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## Video Games, textbooks:Can you do both?      TLC; there for YOU

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Hardcore to moderate college gamers can't be torn away from their games, whether it is the latest App of the Week from iTunes that's gaining popularity or the new Call of Duty or Grand Theft Auto. This tends to lead to many students doing poorly, losing sleep, or completely failing because of their games.

These are usually habits developed in high school, where it was easier to put in little effort and still have hours to play that new game till three a.m.

Many students, from freshmen to seniors, either learned this the hard way or have suffered because of these habits. Our first example is a freshman from Flo West, who wishes to remain nameless.

"I've never had a problem with managing my gaming. As much as I love just playing them for countless hours, I make myself study and do my homework anyway. It's really best to start your homework as soon as you're done with classes for the day and study for a little so then you can play for a few uninterrupted hours. Or better yet, during study breaks, play some games for a bit - no longer than an hour though," he said.

He is one of the types people who can balance everything without trouble. The other type is the more common of the two, much like another interviewed student (also anonymous) who decided to give up gaming on weekdays.

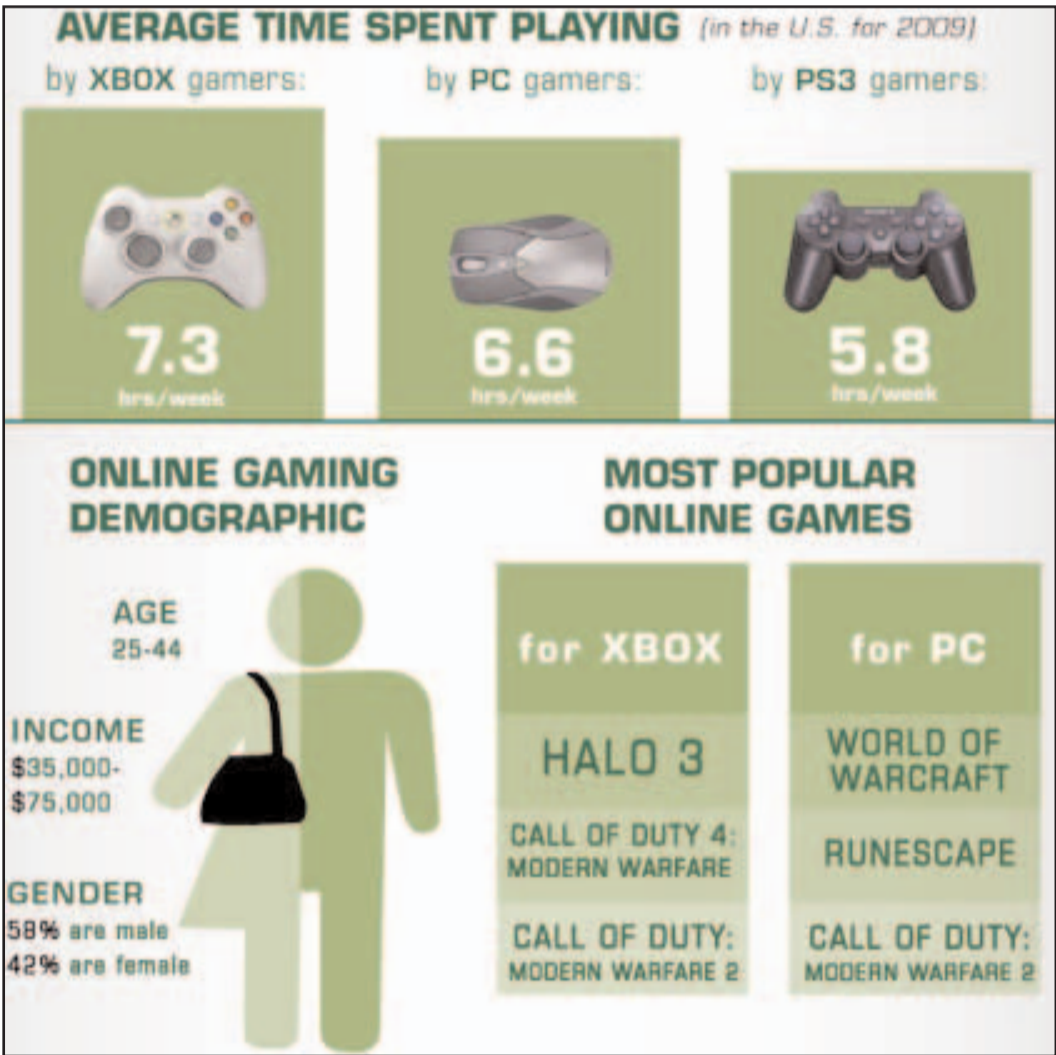
"There isn't any time for me to really get into my games during the week because of school. I mean, sure, I could play for a few minutes in between classes and homework, but that takes

the fun out of it for me. I just wait until the weekend now to get my gaming in because that's the only free time I ever have," the student said.

These two gamers came up with methods that work well with their lives and schedules so that they can play games and also get their studying time

in. Both methods are great and can be used for anyone who wants to keep playing their favorite games while in college.

Is gaming really worth it? Can a person always balance the world of academics and gaming? That is for you to decide for yourself.



Online MBA, a website that collects and organizes information around the internet, presents statistic graphics to summarize averages and most-commons for video gamers. The average age of gamers ranges from 25-44 years and these gamers play for a total of almost 20 hours a week on all three polled devices.

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This week, Thiel Learning Commons launched its "Reference Road Trip," the brainchild of Tressa Snyder.

Any college campus, big or small, can seem like a huge place with an untold number of opportunities available to each student. It may come as a surprise that some students do not know just how many opportunities are available to them. There are two sources available in the library – the library itself and The Learning Commons, or TLC. Both of these have a full staff who are ready to assist in whatever needs a student may have. For anyone who does not know, The Learning Commons is a place where students go when they want to do better in their classes. Tutoring, study groups, and mentoring are available.

"Groups are really full this year," said George Branch-Trevathan, TLC's director, who feels student involvement has really increased this year. "Sometimes, we get students who want to do better, but are not sure how to get into one of our groups." This can be frustrating, especially when a class grade is not high as expected or desired. The solution – just ask for help. All you need to do is go to The Learning Commons and ask anyone there for help in what you need.

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## Capital shoot out: Navy vet, police leave D.C in gore

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On September 16, 2013, the gunman Aaron Alexis of Fort Worth, Texas opened fire at the Washington Navy Yard, killing 13 people and sending the military installation into complete chaos.

According to FBI and Navy officials, Alexis was a one-time Navy contractor who received general discharge from the Reserve in 2011 after misconduct issues. Reuters names this attack the worst "since U.S. Army Major Nidal Hasan opened fire on unarmed soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas in 2009." The attack killed 13 people as well and wounded 31 others.

How the gunman entered the Naval Sea Systems Command Headquarters is unknown to authorities, but he entered around 8:30 a.m. Following his arrival, fire alarms sounded and security officials instructed everyone to flee the building.

"Everybody was panicking and trying to decide which way to get out. A few of us just ran out the side exit," Navy yard employee Patricia Ward said. Those who remained in their offices were instructed to stay there until the area was cleared. Security guards told people to "run, run, run," Ward said.

Though the gunman's motive and access capabilities remain unknown, an anonymous source told Reuters that two separate identification badges are required to access the area where the shooting took place: "one to get on the base and another to access the building."

According to officials, "the shooting rattled the U.S. capital, forcing the Federal Aviation Administration to briefly suspend departures at Reagan National Airport. The District of Columbia Public Schools put six schools and an administration building on lockdown as a precaution."

According to Washington D.C. resident and former Thiel student Daniel Dunlevy, police are offering rewards to any information leading to an arrest. Dunlevy says he saw Alexis flee in a vehicle near the White House and he, in turn, called 911 and reported the vehicle's make, model, and license plate number.

Alexis has a history with misconduct and investigators are still piecing together a possible motive, though police officers and active shooters fought a series of armed battles until he was killed, according to Washington Metropolitan Police Chief, Cathy Lanier.

Alexis was a Texas resident known to worship at a Buddhist temple. He served in the military and was most recently holding a job in the private sector, according to his father, Algernon Alexis. "This comes as a complete shock," the elder Alexis said in reference to his son's identification as the shooter. The motive of Alexis remains unknown.

## ‘A Small Town with Some Big Dreams’ Greenville celebrates, upgrades for 175th

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Better late than never! Greenville has recently celebrated its 175th anniversary and even though recently means in 2011, it's not too late to appreciate the individual moments leading up to the grand celebration.

Where would Greenville be without each promising year? Surely, this small city seems to have hit its prime a long time ago, but one visit to the Greenville Historical Society will prove otherwise. Greenville started out as a piece of land that was granted out to soldiers, back in 1797, but when soldiers didn't stay long and moved away, the only other option was to let settlers live on the land. With favorable land and accessible rivers, Greenville quickly became their home.

Sometime after, industries had slowly begun to develop all around, making it seem as if this new city was a success, but sadly, none of the industries lasted long. So the settlers of Greenville said goodbye to the canals, the convenience of reachable market, and all of the jobs that went with it.

However, they found that when one door closed, another one soon opened. Rail roads and shops were soon introduced, which brought even more jobs to the area. Unlike most factors of the past, those two features are still a promi-

nent part of Greenville today.

"Everyone needs to stop whimpering about the past and start looking towards the future. You survive, and you go on. History teaches us that there is change

and you must move forward," Janet Hills, the Archivist for the Greenville Historical Society, said.

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## Thiel Happenings

compiled by Keeley Criswell

### Wings & Sings: Saturday, Sept. 28 – 10 p.m.

If you are interested in singing, listening to other students attempt to sing, or just free wings, then come to the Bistro for Wings & Sings. Enjoy free wings AND free entertainment. And, while you are there, belt out a song.

### Poster Sale: Monday, Sept. 30 – 9 p.m.

Are the walls in your room too bare? You can change that by attending the poster sale in the HMSC Game Room. There will be posters available for all sorts of budgets, so come buy a poster (or 5)!

### One Minute to Win It:

Thursday, Oct. 3 – 9:30 p.m.

Have you ever seen that game show where people try to complete various tasks in a minute? While watching, have you ever thought 'I could do that!' Well, here if your chance! TAB will host its own version of the game show, One Minute to Win It, in the LHR. Be on the lookout for fliers. They will contain information on how to participate and the prizes that will be offered.

### Joshua Seth: Beyond Belief Show:

Wednesday, Oct. 9 – 8 p.m.

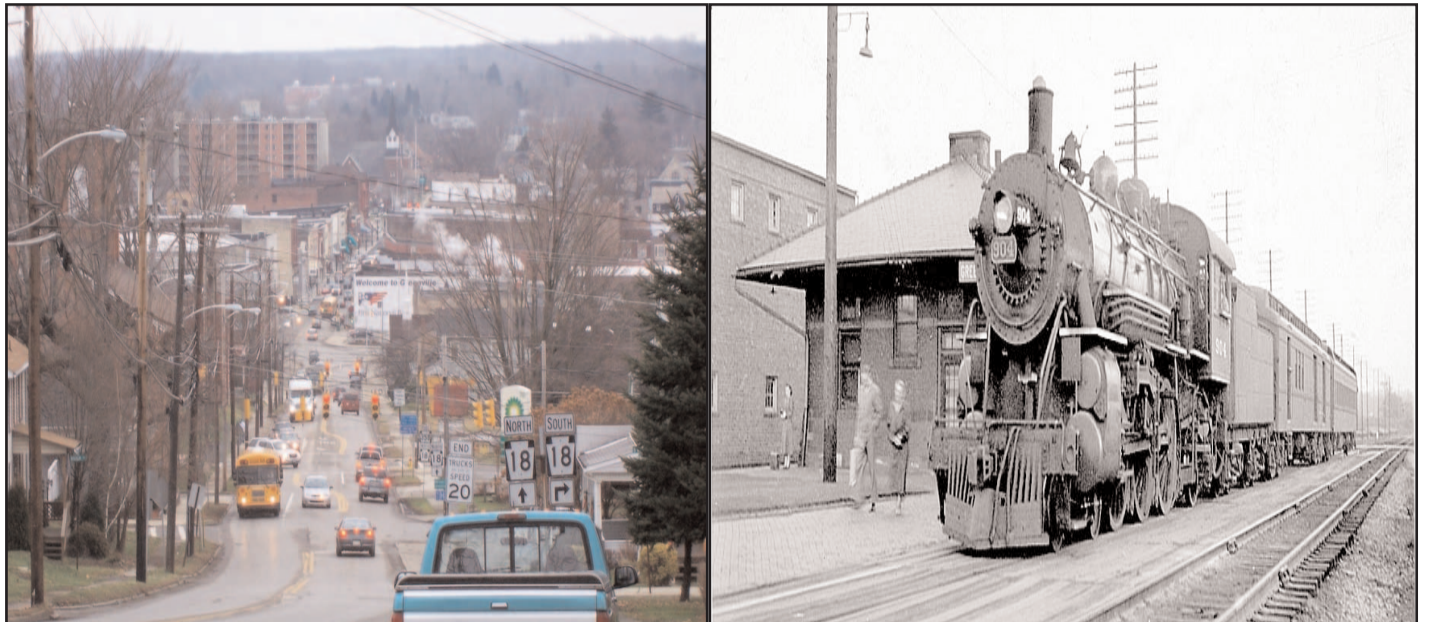
Are you looking for something out of the ordinary to do with your night? Come to the Passavant Center to see Seth, a college magician, place some of your fellow students under hypnosis. If you are brave, volunteer to experience the hypnosis firsthand.

### Thiel Trivia Tuesdays – 10 p.m.

Every Tuesday, TAB hosts a trivia game in the Bistro. A team must consist of at least two students, but can have more. The winning team(s) will receive a gift card.

## Greenville & its 175th Anniversary

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Fewer than 5 minutes down the road from Thiel is a town with over 175 years worth of history.

And moving forward is exactly what Greenville is doing. Greenville has so many unique opportunities to offer that are so often overlooked.

Besides being a nice place to live in general, this small city gives you the chance to experience cultural diversity and the choice to explore the sides of country, small city, and with larger cities just miles from here, bigger city living. Besides location, there are other assets that make Greenville what it is today, including the dozens of small shops that line the streets, each one offering a rare experience.

There is also Riverside Park, at which you can discover a handful of

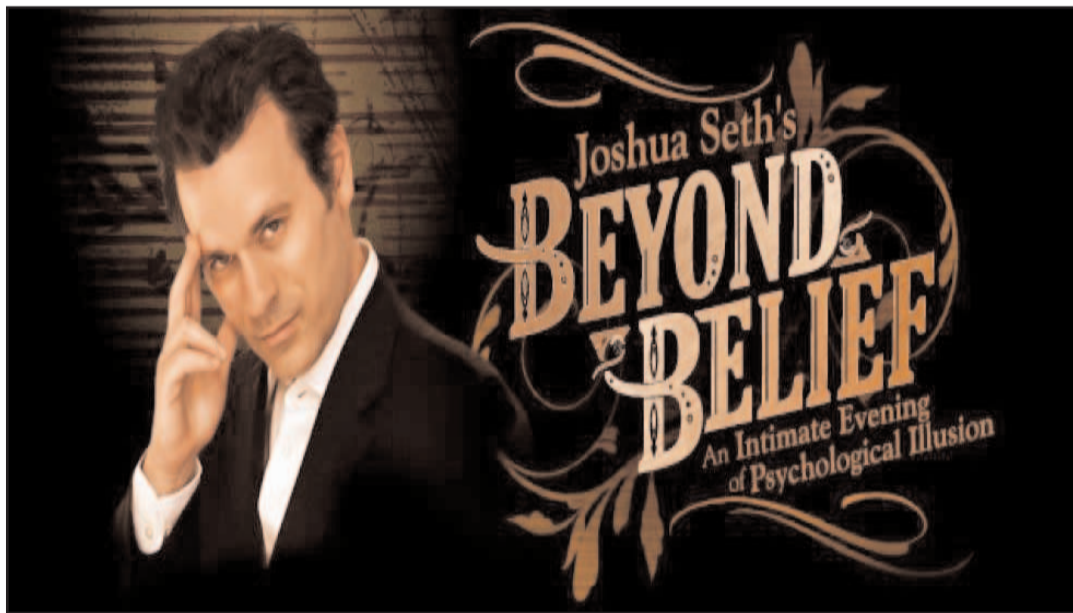
activities and experiences you couldn't find anywhere else. There are also a couple of groups forming that add exciting talk to this town and to just mention a couple: Neurological and deep brain stimulation as well as Greek revival.

And how could we forget the fact that Thiel College is located right in the heart of Greenville? Every year, there is a new sweep of youth that come through and help keep Greenville young and alive. We have the early local businessmen to thank for that. If it wasn't for their hard work and perseverance, enough money wouldn't have been raised to keep

Thiel College located here.

With such a big part missing, Greenville might have become a totally different place. But with everything here, as it should be, that doesn't stop the continuing progression. What that means for the citizens of Greenville is whether it's a week from now, a month from now, or a year from now; we will always be opening our doors to a new place.

"If you think about it, the only repeated factor for Greenville is change. I'm very excited for that," Hills exclaimed. This city is constantly developing into a more suitable place for dreamers.



## Vira I. Heinz Program

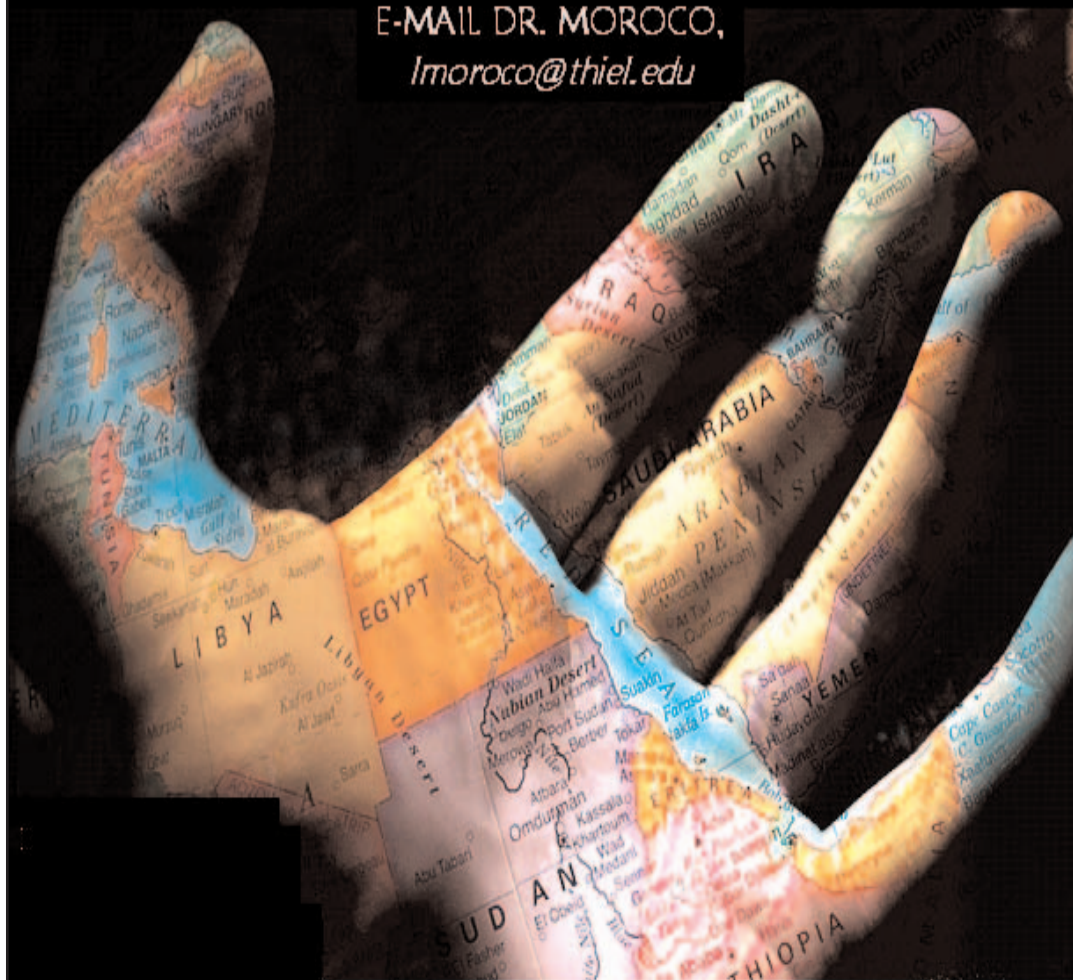
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## Wanna see a movie?

### BLY HALL PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS...

### This is the End:

Sunday, September 29 and Wednesday, October 2 – 9 p.m.

This comedy depicts the apocalypse with an added humorous tone. Several friends get together for a party only to have the rapture begin happening around them. This movie depicts their adventures from the beginning of the rapture to the point when they are all either dead or sent to heaven (due to last-minute changes of will). The movie stars Jay Baruchel, Seth Rogen, James Franco and includes an appearance by Emma Watson. If you're looking for a laugh, this one is for you.

### The Purge:

Sunday, October 6 and Monday, October 7 – 9 p.m.

This thriller film depicts the United States in the year 2022 (9 years from now). The U. S. is described as a "nation reborn" due to unemployment and crime being at an all-time low. This is the result of an event called "The Purge." Once a year, laws that govern criminal activity are suspended. Everything from theft to murder are completely legal.

The movie centers around one wealthy family in particular. Every year, this family turns on their state-of-the-art security system and waits for the 12 hours to end. But, this year, the son of the house allows someone from the outside world into their fortress. Things go downhill from there for the family. Watch this thriller unfold on the screen to see what happens.

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## Boys to Men: Fraternity Recruitment

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For Greek Life, rush week is one of the most exciting weeks of the fall semester.

For a number of the brothers in various fraternities, rush is a week that stands out in their minds as it signifying their initiation in a new family. For some, they joined because of influences of teammates in their sports. Others have a relative who was a member of one of the Greek organizations. Some joined just to get the complete college experience. No matter which fraternity they joined, they all started in the same place: rush week.

Also known as formal recruitment, rush week is an opportunity for the four fraternities on campus to meet prospective pledges and determine who they want to join their fraternity.

The week began on Sunday, Sept. 15th with an informational meeting in Bly Hall that consisted of presentations from the four fraternities on campus: Phi Theta Phi, Delta Sigma Phi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Kappa Sigma. Each presentation gave a little information about the national organization and the local chapter, their philanthropy, and, of course, when their rush party would be. Parties began the following night, with each party starting in the HMSC Game Room.

## Put It Where You Want It a success

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A long line for the event indicates how many people attended Put It Where You Want It

On Sept. 14, the Thiel Activities Board sponsored Put It Where You Want It, a free event for students. The event allowed participants to choose a design and have it screen-printed on a T-shirt, tote bag, or mouse pad. The most popular designs that students had printed were photos, pictures, and quotes.

The event had a very good turnout, and was so packed that it went over allotted supplies and T.A.B. eventually had to hand out tickets, causing a bit of upset from students who weren't able to participate.

Some students offered their suggestions for making the event run more smoothly. "It could have been better by having an e-mail

Parties began on Monday with Phi Theta Phi. The night started in the Academic Center for a more in-depth presentation and an icebreaker. The boys were then divided into teams and played a campus-wide game of Capture-the-Flag before heading to their house to hang out and watch TV.

Tuesday was the Delta Sigma Phi party. They took everyone down to their house and gave everyone ties. They had brothers in their living room to talk to, Super Smash Brothers Brawl set up on the TV for anyone to play, and Kan-Jam to be played outside. After conducting individual interviews with prospective pledges, they showed videos about the fraternity, including a video from the national organization.

Sigma Phi Epsilon held their party on Wednesday. They had brothers in their living room to talk to and music playing. They too conducted individual interviews to get to know prospective pledges. The night concluded with presentation and a video of their experiences as members of the fraternity.

Rounding out the rush parties was Kappa Sigma on Thursday. Their party consisted of a bonfire behind their house before heading to the freshman quad where they played Ultimate Frisbee.

Friday signaled bid distribution and signing. Students were instructed to remain in their rooms during a specified time so that the fraternities could deliver bids (invitations to join their organization). If a student received a bid, they were able to sign the bid in Greenville Hall from 5-6 p.m., and Monday until 5 p.m.

After a busy week, students receiving bids had a tough decision to make. Despite this, students eagerly awaited their bids to join a fraternity and make friends who would be with them for the rest of their lives.

sent out saying to bring your own design on a flash drive. It would have gone faster if people hadn't brought printed out paper designs," Nicole Johnston said.

On the whole, the event was well-received. "I thought it was a great event; it was nice to have a choice between a bag and a shirt," Johnston said.

"I liked how we were able to customize our own attire or items with a graphic we liked," Damian Buccilli said.

"It went swimmingly," Student Activities director Than Oo said.

Overall, the event was a success, and many students were able to participate.

## Sinfully Fun; Phi Theta Phi hosts Seven Deadly Sins Party

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Greek parties are popular weekend events.

On the night of the infamous "Friday the 13th," the brothers of Phi Theta Phi hosted a Seven Deadly Sins party. Like most parties at Thiel, it started out slow. However, by about 10:30 p.m., things had picked up, and groups of people began coming through the door.

"It seemed to be larger than other parties

that Phi Theta Phi has had in the past, and that is a good thing," said Chelsey Cook. Clearly people were looking for a release after a long week of classes, and that is exactly what students said.

"With recruitment coming up, I knew that this week would be stressful," said an anonymous student. "Plus, I just had a bad week. So I wanted a break. I wanted to de-stress so that I could go into this week feeling good."

Asia Branch was the D.J. for the party. Branch tried to play the music that attendees would like, and the majority of partygoers agreed that the music sounded great.

"The music wasn't exactly my type, but Asia had a great flow. I wish that the music hadn't stopped early," said Kara Bussard. The party ended around 1:00 am.

As with all parties, the theme was not mandatory, but dressing to fit the theme certainly added to the enjoyment. While not everyone in attendance stuck to the theme, those that did liked it. Each of the deadly sins was represented, although lust was the most popular. One Phi Theta Phi brother even dressed as a priest to offset all of the sins.

Most people that attended the party had a good time, and attendees wait anxiously for the brothers of Phi Theta Phi to host another.

## No Booze, No Boys, No Problem

Formal Recruitment 2013

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Formal recruitment for fall of 2013 took place the week of Sept. 15-20. Any full-time female student maintaining at least a 2.5 GPA was eligible to join one of the four sororities on campus: Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, Sigma Kappa, or Zeta Tau Alpha.

In the Lutheran Heritage Room on Sunday night, 12 girls lined the stage wearing bright pink shirts with blue letters reading: "We gave up our letters to help you find yours." These girls, called Rho Gammas, gave up the letters of their affiliated sorority through formal recruitment in order to assist potential new members in finding their sorority. Rho Gammas walk new members to each party, answer any questions, and provide moral support and reassurance throughout the week.

The week began with a night of meet and greet parties. The new members were split into four groups, each assigned three Rho Gammas. Each group visited all four of the sororities for 25 minutes in order to become familiar with what each sorority is and what they do.

The following two nights included two parties each night, both lasting 45 minutes. These parties gave potential new members more of a chance to interact with active sisters, learn about their philanthropy, and ask questions.

Preference parties occurred the night before bid day. New members must have received an invitation in order to attend these parties; they could have received up to four, but were only able to accept two. They were able to decline any others "with interest," meaning they are still considering them, but did not have time to attend their parties. These parties are more formal and are the final opportunity new members have to interact with the active sisters before decision time.

Bid day followed the final night of parties. New members waited in their dorm rooms for their Rho Gammas to deliver the bids they received. It was up to each new member to decide whether or not she signed the bid. That night was dedicated to the new members as they got to know their new sisters. Those who did not receive a bid have another chance to join through Informal Recruitment in the spring.

## Spell Check: Thiel Spelling Bee separates the good from the great

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On Thurs. Sept. 12, a group of well-versed individuals gathered together to flaunt their spelling skills in a good old-fashioned spelling bee.

Or rather, that's what a normal spelling bee would be like. Here at Thiel College, things are done a little differently.

At 9:30 pm, a scraggly group of students from all age levels and social groups gathered in the Lutheran Heritage room to watch their peers compete for the title of Thiel Spelling Bee Champion. Several unwitting audience members were coerced into participation on the spur of the moment, lured in by the temptation of first prize: a Nintendo 3DS, complete with a Super Mario game.

As the competition began, about twenty students filed together, mentally psyching themselves up for the showdown. Rows of students muttering "I before e" and struggling to remember whether or not "indictment" does in fact have a silent "e" were brought to attention when the first contestant was called to the stage, and the bee began.

At the conclusion of the first round, about half of the original contestants had been knocked out for misspellings. Due to a lack of remaining contestants, more contestants were sought from the crowd. Anyone wishing to join in the fun had only to spell the correct amount of words (one for the first round, two to get into the second round, et. cetera) in order to be allowed into the competition. If a competitor was disqualified, his or her name was put into a hat, from which four wildcards would be drawn in the final round.



On bid day, Greek organizations eagerly await their new bids.



Spelling bee champion Cheyanne Fedder

After several mind-bending rounds, only two competitors remained. The final word: "psychiatry." After a failed attempt to spell the word by the first contestant, Cheyanne Fedder stepped up to the microphone. With a heroic burst of literary prowess, Fedder successfully spelled "psychiatry," earning her spot in the annals of Thiel Spelling Bee history.

When asked about her win, Fedder replied, "I'm surprised... I've been relying on spell check."

Though according to Thiel Activities director Than Oo there are no plans on the horizon for another spelling bee, it is clear that those who attended had a fun time competing for the Nintendo 3DS and realizing what really matters: that mischievous has two "i's" in it, not one.

## Apple Unveils iPhone 5c and iPhone 5s

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During a special event on Sept. 11, 2013, Apple CEO Tim Cook unveiled not one but two newly redesigned iPhones in order to appeal to loyal fans. The world watched in awe as the iPhone 5s and the iPhone 5c came to life on the big screen. The multicolored iPhone 5c appeared before the crowds of eager Apple fans enthusiasts. It sports a machine-refined plastic shell reinforced with a steel frame that also serves as a powerful antenna. The frame is made up of individual pieces that are laser welded to the shell in order to form a precise fit. The shell is coated in a clear lacquer hard coat that gives it a glossy and hard feeling. The iPhone 5c is available in 5 beautiful colors: pink, yellow, green, blue, and white.

The camera in the phone has been updated to allow HD pictures and videos to be taken, but still comes at the standard eight megapixels. The same ultrafast LTE wireless network and A6 processor that were used in the iPhone 5 are also used in the iPhone 5c. With a contract, a 16GB iPhone 5c costs \$99, and the 32GB version costs \$199.

The iPhone 5s features Apple's brand new dual-core A7 processor. The processor supports 64-Bit architecture allowing the chip to hold more memory. In addition to the A7 chip, Apple has also added a motion co-processor chip called the M7. This chip allows the applications that are running to be aware of the type of movement

that the user is experiencing at that moment; examples of activity include driving, walking, running or sleeping. The M7 chip also collects, analyzes, processes, and stores sensor data. This means that even when the device is asleep, applications will retrieve previous data when the iPhone is powered up again. This process allows for an increased battery life by limiting the power draw of the device. The camera in the iPhone 5s has also been updated to allow for crystal clear HD videos and pictures. With a contract, this device will cost \$199 for the 16GB model, \$299 for the 32GB model, and \$399 for the 64 GB model.

While both phones have been crafted to best utilize iOS 7, the main selling point of the iPhone 5s is the finger-print identity sensor. This new security feature is Apple's latest attempt to improve cyber security. Instead of using a passcode, the iPhone 5s uses a finger-print scanner to read, encode, and save your fingerprint within the phone. At a swipe of your finger, your phone instantly unlocks allowing you quicker access to your phone. Apple has also incorporated this fingerprint into iTunes. Now, in order to make a purchase you just have to swipe your finger. The hope is that users will no longer need to worry about other people using their accounts to purchase content without permission. The iPhone 5s is poised to become Apple's new flagship device.



Aside from the new colors, the iPhone 5c and iPhone 5s resemble the iPhone 5. However, the new iPhone 5s has the new M7 chip and an improved chip, the A7. These chips enable improved graphics, a better camera, and greater speed.

## Abroad

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The women who win the Vira Heinz scholarship attend two weekend retreats. One of these takes place in the spring, before the women study abroad. The second retreat takes place in the fall. Pictured is the 2013 Cohort during their spring retreat.

Many students worry that studying abroad is too expensive for them. However, there are ways to mitigate that cost.

One such way is by studying during the summer. Because many summer programs are shorter than semester-long programs, they are cheaper. Another way to mitigate cost is by considering many different countries for study. Prices of programs and cost of living can vary greatly depending on the country. Still, studying abroad is a financial investment, and scholarships can help greatly.

One great resource for women who wish to study abroad during the summer is the Vira Heinz Scholarship. Every year, three women from Thiel receive this scholarship. With it, they receive both financial and personal support. The program awards \$5,000 to women at various colleges across the state. Apart from this monetary allotment, the program also provides awardees with a support network of like-minded students and faculty across the state and at Thiel. This support network manifests itself in the form of mentors and retreats that help prepare women not only for their study-abroad experience but also to be leaders.

"The retreats are like spa weekends for intellectuals," said Victoria Challingsworth, who studied in Argentina.

The first retreat, which takes place in the spring, centers on developing intercultural competencies and global perspectives. The aim of this retreat is to help prepare students to go abroad. Women are asked to interview an international student at their school before attending this retreat. During last semester's retreat, students spent time learning about tolerance through activities such as the Latin American Festival, Women & Islam and Flamenco dancing. After the Spring retreat, the women finalized their plans to travel abroad. This included booking flights, planning transport from the airport to the location of study, and planning any

additional travel. Vira Heinz staff was always available to answer individuals' questions, and other awardees were always available for encouragement.

"The support network of students and faculty that VIH provides is one of the things that set this program apart. The supportive energy that is provided really gives you the confidence to push beyond what you think is possible," said Grace Hildebrand who studied in Prague, Czech Republic.

During the summer, Vira Heinz awardees embark on their adventures. In order to receive the Vira Heinz award, a student's program must take place in one country for at least 4 weeks. This past summer, women from the 2013 cohort traveled for various lengths of time that spanned from 4 weeks to 16. After returning to the United States, awardees attend another conference that focuses on analyzing different aspects of their cultural experiences. They collectively process their international experiences and then extend them into developmental experiences. Throughout the retreat, particular emphasis is placed on the intersection of gender and leadership.

After students return from the second retreat, they begin to work on a Community Engagement Experience (CEE). This is an event that is meant to help service a need in the communities of awardees. The women use their new-found skills, knowledge and passions to impact their local communities in a positive, innovative way. The CEE centers on the concept of 'Think Globally; Act Locally.'

Applications for the summer of 2014 are due Friday, November 1, 2013 at 4pm. The woman applying must be a Sophomore or Junior full-time Thiel student with a GPA of at least 3.0 and must never have been outside the country. For more information, please contact Dr. Morocco, [lmorocco@thiel.edu](mailto:lmorocco@thiel.edu) or go online to [www.viraheinz.pitt.edu](http://www.viraheinz.pitt.edu).

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## Than Oo: the new Thiel sensation

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One of the newest members of Thiel's staff is Than Oo, director of student activities and Greek life.

Oo, over the course of his life, has lived in Australia, Thailand, Japan, and a short stint in France. His father, a diplomat, eventually arrived with the family in New York, where Than decided to go to college. "I went to Delhi College, a little bit bigger than Thiel with about 2500 students," said Oo. The college had a very similar situation to Thiel: small college town, not much to do outside of campus.

Oo graduated with a business degree and took a year off to work with the hospitality business, where he was charged with sales and marketing through Charter 1, a hotel chain company.

"After a year, I decided I really wanted to go back to a college environment in student affairs, so I enrolled at the grad program at Bingham University," said Oo, who served there as an RD. "My main job was to book acts for every weekend—we had a 'late night' program, with shows every Friday and Saturday nights. A lot of bands came through: performers, comedians, novelty acts."

Bingham proved to be a culture shock; for instance, Oo worked with Greek life for programming and events, connecting him with the 50 different Greek organizations on the campus.

Oo is very appreciative of a small campus' value. "It's all about the attention you can give to students. At a large school, you really can get lost; at a more intimate institution, as staff and faculty, we have more opportunity to



Than Oo is the new man on campus in the activities department.

connect with our students and tailor the overall experience for them. When I started looking for jobs, Thiel popped up, and the job description really appealed to what I wanted to get back. I was very fortunate." The rest, as they say, is history.

Students have been very receptive to Than and his ideas. "His fresh outlook on things and personable nature make him a phenomenal director of student activities and Greek life," Dominic

Licata, a sophomore, said. "It's definitely a plus from years past."

"More students are active and there's more to do," Dylan Lasher, a junior, said.

Others agree: "He's got a lot more going on campus than other directors have done. And the pop-up events are really smart," added Sami Fennel, a fifth-year senior.

Like @thielactivities on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for updates on the latest events.

## Thiel College Learning Commons

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*The library offers many different methods for study and activities throughout the semester. Plus, the helpful and welcoming staff is a huge bonus!*

It's that simple, and you do not have to be excelling in a class to use The Learning Commons: "We believe in equipping and encouraging for success," Mr. Branch-Trevathan said.

Among the staff dedicated to assist you, one person finds the time to handle multiple areas in the library and The Learning Commons. Tressa Snyder is the go-to person for any research needs.

"The library is open 80 hours a week, so please ask any questions," she says.

The first floor is somewhat unconventional from other libraries, because students do not have to be quiet here, which makes finding assistance a little easier and more open.

"There are math and writing labs in the upper levels of the library where students will be there to help if needed," Ms. Snyder explains, "And the articles we have in our research database are high quality." Snyder is also the coordinator for Disability Services in The Learning Commons, so she splits her time up between both locations.

"I have had students who never used the library, and I had to show them how to use the database," Snyder said. So, to get the word out so that students know how to do research earlier than his or her junior or senior years, the library has plans to do what they call a "Reference Road Trip." The idea is that the staff will go to places like the bistro or the academic hall by Bly, and they would be there to answer questions and assist students with their research. Snyder especially wants to be there during midterms and finals when students may be a little too busy to come to the library itself.

"We're trying to get the word out," Mr. Branch-Trevathan concludes, "That any student is welcome, and we're all here to help out." This message applies to every resource on the campus, whether it is the experts over at IT, a professor in one of your classes, or any of the staff members at the library or The Learning Commons. So, simply ask, and you will be surprised at the number of people ready to help you find your way.

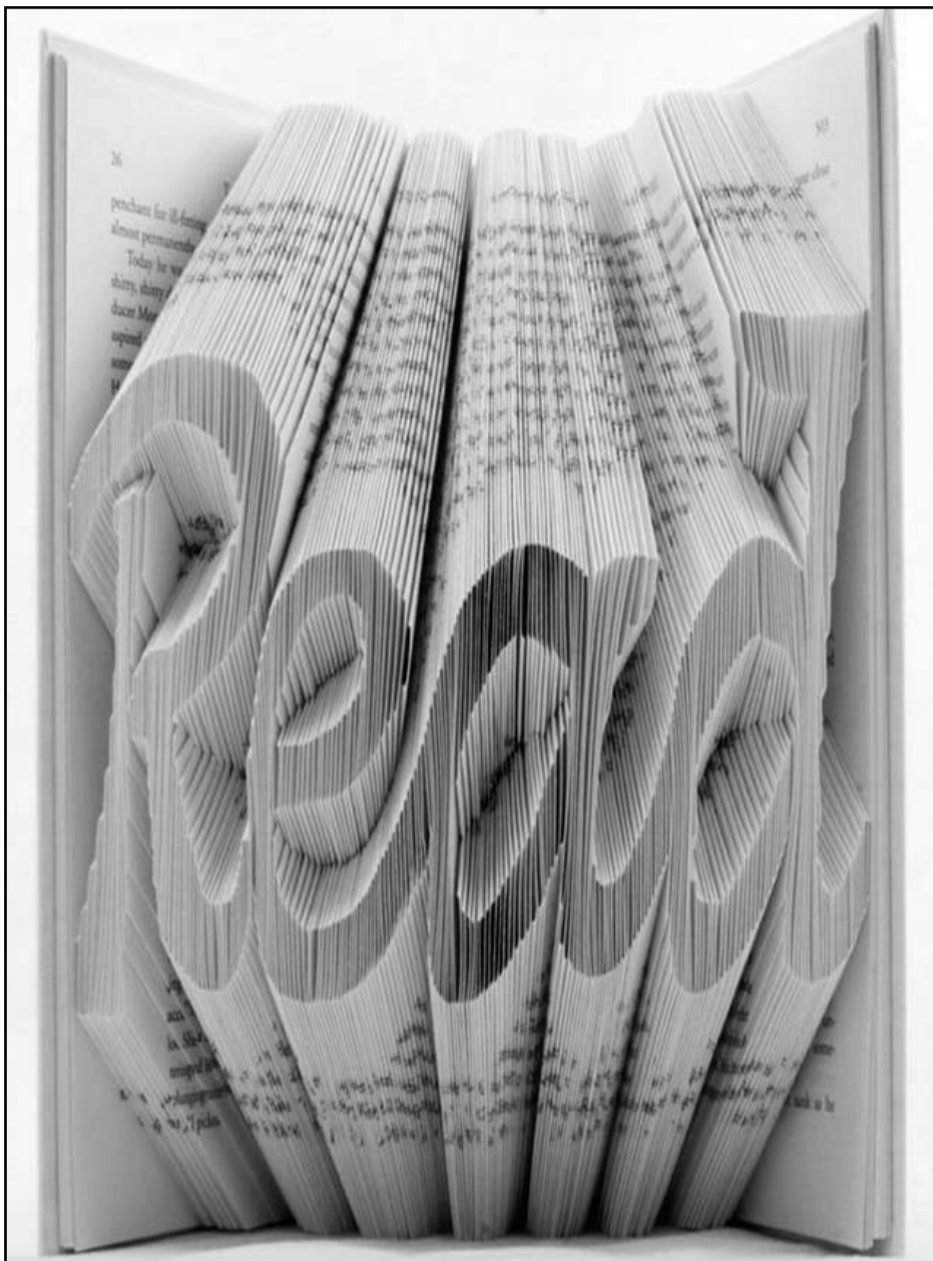
## It's Never Too Late to Pick Up a Book

by Sunham Choi, [SChoi860@thiel.edu](mailto:SChoi860@thiel.edu)

Literature is the representative of life. Literature is a universal language that we have to read well and appreciate it. However, do students read literature much? "Most students familiarize themselves with the required "literature" of their disciplines so in the expanded definition of "literature" as works that reflect the knowledge and scholarship of various professions," Dr. Mary Theresa Hall, Professor of English said. She gave the widened definition of these days' "literature". In this perspective, she answered that students are reading their point of literature. "However, I would love to see students read the classical and contemporary pieces of world, British, and American literature, too, so that they could see how their disciplines and professions intersect with the universal themes of works that have withstood the test of time," she added.

However, there are many obstacles for students to read classical literature. Even some of the college students are addicted to TV and games. Especially from international students' point of view, reading English literature is another huge mountain to climb over. They already have many things to read in class. Most of all, language is the biggest problem when reading English literature. Literature uses a lot of metaphors and hidden implications. Some of the symbols in literature are represented in unfamiliar words. For example, old words which frequently appear in English literature, such as "thy", "thou", "hath", and "doth", are totally new to international students because they have never learned these words before. When international students attempt to read the Old English literature, he or she will get in trouble because of complex syntax systems which are used only in the old periods. "I had difficulty when I was reading classical Old English poems, especially words and phrases were difficult. When reading short stories, words and syntax systems are a problem. I often fail to understand the whole meaning while translating each word," Yeseul Yoon, international student who majors in English literature said.

"In addition, different cultures and histories are also obstacles." Yoon added. International students are not familiar with Western cultures. Not only that, they lack knowledge of America's historical background. It is hard for anyone to read Benjamin



Franklin's "Autobiography" or Thomas Paine's "Common Sense" without understanding the Enlightenment period and the changing current of society and culture. If students do not know how the situation of Medieval Europe was, they will have difficulty reading "Sir Gawain and the Green Knight", because it has one of the most important key features of Medieval Europe: the idea of chivalry. These are what international students do not have, which makes them far more difficult to catch up with other students in reading English literature.

As Dr. Hall suggested before, the most important thing that students know when reading literature is that literature is not separated from our life. "How does a leader such as Beowulf

parallel today's world leaders? What can our leaders and what can we ourselves learn from these characters who lived "long ago and far away"?" she said. "A grounding in literature enables our students to see how wonderfully contemporary and applicable the humanities are to our everyday lives. All of us could do with reading more literature in the tradition of which both "instructs and delights" as well as that which is "the best that has been thought in the world." Her examples give lessons for both American and international students to keep in mind when reading literature. Although reading literature could be a difficult work to do for students, understanding literature as a universal language will give us a delight of reading them.

## Honors Remodeled; Thiel Honors Program Receives Makeover

by Paul Demmel, [pdemmel@thiel.edu](mailto:pdemmel@thiel.edu)

Honors, the one thing every student really tries to strive for. Not all can accomplish this hard task, but the ones that do strive for an academic standard like no other. This year at Thiel, something new is worth fighting for amongst the honors society; the Dietrich Honors Institute has become a new way of learning for freshman academia.

What makes this year's classes different from years prior? "Well, instead of it just being labeled as an 'honors' course, or just having a harder class, we have a more specially designed program, that also has different core requirements from other honor programs here at Thiel." Curtis Thompson, director of the DHI said.

This year will be a lot different for scholarly learning. New things will be happening and big ideas will change the way students learn. For example, there are new courses that help students understand the connections among people. The new honors program also entails a lot more for the culturally-amusing side of the college life style. This includes the Symposium for Excellence, which lets honors students relax and meet their peers to discuss ideas that they may not have the opportunity to talk about in class. Along with the symposium, the honors students get a chance to go on trips across the states, as well as a possibility to get to study abroad in countries such as Greece and Italy.

With all of these new changes, is there some sort of new funding that could help them achieve the goal of enlightened learning that has been long strived for? In fact yes, there has been a \$25 million trust fund that was given to the school, but not all directly the honors program itself. The new honors program was actually the first bene-

ficiary in the schools line of new renovations. The program received about three percent of the full trust fund, and the rest will be left in the bank for growth.

As for these news changes, the staff seems excited for the year to come. "Everyone is fantastic," Curtis Thompson said with optimism. He is excited for the New Year, as well as next year for the recruitment has already begun. With this kind of excitement, the New Year will never seem dull for an honors student. "I believe the Dietrich Honors Institute can change Thiel College," Curtis Thompson said in anticipation for this new program. Thompson praises the many scholars in the program. He believes all will achieve much in the years to come.



*Pictured is William Dietrich the man who made this new honors program possible. He had high hopes for Thiel and the honors program.*

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## CULTURE SHOCK: “It’s not wrong, just different.”

by Claire Lee, clee@thiel.edu

At the end of August, international students that were from Korea, Japan, and Russia came to Thiel College. After arriving at Thiel College, the thirty international students received informational brochures about campus life.

In the brochures there were descriptions of ‘Stages of Culture Shock’, ‘Symptoms of Culture Shock’, ‘Recovery Method’ and more about ‘Culture Shock’, which was really a conspicuous section. It can be estimated through that description above that most foreign students have met culture shock.

According to material about culture shock, many foreign students experience culture shock while living in another country and they need time to adjust to a new culture and environment.

The first thing that I was surprised about was the restrooms in the United States. The bottom length of each restroom door is too open and it’s really different in my country. In my country, the door is placed lower than the doors in the United States. In Korea it’s really hard to see other feet unlike in the United States. Furthermore, Americans use shower booths with only a curtain.

In Korea, we can’t imagine using a shower booth except with a door lock device. I think that means the United States is pretty open and free about them.

MyeongYoung Shin, a junior in English and management said, “It’s really unique to greet people we don’t know and talk to everyone and also the people we don’t know. Even if, we don’t know each other, we exchange greetings.”

In addition, we can see a more free styled classroom than what we are used to in Korea.

Sera Jung, a junior in sociology said, “Students don’t hesitate to ask questions in class and professors don’t make fun of students’ behavior.”

In my thinking, American minds are opened just like the bottom length of the restroom door has such a large opening.

Can only international students feel culture shock? We need to hear American students’ opinions.

Jenna Mucklo, a sophomore in Secondary Education said, “Americans don’t usually share their food at dinner. I learned sharing food from ex-international student Sung Eun Kwak.” Jenna knows how to approach an international student and make them feel relaxed, as she learned new culture from her foreign friend.

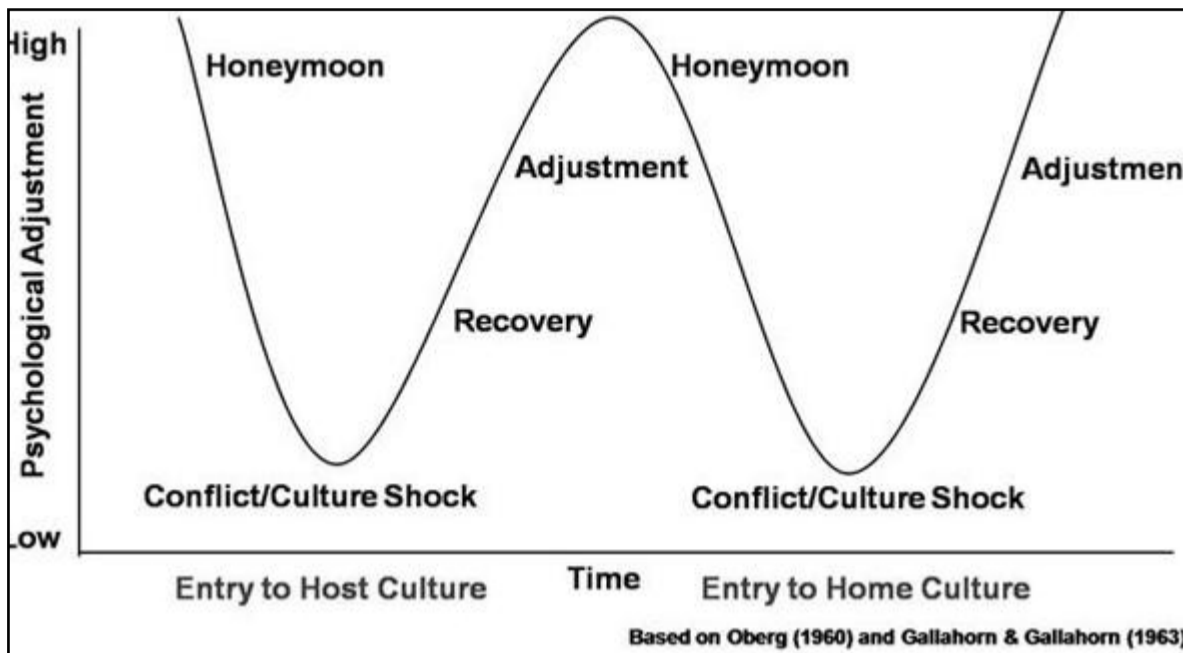
However, time and effort is needed to get to know each other. Clarissa Whippo, a sophomore in Communication Sciences and Disorders said, “I think it’s sometimes hard to switch words or phrases from one language to the other language. In that process, some funny things and incomprehensible things often happen.”

Alexandra Porter, a sophomore in Biology said, “I can be more open minded and relaxed to other culture, because I usually enjoy seeing Asian animation. So, my roommate is a Korean girl. I don’t feel any culture shock.”

From these interviews, we can notice American students give efforts to understand other culture as much as international students do.

However, even if there are various differences, we can notice there are passive students and active students, positive facility and negative facility, and advantages and disadvantages anywhere. As seeing both sides, we should not blame our disadvantages but prosper in our advantages we have everywhere.

Also, college students who are not only international students but also American students should learn how to cope with changes and differences.



Thiel offers an employment program where American students pair up with International students and hang out a few times a week. If you are interested, you can inquire about the Conversation Leader position in the Student Life office.

## TOOMBS TIME

by Sara Toombs, stoomb@thiel.edu



It’s the first official Toombs Time of the year, now that everyone has gotten back into their individual day to day. The summer joy of sleeping until noon has been replaced by the grind of the 9 to 5 (or 8, if you’re particularly unlucky). It is this reinstallation of rigorous scheduling that has me thinking about today’s topic: time.

Time is one of those words better left undefined. It falls into the same category as love, faith, and freedom – people would say they know what time is and how to define it, but when asked, surprisingly few could probably respond. Time is something that is measured, but also unquantifiable. In short – this concept isn’t easy to write in 500 words.

Seventeenth century philosophy revolved around a concept called mechanism, the doctrine that nature can be determined mechanically and explained by quantifying sciences like physics and chemistry. Philosophers at the time viewed the universe as a great machine, ticking away in a series of specified processes, much like a clock. Time, and the ability to measure each moment, changed the course of human existence. Life became predictable, definite, and restrained.

It seems that four centuries later, this existence has been magnified. Life is measured in every way possible, but

that part is obvious. Our daily lives are busy and fleeting, scheduled down to the minute, color-coded, and pin-labeled. The less obvious part is the way this habit of scheduling has changed the entire development of our lifespan. From birth, we are wound up and thrown into the gears of our own clock. Time is constantly working against us, and we have to plan our next move at every moment. Because heaven forbid we fall off schedule.

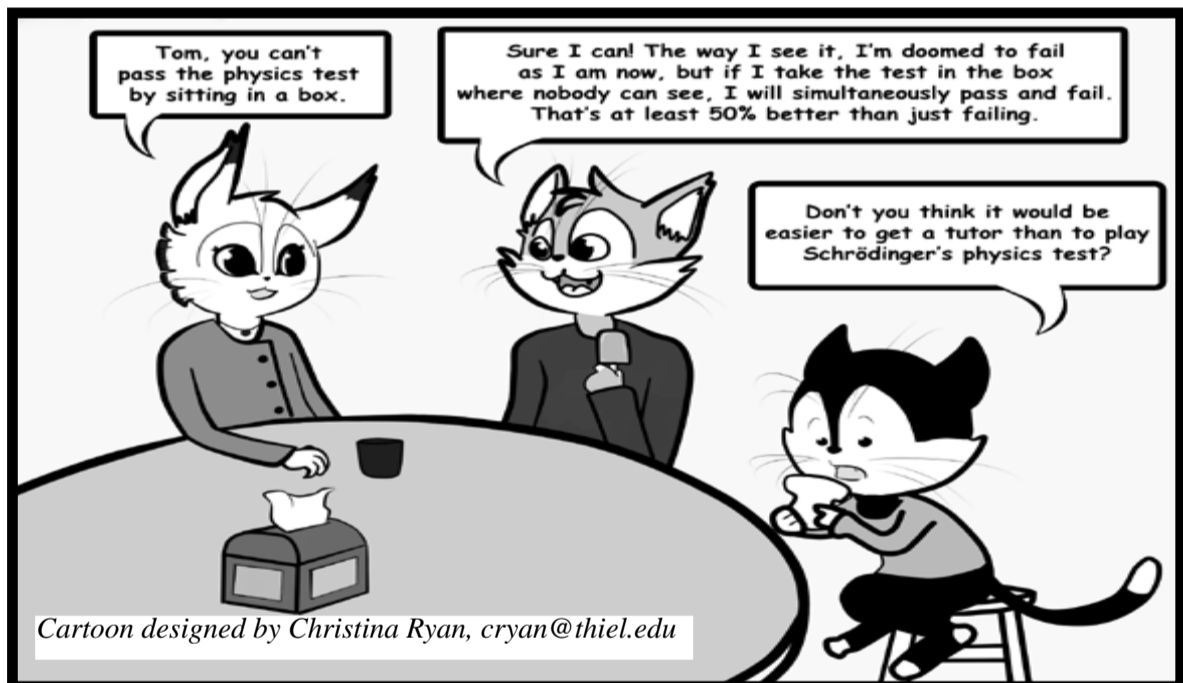
6 hours a day in preschool to go 8 hours a day in elementary school to spend 14 hours a day in class and practice and tutoring at high school to move 4 hours away to go to college and take classes in 55 minute intervals to graduate in exactly 4 years to start a healthy 35 year plan and retire just in time for the clock to stop ticking. Time is a terrifying thing.

I can’t say that this life doesn’t work. I can’t say everyone is unhappy. But I often wonder what would change if time ceased to exist. What would people live for, if not for the next step?

The idea that we could escape this machine is vastly idealistic. Life is the way it is, and it functions, so why fix what people don’t think is broken? But it would be interesting to know what would change if we suddenly didn’t have to plan anymore. If the future wasn’t our main priority, and we could live outside of our perfectly scheduled plan, each moment would seem so much longer.

Imagine the freedom of taking an entire day and not knowing what time is was. Now try a week. A year? You would exist solely for the purpose of whatever sustains you in a moment, whatever brings you meaning and satisfaction in that instance. Without time, would we still worry about tomorrow?

The idea is definitely a daydream, but it raises the question of what really matters. If the schedule we are locked into right now doesn’t bring us happiness, or at least lead in the direction of a passion, what exactly are we waiting for?



## Why your favorite movie is terrible... featuring Forrest Gump

by Andrew Denson, adenson@thiel.edu

**\*\*\*WARNING: This article is meant to be offensive and is based off the offensive online blog, “Why your favorite team sucks.” Please do not read if you become offended easily. This “review” is based off the movie Forest Gump, which is a comedy about the life of a mentally-challenged individual. \*\*\*\***

### The Movie:

Forrest Gump, the ultimate tale of how one mentally-handicapped man impacted every single significant event from the 50’s to the 80’s, because that was a thing once.

### The Character:

Forrest Gump, the backwoods version of Superman. Never has being a dude from Alabama seemed so moderately exciting. He literally does everything. Seriously, it’s like his life was one big Make-A-Wish. Play college football, travel to Asia, become a professional athlete, shrimp boat captain, and shareholder of some “Fruit Company”. Only negative was basically losing everyone he cared about, and Lieutenant Dan’s legs.

### Character Everyone Loves to Hate:

B\*%\$# of the Year (aka. Jenny Gump), literally the most evil character since the guy who shot Bambi’s mom. Like seriously, no death in movie history was more needed than her (except Dobby, but that’s another time). First off, you are the only friend of a mentally-challenged man, you might not want to make him feel bad after sitting in the rain while you sleaze it up

with some rando. And of course after that comes the most disturbing scene where she forces herself on Forrest, only for Forrest to have no idea what is going on. You cannot tell me Jenny did not expect this. He literally just told you he has never been with a woman before (except for all of those girls in his Home Economics Class) and to top off the scene she uses her roommates robe to clean up. Seriously? So Jenny becomes a hippie after a brief period as a naked singer. She tells Forrest to run away and, this is when when he goes to Vietnam, so kind of bad advice. Jenny eventually becomes a drugged up, cracked up, Black Panther. That is eventually followed by an abusive relationship, then has a child, and finally becomes a waitress (isn’t it usually in the opposite order?). Along the way she catches AIDS, which she does not tell Forrest until after she gives him sweet love, tells him he does not know what love is, and produces a little Gump Jr. Do you realize that now more than likely the Gumps have AIDS? Great parenting Jen. Good riddance Jenny.

### Why The Movie is Awful:

When you ask any fan of this

movie (including myself) why they like it so much, they will give you the generic “because it’s a great movie”. So what? You could make a case for Tom Hanks acting ability, but Tom Hanks is good in everything he does. Yet, you never hear anyone say Ladykillers was a good movie, even though it starred Hanks. You cannot like the plot, because I say so that’s why. And they finish everyone’s story very awkwardly. For instance, how the heck did Lieutenant Dan find the most unattractive Asian woman ever and marry her? He is a war hero with super legs and you are telling me that is the best he could find? And that stupid feather and the cheesy dialogue, and curious George, and the stupid feather (seriously, what was that?) And why didn’t Dorothy Harris, the bus driver not age a day between Forrest’s first day of school and Little Forrest’s first day, and why does she not have at least a hole in her throat from all the chain smoking.

### 3 Best Parts of the Movie:

1. “COONS!!!!”
2. Really? Elvis stole moves from a crippled kid.
3. You seriously didn’t know the kid was yours?



Forest Gump is a classic movie about the life of Forest Gump. Along the way he becomes involved with major history events and some interesting individuals. It’s a movie that people love to hate.

Opinion Poll: “What is the best way to study?”



**Marquis Jackson**  
“Study /review the notes you receive from class for about 20 minutes every day with friends.”



**Tanner Stallard**  
“Manage your resources, use mnemonic devices, and don’t stress the small things - relax.”



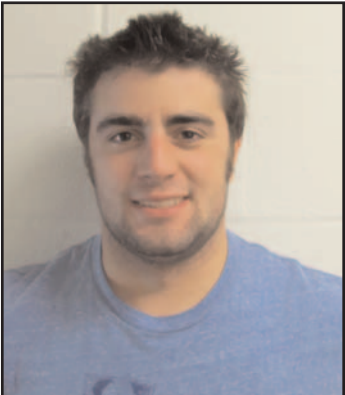
**Vanessa Burlingame**  
“Read notes and make flashcards.”



**Chelsey Cook**  
“Study notes and go to what is available.”

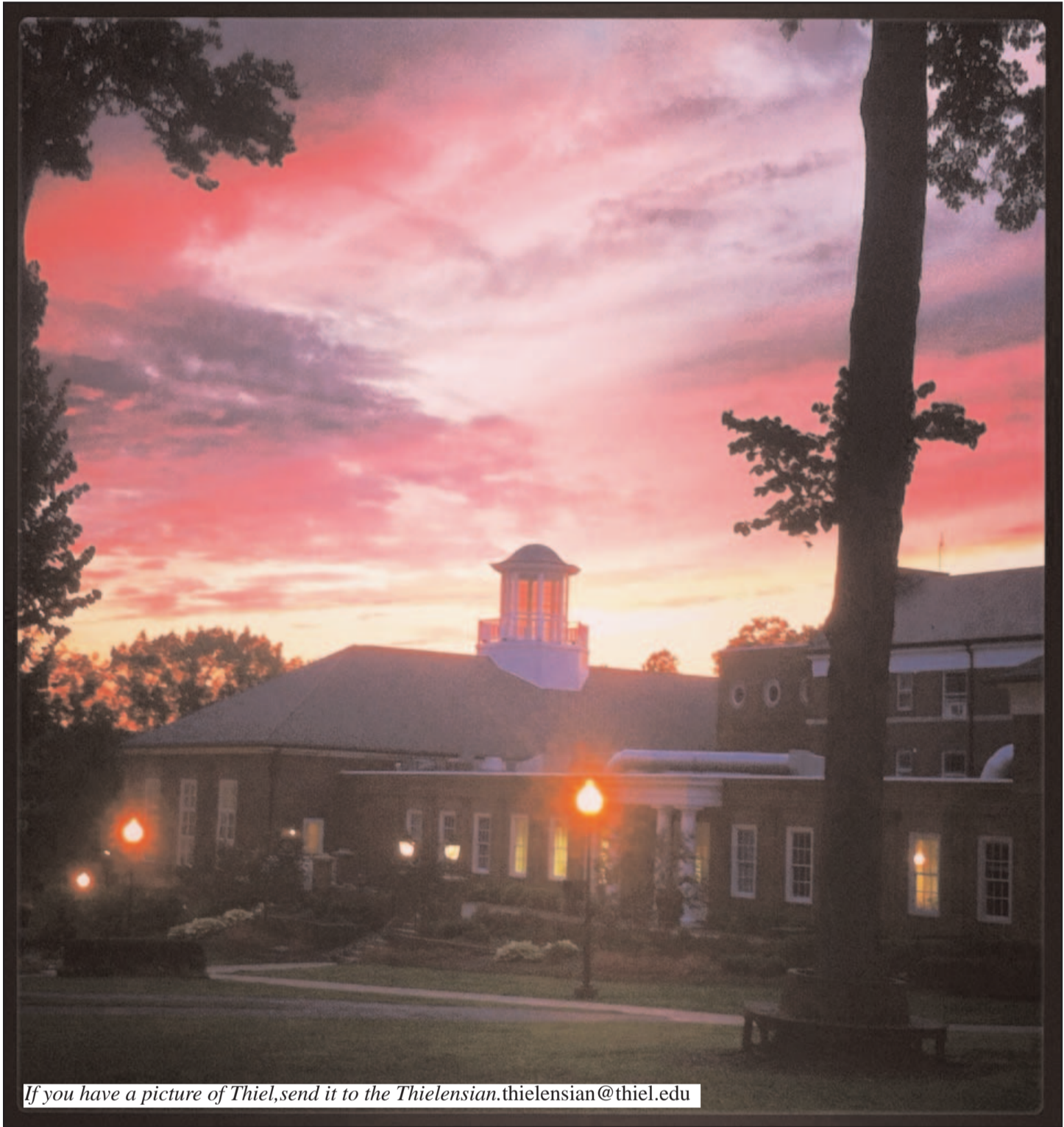


**Patrick Panasko**  
“Study at night, while listening to music.”



**Harrison Clark:**  
“Going to the library, because it’s a good learning environment.”

Photo of the Month contributed by Anne Reiber



If you have a picture of Thiel, send it to the Thielensian.thielensian@thiel.edu

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1. Breaking Bad makes me realize that staying out of the meth industry is a great idea
2. I always feel so awkward when I’m in the bathroom and someone farts, but I’m not the one that should feel awkward.
3. I’m gonna bong some hydroxycut. I’m trying to get straight jacked
4. Can I put making friends and drinking down as hobbies on my next application
5. I laugh when I tell myself, “Imma do homework”
6. After watching Olympus Has Fallen last night, I no longer trust any asian on this campus.
7. I’m goin’ with the homeless athletic look this school year.
8. There is no better feeling in the world than rocking a fresh pair of kicks for the first time.
9. I hate when people say “like” a thousand times when talking
10. I think 50 cent cans at the bar should be an excused absence for Friday classes

compiled by Erin Huff

Fashion Frenzy: FASHION WEEK

by Katie Allgeier, kallgeier@thiel.edu

For all the devoted fashionistas out there, the week of Sept. 5 marks the beginning of another fashionable year, the time when all the major designers reveal their new collections reveal their new collection.

To be present in New York during Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week is a dream for any fashion reporter—for Arianna DiValentino, fashion editor for New York University’s Washington Square News, the chance to be on-hand for Fashion Week represents more than just an opportunity to ogle new, cutting-edge styles; the responsibility of getting reporters and photographers into shows is hers long before any models walk the runway.

“Because we are a student publication, the only student publication that covers fashion week, to my knowledge, we have to work pretty hard to gain access,” DiValentino said. “We (myself, primarily, and those who offer to help me like my desk’s editor and the multimedia coordinator for NYFW) have to mass-email the PR people representing the designers showing and as we start to get confirmations (amidst the plentiful rejections) we assign writers and photographers to cover them...we hope for invites to big, famous designers, of course, but we get a lot more of the up-and-comers, which can often be a lot of fun and very interesting; some of the most creative designers in New York right now are still largely unknown to the general public. We really appreciate being granted invitations to these shows and try to hold up our end by producing high-quality content on their shows.”

DiValentino offered her take on the upcoming fashions for spring 2014. “What I noticed this season was a considerable reduction in



DiValentino was stopped on the street by a photographer for her fashion sense

celebrity and “it girl” types, which personally strikes me as a sign that designers are focusing on the art of their craft and less on the media-spectacle aspect of fashion week,” she said.

While the job of fashion editor during fashion week may seem like a tactical nightmare, DiValentino maintains that to work with the big names, you have to act like you belong there. “Much of the fashion week process just requires confidence: to request invites to shows of all sizes, to deal with PR people as equals both via email and in person, and to write strong content,” she said. “Even getting into venues can feel intimidating. It’s all a matter of remembering that you’re there for a purpose and you’re going to do it well.”

Thiel College POLICE BLOTTER

compiled by Brianna Tiedeman, btied586@thiel.edu

Sept. 13: Student Harassment  
Sawhill: One student was reporting another student’s personal business in public.

Sept. 15: Underage/Public Drunkenness  
Frat 1: A non-student was arrested for public drunkenness and carrying a controlled substance down campus.

Sept. 15: Public Drunkenness  
Hodge Hall: A student was arrested for fighting against police officers and public drunkenness.

Sept. 22:  
A student had their tire slashed by an unknown student.

A Traditional Woman leading a Non-Traditional Life: “Cologne”ial America”

by Melanie Thompson-Soros, msoros@thiel.edu



Have you ever been walking down the street, minding your own business, when – WHAM – you are assaulted by someone’s cologne or perfume? I’m not talking about a whiff of something sweet or musky – I’m talking about being hit so hard in the head with it that it almost knocks you over.

We Americans have become a

nation of scents. Instead of cleaning our homes, cars and bodies – we just douse the offending area with fragrance. There are even commercials that now glorify having a “signature scent.” Apparently we don’t need to bother with water anymore – just bathe our homes, cars and bodies in the magic juice in the pretty bottle and – presto - everything smells like a flower on steroids.

Given the number of people who carry rescue inhalers around in their pockets for severe asthma – and those with serious allergies to colognes – it’s a wonder anyone survives a casual stroll outside. Seriously, being outdoors is supposed to be good for you – not choke you to death.

Of course I could be wrong. Maybe I’m in the minority and everyone else around you loves tasting your perfume in their mouths for the rest of the day.

Or maybe, just maybe, you should consider a term from the olden days – “a little dab’ll do ya” – and lighten up!



Are you an “over-sprayer”? If so, read the above article for some constructive criticism!



Campus Police encourages everyone to have safe weekends and to abide by the new policies.

## Men’s and Women’s Soccer Teams Take Control of the Turf

by Richard Benge, [RBenge@thiel.edu](mailto:RBenge@thiel.edu)

The Thiel College soccer teams’ seasons are in full swing as both teams prepare to open up conference play in a couple weeks.

In men’s action, the team is 4-4 in their last 8 games. The run began when the team travelled to Buffalo to play two games against nationally-ranked Medaille College and D’Youville College. The team went 1-1 in Buffalo, losing to Medaille 0-2 before bouncing back to beat D’Youville 1-0 on a Trevor Radilla goal.

The team continued in action with a trip to Franciscan, where they were outplayed en route to a 0-2 loss. Again on the road, the Tomcats came roaring back to post a 3-0 victory over Mt. Aloysius thanks to goals from Zach Kubec, Eric Wolf, and Luke Mesing to push the team to 3-3 on the season.

The team finished the five games with a 1-0 win at home against Hilbert College on a goal from Ray Hanzak. Senior goalkeeper Andrew Hindman recorded three shutouts over the past five games, and with the win against Hilbert, the team equaled its win total from last year.

On the women’s side, the team started its

five game series with a 0-2 home loss to D’Youville and a 1-4 road loss to Franciscan before winning three straight, posting a 2-1 victory over Mt. Aloysius, with Morgan Berg scoring in double overtime to give the women the win.

They followed that victory up with a 4-1 win over Medaille, with freshman Jenna Elrich scoring two goals and Elizabeth Wilkinson adding a goal and an assist while Berg scored the Tomcat’s other goal. The women finished the five game stretch with a 4-1 win over Hilbert, with goals from Chey Ross, who scored two, Nicole Jeschelnig added one, and Berg picked up her fifth goal of the season.

“We are playing well together as a team. As far as my goal scoring goes, offense is new to me and my goals would not have been possible without the help from my teammates and coaches,” said Berg.

The Tomcats begin conference play on Oct. 5 when both teams travel to Geneva College to take on the Golden Tornadoes with the girls’ game kicking off at 5 p.m. and the men’s game following at 7:30 p.m.



Sophomore Morgan Berg dribbles around a defender during their game against Medaille. Morgan has been an essential part of the women’s team since her arrival at Thiel last fall.

## The Strive for Victory; Women’s volleyball program rebounds

by Paul Demmel, [PDemmel@thiel.edu](mailto:PDemmel@thiel.edu)

“Progress is progress no matter how small,” Amanda Brewer, Thiel’s volleyball coach said. This motto for the girls’ volleyball team is one of inspiration. Even though their record does not show, the volleyball team has been making some serious progress in how they have been playing their matches. Although they lost a couple of key players from the previous year, the team is coming together strong and making a point when they play matches.

“Each player contributes in some matter, everyone gives something different and that’s how we can come together as a team.” Coach Brewer said, as she stated how she felt the team was doing this early in the season. Some of the girls think the same way,

“We are all making process . . . It’s a big group effort!” said Alannah Kesling and Leanna Yeager, two of the key players on the team that feel the as confident as Coach Brewer. The entire team feels they have

come a long way.

With the team’s effort to progress, Coach Brewer feels optimistic about the freshman.

“The freshman are adjusting well and are really learning how to be student athletes,” Brewer said.

The progress of the team would not have been as successful without them achieving this major adjustment. Some of the more experienced players also feel as excited about the freshman on the team. They think Coach Brewer is very patient when teaching new skills. She also practices with them, strengthening the bond amongst coach and players. This mentality helps the girls become better players, and learn how to work well with each other.

“Winning or losing we are doing it together. . .” said Leanna Yeager in agreement to the strength of the team. This positive out looks gives hope for the future of the team, for they will strive for that future victory!



Senior Lauren Ritchy attempts to slam down a kill during a home match against Geneva. The Lady Tomcats dropped the match 0-3.

## Crystal Earns Preseason All-American Honors

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Jason Crystol, number 50, puts up a block during last weeks game against Rochester. The tomcats lost the match up 28-27.

Last year Tomcat football won only three games finishing 3-7 overall and 3-5 within the PAC. However, one Tomcat walked away from last season with one of the highest honors in football. Junior offensive lineman Jason Crystol was named fourth-team preseason All-American in Division III.

Crystol, who was elated with the award, is the starting center for the tomcats and is a prominent fixture on the team. In an interview with Trib Total Media head coach Kurt Reiser explained, “Center is a position that we ask a lot from.” He also added, “Jason is very intelligent football player. He makes all

of our line calls. For a good-sized kid he’s very athletic. He does what we ask of him very well.”

Jason spoke with Total Media as well, reporting, “I was shaking. It’s such a great honor for me and for the program. Hopefully I can live up to the expectations and still be an All-American at the end of the season.

So far this season the Tomcats have not been able to pull off a win, but that doesn’t mean it’s not going to happen. They are still practicing and implementing new plays, it’s just a matter of time before they get to put one in the win column.

## Bring on The Racket; Women’s tennis team gets back into the swing

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The women’s tennis team had had a rough go of things for the last few seasons. Rebuilding a program takes time, effort, and talent, but this season the lady Tomcats are not lacking in any of those departments.

Kristen Moreland, a Thiel alumna, has taken over the coaching position for the team and she is doing everything in her power to turn the program around. The girls are practicing more and learning new techniques to use on the court. Each member of the team is trying her best and is putting in long hours in order to achieve their goals.

Junior Shay Kashey has been a member of the tennis team since her freshman year and said, “Even though we didn’t win as many matches as we had hoped I think the team has seen real progress over the last season and hopefully it will continue.”

If coach Moreland gets into the recruiting aspect of coaching, then next year the girls would be unstoppable. They have plenty of talent and all the members will be returning next season.

Sophomore Lauren Mittner noted, “We are a young team and it’s hard to get everyone on the same page sometimes but I’m confident that we will be able to pull it all together so we can have an awesome season next



Sophomore Lauren Mittner keeps her focus on the ball in order to make a good return. Lauren is a New Brighton native and has been quite an asset to the team.

fall.”

Right now the girls have suffered losses to all major PAC teams except Bethany who they rolled right over winning 9-0. They did however come close to beating Thomas More in a hearing

breaking loss that left the Saints with a 5-4 victory. None the less, with all of this progress being made in the tennis department, they should have no problem finishing next season with a winning record.

## Upcoming Events:

### Football:

Saint Vincent October 12th @ 3:00 p.m.

### Men’s Soccer:

Grove City October 8th @ 7:00 p.m.

Westminster October 16th @ 8:30 p.m.

### Women’s Soccer:

Medaille Sept. 16th @ 6:00 p.m.

Hilbert Sept. 19th @ 6:00 p.m.

Penn State-Allegheny Sept. 24th @ 4:00 p.m.

### Volleyball:

Geneva Sept. 18th @ 7:00 p.m.