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Thiel Happenings

compiled by Liz Carlson

Friday, April 11 DIII Week Cookout: 4-8 p.m. in the Lower Campus Quad

Join fellow students in a celebration for student athletes. Enjoy hot dogs and hamburgers and join in on a game of corn hole, can jam, or basketball. Relay Races will also be occurring, as well as the opportunity to pie certain coaches in the face!

Saturday, April 12 Kappa Sigma Chili Cookoff: 12-6 p.m. in the Lutheran Heritage Room

Think you can make a mad pot of chili? The brothers of Sigma Kappa invite you to enter your chili in a cook off to raise money for the military heroes' campaign! The winning pot of Chile will be chosen by a panel of judges and will receive a prize of \$100!

DHI and TAB Fundraiser Dance: 8-10 p.m. at the Glen Johnson Center, Room 101

DHI and TAB will be hosting a dance party as their final fundraiser for the End to Malaria Campaign. Stop by and enjoy some food and music while supporting a great cause!

Tuesday, April 15 Epic Rap Battles of Literature: Lutheran Heritage Room 8-11:30 pm.

Think you have what it takes to be a professional rapper? Students are invited to put themselves in the position of their favorite literary character or author and battle again their peers in a rap battle hosted by the English Club. The battles will be judged by Thiel College faculty and all money collected will be donated to the Wounded Warriors Project.

Easter Break: April 17-April 21

Thursday, April 24 Multi-Cultural Banquet: 4-6:30 p.m. in the Sawhill-Georgian Room

Members and executive boards of WING, Alliance, TC Soldiers, and OBC and selected guests are invited to attend this year's multicultural awards banquet. Awards will be presented to outgoing seniors as well as other leadership and organizational awards.

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RYAN'S RELAY FOR LIFE

The second annual Relay for Life took place on April 5 from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fourteen teams were represented, over \$20,000 was fundraised, and Thiel 'Relay'ers plan on continuing their fundraising efforts until the end of the semester.

by Paul Connelly, pconnelly@thiel.edu

Thiel College held their second annual Relay for Life this past Saturday in the Rissell-Schreyer Dome.

The twelve-hour event included fundraisers, live performances, and services to honor cancer survivors while members from each team performed laps around the track. Last year, a team of students, including Erin Huff, Nick Ferracano, and Ryan Hart, reached out to the American Cancer Society to bring this great event to Thiel's campus.

Hart was diagnosed in January for a second time. Ryan spoke to the crowd at the opening ceremony to express his appreciation for the rally cry of the community.

"It seems like there's a hell of lot of you out there

that care about me and my life," he said.

"Losing loved ones drives me to continue to provide honor to those people and I'll never quit even when it's no longer my battle, because it will always be our battle."

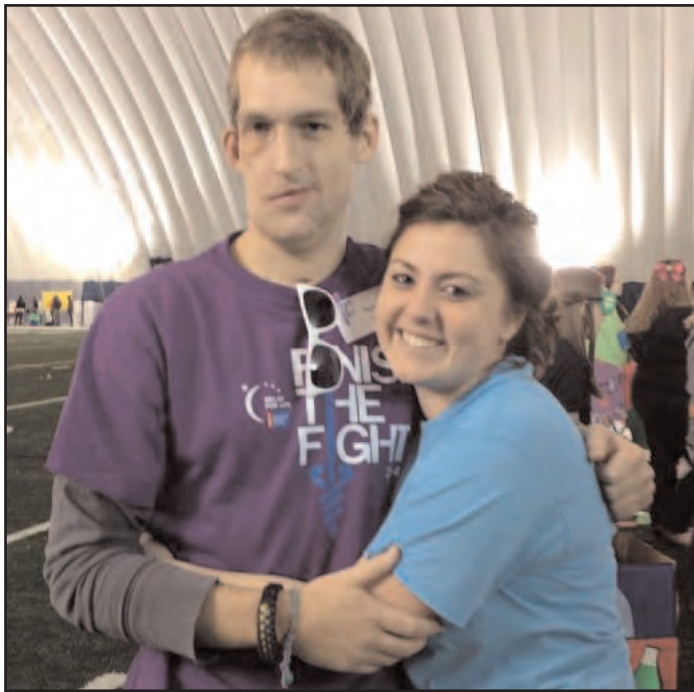
With the Monopoly theme this year, each team participating was required to create a monopoly piece for which a representative of the team had to carry on the track at all times. Teams also needed a food to sell, a gift basket to raffle off, and an activity that walkers can participate in.

All of the money raised at each booth went to the fundraiser. The event featured booths from multiple athletics, including women's

softball, soccer, volleyball, and men's baseball; and from campus organizations including Environmental club, Alpha Xi Delta, and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Events throughout the day included various contests and the survivor's lap which featured testimonies from Thiel faculty and survivors, Daniel Eppley and Mark Delmaramo.

Later into the evening, the Luminaria lap occurred in which bags with lights were placed all around the track as names of loved ones are displayed on the bag symbolizing the people each participant relays for. At the end of the night, the entire event had raised more than \$20,000 for the cause.



Ryan Hart and Erin Huff, two students who brought Relay for Life to Thiel, stand together at this year's Relay.

Week of the Greeks

by Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu

There are a few weeks/weekends on Thiel's campus that are a huge deal – Homecoming weekend, Black and White weekend, and Greek Week. For the hundreds of students across the campus who are involved with Greek life, the value of the week is immeasurable.

There was a different event each day, in which each greek organization participated. The eight organizations work and practice like it is a championship game, but they try not to forget to have fun.

"Greek week is all about unity, having fun, and a little friendly competition," Jessica Slupe, president of sorority Zeta Tau Alpha, said. "Our favorite part of Greek Week is showing our Zeta pride at the events, win or lose."

Monday's event was dodgeball, which took place in the Dome. Here, the houses went head to head for the first time in teams in the playground classic. This was the first of three athletic related events during the week.

"Greek Week is a time for the brothers to have some fun and take part in events we usually don't," Adam McCormick, president of fraternity Phi Theta Phi, said.

The Greeks met in Bly on Tuesday to test their knowledge in the Academic Bowl. The event was the only event that did not involve some kind of physical exercise. While the previous day's event involved who was the most athletic, this event involved a different type of brawn - the power of one's mind.

Once Greek Week neared its halfway point, the athletic abilities had to be dusted off in a heated match of kickball in the Dome. The game's competitiveness, which some may remember playing in high school, was presented for the Greeks to try.

The Dome hosted its final event of the week on Thursday when the time came for another round of the Greek Olympics. The event, which pays homage to the modern athletic event and the ancient attempt in classic Athens, called on the Greeks' activeness for a final time.

"ZTA is really excited for each night," Slupe added, "We can wear our Zeta gear and cheer on our sisters."

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Delta Sigma Phi brothers, Sigma Kappa sisters, sweethearts and LOTYs 'throw what they know' after being named winners of the Greek Week festivities.

Photo Courtesy of Natasha Brenneman

Phi Alpha Theta students attend regional conference

by Sean Oros, soros@thiel.edu

Thiel's chapter of Phi Alpha Theta attended a regional conference on Saturday, March 29.

The attending chapters presented papers competitively, showcasing the papers of history students across the local area.

Thiel's students were paired against those from William and Jefferson, Grove City, and Carnegie Mellon, among others.

Attending from Thiel were Keeton Ritter, Sean Oros, Jordan Lang, Brittany Patten,

Elaine Kelley, Amanda Bauer, Dave Waugaman, Ken Burns, Elliott Beach, and Dan Nolte. Allen Morrill, Dr. James Bloomfield, and Dr. James Koshan all accompanied the students.

Thiel's team brought home three awards from the conference, with Waugaman, Nolte, and Kelley all winning within their presentation groups.

The regional conference was a rousing success for Thiel. Each paper submitted had to be at least eight pages, though students were more

likely to have to reduce, rather than add to, the paper lengths so as to make the papers more accessible for the judges.

Faculty from each attending chapter served as presentation moderators and paper judges, Dr. Koshan participating as well.

Three out of the four categories that each student was judged for pertained to the paper itself, with an emphasis upon scholarly use of primary documents. Afterwards, students had a chance

to mingle with other chapters and enjoy a luncheon provided by Slippery Rock University.

Kelley presented upon the Acadian exile from their homeland, in the wake of the French and Indian War.

Nolte presented upon the Vietnam war of independence against the French, showing it as a way to understand the later Vietnam War which in which America engaged.

Waugaman presented upon the Muslim Brotherhood, in-

cluding their history, their various factions, and their role in modern politics.

Other Thiel presentations included Ritter's paper on the Zulu War, Bauer's paper on the enslaved "comfort women" of the Pacific War, Oros' paper of native influence upon French Canada, and Scuba's paper on the Japanese victory of the Russo-Japanese War and its international consequences.

The other students accompanied the group to support their friends and peers.

Who is the next Mark Norderberg?

by Brianna Tiedeman, btiedeman@thiel.edu

As college students, the question of whether or not we will be 'successful' post graduation crosses our minds more often than not.

After a visit from alumnae Mark Nordenberg, Thiel professionals are reaching out to current students through new developments to better establish a professional portfolio before commencement.

The current Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, Mark Nordenberg, graduated from Thiel in 1970, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics. He later graduated from the University of Wisconsin and made his initial mark at Pitt. in 1977 as a faculty member of their law department.

Nordenberg then stood as the Dean, the Interim Provost, a Distinguished Service Professor, and in 1996 he was elected as Chancellor, his current position.

During his visit on Feb. 6, Thiel's annual Founder's Day, President VanAken honored Nordenberg with the Louis and Barbara Thiel Distinguished Service Award.

Thiel administration selected him as their recipient for serving as a Board of Trustees member for ten years, receiving the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award in 1988, and speaking at both the 1993 Commencement ceremony and also VanAken's 2010 inauguration.

"From talking to President VanAken and to others, the award was largely bestowed upon me for the work that I have done now over the course of a lot of years to advance the cause of higher education and the development of the potential of students here in western Pennsylvania," Nordenberg said.

"The University of Pittsburgh is a very important institution to this region and to the common wealth and so if I have led it well, then there will have been positive impact and I think that, in addition to my continuing ties to Thiel, really explains the award."

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Thiel College POLICE BLOTTER

compiled by Brianna Tiedeman

March 23 - Liquor Law Violation

An underage student was seen playing 'hacky-sack' in the hallway of Flo West while holding an open can of beer.

April 6 - Liquor Law Violation

A student was taken to the emergency room after drinking too much (under the age of 21).

Wanna see a movie? BLY HALL PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS...

compiled by Liz Carlson

Friday April 11 and Sunday April 13: 6-8 p.m.

Wolf of Wall Street

Based in the 1990s, this film tells the story of Long Island penny stockbroker, Jordan Belfort. When Belfort teams up with his partner Donny Azoff to start a brokerage firm, the duo soon finds that they swimming in success. As their business and wealth grows, Jordan and Donny begin to abuse substances and their trustworthiness starts to decline. Throwing massive parties for their employees, the media becomes drawn to the company. The FBI soon catches on to Belfort's devious ways, forcing him to develop new methods to cover his tracks. The ultimate question soon arises about whether or not Jordan will be able to maintain his wealthy lifestyle that he has grown accustomed to. Join us in Bly Hall to find out!

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Friday, April 25

Mike Posner Concert: 7:30-10 p.m. at the Passavant Center

Well known singer, song writer and producer, Mike Posner, will be performing live at Thiel College! Free to students with the presentation of their student IDs, Thiel College invites you to spend your final weekend on campus before summer break jamming out to Mike's hit singles, "Cooler Than Me" and "Please Don't Go," as well as several other favorites!

Yoga Workshop: Sundays (March 23- April 27): 5-6:15 p.m. in the Glen Johnson Center

Wind down from the weekend with a yoga session from instructor Jackie. Thiel Team Trivia Tuesdays: Every Tuesday 10-11 p.m. in the Bistro



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The final event was Friday's Sing and Sync, which is an event that calls on the creativity and practice of each house. Billed as "The Event Most Students Look Forward To" by college advertisements, the event is broken up into two parts.

The Passavent Center was the host for the conclusion of Greek Week, and it came on nearly a full house.

In the first part, the houses sing a few self-chosen numbers, which either reflected their organization or the college itself. These performances were 10 minutes long or more, and organizers alternated between fraternity and sorority in terms of order.

After a short intermission, the houses stepped up for the second part. This part requires the houses to perform several dances, and the judges paid attention to creativity, singing ability, and how well the members were in time with the movements of the number.

This is the part where anything can happen. For instance, there was a performance of Bon Jovi's "Dead or Alive" with actual amps and guitars, and a Rocky reenactment with appropriate clothing and music.

These performances were shorter than 10 minutes, so the organizations were sometimes running around the stage in order to get everything right. The spotlight was on them for only a short time.

In the end, though, only two organizations could win. The judges deliberated for more than 25 minutes trying to pick a winner in both categories, which were judged separately. Zeta Tau Alpha pulled off victories in both categories, and Delta Sigma Phi and Sigma Kappa placed first for the week, thus ending another year.

"It's a learning experience," McCormick concluded, "to understand what we need to work on and to see what we do great at."

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Psi Chi inducts new members

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Here at Thiel College we have several honor societies. Most honor societies pride themselves in being organizations that are made up of members in chapters that exist to recognize scholastic achievement, and to encourage leadership, research, and creativity, often within a particular discipline. The International Honor Society in Psychology, Psi Chi, was founded in 1929 with two purposes in mind. The first is to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship, and also to advance the science of psychology. Membership is open to undergraduate and graduate students who are majoring in psychology, and who meet the minimum qualifications.

On April 22nd, the Psi Chi chapter at Thiel College is proud to announce the induction of their newest members. The new inductees are as follows: Kaitlyn Bonzo, Ashley Dolan, Sara Gerdy, Danielle Gomula, Brooklyn Ishman, Lora Kay, Erika Leonhard, Danielle Massengill, Chelsea Maukonen, Brittany Patten, Kourtney Polvinale, Jalaya

Provitt, Lora Rutherford, Nicholas Seyko, Jessica Slupe, Casey Smith, Kiara Weltner, and Katelyn Young. There will be a dinner on campus in honor of the newest members of Psi Chi. All Psi Chi members as well as the faculty in the Psychology Department are invited to attend on April 22, 2014.

Headed by Dr. Laura Pickens, the chapter advisor, this honor society also prides itself on community service and giving back to the Thiel community. Last semester, the current members of Psi Chi participated in a dog walking event at Strayhaven where members took time out of their day to walk homeless dogs on designated trails in Greenville, Pennsylvania.

At Strayhaven, participating veterinarians offer a discount to each dog and cat that has been adopted from the shelter to be spayed or neutered. Strayhaven is run by paid employees, led by an active volunteer board. The board was organized to manage, direct, and control all aspects of the shelter.

Psi Chi is proud to be an example of scholastic

achievement, as well as a supporter of the Thiel Community. This semester, we will be joining other campus clubs and organizations by helping with our annual "Spring Into Action" on Sunday April 13th. For more

information about Psi Chi psychology honor society, please feel free to contact the current president, Amanda Miller, at amiller@thiel.edu.



The Psi Chi psychology honor society is pleased to welcome their newest members.

Second Annual Fashion Show

by Claire Lee, hlee@thiel.edu

The 2014 fashion show was on Friday, March 28 in the William Robinson Theater. There were special scenes which are 90s throw back, red carpet, business attire, opposites attract, international artifacts, neon attire, and summer attire scenes. The models were consisted of American students and Korean students with the way each of models was in more than two scenes. "I was so nervous, but I had fun definitely. Many people complemented the Korean traditional dress I wore at the fashion show after that, and I am happy that I got the chance to show it to American friends," YeaJi Jin said representing Korean models. From two to five dollars' entrance fee depending on part of sheet was used as donation for a baby with childhood cancer.

There were not only fashion scenes, but also some performances which are dance and singing. Some students and an office made great concerts, so that it sat-

isfied the audiences a lot. After fashion show many audiences said that it was so worth because of diversity of fashion show's component. "I loved the host. He made the show. Without him, the show would be really different. I was so happy that they invited the Warren dance team," Clarissa Whippo said representing audience.

Generally, a fashion show is showing upcoming fashion trends and design concepts. However, the Thiel fashion show was made up of various outfits, hair styles, make up, and even foreign traditional dress.

Furthermore, as it added interesting performances, the fashion show excited

models and audiences with attractiveness of diversity. It was gorgeous combination that models, audiences, directors, singers, dancers, and music man could communi-

cate.

"I think it was successful. We accomplished a lot this year. I hope to see it grow", show director Sarah Brooks said.



Photo credit: Maryanne Elder

Join the sisters of Sigma Kappa; raise awareness for Alzheimer's research

by Dawn Pastorius, dpastorius@thiel.edu

The Gamma Delta chapter of Sigma Kappa at Thiel College will host their First Annual "Skavenger hunt" event, to raise awareness for Alzheimer's disease research.

Find the purple eggs around campus on April 15, 2014 from 8am-4pm, take a picture with the eggs, and upload them to your Instagram with tag @skavenger_hunt and where you found it! The more you find and upload, the bigger chance you have to win some fabulous Alzheimer's merchandise and prizes! Don't forget to follow @skavenger_hunt on Instagram!

Through contributions from chapters, individuals, and friends, the Sigma Kappa Foundation supports Alzheimer's disease research – a devastating illness that is now our nation's seventh leading cause of death – and a variety of scholarships, educational and leadership programs, and financial assistance to members facing financial crisis.

For more information about the Instagram "Skavenger Hunt" or to support the Sigma Kappa Foundation, contact Dawn Pastorius 724-255-9832, dpast259@thiel.edu, or visit Sigma Kappa Foundation web site at www.sigmakappafoundation.org.



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Ultimate Frisbee Club

by Nate Flory, nflory@thiel.edu

March 22, eleven members of the Thiel College Ultimate Frisbee Club traveled to Westminster College to participate in their first ever tournament. Although the team was unable to come away with any victories (they were literally inches away from a win on the last point of a 4-3 loss to Gannon University), the tournament was what the club needed to take its next steps forward. Nine of Thiel's eleven players had never before played in an official game of Frisbee, so the tournament provided invaluable experience to these players. The amount of learning that took place was unbelievable.

By late in their second game, the players were able to truly settle into their proper positions and responsibilities, and the improvement continued from there. About the tournament, freshman Hanna Tegel said, "It was a great learning experience and a chance for me to grow as an athlete." The team plans to use



Members of the Thiel Ultimate Frisbee team await the arrival of the disc in a game at Westminster College.
Photo credit: Tom Flory

this experience as a springboard to take their success to the field next time around.

The ultimate club was built from the ground up this school year, beginning in September 2013. Practices began with about four

players and grew to involve as many as eight students in the fall; now, the club has nearly doubled in size to fifteen members, including three females. The club received the materials that it needed to expand from a new

start equipment grant through USA Ultimate in January, which provided them with eight discs, a set of eight cones, two rulebooks, and various other organizational resources.

The club now has regular

practices in the dome and gym, and will move outside to the quad once the weather permits. Junior Andy Gaul sums up the ultimate club well: "It shows that the dreams of few can become the goals of many, that any-

thing is possible, and that you can still have fun while doing it. I can't wait to see this organization grow and perform well on Thiel's campus. The groundwork is set and it just needs to keep on flowing."



The Equestrian Club is pleased to announce their progress this year.
Photo credit: Kathleen Kent

Equestrian Club

by Kathleen Kent, kkent@thiel.edu

The Thiel College Equestrian Club (TCEC) has been taking many steps this year in growth.

We have doubled our roster and now have about twenty-five members. We look forward to seeing those numbers continue to grow and would like to share our progress with you.

For one, we had great successes at the Oberlin and Findlay western shows this semester. Many of our team members placed in their classes. At Oberlin, Elaine Kelly, one of our seniors, placed fifth and third. Kimberly Ault, another of our seniors, placed fourth in both of her classes. Our newest show members, Caroline Witter and Kathleen

Kent, also placed in the beginners' class. Witter placed fourth and Kent placed fifth and fourth in her two classes. At the Findlay show, Kelley was reserve champion in her class. Awesome job, Elaine! Witter placed fourth and fifth in her classes, and Kent placed a fifth and a fourth in hers. Congrats to all those who showed.

In addition to a growing show team and club membership, beginning the Fall 2014 semester, we have a new and exciting opportunity for the Thiel College community. We are creating sections of lessons for alumni, faculty, and staff! So, if you are interested in riding again or trying something

new, please come talk to us. We will be having an open barn soon, so please check your emails. Our last meeting of the semester is April 14th, and if you would like to attend, please contact the president for more information.

Are you interested in horses? Would you like to try a new sport? Please contact the president or the coach! You don't need any experience to join, and all are welcome!

You can contact the president, Kathleen Kent, at kkent743@thiel.edu or the coach, Jenna Malnar, at JMalnar@thiel.edu.

Student-Submitted Creative Writing: "Dancing With Cherry Blossoms"

by Eunjung Kim, ekim@thiel.edu

It was 5:43 in the morning when I abruptly opened my eyes. The cold covered my body, and I felt a chill. The day was April eleventh. I planned to meet my grandfather that day. I had fallen asleep late the night before, so I wondered why I awoke from my sleep so early. I had only slept for four hours. I was still lying on my bed. Why did I get up so early? I looked vacantly at my room's wall. The cold made my body feel frozen. I lied in my bed without movement.

"Eunjung, get up. Your grandfather passed away. We have to go to the hospital," my mother said to me ten minutes after I had gotten up. The blue dusky dawn flooded my room dividing life and death. Perhaps, during the time I was sleeping, he had passed away without seeing that pale morning moon, but I was still alive and saw that pale moon without my grandfather.

A deep sense of loss and emptiness is felt when death

occurs, especially when one loses someone precious. I had plenty of time to visit him, but I had made an excuse. "It is midterm week. I will go later." But the "later" did not exist in his life. Tears were falling from my eyes while riding in the car. I bitterly regretted my decision not to visit him. It was almost ten o'clock when I arrived at the hospital. Cherry blossoms were fluttering outside the window. They looked like they welcomed us dancing round and round, contrary to the morning's aura. They infused life into the surrounding environment. The hospital was filled with death, but the outside world was teemed with life. It was ironic, I felt distressed after losing him, but the world looked like it was working perfectly in spite of losing him.

"You have to wear a black formal dress. Go out with your cousin and buy one," my aunt said to me crisply. My aunt is usually a kind lady; however, on this sad day her mood seemed

astray. The outdoor air was cool and refreshing. Cherry blossom trees lined the streets, and they still danced round and round. I could not feel any deficiencies in the world. Humanity felt like such a small part of the world, as expected. The world will work perfectly after I die, too, I thought.

"April 11th, 2011, 5:43 a.m., Saejun Park passed away." The doctor said quietly. I woke up unexpectedly in the early morning at 5:43. I had wondered why I woke up so early. Did he come to visit me? I had a sudden flashback. A few minutes before, when I rode down the elevator with my cousin to see his body shrouded for the funeral, a bell rang even though there were only two people. My grandfather used to worry me frequently. I felt he was with me in the same space. He was shrouded for the funeral. Although my parents opposed me seeing him in the coffin, I pushed ahead. It was possible because I was 19 years old. If I was



younger, I would have respected my parents' wishes. I thanked God that I had become an adult. I also gave thanks to him for giving me the chance to become free from guilt that I had not visited my grandfather.

"I want to see your entrance ceremony," my grandfather had said to me years before he passed. He had sincerely hoped that I entered the university, but I

could not comply with his wish because he died before I was accepted. He was buried in the national cemetery. It was a very long life for him. He went through a war and experienced poverty. Our country's prosperity is possible because of our ancestors' blood and sweat, and he was a part of it.

It was the first anniversary of his death. The same as last year, cherry blossoms

fluttered around the national cemetery. "Here is my scholarship certification. I got a 4.3 grade point average this semester, which was second best in my department. My life is going well," I recited quietly. I felt that I was dancing with the cherry blossoms round and round and they had welcomed me because I came to see him without forgetting.



March Students Of The Month

by Jennie Kather, jkather@thiel.edu



Seniors, Molly Jo Everett and Kathleen Kent are Thiel's Students of the Month. Everett is an accounting, business administration, and forensic accounting triple major. Kent is also a triple major in theology and youth ministry, mathematics, and secondary education.

Molly Jo Everett of Medina, Ohio, is a senior accounting, business administration and forensic accounting major and is a four-year starting member of the softball team. She has been named to the Dean's List each of her semesters at Thiel and also is a member of Alpha Chi—the highest academic honor bestowed on students at the College. Everett is a member of Chi Eta Sigma Thiel's commerce honorary and the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. She also is a member of Chi Alpha Sigma the national college athlete honor society and was involved with Lambda Sigma, the sophomore service honorary. She is currently a

member of Les Laurier, the senior service honorary and is a peer tutor. At Thiel, Everett was a founding member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and serves as a member of the Thiel Christian Fellowship. She also is a youth group leader at First Baptist Church in Greenville, Pa. Everett has secured a position at Grossman, Yanak and Ford, an accounting firm in Pittsburgh, and will begin employment in September. She is the daughter of Conrad and Nancy Everett of Medina, Ohio. Kathleen Kent, of Transfer, Pa., is a senior with a triple major in theology and

youth ministry, mathematics and secondary education. She has been named to the Dean's List each of her semesters at Thiel College. Kent is the president of the equestrian club and a member of Thiel Christian Fellowship. At Thiel, Kent is a member of Kappa Mu Epsilon, the national student honorary for mathematics; Kappa Delta Pi, the international honorary society in education and Theta Alpha Tau, the national honor society for religious studies and theology. Kent plans to attend graduate school or seminary school after graduation. She is the daughter of Jim and Paula Kent of Transfer, Pa.

Who is the next Mark Norderberg?

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Norderberg's achievements not only make him a recognizable person worldwide in higher-education, but they also make Thiel a recognizable institution for having dug his undergraduate experience here, into the campus, 44 years ago. In order to continue this recognizable caliber of alumni, some Thiel representatives mapped out advice and explained changes within the institution including student mindsets, campus-life, and the upcoming Presentational Literacy program. According to Professor David Miller, "being smart is not sufficient in and of itself," he said. "You have to have a passion for what you do." Miller, who taught Norderberg in his undergraduate years, remembers that his studies were serious and he did his work. Relative to Miller's advice, Norderberg explains that pursuing something students have an interest in is important. "Try to find a position where you feel you can make a difference," Norderberg said. "If you make initial career decisions based on salary, you're heading down the wrong road." In order to enhance student mindsets, Miller suggests that students "think on the attitude that 'everyday I'm going to add value to this institution' because eventually, you get hired to add value." Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Dean of the College, Lynn Franken, highly enjoys mentoring young people and contributing to their journey of discovering their strengths. Franken believes that there is potential in all of us, "more than we're fully able to realize," and a method to realizing that po-

tential is to use "persistence to graduation as a proxy to success." Though these aforementioned professionals unanimously agreed that successful students are hard to predict, they also agreed that a crucial element of potential success is campus and academic livelihood. As an undergraduate student, Norderberg spent his time outside of the classroom on the Cross Country team, the Student Government Assembly, the Debate Team, and as the president of his fraternity, Alpha Chi Rho. "Thiel provided me with special opportunities to learn and grow. A very important part of that learning occurred in the classroom," Norderberg said. "In addition, I was able to participate in a broad range of extracurricular activities that gave me a chance to develop a better understanding of interpersonal relations, effective communication skills, and leadership abilities." Academically, Franken feels that students have a fear of boredom and in turn, classroom attendance rates are too low. "Let yourself experience solitude," Franken said. "If you're afraid of being bored you are constantly trying to alleviate that boredom, and multitasking makes you do less well on all of those tasks." Franken supports the Career Services programs because they help students to visualize their options. "There are wonderful things to do in the world that you can't let pass you by because you don't know what they are," she said. Upon his visits to Thiel within the last

four to five years, Norderberg has also noticed the recent campus development in comparison to his time at Thiel. "Simply as a visitor, first impressions would be impressions of facilities that have been dramatically upgraded," he said. "There also has been a more intense focus on the student experience and the development of student potential has the highest level of priority since VanAken assumed his office." Aside from mentorship on attitude and campus involvement, the Presentational Literacy program, starting in the Fall of 2014, "might be the way we lift up our students so they have the best chance when they graduate," Franken said. Similar to what the Haller Institution does currently, the course will encompass theory, construction, and production of assignments by utilizing the James Pedas Communication Center. Campus media outlets including WXTC and TCTV will serve to broadcast both live and taped productions, similar to the Ted Talk phenomenon and National Public Radio's involvement. Through this course, students will also develop an E-Portfolio and be given business cards with the portfolio's URL on the back. "It's not just about presenting yourself," Franken said. "...But also your ideas, with grace, clarity, and persuasiveness." This new program, according to Franken, in some ways represents an attempt to bring some of what the Haller institution does to its students to every student.

April Career Events

Career Development Center

Apr 10

Double Workshop:
How to Negotiate the Job-Offer (4:00pm)
On the Job: Managing Up & the First 30 Day (4:30pm)
Library Classroom, 4pm-5pm

Apr 15

Just-in-Time Job & Internship Fair
Lutheran Heritage Room, 11:30am-3:00pm

Apr 17

NYC Trip (sign up with Student Activities Office)
Tours, Site-Visits, Networking Opportunities

Apr 24

Linked-In for Beginners,
Library Classroom, 4pm-5pm

All April

Informational & Mock Interview Program
Sign up at CareerCenter@Thiel.edu

Sudoku Puzzle

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7	2	9	6	1	4	5	3	8

TOOMBS TIME: Why I love being a Potterhead

by Sara Toombs, stoombs@thiel.edu



So, over the summer of 2013, I experienced what I am confident in saying was one of the best days of my whole life. And for once, I'm not talking about getting engaged (which was also pretty cool by the

way). No, I am talking about finally visiting the physical recreation of a world I have wanted to see since I first stumbled upon its pages as a 6 year old little girl - I got to go to Hogwarts.

As much as I wish I would have really gotten a letter (finally) saying I was a witch and was on my way to school in England, visiting the Wizarding World of Harry Potter in Florida was absolutely the perfect consolation prize. Walking up toward the castle, seeing all the wonderfully recreated shops of Hogsmead and Diagon Alley, sipping on a mug of Butterbeer... I relived a dream I've had a thousand times.

I know it seems silly to be this serious about visiting

an amusement park, and probably equally as silly to care quite this much about a series of books. I know it's weird that I own a wand and have a personal pair of Spectrespecs. But I am here to tell you that Harry Potter changed my life.

Being a little kid is hard for everyone, and it's even harder some. I know everyone struggles through those elementary years, but if you're pudgy, slightly strange, and more than slightly asthmatic - you're gonna have a bad time. And so, all personal childhood nightmares aside, I think it is really important for kids to be able to bond over mutual interests. And, even more important, that those mutual in-

terests teach them lessons about what it means to grow up and be a good person. Some kids play sports, some kids take ballet, I read Harry Potter.

Throughout my life I have been, without fail, able to connect with people because of HP. In first grade, Harry, Ron, and Hermione became my best friends, but from then on out they linked me to an endless supply of mutual friends. Through middle school, into high school, and even here at Thiel, I owe a lot of who my friends are to our mutual fandom.

I know it's a little ridiculous, and I know I'm a little weird for it, but I'm at the point where I'm not ashamed to admit how much of who I

am is based on the lessons I learned from seven children's books. And I think that's why Potter fans are so dedicated to the series; we know that we owe a lot to Harry, his friends, and their enemies. HP taught me about sacrifice, loyalty, embracing your own talents and insufficiencies, and how powerful we all have the potential to be. It also taught me that it's okay to wear radishes as earrings, that there are people in the world who will love you without ever saying it, and that you'll never know someone's whole story until it's too late to apologize for how wrong you were about them. And, it made me believe that somewhere out there, magic is real.

So I guess that's why I love being a Potterhead. I love knowing that I can go almost anywhere in the world and find someone who will love something I love. It means a lot to me and "my people" that popular culture has embraced and made a phenomenon out of something pretty darn nerdy. It's pretty convenient that from now and till I and 87 years old I will never have to wonder what I am going to be for Halloween (Luna Lovegood never goes out of style, because she was never *in* style).

Mostly, I just really love knowing that throughout my life, no matter where I go or how hard it gets, Hogwarts will always be there to welcome me home.

Why your favorite movie is terrible: Harry Potter

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The Movie: The Awful Ones(aka. The First Three Harry Potter Movies). Alas, we have reached the movies everyone has been dreading/waiting for.

The first three movies in this movie series follows the absolutely horrible boy wizard, Harry Potter, as he lives life as an inept boy wizard constantly looking to find new ways to escape death so he can rub it in his best friends face.

I am referring to the fact that in the first sign of trouble in the first movie, Ron ends up almost dying twice because of his lack of.....brain, But more on that later.

Harry spends his first three years at Hogwarts (which coincidentally is also a STD ointment) constantly blaming Professor Snape and resident snobby super douche/ neo nazi archetype, Draco Malfoy for every negative thing that happens at his school. Harry: I GOT A "D" ON MY POTIONS EXAM.

Ron: Its Snape, Harry. He hates you. I bet its just a big conspiracy for Malfoy and him to kill you. Mark my

words, they are evil. Hermione: You didn't study either

Ron: I LOVE YOU.....I mean, shut up you curly haired know it all.

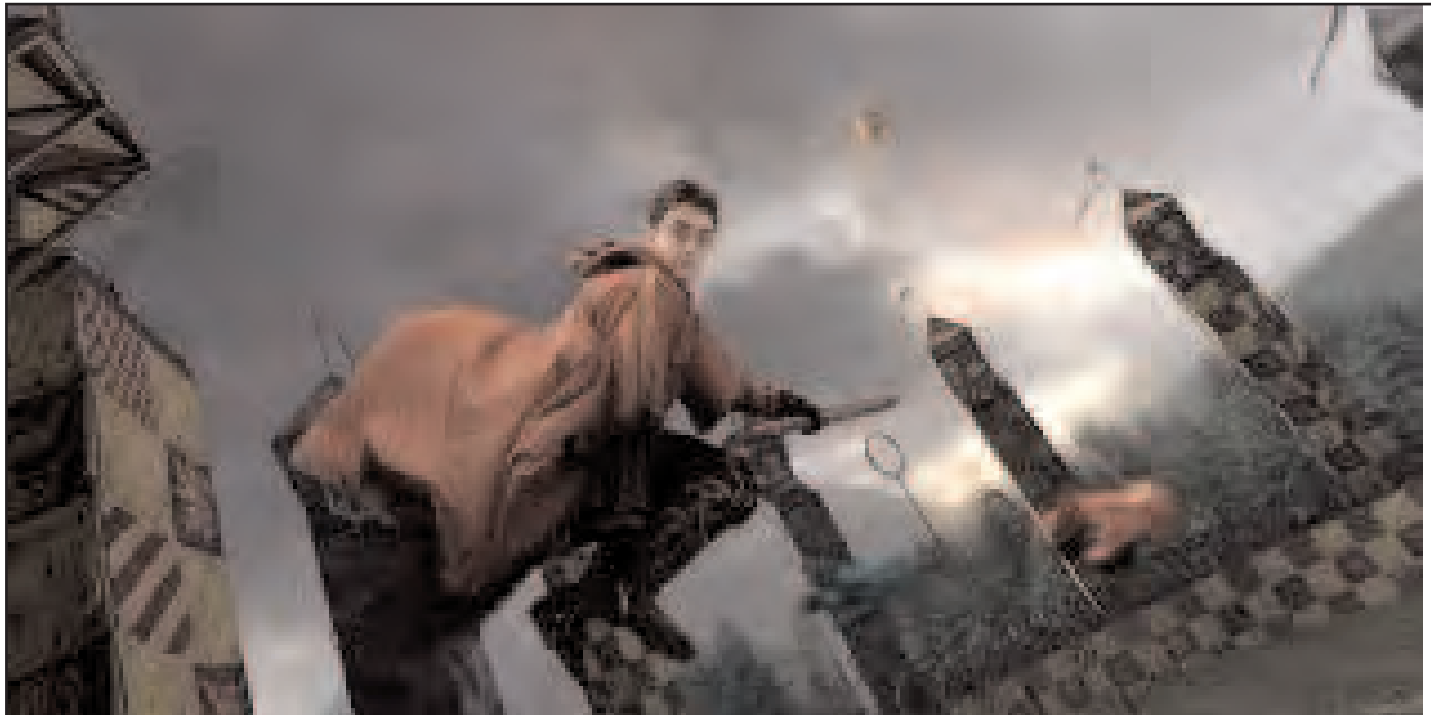
Character Everyone Loves to Hate:

Although it is very easy to pick out almost any character in the first three movies in this series, you HAVE to give the prize to the poor, useless, ginger sidekick, Ron Weasley.

Here's a fun game to play when you are drinking on the weekends. Take a drink every time Ron has an A. Poor Moment, B. Near Death Experience, C. A moment when he does not listen to Hermione or Harry when he probably should. If you are not completely belligerent before the end of the first movie, you might have missed a few hundred scenes.

And the scene that will always upset Potterheads and casual fans everywhere IS WHEN HE FALLS OFF THE HORSE DURING CHESS.

The scene that finally gives Ron some sort of use and completely screws it up by



falling off the horse after sacrificing himself to win the game, only to be knocked unconscious from a fall that literally every drunk college student has experienced Sunday mornings after a weekend bender. Ron is terrible.

By the second movie they added a new layer to his awful character by making him

a whiny baby who's major fear is.....spiders.

Why didn't Rowling kill this character? Guess we will find out later. Oh and his hair in the third movie.....gots to go.

Why The Movies Are Awful:

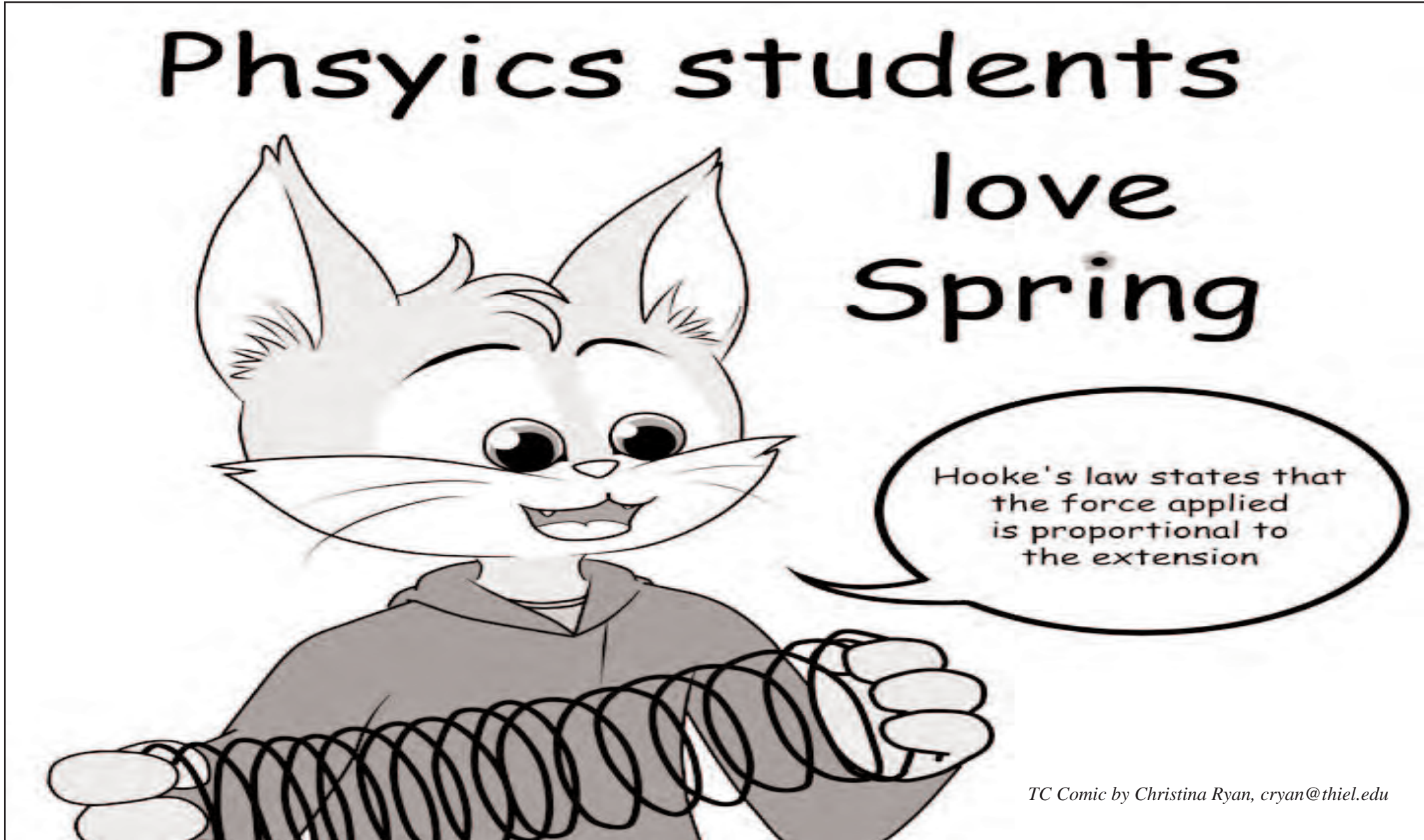
Harry cannot do magic or stay out of trouble, Ron

is.....well he is Ron, and Hermione is basically the student everyone hated in grade school, only to become that same person once they got to college. Oh and for the record, I think the director of the 3rd movie purposely tried to upset the book fans by completely changing most of the things that happen.

Why the Movies are Not Awful:.....Nope, I got nothing. Even Dumbledore, the ultimate hero, is a bit of a bore. WHY ARE YOU CRYPTIC.

Best Parts from the Movies:

Big black student that randomly shows up, Gary Oldman.....and Quidditch.



TC Comic by Christina Ryan, cryan@thiel.edu

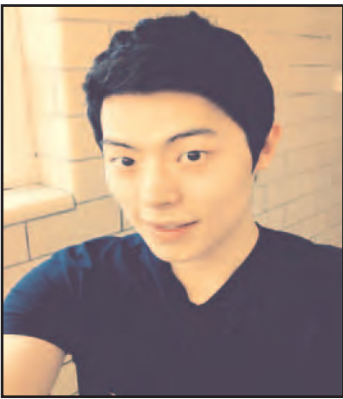
Opinion Poll - What is your favorite part about Easter?



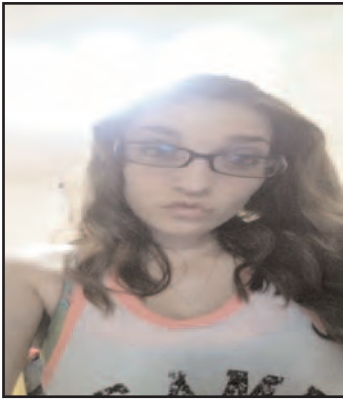
Dylon Fleming
“Getting candy. Yummy!”



Clarissa Whippo
“Watching the Scavenger Hunts.”



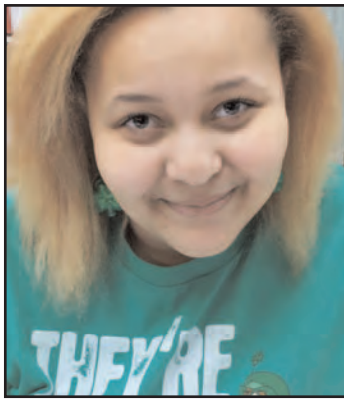
Jaeyoung Jang
“Painting Easter eggs.”



Mindy
“Seeing all of the bright colors.”



Ronnell Hunt
“Sharing the story of Jesus.”



Kierra Lee
“Finding my Easter Basket.”

Photo of the Edition



International Students showed off their fashion-sense at the Fashion Show. This was an OBC event.
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If you have a picture of Thiel, send it to the Thielensian. thielensian@thiel.edu

#Twittin’
@Thielensian



@???? - Def reppin that FR blue and gold up at Thiel today. Stay strong back home panthers.

@???? - I’m gonna pass out on the sidewalk. Get your cameras ready. This should be in the Thiel brochure.

@???? - My girlfriends period has become a holiday #team-notpregnant #wishfulthinking

@???? - Celebrating Chi Omega’s birthday today with a super awesome FORMAL! #classy #ChiOmegaFoundersDay

@???? - Why do people at Thiel think it is acceptable to wear flip flops already? #callthefashionpopo #tooeearly

@???? - It’s raining in my apartment. Literally.

@???? - Just two more weeks. That’s all the longer I have to last. Two weeks.

@???? - If you miss high school, you aren’t doing college right.....

@???? - Did everyone forget that there are finals? What is wrong with people?

@???? - Ever since freshmen year I’ve wanted to get 1st in sync and sing and my senior year we finally did it!! I’m so proud of my @ZetaBetaLadies!

@???? - Just deleting all the texts with someone with one swipe is really rewarding.

Fashion Frenzy

by Katie Allgeier, kallg@thiel.edu

With Spring just around the corner, fashionistas everywhere are putting away their bulky sweaters and pulling out their spring attire. Short skirts and fun printed flats will shortly be seen regularly, and the fashion conscious will soon be scouring the latest news for the most up-to-date Spring trends. Well look no further, readers! I, your faithful fashion writer, have gathered the latest and greatest predicted trends from Elle, Glamour, and Vanity Fair, and have compiled them here for your reading pleasure. And so, without further ado, here are the top three fashion trends for Spring!

Printed flats:

Few things say Spring quite like a pair of fun printed flats. Find yourself a versatile print to accompany your outfits and welcome in Spring with some fancy foot-work.

Crop tops:

For those of you who committed to working out through the dreary winter, Spring offers the perfect opportunity to show off some skin--and that gorgeous body of yours-- in the form of crop tops. These updated takes on the 90s staple can be worn with a high-waisted skirt or shorts to avoid showing off too much skin. Pair with the next trend for even more style!

Sheer fabrics:

Amp up your crop top by layering it under a sheer blouse. An easy way to make a spring statement, this look can be work to the park, a lunch date, or to class for a much more elegant take on the traditional crop top. Bonus points if you combine it with cute sandals!

Various retailers will offer up to \$600 for Spring fashions; clothing pieces seen here are all available for less than \$50. Be thrifty, fashionistas, and stock up on Spring trends before winter comes around once more!



Photo credit: H&M (top), Nasty Gal (left), Swell (right).



A Traditional Woman Leads Non-Traditional Life

by Melanie Thompson-Soros, msoros@thiel.edu



My daughter surprised me with a visit this weekend and brought the new baby. At 4 months old, Iris was ready for her first car trip to meet her family. So, of course, yesterday we got together with all my siblings at my father’s house – its tradition. As family gatherings always are – it was messy and loud and wonderful. My brothers were arguing good naturedly in the background while my sister rolled her eyes at their antics. It has been this way since we were little – some things never change – nor are they meant too. As for me? Well, I’m the youngest and has always been, and always will be, I sat laughing quietly at all of them. There is some joy in being the youngest of many. If you’re smart, you learn from the mistakes your siblings make. For instance, I never once got caught skipping school, managed to graduate with decent grades even though I skipped most of my senior year, and broke decades of family tradition by not marrying (the first

time) till in my twenties. Granted, it was my early twenties, but still it broke the tradition of marrying at 18.

My mother once told me that she should have named me Scarlet instead of Melanie. It wasn’t a compliment. Her original reasoning was that people will live up to their name and she wanted me to be sweet and mild-mannered like the Melanie in “Gone With the Wind,” following along with family traditions without any argument. Sadly, I broke that tradition too – hence the reason she thought she had misnamed me. (I can still hear her telling that story to anyone she would meet. I gave her a lot of grief as a teenager and she was making sure she paid me back by embarrassing the hell out of me!)

Families, and traditions, are wonderful things and I wish I had figured that out when I was much younger. I guess the important thing is that I did, eventually, figure it out and really look forward to those messy, loud, and exhausting family dinners. Of course, it’s not really the same as when I was younger because my mother has been gone many years now. But we, my siblings and I, have started a new tradition of leaving one chair at the table empty. It sits there, pristine and undisturbed, to remind of us of her and all she did for us – and its one tradition that I will never break.

Napier Stays Hot; UCONN Wins Title

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Shabazz Napier, point guard, helped lead the Huskies to victory shooting 8-16 from the field for 22 points.

Photo Credit: NY Daily News

This game was fought between two teams unlikely to make it too deep in the playoffs according to most analysts. No Wichita State, Florida, Duke, or Virginia in this year's championship game. Instead, it was the surging U-Conn Huskies coming off a win against number one seed Florida against Kentucky who had another comeback victory against Wisconsin. This was shaping up to be a great game considering the speed of the Huskies battling with the five freshmen of the Wildcats let by Julius Randle. Kentucky had been starting slow for most of the tournament so many expected them to pull their new routine of flashy finishes to win the title.

At the start of the game, Kentucky turned the ball over frequently with sloppy passes and ball mechanics. U-Conn tried to convert these to three pointers but consistently missed. Randle was out early and regularly throughout the game, dealing with cramps. His pres-

ence was missed greatly on both sides of the ball as the Huskies dominated early. Their quickness was could not be deciphered from Kentucky and they were routinely beat by screens and pick-and-rolls. Boatright and Napier made plays shooting and hustling, outscoring the Wildcats by themselves early on. However, in typical Kentucky fashion the Wildcats started to comeback after a couple threes from Harrison and turnovers from the Huskies. At the end of the first half the Huskies were leading 35-31 after previously having a 15 point lead.

The second half opened up like the first. The Huskies played smothering defense and stole the ball almost with ease to make the lead 48-39 in their favor. However, the forwards of the Wildcats were playing volleyball defense by stuffing and swatting the post players for U-Conn and the frustration showed for the Huskies. Young of the Wildcats has an impres-

sive dunk and sparks a 6-0 run for his team to cut the lead to three; making the score 48-45. Napier was not going to be denied even with Kentucky playing better defense. He made his own shots and lit up his box score by making difficult attempts look easy. He led the Huskies in scoring, rebounds, assists, and steals.

As the game began to close, the Huskies showed no fear as they made all of their free throws. The deciding factor of this game appeared to be the inability of Kentucky to make free throws, as they only converted 13 of 24 attempts. While close at times, the Huskies became champions after beating Kentucky 60-54. Kentucky showed that they need that veteran presence in the starting lineup to put a championship together. After another year together, look for Kentucky to have a great shot to go deep in the tournament next season. However, this was the Huskies year and they earned it.

NCAA Holds Press Conference; Emmert says unionizing is a "grossly inappropriate solution."

by Paul Connelly, Pconnelly@thiel.edu

As collegiate athletes begin to unionize, the NCAA continues to stand their ground. The mark of the annual Final Four held in Arlington, TX this past weekend, was also the site of a very dire press conference hosted by the NCAA. Committee President, Mark Emmert, discussed with other big school executives the possibility of change in attendance costs and self-governing regulations for top conferences but the debate that the public wants to focus on is the recent unionizing of Northwestern University football players. The National Labor Relations Board recognized the student athletes of the NU football program as employees which made them qualify for unionization. The question that comes into play now is whether or not unionizing can become a regular thing for all college athletes, a concept that brings the NCAA to shake in their boots.

"The notion of using a union employee model to address the challenges that do exist in intercollegiate athletics is something that

strikes most people as a grossly inappropriate solution to the problems" said Emmert. "It would blow up everything about the collegiate model of athletics." The decision of allowing student athletes to unionize could ultimately change college sports forever but Emmert doesn't see that happening anytime soon. While he made it clear that he recognizes change is in order but he also believes that this type of action is not the answer. "There's some things that need to get fixed," said Emmert. "They're working very aggressively to do that. No one up here believes that the way you fix that is by converting student-athletes into unionized employees."

In August, the D-1 Board of Directors are set to vote on whether or not athletes will be compensated equivalently to the cost of game tickets. The committee will also vote on the way the power conferences

will be regulated, hoping to limit the monopoly they hold on the competition. Many are worried that this may create an even bigger

conflict than the existing one between better funded schools and the less fortunate. Kansas State President and committee member, Kirk Schulz, believes that such action is necessary and that the vote may be split even. "I think that most of Division I memberships see that we're standing at a fork in the road" said Schulz. "I think at the end of the day, there's a realization that if you don't do this, that we could be in some real trouble." Emmert believes that the line between student-athlete and employee is much thicker than it appears. "You can't split that one in two. You're either a student at a university playing your sport or you're an employee of that university" said Emmert. "If you move to a model where you have labor negotiations between management - that would be coaches and athletic directors and student-athletes to determine everything about what that relationship should be, [it's] a wildly different notion than saying these are students."

Spring Weather Rains On Tomcats' Parade; Thiel Stays Busy Playing Catch-Up

by Paul Connelly, Pconnelly@thiel.edu



The Tomcat baseball squad finds struggle at the start of April but knocks off top PAC contender, W&J, in the process

Spring is officially here and for college baseball fans, it usually means rain delays and postponements. After the trip to Fort Myers, the Tomcats have found themselves in the rut having to reschedule several different games including a doubleheader at John Carroll and a non-conference matchup against Mt. Union. However, the Tomcats have had a rough start for April in the games that were able to take place.

Thiel started the month off with two losses in a doubleheader against Waynesburg on April 1st. Short-stop, Cody Trinch,

recorded his first career HR while sophomore pitcher, Matt Elko, went 2-3 with a double and an RBI. The Tomcats then fell to Allegheny in a game that was cut off at seven innings due to rain. Catcher, Dan Koller, went 2-for-2 at the plate while Josh Doody went 2-3 with a double and an RBI.

On Friday the 5th, Thiel dropped two against #1 PAC ranked Washington and Jefferson. Elko allowed only two runs over a six inning span while sophomore, Sam Passafiume, went 2-6 with a double. The Thiel squad then brought the contest back to

Greenville the next day and picked up the W against the Presidents winning 10-7. A six-run rally in the fifth inning contributed by Trinch, and sophomores, Bryan Mitchell and Trent Smith, is what propelled the Tomcats to a four-run advantage late in the game that would eventually lead to the victory.

Senior, Nick Schiavoni, was 3-5 with two runs scored while Smith recorded 2-5 with two runs, two RBIs, and two doubles. The Tomcats are currently 7-14(1-9) and have seven-teen games left in the regular season.

SAAC Celebrates DIII Week; Thiel Honors Athletes' Off-Field Achievements

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NCAA Division III week, a tradition carried out to showcase the contributions of all Division III athletes, kicked off on Monday, April 7th. The NCAA started this event to focus on the more philanthropic aspects of the student athlete that take place off the field. As the DIII level contains the largest number of collegiate athletes and provides no kind of athletic scholarships, the NCAA uses this week to show off its shining stars in order to spread awareness of the purpose behind the Division III athlete.

Members of Thiel's Student Athlete Advisory Committee contributed to the cause on Saturday by sponsoring a team participating in Thiel's 2nd Annual Relay for Life. On Monday and Tuesday, members

of the SAAC devoted their time to the community by reading to preschoolers at St. Michael's in Greenville and donated collections to the Good Shepherd from a recent clothing drive held on campus. One Wednesday, the SAAC hosted an ice cream social in the cafeteria which included a slideshow featuring some of Thiel's finest athletes. On Friday morning, the committee is set to meet with President, Dr. Troy D. Van Aken and the Board of Trustees to honor their achievements on and off the field.

Thiel Athletics Hall Of Fame Member, Don Achenbach, was featured in the PAC's website's "Personalities of the PAC", a daily edition produced throughout the week featuring some of the confer-

ence's best individuals to comment on the DIII experience. "All successful student-athletes have tremendous discipline regardless of level, but I find DIII student-athletes just a little hungrier" said Achenbach. Face it, most of them are carrying the burden of student loans vs. scholarships and need to earn salaries to pay back the privilege of extending their athletic careers four more years. They hit the ground running."

Thiel Wrestling Coach, Craig Thurber, is also set to be featured in Thursday's edition. DIII week at Thiel concludes on Friday with the SAAC picnic hosted down campus featuring corn hole, relay races, and an opportunity for athletes to pie their coaches in the face.