying that, in addition to the internship that the program focuses on, students are required to attend a protest or demonstration, maintain 16 credit hours overall, and engage in local community service that is advertised through the program. "It seems like a lot, but it really gets you out into D.C. to have fun" Tegel said. "I truly had an amazing time there."

Tegel was housed in a penthouse apartment that overlooked the Mall and interned at Meridian International, a company in public and international diplomacy. Tegel also had opportunity to meet with public figures such as Newt Gingrich at a public presentation. "I was just sitting in the back as a bunch of high ranking diplomats presented," Tegel said, adding that, in the middle of the presentation, a gentleman walked in and sat in the same row as her. "When I looked closer at him, I realized it was Newt Gingrich. I guess he just came late."

DelMaramo, now in his 26th year of teaching at Thiel, opened his presentation as "And I would walk 500 miles and I would walk 500 more," playing the song by the Proclaimers.

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National Society of Leadership and Success continues to grow on campus

by David Dye, ddye@thiel.edu

There's no shortage of organizations competing for students' attention on Thiel's campus. There are the fraternities and sororities, honor societies, and clubs. The National Society of Leadership and Success is a recent addition to Thiel College's list of activities, though many students have already become members or have been invited to join.

Thiel's involvement with the National Society of Leadership began two years ago, when both Vice President of Student Life Mike McKinney, M.S.Ed. and Dr. Curtis Thompson, Ph.D. were looking for a new faculty staff leadership group to bring to Thiel College. This led to Dr. Thompson finding and writing a grant which started Thiel's very own chapter of

Sigma Alpha Psi.

In its first year, the NSLS acquired roughly 41 members. Now in its second year of existence, membership has tripled. So far this year there has been roughly 39 new members who have undergone orientation, which took place last week on Thursday and Friday.

Initially, there were two advisors of the NSLS who organized events, but after the second semester of existence the group has become more student-run. This is one of the strongest aspects of the NSLS: students are not only members but take active roles in managing the group. The only professors currently involved are the two aforementioned advisors, who have maintained their positions. Students not only learn

leadership skills but are able to practice them as well.

Another aspect of the NSLS which is appealing to students is the group's flexibility. For example, future members were able to attend either of the orientation sessions and got to choose one of two training session options.

Members include students from several different majors and years of study. Students are taught leadership skills and are able to help each other in unique ways. This contrasts other honor societies, in which the students are honored for previous accomplishments rather than being taught skills that may help them improve.

"My boy scouting background has given me the passion to want to teach others

how to become leaders," Sam Sesti, current Vice President of the NSLS, said. Sesti's background is similar to many of the members, which make them inclined to join the organization to help others.

Other students join the group to add the experience to their resumes, such as in the case of Thomas Pulice, who now serves as the treasurer of the NSLS.

A major aspect of the NSLS is guest speakers and broadcasts. While many organizations have guest speakers, the NSLS utilizes multiple professionals from different fields. Similar to a TED talks, the speakers are often people from varied careers and backgrounds, speaking of different goals, yet they all convey their message effectively.

"It allows access to people they wouldn't normally have access to," Dr. Jared Johnson, advisor of the NSLS, said.

Speakers have included the former mayor of New York City, Rudy Giuliani, and other famous people, such as actress Hilary Duff. Therefore, no matter what the student's interest, he or she is exposed to individuals outside of his or her range of interests. All members get to hear information they otherwise may have never discovered without the NSLS.

With a rapid growth since the group's introduction to Thiel two years ago, the increased student interest seems to foreshadow the National Society of Leadership and Success's continued growth and positive influence for Thiel's students.



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Thiel Happenings

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Family Weekend:

Nov. 6-7

Honors Convocation:

Friday, Nov. 6 7-8:30 p.m. in the Passavant Center

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compiled by Liz Carlson

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Presentations highlight travel experiences

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“I did, in fact, walk close to 500 miles,” said DelMaramo. “And I would do it again at the drop of a hat.”

DelMaramo showed an extensive slideshow of his adventure, which retraced the steps of a still-active pilgrimage route across northern Spain called the Camino de Santiago, or “Way of St. James.”

There were multiple difficulties along the way. Crossing the Pyrennes from France, in particular, was challenging, especially when contending with dehydration, high altitudes, and intense storms.

Many people also suffered from severe blisters. “I saw blistered feet that made the ground beef at Giant Eagle look attractive,” DelMaramo said.

However, he also noted that, as long as you had your pilgrim passport, which was stamped at each way-station hostel, or albergue, your feet would be treated at local hospitals for free.

DelMaramo was well received by fellow pilgrims and hostels alike. “People were so friendly, so nice,” DelMaramo said.

One of the friends he made was Brett, a fellow pilgrim

from Australia.

“One of the benefits of being a pilgrim was that we had the same ending in mind; we were all going west, following the Milky Way,” DelMaramo said.

According to the legends, you follow the Milky Way west on the Pilgrimage. DelMaramo had frequent encounters with fellow wayfarers, including another Mark from the U.K. and a group of college students from the U.S.

“I did walk the Camino alone, but, in reality, I was never alone,” DelMaramo said. “There were always people around. Sometimes you couldn’t see them, but they were always there.”

DelMaramo had opportunity to see local culture, meet people from across the world, stay in various albergues, and learn local legends about the way of the pilgrimage. At the end of the trail is Cathedral de Santiago, which supposedly holds the sarcophagus of St. James. “Is it St. James the Apostle?” DelMaramo said. “I don’t know. But that’s the point of pilgrimage. It’s about faith.”

DelMaramo originally embarked on the pilgrimage as a sabbatical experience after de-

feating a round of lung cancer. Currently, DelMaramo is again fighting cancer, but kept a strong presence throughout the presentation. “I’d love to take a group of students to walk it,” he said. “I want to go back and do it again.”

Dr. Mary Theresa Hall, Chair of Faculty and an associate professor of English, hosts and organizes the Thiel Forums. She was exceptionally pleased with the day’s presentations. She spoke highly of both Tegel’s and DelMaramo’s presentations. “This particular Thiel Forum provided a wonderful opportunity to experience the world of travel in its myriad forms,” Hall said.

Hall was particularly enthused about DelMaramo’s presentation, saying he seemed to “glow” with a contagious excitement over the content that, in turn, captivated the audience. Tegel was also impressed: “I liked Dr. DelMaramo’s use of picture and how he told a story of his journey instead of just explaining it,” she said. She remarked that she looked forward to attending future Thiel forums.

The next Thiel Forum will be held on Nov. 12.

Disability Resource Center here to help

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“The disability center offers accommodations for several things, but our main focus is on academic assistance. For example, lately we have been working a lot with students with concussions to get the as-

sistance that need to perform to the best of their ability academically,” said Micsky.

“The services that we provide in the disability center are important because they provide students with disabil-

ities an equal opportunity for education in a completely confidential and friendly environment,” Kayla Henry, one of the disability center’s student worker, said.

Five Americans Who Changed Art History

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Dr. Louis Zona, executive director of the Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown, Ohio, held a presentation at Thiel on Wednesday, Oct. 28, titled “Five Americans Who Changed Art History.” Zona began his presentation by mentioning the two greatest artistic movements of all time, at least in his opinion: cubism and surrealism.

Cubism, created by Pablo Picasso in 1905, revolutionized European painting and sculpture. Cubists used geometric forms to create highly abstract works. Surrealism, made famous by Andre Breton in the 1920s, sought to release the creative potential of the unconscious mind. Surrealists often depict human figures in unidentifiable, disfigured forms.

Metaphysical art, which influenced the surrealists of the 1920s, originated with Italian artist Georgia do Chirico. Chirico’s paintings depicted his thoughts and dreams. The *Song of Love* is Chirico’s most famous painting. The work de-

picts an outdoor architectural setting, the main focus being a small wall on which a Greek sculpted head and a surgeon’s glove is mounted. Chirico often painted locomotives rather than including humans in his works.

Chirico was one of nearly two dozen surrealist and metaphysical painters Zona mentioned throughout the evening. American artist Man Ray was a major contributor to the Dada and Surrealists Movements post-World War I. Other famous and influential artists mentioned by Zona in his presentation included American artists Jean Arp, Alexander Calder, Joseph Cornell, Peter Blume, and Jackson Polluck, French artist Andre Breton, German artist Hans Hofman and Spanish artist Salvador Dali.

Zona never specified the five specific Americans who changed art history. Instead, Zona focused on numerous artists from around the world and highlighted each of their contributions to the surrealist movement. Surrealism didn’t

happen in one place or at one time, which was the message Dr. Zona conveyed to the members of the audience, including Thiel students. It takes a collective force to make a difference, and that is exactly what surrealists artists were able to accomplish.



Dr. Louis Zona presents a lecture in the Lutheran Heritage Room (LHR) October 28
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Halloween Week At Thiel College

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Pumpkins carved by students during Halloween Week
Photo credit: Camille Radford

Halloween events; some join in the festivities and others don’t, but have you ever wondered why they happen every year?

“Celebrating this time of

year on campus through all the activities generates a great deal of excitement and spirit. Since Halloween carries such wide appeal, participating in the events can also be a very unify-

ing experience,” Than Oo said.

“It’s important so that everyone can get in the spirit together. By having these events everyone can get together and have a great time” Daniel McFetridge said.

Many events were held throughout the week, ranging from pumpkin carving to trick-or-treating, all culminating to the Zombie Prom.

“Halloween-themed parties are a staple of the college experience. Zombie Prom offers students a fun venue where they can dance, socialize, and enjoy good food. It’s also a space where they can both present and appreciate the expression of creativity through all the different costumes. Seeing what others are dressed as is the most fun part, I would say,” Oo said.

“We could definitely increase the promotion of these events, as well as integrate social media more. For example, having challenges throughout the week for students to tag our handles with pictures of their participation. We would also love to incorporate an educational program or a volunteer project during the week next time,” Oo said.

“Advertising is very important. I think if it was advertised further in advance then people could plan their schedules around the events,” McFetridge said.

Pedas Center Fellows Program presents the Republican Presidential Debate

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The audience shown observing the debate in Stamm Hall.
Photo credit: David DeVivo

The Pedas Center offers students an area to study and work twenty-four seven. The Stamm Hall located inside the center also offers a class atmosphere in a lecture-style room, though the Hall also has been used this year for gathering students and faculty at various times to observe video presentations.

Recently, Professor Susan Richards and Doctor Dane S. Claussen held a gathering in Stamm Hall to observe the Republican Presidential Primary Debate, for which they provided snacks and refreshments for attendees.

Professor Richards asked the audience to focus on the presidential candidates’ communication skills, speaking tactics, and body language. She also asked individuals in the audience about different thoughts on Republican and Democratic views and how people have perceived these political parties through media claims verses factual information.

After building well-rounded background knowledge on the debate and the processes of these debates, Claussen switched on CNBC network.

CNBC aired the debate, which occurred in Boulder, Colorado. Before the debate started, some of the CNBC network reporters were aired discussing what their own and public opinions were of the candidates.

“The public wants to know what you stand for,” one CNBC reporter said.

He aimed this statement towards each individual candidate rather than one in particular. He went on to explain his professional insight on the candidates’ strengths and weaknesses.

“This country is full of frustrated voters who are searching for a president who will lead change and aim to fix the pressing financial issues of America,” the same CNBC reporter said.

The debate started with all ten republican presidential candidates walking on stage in a single file line, from which each candidate was excused to their individual podiums.

The first question called for each candidate to share their own personal weakness. Each candidate had various responses to this question, rang-

ing from question dodging by talking about personal policies to expressing their weakness with humor and wit.

It was evident that each candidate had their own type of reasoning, especially when discussing their answers for every question asked throughout the debate.

In between each commercial break, Richards and Claussen would ask the audience about the various verbal and non-verbal forms of communication being displayed by the candidates at their podiums.

At the end of the debate, both Richards and Claussen stayed to answer questions or discuss views with the audience.

The debate presentation provided the opportunity for students to be introduced to a new or known method of analyzing speakers and different types of reasoning used in debates.

Claussen shared that the Pedas Center will be presenting a Democratic Presidential Primary debate some time in November on a week night. The time and day will be announced as soon as it becomes available.

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John Maxwell’s speaking on how to live intentionally

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As most students are aware, fall break came to an end last Tuesday, October 20th. Some students would debate whether or not they were ready to come back to classes, but to help motivate students, the National Society of Leadership and Success hosted a speaker broadcast, inviting students back into the routine of presentations. The speaker was John C. Maxwell, who has been ranked a #1 New York Times bestselling author, as well as being recognized as a coach, motivational speaker and leadership expert. The topic of the broadcast was Maxwell’s book, titled *Intentional Living*, which helps teach people how to, as implied by the title, live intentionally.

“One of the most important pieces of advice my father ever gave me was to value people,” Maxwell said.

Empowering others was a key theme of Maxwell’s speech, as well as finding your purpose and creating your own personal story. An example Maxwell used was when an employee gave him a book with empty pages, titled *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, and urged him to fill



John C. Maxwell is an internationally renowned leadership expert, coach, and author.

Photo credit: Zija website the pages with the greatest story ever. Maxwell, in turn, has urged others to write their own stories, saying that it won’t be your story if someone else wrote it for you.

Interestingly, Maxwell stated that he was currently in the middle of a trip visiting multiple places, and that even though he had a dinner meeting later on the same day, he enjoyed speaking to young people the most, despite providing lead-

ership skills to over 5 million individuals, some of whom would go on to become the leaders of Fortune 500 Companies with books published in numerous languages.

“Send me your stories,” Maxwell asked the audience near the end of his speech.

Maxwell stated that he wanted young people to send their stories to his website, and that eventually he would take these stories and compile them into a book, while crediting the stories to whoever sent them.

Part of this is to help inspire young people to empower others around them, and to make the world a better place. The idea of helping the world by helping those around them is a key idea behind the National Society of Leadership and Success, and is something Maxwell stressed, alongside living a purposeful life that was true to you while leaving behind a legacy that would last. Perhaps a testament to Maxwell’s effectiveness as a speaker was the numerous tweets posted live during the broadcast by young students who were touched by his message.

New psychology professor comes to campus

by Tina Kramer, TKram138@thiel.edu

As of August 2015, Dr. Kristel M. Gallagher became an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Thiel College. She currently teaches General Psychology, Social Psychology, Health Psychology, and Passion Driven Statistics. She plans to later teach Research Methods, Statistics for the Social Sciences, and a lab course in Experimental Social Psychology.

Though she has only been here for a little over three months, Dr. Gallagher has already come to think of Thiel as an unofficial home.

“I love my students; that is both my favorite part about teaching and my favorite part about Thiel. Your passions remind me of my own. Your enthusiasm energizes me. And your curiosity fuels my desire to be a better educator. I look forward to getting to know more students and getting more involved on campus. Everyone has made me feel very welcome,” Gallagher said.

Though Dr. Gallagher is new to Thiel, she is not new to teaching. Her previous experience includes being an Assistant Professor for three years at Keystone College in Northeast, PA. She also taught psychology classes at Kent State University as a graduate student instructor.

Her academic career began in Waynesburg University where

she originally entered as a forensic science major. After her first psychology class she fell in love and never looked back. From there she entered the psychology graduate program at Kent State University, where she received her MA and PhD in experimental social psychology. By the time she left Kent she had discovered her passion for teaching.

“I fell in love with teaching at Kent, and the rest is history,” Dr. Gallagher said.

Her academic journey eventually led her to Thiel. She explained that even though Thiel was a rival school during her Waynesburg days, it has recently become a place of comfort as well as employment.

“To be honest, it feels like I’m coming home here at Thiel. The small and intimate classes, the liberal arts focus, dedicated faculty and staff, and the sense of community – this is exactly the place I want to be. I chose Thiel for the chance to work one on one with my students to help them reach their full potential,” Dr. Gallagher said.

On a personal level, Dr. Gallagher enjoys running and baking. She is also known by many students around campus for her love of cats and her upbeat personality.

“I like to think I’m a fun person, but I’ve also heard people



Dr. Gallagher giving a lecture. Photo credit: Keystone College

describe me as quirky. I take this as a compliment. My goal is to make all of my classes real, interactive, and impactful, but I also want to enjoy our time together in class. Maybe this is quirky, but maybe you will just have to join me in class to see.”

Many students, such as student Jalaya Provitt would agree that these learning goals have been achieved.

“I personally feel she is an awesome professor. Her classroom setting is always comfortable. She keeps us engaged by relating everything we are learning to the real world. You can clearly tell she loves teaching, and she is always really interactive with the class. I always look forward to going to her class because I can enjoy it, but also it relates to my everyday life,” Provitt said.

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All seniors are required to schedule an appointment with the Registrar, Denise Urey, to review your college core requirements. If you have not met with the Registrar, appointments can be made at the Records Office or by calling extension 2110. Seniors who desire to participate in commencement exercises in May 2016, who will complete graduation requirements in summer school 2015, must petition the Academic Standing Committee by April 1, 2015 for approval to participate in the May ceremony. The academic petition form can be obtained in the Records Office.



Do you know when your next SI session is if you’re struggling with a class? Photo credit: Nancy Katz

Course/Leader	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Supplemental Instruction Sessions					
Accounting I (Oakes/Witosky) Kelly Thompson Greg Galbo, asst.	ACCT 113 4-5pm AC 40	ACCT 113 9-10pm AC 40		ACCT 113 9-10pm AC 40	ACCT 113 9-10pm AC 40
Intermed. Accounting (Witosky) Brittany Bates	ACCT 213 8-9pm AC 33		ACCT 213 7-8pm AC 33		ACCT 213 7-8pm AC 33
Calculus (Richins) June Longbine		MATH 181 8-9pm AC 4		MATH 181 7-8pm AC 4	MATH 181 8-9pm AC 4
Data Structures (Anderson) Dan McFetridge	CSCI 169 6-7pm AC 35	CSCI 169 8-9pm AC 35			CSCI 169 8-9pm AC 35
Elementary Statistics (Kim/Shellenbarger) Julia Fink		MATH 211 7-8pm AC 34		MATH 211 8-9pm AC 34	MATH 211 9-10pm AC 34
Gen Chem I (Khalsa) Derek Runge	CHEM 140 6-7pm S 210		CHEM 140 8-9:30pm S 210	CHEM 140 8-9:30pm S 210	
Gen Chem II (Stanisky) Cheyanne Fedder	CHEM 160 3-4pm AC 108		CHEM 160 9-10pm AC 108		CHEM 160 9-10pm AC 108
Neuropsychology (Pickens) Nick McNutt	PSY 270 5-6pm S 211		PSY 270 8-9pm S 211		PSY 270 8-9pm S 211
Physics I (Torigoe) Dom Licata			PHY 174 8-9:30pm S - I		PHY 174 8:30-10pm S - I
Group Peer Study Sessions					
Gen Pysch (Pickens) Sam Raymond	PSY 150 7-8 pm PC 100			PSY 150 8-9 pm PC 100	
Spanish I (Carlson) Dana DePaulo		SPAN 150 8-9 pm AC 233		SPAN 150 8-9 pm AC 233	
Macroeconomics (Shaffer) Katherine Orczeck	ECON 211 5-6pm S 200			ECON 211 9-10pm S 200	

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.

Teams Chasing the Elusive 16-0

by Chris Kafka, CKafka549@thiel.edu



Chris Kafka, staff writer
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Many teams over the existence of the NFL have come very close to obtaining a per-

fect record, yet end up losing a game or two near the close of the season. As we approach the midway point of this year's season, there are four teams who remain undefeated: The Cincinnati Bengals, New England Patriots, Carolina Panthers, and Denver Broncos. Each team has weaknesses that could result in losses during this season.

The Bengals are a team built with many first round draft picks, and many analysts believe they have the best depth in football. However, they are susceptible on defense. The secondary has been stout, but they are middle of the pack in terms of run defense. Teams so far have found success against

this deficiency.

If an opposing team can control the tempo of the game by running the ball and containing wide receiver AJ Green, which is quite a tall task, they can win against the Bengals.

The Panthers are the most surprising team sitting at a 7-0 record. They lost their best receiver in Kelvin Benjamin at the beginning of the year to injury and have found a way to win many games. It has not been pretty, but with a great defense and solid play from quarterback Cam Newton, they sit in first place of their division and are currently undefeated.

However, Newton has been prone to turnover due to the

lack of receiving threats at his disposal. If teams can force Newton to play from behind and force him to throw to win the game, the Panthers can be beat. Also, they have two games against the Atlanta Falcons who have been great this season.

The Broncos are 7-0 with quarterback Peyton Manning at the helm once more. The defense has been outstanding, keeping them close when the offense has sputtered to win games. That being said, when Manning is off, he is really off, and the offense fails. While the defense has been great, they cannot be expected to always bail Manning out when he fails to produce.

Lastly, the Patriots are 7-0 with Tom Brady having arguably his best season since his 2007, when the team went 16-0. Tight end Rob Gronkowski has been unstoppable, and running back Dion Lewis has been the surprising spark in the receiving game that the Patriots have come to love.

However, the bend-don't-break defense can bite the Patriots later. They succeeded with this in the past due to turnovers which they would generally force, but they are towards the bottom end of that category this season. This is due to their powerhouse cornerbacks departing in Free Agency, forcing younger players to fill the holes. The

secondary is definitely exploitable.

That being said, The Patriots have the best chance to go undefeated, in my opinion. The offense has been ridiculously potent and I do not think any team has the answer for it. They have one of the easiest schedules left, due to a historically weak division, leaving the Broncos as the only viable opponent.

Brady has outperformed Manning in head-to-head contests as of late. Forget undefeated in the regular season, this team has the chance to go 16-0 and win another title, unless the New York Giants sneak in again.

The Search for 'Smarts' and Happiness

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Intelligence is not a measurable aspect of a person—nor is intelligence an indicator of worth. For as long as we, as students, have been able to maintain our attention on a subject for twenty minutes or longer, we have been tested for our intelligence. Students are given paper and pencil tests, all of which are geared towards future academic careers. These written exams are analyzed as accurate measures of our thought processes and ideas.

But is that all that is important to academic excellence? Is that 'A' really a reflection of your self-worth and academic integrity?

Students are tested for everything. Gym class made each student run a mile, swim laps, and participate in certain sports.

Is the time it takes to run laps around the track or the ability to throw a ball vital to being successful in life?

Intellect is not simply found in one domain or discovered in only one way. Try as I might, I have never been able to throw a football or run a cross-country race. Never have I attempted to build a car engine or craft a model plane; nor do I understand physics equations or chemistry labs. Those areas never reflected my interests, so I never became skilled at these activities.

Yet every day I walk past athletes, then I jump in my car and drive up the street. I use objects created by the mind of

a physics geniuses and chemistry nerds, too. If only we, as students, could find this deep level of respect and acknowledge everyone's diverse skills. If only we, as a society, could recognize the value in the world around us, and the individuals who have formed it to be this way.

No one can do everything, but everyone can do something. Everyone is gifted in one area or another; the person with straight A's is not worth more than the person with hands-on capabilities. The sports star does not deserve more praise than the 4.0 student that is applying for graduate school. The wonderful essay writer should not fail on account of his or her poor presentation skills.

Personal value is vital to a happy and successful life, but everyone has to build that based on their own thoughts of themselves. People should not pretend or try to be something they inherently are not, but instead accomplish whatever they desire to do.

Each individual is smart in their own areas. Each person has chosen what to practice, what to value, and what to spend the rest of their lives aspiring to accomplish. Don't begrudge others for choosing a different path.

Will forty yard passes during the last football game matter ten years from now? How about the 'A' on last week's Spanish test? Trust me; pencil

and paper is not the only way to gage self-worth, nor is kinesthetic intelligence. At the end of the day the true value of life lies in finding your own unique passion.

People wonder where the path to happiness lies. It is rather obvious, one that is in no way masked from the rest of the world-- it is finding peace within one's own being, and leading others toward self-actualization.

There is no better way to live life than by finding connections and caring about other people. Isolation drives us mad. Separating groups of people into cliques make us feel alone, or make us desperate to create a sense of dominance over one another. This is not the only way of being humans are capable of achieving; we are capable of compassion, respect, and humility.

I am not naive enough to believe everyone in the world can be friends, nor do I recommend befriending those who do not share common interests with yourself.

I do, however, call upon everyone to care about one another as human beings, to respect each other for our differences, and to recognize excellence where it is present.

Our entire lives consist of us searching for the truths within ourselves and the outside world. Why not make the journey deeper, easier, and helpful to those around us?

My Favorite Horror Movies of all Time

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It's Halloween time. That means most of you have probably watched a scary movie during October. Personally, I love watching horror movies at this time of year, from the old Universal black and white classics to Vincent Price movies, to even a few modern day ones. To be honest there are so many great, yet similar, films out there, it would be impossible to pick just one. However, it is possible to narrow it down to just three, although odds are you never have heard of either of them.

Nosferatu is a 1922 silent film originally released in Germany, but is still renowned for being the first adaptation of Bram Stoker's *Dracula* novel. Due to legal troubles, the many copies of the film were destroyed while others were heavily edited, until a fully restored version was finally released on Turner Classic Movies (TCM). This was the version I saw for my first silent horror film.

The vampire, referred to as Nosferatu, Count Orlock and the Bird of Death, is very unsettling with a bat-like face. It's genuinely creepy to see him walk around the sets. Plus, unlike modern-day depictions

of vampires, such as *Twilight* or *True Blood*, which depict vampires as people, Nosferatu is depicted as a plague, causing large numbers of deaths in whatever town he decides to feast upon.

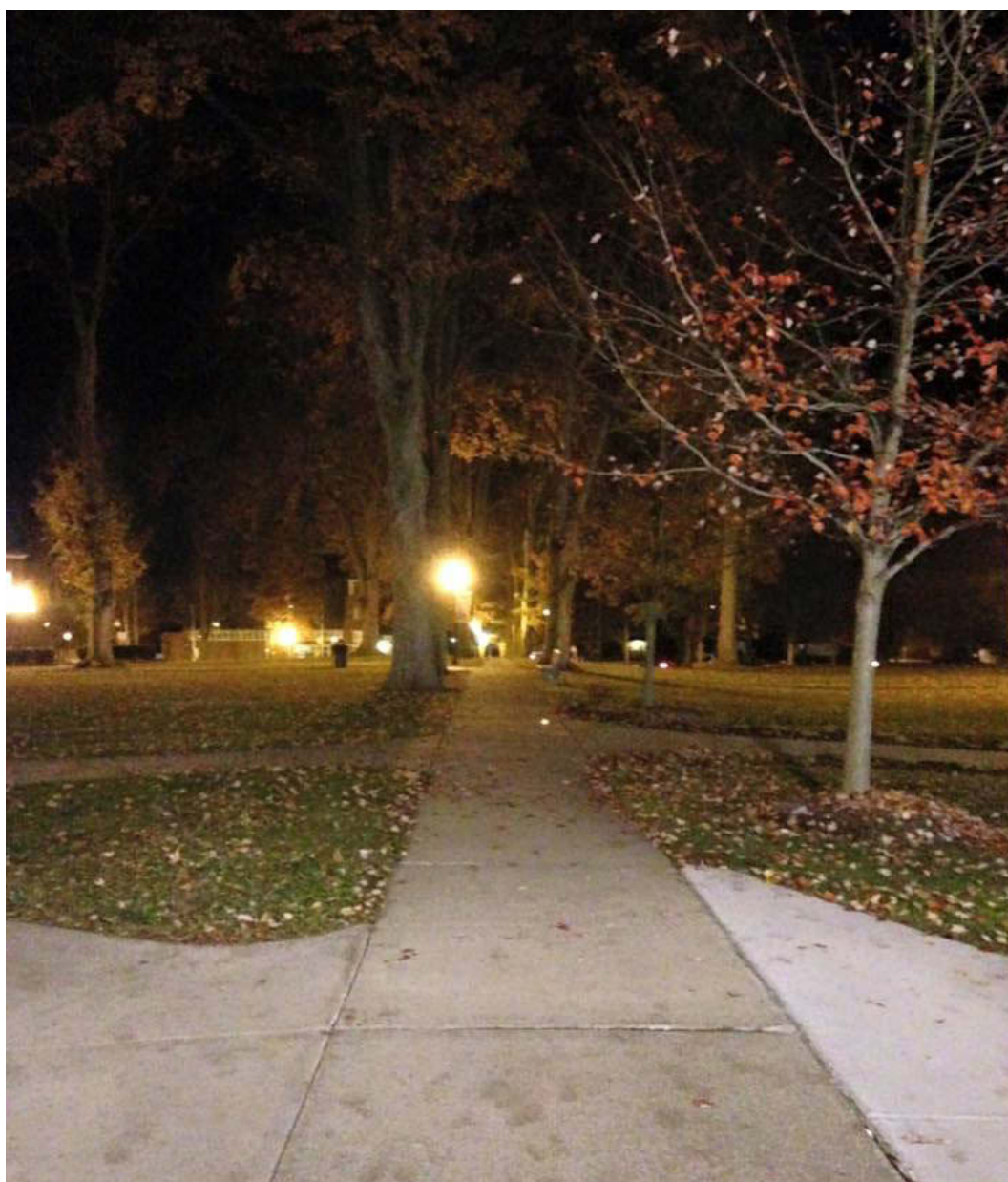
Dog Soldiers is a more modern horror film which depicts a group of British soldiers trapped in a house by a pack of werewolves. If it sounds like a cheesy military SyFy original movie, it is not. It actually plays out more like a zombie film than a werewolf movie. The werewolves themselves are all men in suits, but they're obscured by darkness and woods so often that it's hardly noticeable. All in all, the practical sets and lack of CGI or special effects really make this movie stand out. Especially if you're a fan of movies depicting soldiers fighting fantastic or science fiction opponents, it's definitely worth seeing at least once. SyFy usually plays it a few times around Halloween, making it easy for anyone to watch it on TV.

The House of Usher, based on the short story which shares this name, is notable for being one of several films created based on Edgar Allan Poe's

works. This rendition starred Vincent Price. As with most of his films, Price plays a semi-villainous role, but enjoys every moment of it, giving the character both subtlety and a slightly evil side. However, the real star is the house. The sets are all real, and the lack of exterior shots or scenes really help it feel like the viewer is trapped inside the House of Usher. Plus, it's also never made clear whether the strange occurrences, which I won't spoil here, are paranormal or just the results of living in an old mansion.

These are just three of the many horror films out there, though there are plenty of others. The classic *Frankenstein* is pretty decent for being an older film, and even my family enjoys watching *Creature From the Black Lagoon* on occasion. Then there's all the modern films coming out, from the *Paranormal Activity* series to *Insidious*. If you're not a fan of blood and gore, try watching some of the older ones like the Universal Monsters or some of Vincent Price's films. They may be old, but they still elicit plenty of scares from the audience.

Photo of the Edition



Leaves on the ground and cooler temperatures means winter isn't too far from hitting campus.

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

TC's Homecoming becoming a lackluster annual event

by Jasmine Esh, jesh@thiel.edu

When I think homecoming, I think football, cookouts, parties and a school coming together. Thiel does seem to have all of this to an outside viewer, but as a student here, I disagree. What I have noticed, as a sophomore at Thiel, is that homecoming at this college is nothing like a university homecoming or even a high school homecoming.

The high school I went to really got everyone pumped up for our homecoming. We spent the entire week before the football game celebrating our school spirit and even having a "Clash of the Classes."

It was something that every student, and even the staff, looked forward to participating in every year. When it was finally game day, we had an extremely exciting pep rally. Not only did we recognize the football team, but every fall sport, too. The pep rally consisted of the marching band and cheerleaders getting the student body excited with music and dancing.

Throughout the pep rally, our Girls Varsity Club would have games that contributed to each classes score. At the end, we announced what class had won



Homecoming activities, like the Marching Band, have become something of a Thiel tradition over the years.

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the overall competition, resulting in different prizes.

At a university, the whole student body is typically more involved and become more than just random students. They all spend time supporting their school, together. If you see the football games, you would question if we even have any fans outside of the players' families.

I understand our school is small, but that does not give us all the excuse to not get excited and have a good time together. This year, I thought, the pep rally was definitely better.

Last year's pep rally was boring and did not make me excited for the following day, nor the activities that were to come;

however, I feel as though there could still be more to get everybody involved – especially from the cheerleaders.

Cheerleaders are supposed to be there to get the crowd pumped up. Although they do give a good performance, it was not enough to make me get enthusiastic about being a Tomcat.

Overall, I think Thiel as a whole needs more spirit when it comes to homecoming. Throughout the week, there should be more activities and events to get the student body involved.

Homecoming should be a time when we all come together, not become separated by our organizations.

Women's Cross Country Places 4th; Clark Leads Men's Cross Country

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Thiel's women's cross country team finished fourth overall at the PAC Championships at Saint Vincent on Oct. 31.

Meri Steinmetz finished 11th for the Tomcats with a time of 24:52 in the 6K. Junior, Summer Walk finished with a time of 25:38 which placed her at 22nd for Thiel College. Steinmetz was also awarded to the All-PAC second team.

Thiel's men's cross country

team finished eighth at the PAC Championships. Junior, John Clark raced to the finish line and earned 27th place with a time of 29:01. Senior Ryan Thomas finished with a time of 29:37, which was good enough for 42nd place. The Thiel Tomcats will be in action in on Nov. 14 at the 2015 NCAA Cross Country Midwest Regional Championships hosted in Newville, PA.



Women's Cross Country place 4th at the PAC Championships. Photo Credit: Thiel SID

The Pittsburgh Steelers Ailing after a 16-10 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals

by Christian Kafka, CKafka549@thiel.edu

The Cincinnati Bengals were visiting the Pittsburgh Steelers in a game that was detrimental to both franchises' seasons. Divisional games are always important, especially when it can have a huge impact on the race to the playoffs. This was quarterback Ben Roethlisberger's first game back with the Steelers after injuring his knee against the St. Louis Rams. Many were hoping that inserting him back into the lineup would spark an offense that has since been inefficient while he

12 plays, capped off by a one yard touchdown pass to veteran receiver Antonio Brown to take a 7-0 lead. However, that would be the only touchdown that the Steelers scored. After the Bengals scored two field goals to make the score 7-6, devastation struck in the second quarter. Running back Le'Veon Bell of the Steelers took a shot from linebacker Vontaze Burfict, and tore his MCL. Neither team could get much offense going, as there were multiple turnovers by

a 9 yard touchdown pass to AJ Green with only two min. and 57 sec. left in the game. The Steelers had one last shot with less than two min. left to score the winning touchdown, but fell short. From the Bengals 16 yard line, Roethlisberger lofted a ball to Antonio Brown, but the pass fell incomplete as time expired.

Losing Bell to injury was a huge blow to the Steelers, as he contributed a lot to the offense. DeAngelo Williams has been effective while replacing Bell,



A.J. Green of the Bengals reaches the end zone on the pass from Andy Dalton that kept the Bengals undefeated. Photo credit: bleacherreport.com

was away. Andy Dalton of the Bengals was looking to have success in a place where the team typically struggles, as they were 1-5 in their last six visits to Heinz Field.

On the first drive, it appeared that the fans' prayers had been answered as Big Ben lead a touchdown drive of 80 yards on

both clubs, totaling five interceptions combined. After the Steelers managed to get a field goal to make the lead 10-6, neither team could muster any successful plays until an interception by safety Shawn Williams of the Bengals gave the team great field position. Dalton capped the next drive with

but it is impossible to be as productive as the best all-around running back in football. However, Williams could give them enough to make a playoff run, as he is a lot better than what they had last season when facing the Baltimore Ravens in the playoffs. Do not write the Steelers off yet.

Golden State Warriors Show No Sign of Slowing Down as "Chef" Curry Dominates

by Matt Willis. mwill886@thiel.edu

Stephen Curry, the reigning MVP in the NBA is on fire at the start of this NBA season. The Golden State Warriors are coming off their championship win against LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers back in June. With Steph Curry leading the way, that NBA championship ended a 40 year drought for the Warriors.

"Chef" Curry is putting up unbelievable statistics and also leading the Warriors to a 4-0 start by beating teams by double digits each game. Curry is leading the league with an average of 37 points per game. He is shooting a sensational 48 percent from behind the arc through the first four games and not to mention that 51 percent of his total shots are three pointers. Curry's defense is showing signs of him not slowing down in that aspect either, with an average of 2.5 steals through four games.

The Golden State Warriors have dominated every team they have played, even without two key assets to the team, head coach, Steve Kerr and center Andrew Bogut. Bogut has been out with a concussion he received in the season opener on Oct. 27. Head coach Steve Kerr is on a leave of absence to recover from back surgery. Kerr and Bogut are on the verge of returning. This will likely keep



Steph Curry, the reigning MVP of the NBA shows no sign of slowing down. Photo Credit: bleacherreport.com

the Warriors on their hot streak. second straight year. The only thing the Warriors need to do is to not get caught up in the moment and let their season slip away.

Even with some blows to the Warriors, they are staying with what they know, which is playing great basketball. Curry seems to be on pace for a back to back MVP season if he stays cooking and the Warriors are easily already a favorite to win the NBA Championship for a



The Golden State Warriors celebrating their first NBA Championship in 40 years. Photo Credit: abcnews.com

SHOW OFF YOUR TOMCAT PRIDE!!

11/11
Wrestling vs. Mount Union @ 7 p.m.

11/14
Football vs. Grove City @ 1 p.m.

11/16
Women's Basketball vs. Oberlin @ 7 p.m.

11/18
Men's Basketball vs. Penn St. Behrend @ 7 p.m.