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Family Weekend Happenings

compiled by Mozelle Jordan

Every November, students' parents and families are invited to campus for a weekend to experience Thiel just as the students do!

Friday, Nov. 8
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Bookstore Open
The Bookstore will be open until 4 p.m. Families can come shop for Thiel memorabilia.

7 – 9 p.m.

Honors Convocation
A ceremony will be held in the William A. Passavant Memorial Center to recognize the students for outstanding academic performance.

9 p.m.

Dueling Pianos
Come see a comedy/musical performance that has been brought back due to high demand! Wine and cheese will also be served in the LHR for 21+.

Saturday, Nov. 9
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Bookstore Open
The bookstore will be open during this special time to allow families to browse the selection of shirts, sweat-shirts, and other Thiel memorabilia.

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Scholarship Luncheon
Students will get a chance to thank those who funded their endowed scholarships at the Bistro. Photos will be taken at 10 a.m., followed by brunch at 10:45.

1 p.m. – Dance Instruction

Two performers will teach students and family members several types of dance routines along with how to perform a few moves in the HMSC game room.

2 p.m. – Cabaret

The Thiel Players will hold a special performance of Cabaret. Come to the William Robinson Theater to see the student-directed Cabaret. Admission is free!

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Thiel dining prompts student concerns

by Keeley Criswell, kcriswell@thiel.edu

Each student currently pays \$2,619 a semester for a meal plan. For the basic meal plan (19 cafeteria meals a week), this amounts to 281 meals this semester and a similar number of meals for every other semester. A student on this plan theoretically spends about \$9.32 per meal. Of course, this price rises if he or she does not eat all of his or her available meals. While this price may seem reasonable, very few students are on this plan. As far as meal plans go, the more Bistro points that an individual has, the fewer cafeteria meals he or she is able to eat each week, and the number of meals that he or she can eat a semester decreases.

Students often comment on the increase in Bistro and meal-plan prices.

"The [Bistro] prices are too

high, and the amount of food is too low. They aren't equal," said Marquis Jackson. Jackson, like other students, has noticed that the increases in costs have not brought with them an increase in bistro points.

The average meal, food and a non-specialty drink, at the bistro costs 7.17 points. A non-specialty drink excludes drinks such as smoothies and coffee. However, the average meal cost does not include the additional cost of fries, \$0.60.

"I've scheduled a meeting with AVI representatives to discuss the Bistro prices. In the years that I've been here, I haven't seen Bistro points increase, but I have seen increases in overall cost. There is a meeting in place to review the structure of the meal plans. We have decreased the cost of certain items, howev-

Meal Plan	Cafeteria Meals	Bistro Meals	Total Meals	cost per meal
Basic	281	0	281	\$9.32
Traditional	248	17	265	\$9.88
Preferred	173	42	215	\$12.18
Flex	112	63	175	\$14.97

The above information is for this semester, but is similar to other semesters assuming similar meal plan and bistro prices. The number of meals for the bistro is taken from the amount of bistro points divided by the average cost of a bistro meal. The last column contains the amount that each student theoretically pays for each meal assuming the student uses all available cafeteria and bistro points.

er, and there will hopefully be more decreases in the future," said Mike McKinney. "Some of the disconnect with the costs at the bistro comes from

the fact that it costs groups such as AVI more money to offer a dining option other than the cafeteria. Some of the money from each stu-

dent's meal plan goes to the college, some goes to AVI, and a significant portion is used by AVI to pay for food," he added.

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Courthouse call causes commotion in Mercer

by Brianna Tiedeman, btiedeman@thiel.edu

On Monday, Oct. 28, the Mercer County courthouse received a threatening phone call between 9 and 10 a.m. In turn, the building was evacuated and local authorities as well as bomb-sniffing dogs were called in.

Deputies told courthouse employees to return home for the day but to remain on standby until further notice. According to Mercer County spokesman, who spoke with WPXI on the incident, the courthouse reopened around 1 p.m. on Monday. He said that the dogs did not find anything after covering the entire premises.

Jennifer Kahler, a non-traditional student here at Thiel majoring in Media and Business communication and also minoring in Public Relations, has worked for the courthouse for 4 years.

"Everyone returned to work around 1p.m. and it turned into a normal business day," Kahler said. Kahler's position in Mercer is as a Court Administrative Assistant. She informed the Thielensian that no

Every day we share the same elevator and hallways with criminals.

bomb-related incident has happened in her time of employment there.

The initial threatening phone call was traced to a Margie Small, 26, of Sharpsville, Pennsylvania.

Small is known to have issues with mental instability according to local police authorities and has been arrested in the past for similar incidents. Deputies arrested Small Monday at her home on the charges of terroristic threats and harassment.

"Working at the courthouse can be an eye-opening experience. Every day we share the same elevator and hallways with criminals. You get used to that fact," Kahler explained. "However, you never assume that a bomb threat would be something to worry about. Monday was definitely a reminder that our working environment has the tendency to be a bit scary."

ExploreVenango's news source reports that a preliminary hearing is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 7 in front of District Judge Lorinda Hinch.

Dr. DelMaramo shares his battle with lung cancer; Sudents find inspiration in professor

by Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu

Everyone occasionally seeks inspiration in life with tests, homework, and seemingly unpredictable weather changes, but the students at Thiel need not look far. Dr. Mark DelMaramo, seasoned professor of Western Humanities and English, is an inspiration because of what he has gone through in living with lung cancer.

"I'm getting over stage 3A lung cancer, which is a very serious level," DelMaramo said, "And I never smoked." He had to have 37 radiation treatments and 8 minor and 4 major bouts of chemotherapy to combat the cancer.

It started a year ago in October when he discovered that he had a blood clot in his leg. His leg really swelled up, and he instantly knew that it was serious. When he went to the hospital, he was put on a medication called coumadin, and the swelling went down. Everything proceeded normally until February 28th, when he woke up with horrific pain in his lower back.

"I found out that I had a kidney stone, but the doctor there ordered a scan. I was told that they found a mass on my right lung," DelMaramo explained. Despite the problems that he faced, he tried to never miss a class and always came in with a bubbly sense of humor. It seemed like nothing could get him down.

"I never wanted to stay at home and just get well. It's more fun coming here than being at home. I can't imagine any alternative," he said. He lost 20 pounds over a year, but not very quickly, so even that did not feel serious to him. "The hardest part was the chemo. That really was difficult at times. It knocked me down."

It would be slightly challenging to even know that he had cancer, despite his recurring cough and lack of hair. He kept teaching even with the struggles of his disease.

"It was hard to tell sometimes," his wife, Brenda DelMaramo, professor of English, added. "He internalizes a lot of things, but he still got up every day and continued with the normal routine." She struggled with the thought of cancer. "Since he never smoked a day in his life, it was very shocking for me to hear that he had lung cancer at all."

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Closing Day at Cedar Point gives attendees chills beyond temperature

by Brianna Tiedeman, btiedeman@thiel.edu

On Sunday, Oct. 27, more than 100 Thiel students piled onto two 56-passenger coach buses and ventured to Sandusky, Ohio, where they had the opportunity to experience the closing day of Cedar Point Amusement Park's 'HalloWeekends' season.

The trip was a TAB sponsored event and sign ups began Monday, Oct. 14: first come, first serve with a \$10 deposit fee. The deposits were then returned to students prior to leaving Passavant's parking lot at 9 a.m. Sunday.

Students and staff spent the entirety of the park's noon to 8 p.m. allotted time riding all of the big coasters - from the Top-Thrill Dragster to the Maverick, the Millennium Force to the Wicked Twister, and of course the Magnum XL-200 and the most recently constructed Gatekeeper.

Movie director for the Thiel Activities Board and junior Seth Shidemantle took advantage of this trip

with the company of some of his brothers within the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

"I like the Millenium Force because it's the most exciting and a longer ride time," Shidemantle said. "The Dragster is a close second but since it only lasts 17 seconds, I have to go with the Force."

Trip goers could also be found on the white sand beach, foot-printing to Lake Erie, which the entire park overlooks, or eating at one of several of the dining establishments on the property. Additionally, with the Halloween season corresponding in time, the park also featured several Haunted Houses into which park-goers could delve.

"I loved that the entire park [was] filled with the atmosphere of Halloween," Shidemantle said. "Some of the houses would surprise me while others bored me."

Overall, Student Activities director Than Oo "received a lot of positive feedback about the trip."

Oo advises students to keep an eye out for next year's events as well as this December. Students will have the opportunity to

travel to Pittsburgh for the MGMT concert.

In the Spring of 2014, keep in mind that there will be another 'Adventure' trip

planned as well as the annual New York City shuttles.



The day came to an end around 7:30 p.m. when the sun set over the park and Thiel students and faculty rushed back to the bus to head home to Greenville. Buses arrived back at Passavant a little before 11 p.m.

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The Happenings

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2:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Marching Band Preview

Come out to experience the Thiel College Marching Band firsthand at the first Thiel College night football game under the new lights!

3:30 p.m. – Craft X-Plosion

Enjoy the afternoon filled with multiple crafting activities for both family members and students held in the Rissell Gymnasium.

7 p.m. – Football Night Game*

Come out to support the team along with the marching band!

Sunday, Nov. 10

6 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Candles in the Round

A time for relaxing, singing, and reflections on the past week and student led prayers held at the David Johnson Memorial Chapel. All are welcome!

Tuesday Nov. 12 - 12:15 – 12:45 p.m.

Chapel: Tables of Grace

Come enjoy lively songs and a brief message with Eucharist gathering at the Jesus' Table of Grace every Tuesday at the David Johnson Memorial Chapel.

Wednesday, Nov. 13 - 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Dr. Louis Zona Presentation:

“20th Century American Art”

Dr. Louis will describe 20th Century American art. This event is free and open to the public, held at the Lutheran Heritage Room, HMSC.

Thursday, Nov. 14 - 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Internship Fair

A chance to meet with employers that are offering paid internships for both spring and summer is taking place in the Lutheran Heritage Room, HMSC.

Saturday, Nov. 16 - 9 p.m.

Comedy Folk Band: “Natural Wood”

Come to the Bistro to listen to the band and enjoy the calming setting of an evening filled with music and laughter.

Thiel Trivia Tuesdays – 10 p.m.

Every Tuesday, TAB hosts a trivia game in the Bistro. Two or more students are needed to be counted as a team. The winning team(s) will receive a gift card.

Thiel College POLICE BLOTTER

Oct. 14 – Criminal Mischief – College Ave. Apartments

An identified person broke the glass on an interior door of the College Ave. Apartments.

Oct. 26 – Criminal Mischief – Davis 44

Two outside lights were broken on the outside of the Davis 44 building.

Oct. 27 – Criminal Mischief – West Townhouses

Two downspouts were damaged on the townhouse building structure.



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

Elysium:

Saturday, Nov. 9 (9:30 p.m.)

and Sunday Nov. 10 (9 p.m.)

Taking place in the year 2154, this film depicts a society in which the division between social classes is larger than ever. While the lower class struggles to survive through poverty, crime, and disease on the immensely overpopulated planet Earth, the wealthy are living a luxurious life on an Earth-orbiting space station called Elysium.

We're the Millers:

Wednesday, Nov. 13 and Sunday, Nov. 17 – 9 p.m.

After getting robbed of a supply, David Burkes, a low-level drug dealer, must repay his supplier by retrieving an extremely large shipment of drugs in Mexico and trafficking it back across the border.

Kappa Mu Epsilon Challenge 24 Tournament

When: November 21st at 9pm

Where: Galleria Cafe

Admission: A Non-perishable
Food Item or \$1



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possible bonus opportunities for
math classes as determined by
professors

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Halloween on Main Street a success; students enjoy wearing costumes

by Liz Carlson, lcarlson@thiel.edu

Halloween is a big deal here at Thiel, and it is something that students look forward to celebrating year after year. Several Halloween traditions exist, including the haunted house on the top floor of Roth Hall and the trick-or-treating at campus offices. This year, Thiel also teamed up with the city of Greenville and held the first ever Halloween on Main Street.

The event took place on Saturday Oct. 26, and kicked off with trick or treat for the children, and was followed by a Halloween themed parade. The rest of the events, which included a pumpkin carving contest, costume contest, family hay ride,

corn-hole tournament, and a kids' fun zone, began promptly at the conclusion of the parade.

Despite the near freezing temperatures and brisk winds, hundreds of people, many dressed in costumes, filled Main Street in uptown Greenville. Several vendors from both Thiel and the Greenville Community lined the sidewalks. "My favorite vendor was Cianci's restaurant," said freshmen Tatyana Godfrey. "They have the best sausage sandwiches in the world, and my friend's dad is the owner."

Other vendors included the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, Women Inspiring the Next Generation, and a Relay for

Life team. Even AVI, the catering service at Thiel, had a booth, from which they served dinner to the students who came down to Main Street to check out the festivities.

The final event of the night was an adult haunted hay ride, which took people for an approximately 20 minute long ride through Riverside Park. Along the path, which was decorated for the occasion, people jumped out of the dark and onto the wagon in an attempt to frighten the riders.

"I thought the event was a great idea," said freshman Amanda Hautmann. "There were a lot of really cool booths set up and I liked how

it brought the Greenville and Thiel communities together to celebrate. While I was there, I got my face painted, and stopped by Women Inspiring the Next Generation's booth to throw a pie in the face of Sean Oros."

"I helped set up for the

event, but I didn't get a chance to actually attend," added freshman Colin Piatt, a student worker for the food services at Thiel. "I thought it was a good idea though, and I am hoping to see something similar next year," he remarked.

As a completely new event, Halloween on Main Street drew in a large crowd and was an overall success, especially in bringing the two communities of Thiel and Greenville together to celebrate a holiday that is fun for all ages.



A police officer, Thing 2, Thing 1, and a skeleton were the winners of the college costume contest. They recieved money to use towards purchasing books for next semester.

Pervez Presents Pakistan

by Claire Lee, hlee@thiel.edu

On Nov. 20, Saba Pervez, an exchange student from Pakistan, will be giving a presentation on her home country. She is a senior majoring in Business Administration and Finance at Quaid-i-Azam University which is located in Islamabad, Pakistan.

Pervez is a talented woman who is supported by IREX, an international nonprofit organization providing thought, leadership, and innovative programs to promote positive, lasting change globally. This organization covers all expenses, including flight fees, college fees, room and board fees, and so on. She was selected with The Global

Undergraduate Exchange Program in Pakistan (Global UGRAD-Pakistan). This year, only 72 students got admission from that program among 5,000 applicants.

During the Nov. 20 presentation, Pervez will explain Pakistan, including culture, language, food, religion, dress, tradition, growth, and much more. Most American students don't know much about Pakistan, so this discussion will provide a great opportunity for cultural awareness at Thiel.

Additionally, Pervez is going to present about her exchange student life in the United States. She has found many differences between

Pakistan and the USA in her time at Thiel.

"There are many nice people in the United States, but at the same time there are still people who have stereotypes about Muslims and Pakistan," Pervez stated. "That stereotype makes an invisible barrier and breaks communication between Pakistan and the United States. This speech will be able to break some stereotypes about Pakistan."

Pervez is trying to approach Americans and the American lifestyle with an open mind. If American students will go to her speech, it will be good time that makes them have wide and new thinking.



Pervez will give her presentation on Wednesday, Nov. 20.

Cabaret 2013 a hit

by Kabin Min, kmin@thiel.edu



Cabaret is produced every year at Thiel. This year, it was student-directed by Amy Boxer.

On Oct. 25 and 26, the William A. Robinson Theater played host to the ninth annual student-directed Cabaret. Admission was free, but proceeds from various raffles and donations went to the Broadway Cares foundation. Cabaret was put on by the Thiel Players and directed by Amy Boxer. The show performed songs from various famous musicals, such as The Phantom of the Opera, Aida, Wicked, and The Wizard of Oz.

On the whole, the show went very well. Most of the solo pieces went off without a hitch. "The Text Message Song," performed by Brittany Patten, was ani-

matedly acted and performed. "Crazier Than You," from The Addams Family, was performed by Loyal Jasper and Amy Boxer. At the conclusion of the first half of the production, most of the cast members returned to the stage for a performance of "Freak Flag," from Shrek the Musical.

Amy Boxer, director of Cabaret, was content with the outcome of the production. "I wanted to arrange the play so that students and faculty could enjoy it together.

Due to the famous nature of most of the songs and plays on the set list, many students were interested in

how the list was compiled. According to Boxer, there was no science to the task.

"There was not any meaning behind the set list. The songs were chosen by the performers who auditioned with those songs," Boxer remarked.

Boxer also expressed a desire for more time to prepare the production, noting that if she is able to direct another performance of Cabaret she would take more time to prepare.

Overall, the show remains an important part of Thiel's performing arts sector, and this year's production was a great asset to Thiel's Halloween festivities.

Xi Marks the Spot

by Brianna Tiedeman, btiedeman@thiel.edu

On Thursday, Oct. 31, the Gamma Sigma chapter of Alpha Xi Delta at Thiel hosted their first "AmaXIng Challenge" of the year, entitled Xi Marks the Spot. This event was an on-campus scavenger hunt where all teams' fees go directly to Autism Speaks.

Sisters sat outside of the cafeteria during lunches and dinners the week of Oct. 25, allowing teams of five

Thursday at 6 p.m., a total of 5 teams met in the HMSC game room as the starting location for the hunt. Philanthropy chair and event coordinator Megan Bevevino handed out 6 clues to the teams which lead them to different places on campus. These included the Bistro, Roth Hall, Greenville Hall, the Library, Livingston Hall, and teams' final destination, the Beeghly Gymna-

rang with Christmas carols. Roth Hall had a lesson in Alpha Xi Delta in which teams recited 5 active sisters and 5 letters of the Greek alphabet.

"We didn't have that many teams but that was perfect for having it as our first time," Bevevino said. "We were really able to see what we need to improve on for next year. All of the teams that participated were very helpful and very cooperative so that really made a difference in the outcome."

Each clue, designed by sophomores and active sisters Alixandra Clark and Megan Anderson, was a puzzle piece. Once each team went to each location, they could put their entire puzzle together, completing the scavenger hunt and the challenge.

The winning team consisted of Alyssa Besong, Heather Beatty, Megan Elko, Julia Staunbaucher, and Kristin Gaut.

"I think it went really well for it being our first time," Bevevino said. "I think the campus will respond better if we continue the challenge next year with the feedback from this year's participants in effect."

Overall the chapter raised nearly \$150 towards their philanthropic goals. The sisters of Alpha Xi Delta remind campus to look out for more "AmaXIng Challenges."



Sisters of Alpha Xi Delta help out at the final destination of the scavenger hunt.

to sign up at \$25 per team. All proceeds went to Autism Speaks in honor of the AmaXIng Challenge foundation for all Alpha Xi Delta chapters nationwide.

At each location teams were required to do something different. The Bistro challenge, for example, required jumping with flash-mobbers and Livingston Hall

Ghosthunter John Zaffis presents in LHR

by Sean Oros, soros@thiel.edu

John Zaffis has worked in the field of supernatural investigation for over 40 years.

He has been called to many paranormal investigations, has appeared on many shows, and has had several seasons of his own series, "Haunted Collector" and his own supernatural items museum. At sixteen, he encountered a spirit in his house, shortly before his grandmother died. Ever since, he has continued to investigate the paranormal and is now considered one of the experts of his field. He is still frequently called upon for investigations of locations and objects: "I can do anywhere from four or five in a month to thirty or forty

in a month," said Zaffis, when asked afterwards.

His presentation at Thiel gave an overview of the supernatural field, with roughly 200 students attending. He overviewed many phenomena, from ghosts to poltergeists to demonic possessions. One of the more common dealings he has is with haunted items, some of which he has brought back to be put on display at his museum. One of the more disturbing cases he has encountered were the events upon which the movie Haunting in Connecticut were based; he spent nine months investigating the location, after reports of demonic possession in a young boy that was liv-

ing there, and he himself encountered a spirit that looked like a heavy, cloaked man coming down the steps that ordered him to leave.

According to Zaffis, awareness of the paranormal is growing in society. The numbers of priests and other religious figures involved in exorcisms are growing; for instance, there are a total of 350 exorcist priests in Italy today, and numbers are growing the US, as well. Thiel students were impressed with the information. "It was very entertaining," Ashley Sweat, a freshman, said. "Craziness," Andrew Hindman, a senior, said, summarizing his feelings about the variety of information he had just seen. "I loved it. I'm totally fangirling right now. It was awesome!" Jennet Bertmeyer, a freshman, said. "Meeting one of my idols was my favorite part of the evening, for the learning experience," Chelsea Cook, a junior and president of Thiel's paranormal club, said. After the presentation, raffle tickets were drawn for students to accompany Zaffis on a tour of Roth and Greenville halls in search of any paranormal activity.



Many students attended Zaffis's presentation.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

by Kayla Kemper, kkemper@thiel.edu

As most students already know, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month. All over the nation there are people contributing to the fight against breast cancer, which affects many women and men alike in America. There are numerous groups that contribute money every year toward breast cancer funds, from colleges and schools like Thiel, to corporations like Avon and Yoplait.

Now many may be thinking: what does Thiel do for Breast Cancer Awareness month? Thiel does many things to fight against breast cancer. In every dorm there should be a small pink box in the lobby area, placed there by the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, which is sponsored by Yoplait. These boxes are intended for the collection of pink lids off of yogurt cups. Every lid that is collected gives 20 cents toward breast cancer research.

Another thing people may notice are the various pink ribbons surrounding the

campus. Whether they are wrapped around the columns in front of the HMSC building or the many trees on campus, these ribbons were placed to represent the start of breast cancer awareness month as well as to show moral support towards those with breast cancer.

There are ribbons everywhere on campus that are used for either decorating the tree pathway, the HMSC and the cafeteria, or simply to wear on a shirt or jacket with pride to show that Thiel supports the fight against breast cancer.

With the month of October drawing to a close, these are only a few things that Thiel has done to let students know about breast cancer. Everyone at this college has participated, in one way or another, perhaps without knowing or even trying. Something as simple as looking at a pink ribbon or reading a newspaper article has helped everyone here become more aware of breast cancer.

Xi Man pageant 2013; Vitale wins

by Brianna Tiedeman, btiedeman@thiel.edu

The week of Oct. 28 found the Alpha Xis at Thiel ramping up campus with events. The week started on Monday with the annual Xi Man competition, hosted in the LHR.

The pageant kicked off promptly at 9:30 p.m. with Nic Jones, junior and master of ceremonies heating things up on stage. Jones won the pageant in 2011 and frequently emcees the Gamma Sigma chapter's events.

The night consisted of a dress up segment coinciding with a question-and-answer segment, a costume contest, a talent segment, and the infamous ice-breaking moments segment featuring Jones on recorder.

Judges for the evening included senior Men of the Year for the Alpha Xi's: Jamaal Simmons, Bobby Hritz, and Zachary Kubec, along with education and DHI services coordinator, Kateri Linn.

Participants all dressed for success while answering questions the sisters created themselves. Highlighted questions that the audience loved were "cheetah or zebra," "boxers or briefs," and "Team Edward or Team Jacob?" Jones also asked participant and sophomore Nick Seyko the question "If you had a garden, what type of

flowers would you plant in it?" To this Seyko responded "Pink roses, of course" (Alpha Xi Delta's foundational flower is the pink rose).

The costumes ranged from a provocative referee costume, sported by senior Seth Bell; to a Chippendale's dancer costume sported by sophomore Joshua Reid. The audience appreciated the creativity.

Talents on stage ranged from Bell impressively stating Alpha Xi Delta's 10 original founders to freshman Alex Green spinning some yo-yo skills. "I learned [the founders] from the president, Amanda Miller, and it actually opened my eyes more to the sorority," Bell said. "I had a lot of fun [in general]."

Former Xi Man competitor and junior Ben Hellner-Burris made a featured appearance with 2013

participant and junior Danny Dawson, showing off their piano skills as a duo performing "Apologize" by One Republic.

Some other talent showcases included Reid's wall-twerking, freshman Sean McGowen's performance of "Just the Way you Are" by Bruno Mars, and junior Ryan Parks' self-imitations of how he falls asleep in every one of his classes.

To wrap up the evening around 10:30 p.m., the judges submitted their score sheets which were calculated by Programs Event Coordinator Juliana Ziroli and also President Amanda Miller. The final results left Bell as 2013 Xi Man Runner Up, and junior Colin Vitale as the official 2013 Xi Man.

"I haven't stopped blushing yet and my face is kind of cramping up," Vitale said

immediately following his awarding. "I think the most flattering part of it is being on the same echelon as someone like Seth Bell or Nic Jones. Standing up there, I was pretty nervous and my heart was beating out of my chest but I already had a smile on because I had already enjoyed [participating] so much with all of the other guys."

Overall the event was a success, a good night, and a fun renewal of the Xi's annual pageant.

"I think it went really well, it was a really close competition," Julianna Ziroli, the event coordinator, said. "Colin is really great guy; I think he's going to bring a lot of excitement toward Alpha Xi Delta and I think it's going to be a lot of fun [having him represent the sorority]."



The Xi Man competitors line up as awards are distributed.

Thiel dining prompts student concerns

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If you eat every meal that AVI offers, you will eat 281 meals on campus this semester. Thiel only has one plan that covers this many meals, and very few students like to eat all of their meals in the cafeteria.

"This is our least popular plan," said Barry Calvert, the Director of Dining. Most students like the ability to take a break from cafeteria food, and have something different such as the Bistro or an off-campus meal.

While students often complain about AVI and the dining at Thiel, there was less variety when the cafeteria was run by the college. "A group like AVI does

come with a price tag. However, before AVI, we had a self-operating dining hall. The problem was that we were not able to keep up with student demands; we couldn't offer the variety that students currently have. Before AVI, there were usually only two selections for each meal – a salad and the main course," said McKinney. Now, there is also soup, cereal, a grill, pizza, pasta, desert, and on most days, a Fusion.

Some students, especially vegetarians, vegans, or students with other dietary needs have trouble finding variety in the foods that they eat. There are very few

meals at the bistro that are vegetarian friendly, and many of the cafeteria meals for these students are repetitive. "It is hard to be a lacto-ovo vegan and eat in the cafeteria. There are limited options from which to choose. I wish that the cafeteria had more options and diversity for me. I eat a lot of the same meals," said Jess Yozwiak.

"If you see something you don't like or want us to try, let us know," said Calvert. "If you are a vegan, have a gluten allergy, or have a special diet, please come talk to me. Also, we have talked to our staff and if there is a request for a

vegetarian form of the food at the grill, they should honor your request. There is also a veggie burger option that is always available at the grill; just ask for it. With that being said, if you have a question about anything, feel free to ask. If the employee doesn't have an answer, please ask them to get a manager. If you want to try something, let us know. It's difficult to tell what the student body wants when we don't hear from them."

If you are interested in being part of a student meal-advisory board, please e-mail Mike McKinney, mMcKinney@thiel.edu

Communication Students Tour WPIX Studio

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On Oct. 28, Media Communication students enrolled in Announcing and News Production courses. The opportunity was provided by Dr. Victor Evans to travel to Pittsburgh's home for local and state-wide news, WPXI.

"[WPXI] is very supportive of having students come and do tours," Dr. Evans said.

Students who took advantage of this opportunity included Senior Tyler Buffington, Juniors Ronnell Hunt, Amy Mallinger, Natasha Brennehan, Brianna Tiedeman, and also sophomore Trenton Keisling.

"One of the biggest reasons I love to take students to a news station is because I like for them to actually see what it is that they would be doing in the future," Evans said after the trip.

"I think WPXI is sort of a place where they can see from both sides the anchors, the control room, the producers on exactly what they do day to day and how it comes together. That's really invaluable because it's really important that students see the end goal."

The 'CommCats' as they call themselves, were able to watch the production of the 6 o'clock Evening News from both the newsroom and



Students gather around anchors on the set of WPXI while touring the establishment.

the control rooms, have a question and answer session with News anchors David Johnson, Lisa Sylvester, and also Chief Meteorologist Stephen Cropper, and were given a tour of the entire facility.

Within the Announcing class taught by Dr. Evans, students are rotated on a semester-wide schedule through the roles of the News anchor, Entertainment anchor, Sports anchor, Weather anchor, and field reporters as well. These positions are active in every newscast aired on TCTV, also known as channel 38.

The News Production course follows the opposite track, where instead of announcing on the TCTV

newscast, students produce the newscast. Their responsibilities rotate through the teleprompter, the camera positioning, writing the newscast in its entirety, running the switcher, and also controlling the audio functions within the TV studio.

A student from Evan's News Production class certainly felt the impact which Evans was striving for. "I just knew I picked the right major to take up here at Thiel," Hunt said. "When I was in the van pulling up to WPXI studio my heart began to pound hard almost like I was seeing my true love for the first time. It only got better from there as I entered into the establishment; in all truth, it brought tears to my

eyes."

As a student in both the Announcing and News Production classes, Mallinger took advantage of the trip to WPXI and shared her experience as well. "It opened my eyes to what really goes on in a news station," Mallinger said. "It also helped me see what I should do when I announce the news. I really liked how we got to sit in on a live newscast."

Buffington is another student enrolled in both the Announcing class and the News Production class. "The technological advancements that WPXI has their hands on are really exciting," Buffington said. "And it would definitely make them one of the best news stations to work for."



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Dr. DelMaramo shares his story

Cont. from front page

She wanted to be with him through the whole process. She went to every appointment with him to hear any news about his condition, and the two never wanted the disease to stop their lives: "We wanted to go on with our lives. We went out to eat, concerts, short trips. We were grateful that we could do these things."

That makes sense, because some people have cancer as serious as Dr. DelMaramo's that put the patient in the hospital with medication, or is completely debilitating.

One thing they both can agree on is the support: "We had friends, family, colleagues who were all very supportive with

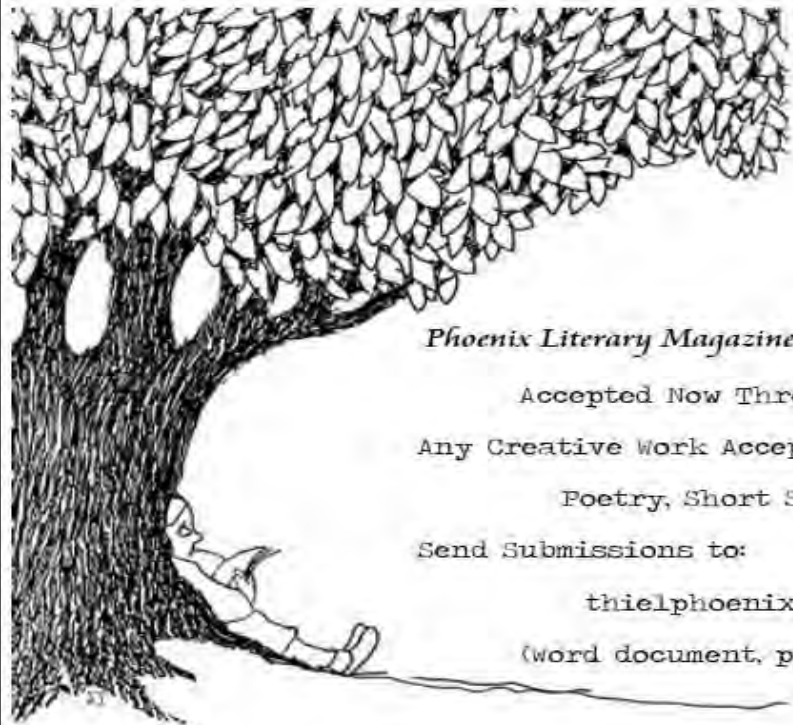
his condition. We're very grateful," Professor DelMaramo said.

"I plan on taking a sabbatical next fall and becoming a pilgrim. I'm going to Camino de Santiago, Spain. Other than that, I'm really excited for my moustache to come back," Dr. DelMaramo concluded with a smile.

While Professor DelMaramo is very excited for her husband's trip, she is a little more cautious about his condition that he is: "Lung cancer is very serious. Doctors never take it very lightly. You can roll into a ball and basically quit, or keep going. We're going to keep going until it's all gone."



Dr. DelMaramo inspires students every day.



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Entrepreneur of the Year Dinner

by: Maryanne Elder meld@thiel.edu

The Haller Enterprise Institute Entrepreneur of the Year Award Dinner honored Joseph B. Roosa on Oct. 23, 2013 in the Lutheran Heritage Room. Roosa is the 19th to receive this receive this prestigious award from the business department of Thiel College.

Roosa, class of 1980, is the president of Roosa Corporation, a regional company that has been specializing in retail center development since the origins in 1987. His knowledge in shopping centers and their development had opened the way for the company's growth throughout the northeastern part of the United States. The portfolio of the Roosa Company includes showing with the 15 properties that the corporation owns in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, and Arkansas. These properties include shopping centers, office buildings, residential properties and apartments.

Prior to owning and oper-

ating the Roosa Corporation, Roosa had worked as a bus driver in New York City and saved enough money to start the his first business. The first store, Movie World opened in 1985 and became a nationally ranked chain store in 1996 making its way to 18 different locations and employing over 250 people. In 1995 Joe was named Business First of Buffalo's list of "Top Forty under Forty" Western New York leaders.

Roosa always had constant innovation, hard work and dedication and was able to identify opportunity and implement the changes that were necessary to stay ahead of the market. In 1996, Blockbuster made the offer to purchase Movie World and Roosa sold the company.

The strategic move allowed Roosa to take advantage of Movie World and transition into the real estate industry and other investments along the way. Roosa

was on a board of directors for the real-estate appraisals company Real-Info which soon sold to a Canadian firm.

Looking into a new territory in 1998 Roosa bought undeveloped land and constructed his first ever commercial shopping center that had 50,750 square feet. This was soon called the Staples Plaza located in Meadville, Pa that had housed nationally named tenants

Roosa graduated from Thiel with a B.A. in business administration and political science. He has a wife, Rita and two grown children Kyle and Amanda. Roosa was a member of the baseball and football teams and the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. Roosa was a speaker for the senior business seminar in 2011. Roosa was kind enough to share advice to the future entrepreneurs in the room: "Don't let your fears control you. Act with a sense of urgency," said Roosa.

Thiel Forum: Thursday, November 14

4-5 p.m. in the Sawhill-Georgian Room

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Martin Black, Associate Director of Career Development, will also present.

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TOOMBS TIME: *Smell the flowers; it will be good for you.*

by Sara Toombs, stoombs@thiel.edu



Every now and then I realize something about myself that in turn makes me realize something

about everyone else I know. This happened recently in the midst of a full-on freak out over exams, papers, grad school, my future, the state of the union, orphans in Uganda and split ends. It occurred to me that I take life way too seriously and I don't think I'm the only one.

If I'm not careful here, it could seem like I'm saying it's time for everyone to chuck their books, ditch college, and join some type of traveling circus. While there have been times in my life when that path sounded rather appealing, I've realized that it isn't a rational solution. (When I got to the circus, I'd probably be in the same exact state, engrossed in being the absolute best lion tamer to ever live.)

The matter at hand is looking at

the way we view life in general. It could be a bold generalization, but I'd strike it safe to say that people take their lives way too seriously. We only get this life, so we'd better stay focused and be successful and do everything right – right? But if that first part is true, and we only get this one life, why are we wasting our time measuring and perfecting? There's no time for that.

There are a lot of things I think matter that absolutely don't in the grand scheme of things. I think it is a really big deal when my hair looks terrible, but it isn't. I am obsessed with being exactly on time, but I never am. I'm convinced that every time I get writer's block my future is over, but it's not. I can worry, stress, and make myself sick over all the little things I didn't do exactly right, but time is still mov-

ing. I still have time.

I've learned a lot from people in my life: family, neighbors, teachers. Something that seems to happen quite often is that what I actually learn from them isn't what they were trying to teach me. For instance, I am currently taking classes with a very well-known and well-liked professor in the English department. I've have learned an enormous amount of information from this professor in my three years at Thiel, including the titles of paintings I have never seen and the proper way to cite absolutely anything. When I leave Thiel, I know I will forget many of the things he has taught me. That's the way it goes; you take the test and you forget. However, I will never forget what he has taught me about embracing your circumstances,

never taking yourself too seriously, and sometimes having too much fun being alive to worry about your to-do list. Oh, and most importantly, the value of a fine moustache.

In a round-about way, I'm asking you to go smell some flowers today. Really, go to Walmart, walk to the floral section, and put your face in some roses. Because it isn't productive and it doesn't have a purpose, but it will almost certainly make you smile. Take a deep breath before your next exam and know that as long as you can honestly say you did your best, no one can condemn you. Pursue your dreams, whatever they are, but make sure you are ready to laugh at your own mistakes.

After all, spilled milk doesn't really hurt anything until you cry about it.

Why your favorite movie is terrible.... Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory

by Andrew Denson, adenson@thiel.edu

The Movie: That one movie Johnny Depp remade that was terrible (aka. Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory).

This movie is really near and dear to my heart because it was the stepping stone to my last relationship (basically dated a tame version of Veruca Salt.) The movie follows Charlie Bucket as he derps his way through life like an American Ron Weasley. Apparently his family is dirt poor, although I am pretty sure his mother could have made it as an actress. Charlie eventually spends money on chocolate in the hope of meeting well-known chocolate maker and possible child killer, Willy Wonka. Willy Wonka (played by Gene Wilder who coincidentally looks like my girlfriend from 9th grade) is an eccentric who lives in his factory with little green men (I swear I saw this in a porno once). I literally do not want to imagine the types of chocolaty shenanigans they all got into. He eventually invites 5 children into his factory and kills off the children through a series of heartwarming songs, except Charlie who he deems worthy enough to become his successor (only after telling Charlie in a rated-G way to "F off"). Along the way there are more songs and scenes for entire sociopathic families to enjoy.

Character Everyone Loves To Hate: Grandpa Joe (aka. The Biggest Scrub this side of The Mississippi).

Whenever I state that hate Grand-

pa Joe, people call me a cynical jerk. Oh Really? Let's look at this one. Grandpa Joe and the rest of the lazy Bucket Elders literally lay in bed for years without getting up (bathroom????) and despite the fact that they were poor and had to rely on Charlie to pay for everything (INCLUDING TWO WONKA BARS), Grandpa Joe just lays there. Then one foggy Wonka Eve, Charlie came to say "Grandpa with your back so broke, won't you see the Wonka Bloke". Grandpa Joe gets out of bed, starts doing the electric slide and moonwalking around the house like he was a twenty year old man.... WHAT A JERK! Then at Wonka's castle, he peer pressures Charlie into drinking Fizzy Lifting Juice and almost gets him sliced and diced. I am sure I am not the only person that thinks Grandpa Joe should become "Charlie's recently deceased Grandpa Joe".

Why the Movie is Awful: Two Words. Grandpa Joe

Why The Movie Is Not Awful: Two Words. Gene Wilder. Also, am I the only one that thought Veruca was attractive?

Best Scenes:

1. Every scene Charlie has a poor moment (everyone in class literally stared at him when he said he had only two Wonka bars).
2. Every time Wonka may or may not have killed a child.
3. YOU GET NOTHING, YOU LOSE, GOOD DAY SIR.



Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory came out in June of 1971, over 42 years ago. The book debued in 1964, 49 years ago.



Fall Break takes Thiel students to big city; Chicago envisions new world for internationals

by Sunham Choi, csunham@thiel.edu

"The most significant thing I liked about Chicago was the beautiful harmony of the nature, culture, and urban city."

From October 18th to 22nd, I went to Chicago during my mid-term break. It was my first time in big city in the USA, and I was very expecting this trip. With four other Korean exchange students, I first went to Pittsburgh to take a night-over train to Chicago. I have never taken a train for so long like this, so I was a little bit worried that I would feel too uncomfortable. However, it was not too bad. When I opened my eyes in the morning, I could find out the scenery of Chicago's morning, and it was very beautiful. I and my friends were very excited to start our first day in Chicago with clear weather and warm morning sunshine.

The most significant thing I liked about Chicago was the beautiful harmony of the nature, culture, and urban city. On October 19th, the first day in Chicago, I visited Chicago Sky deck. It was on the top of Willis tower, the tallest building in Chicago. It only took a few seconds to go up to the top by an elevator. On the top floor, there was the place which has transparent floor, so the tourists can take a photo on that floor and take a shot as if they are on the air of Chicago. I and my friend also took a lot of fun poses and get nice pictures there. What I liked very much of the view is the harmonious scenery of Michigan Lake and the buildings of Chicago. After that, we went to the Art Institute of Chicago. I was very happy to see the famous art pieces like Monet and Gogh's works that I learned only through art textbooks. And I was very impressed

by the museum and the city's effort to respect and keep them safe and fine. Around the Art Institute of Chicago, there was the Millenium Park. It was a very nature-friendly park that not only citizens but also tourists can easily visit and enjoy the beauty of nature. In the park, there were many interesting arts. One of the most famous arts, "Cloud Gate", which is more known as "The Bean," was in the center of the park. Many people enjoyed the coexistence of the urban life and nature, which I really loved.

Chicago was the biggest city that I have ever visited in the USA. Although things seemed to be going around very hectic, it was very fun to watch Chicago people's life in the perspective of a visitor. Stu-

dents who are going their way to school, young lady who picks up her hotdog from the take-out fast food restaurant, businessman who is reading his newspaper on the subway, and every other diverse people's life was breathing in the heart of Chicago. But I could feel the familiarity from them because although I and their nations are different, we are all same people and share similar daily "assignments" such as going to school or work. I could remind my life back in my home country, and was able to watch them as if they were my friends. The trip of four nights and five days to Chicago may seem to be a short term to fully understand the American cities, I really love my precious memories that I've got from the break.



Opinion Poll: “What do you enjoy most about Thiel College? ”



Evan Nan
“Being part of a sports team and making a lot of good friends.”



Dan Wiegmann
“I enjoy the personal experiences provided by the professors.”



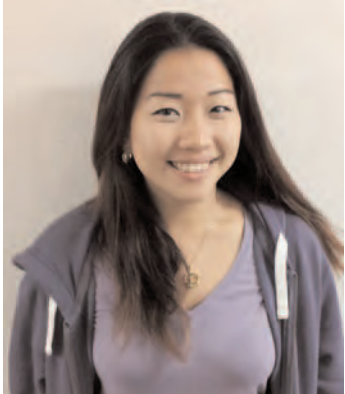
Morgan Gray
“Greek Life.”



Brooke Thimons
“Greek Life and their involvement with Thiel and the community.”



Kanygnon Kpou
“Western Humanities.”



Natsuki Okazaki
“The American people on campus.”

Photo of the Edition



Pumpkins and leaves can still be found on campus. Before long, they will be replaced by white fluffs of frozen water.

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

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1. My dad equated raising me to raising a puppy
2. The townhouse quad is where pumpkins go to die
3. America: Bald Eagles and Budweiser
4. Seeing flowers in the mail room and realizing they aren’t for you... #Disappointed
5. General rule of thumb: if the professor is allowing class to end early, don’t start talking about the Today Show. Its common sense people.
6. What about herpes?!
7. Who said you have to have college degree to be successful, and why did we listen?
8. I learn all of my life lessons from watching how to catch a predator
9. To whoever made up the sick vicious rumor that Taco Bell as open: please die
10. Definitely took some years off my life last night

compiled by Erin Huff

**Fashion Frenzy:
“The Dog Walk:” Ralph Lauren Teams Up With ASPCA in New Ad Campaign**

by Katie Allgeier, kallgeier@thiel.edu



Roxie, a miniature daschund, peeks out of a Ralph Lauren leather dog carrier. Since the video aired, Roxe and all the dogs involved have been adopted.

On Oct. 15, Ralph Lauren released the promotional video for their Fall 2013 Accessories Collection, featuring some very special guests. In partnership with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), the video features several rescue and shelter dogs modeling the brand’s line of dog accessories, including rain jackets and leads. From Oct. 15th through Nov. 15th, ten percent of all proceeds from products—canine and human alike— featured in the video will be donated to the ASPCA.

“The partnership came about when I got a call from someone at Ralph Lauren to discuss the possibility of getting together a fabulous event to promote the adoption of shelter dogs,” said Nancy Novgrad of All-Tame Animals, who provided dogs for the shoot.

“Ralph Lauren has always loved dogs and celebrated them in his ads for 45 years,” David Lauren remarked. “Today we’re very proud to team up with the ASPCA to create a show that celebrates dogs and fashion.”

Certainly, the video, which runs

about a minute and a half, celebrates the dogs as much as it celebrates the fashion, and appeals to animal and fashion lovers alike. One such student is Shelby Gitchel, senior, who own several rescue animals. “All of our animals are rescues, and I’m really conscientious of rescue animals and caring for animals,” she remarked. “Just caring for animals in general is something that’s really been ingrained in my family.”

Gitchel did voice two concerns, however. “I think it’s a good campaign, but I don’t think it emphasized the benefits that the campaign will have for the dogs,” she said. “(I also don’t like that they) only emphasized dogs, and not any other kinds of rescue animals.”

Additionally, Gitchel was concerned about the welfare of the animals after the video shoot. This writer is pleased to report that all of the dogs featured in the video were adopted shortly after the release of the video. After all, what better accessory than a small and furry best friend?

To view the video and learn more, please visit <http://thedogwalk.ralphlauren.com/>.

A Traditional Woman leading a Non-Traditional Life: *The Crosswalk*

by Melanie Thompson-Soros, msoros@thiel.edu



Apparently the crosswalks at Thiel are pretty entertaining and having had this phenomenon brought to my attention (thanks Liz!) I decided to watch the crosswalk in front of College Ave. apartments and see what was what.

What I saw was at times odd, disturbing and even frightening. First, I noticed those cars that slow way down the driver checking out – ahem – the girls as they cross the street. Almost always, the driver of this vehicle is an oldish man intent on viewing a few Thiel beauties. Have you girls stopped gagging yet? Oh good. Now think of this.....that age group is from MY dating pool! Whoops! There goes that pesky lunch out of your stomach!

Surprisingly, that’s the not the really disturbing part.

Then there are the drivers zooming by not looking for walkers or paying much attention to anything except the light – if it’s yellow you are risking your life even thinking about trying to cross the street. Amazingly, some do step out into the crosswalk only to zip back to the safety of the sidewalk. That’s if they’re paying attention.

And finally, there are those that depend on their guardian angels to cross the street. Head down, fingers moving at the speed of light texting, they neither look left or right to check traffic because – well why should they? It’s a crosswalk and drivers have to stop – right? I’ve seen several almost accidents because of this type of road crosser when the driver hits the brakes and the walker sprints across the road to safety.

People, people, people please! Put your phone in your pocket and pay attention when you’re crossing the road! Just because there’s a crosswalk does NOT mean its safe to cross without looking. And that’s both ways folks – left and right.



A student prepares to cross the road in front of College Ave. Apartments.



New Coach Changes Direction of Cheer and Dance Teams: Meet Kristie Hayes

By: Jennet Bertmeyer jbert@thiel.edu

As you probably know there is a new cheer and dance coach on campus. Kristie Hayes joined the Thiel Tomcat family this August, ready to take on the role of leading the cheerleaders and dancers to a great season. From practices to games, Coach Kristie has worked hard to get the girls where they are today. At the beginning of the season the girls had high hopes for a fresh new coach.

"A fresh start is definitely what the Spirit Squad needed. In such a short time Coach Hayes has turned a negative attitude into a posi-

tive outlook for a new year. Both teams are extremely excited for the new ideas Coach Hayes has in store for us," said Brooklyn Ishman, 3-year Veteran of the Cheerleading Team.

"I'm excited for this new season with a fresh face. I am confident that Coach Hayes will lead the spirit squad to many victories while accomplishing team goals," claimed Nathan Nitczynski, third year member of the dance team.

They got what they expected, she has led us to grow closer as a team and achieve new pyramids and

dances. The members of the team have grown to love her and have gotten to know her really well. But what do you know about her? I sat down and asked her a few questions about herself:

1)What made you decide on Thiel?

I wanted to take on the challenge of coaching cheer and dance. When it comes to recruiting, the location of the college provides growth opportunity from local cheer and dance programs.

2)How is it different from your past job?

My previous job at Saint Francis University was working in division one athletics. The main difference is transitioning into a division three athletic program.

3)How do you like it at Thiel?

The atmosphere is welcoming and everyone was helpful, which made for an enjoyable transition.

4)What goals do you hope to accomplish as coach of the cheer and dance teams?

The primary goal for both teams is to support the athletic programs at Thiel. Building the programs to compete nationally is another one of our team goals. Looking to recruit athletes from local areas and portray what kind of positive program we have in athletics, dance, and cheer. One of my favorite sayings is, "Do what you love and love what you do." Having two great groups of athletes makes me proud to say that my job is something that I love to do.

This positive outlook has allowed for great leaps and bounds to be accomplished on both teams. She is a great coach with a great personality, and will do great things as the new coach.



The cheerleaders and dance squad entertain spectators at events such as the Homecoming parade, where this photo was taken.

Women's Soccer Suffers a Stretch of Losses to Conclude The Season

By: Erin Huff ehuff558@thiel.edu

The lady Tomcats have had a tough road this season. They finished their season with a 7-10-1 overall record, with only one of those wins coming from conference play. The girls dropped two PAC games to Westminster and Saint Vincent before going on the road to take on the Bethany Bison. In West Virginia, the Bison took a quick 1-0 lead. It was not until the late in the first half that Thiel tied the game off a shot by Morgan Berg.

When half-time came to an end and both teams took the field Berg put the Tomcats up by one. This is

Berg's tenth goal of the season and came from 15-yards out as well as at the perfect moment.

The next game against Thomas More didn't fair as well for the girls though, as they couldn't seem to get on track. They dropped the match 0-6. They concluded their season last Saturday at our own Alumni Stadium. It was senior day at the field and parents and friends alike gathered to celebrate the last game of five Thiel seniors who would be suiting up for the last time as Tomcats. Sophomore goalkeeper, Mary Oakey, contributed 8

saves, but it wasn't enough to get the win. Mary and Morgan, both two year starters, have contributed in multiple ways since they arrived at Thiel just last year. They lost the game 0-4.

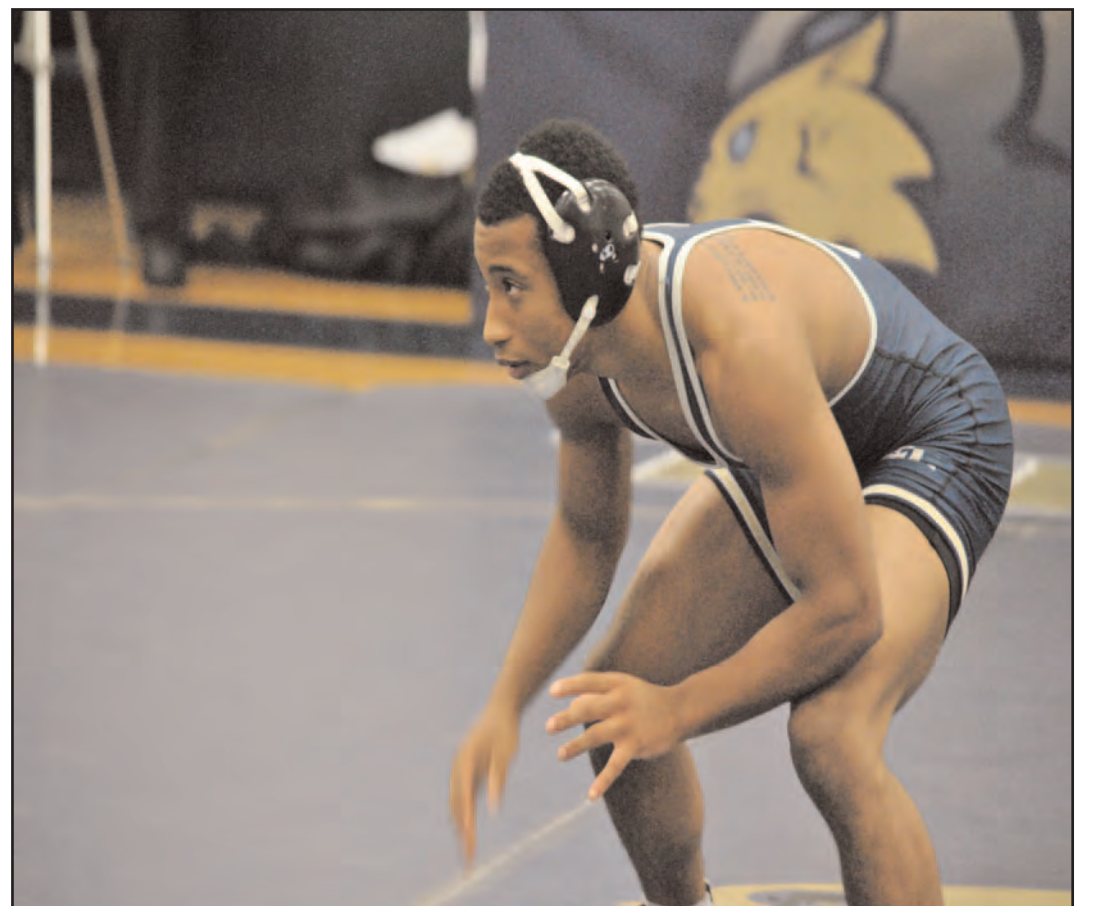
Congratulations go out to Kelsey Adair, Kayce Grim, Taryn Benner, Jessica Crawford and Alison House, the seniors who all stood with their families and were honored before the start of the game. These five seniors will be greatly missed from the program as they have all been stand out performers for the last 4 years.



Goalkeeper Mary Oakey bends to scoop up an attempted shot. Mary has been a force to reckon with in the net this season and is continuing to get better as the games go on.

Annual Blue/Gold Match kicks off the season; wrestlers take it to the mats

by Erin Huff, ehuff@thiel.edu



The blue/gold wrestling match was a great way to begin the season.

The holiday season is in our midst, and that can only mean one thing: time to hit the mats.

Thiel's wrestling Tomcats are back in action and eager to take the PAC by storm. There is a lot of experience returning to the team this year; top returners are sophomores Nick Sutton and Blake Heim and juniors Adam Matthews, Jordan Powell and Jake Lowery. Powell placed 7th at the NCAA Division III Championships in the 2012-13 season and is currently ranked 3rd in his weight class. Lowery, who competes in the 197 lbs weight class, is sitting in

8th.

In true Thiel tradition the boys divided into two teams, to showcase their progress as well as exhibit some friendly inter-squad competition, in this year's Blue Gold match. There were plenty of match-ups throughout the night and senior, Adam Mott, broadcasted the event complete with interviews from the key members of the team. During these interviews, Mott asked what expectations they each had coming into this year. All of them came back with the typical response of, "Improve from last year." Which seems to

be a pretty achievable goal considering the amount of talent that will be resurfacing.

Mr. Mott will be keeping the campus updated about all things wrestling this winter. He worked over the summer as an intern with PAC and has made some significant strides toward informing the student body about the athletic programs here at Thiel. The goal of any school is to get people involved and to gain the support of the faculty and students, and under the direction of Coach Thurber they should have no problem creating a buzz around campus.

Upcoming Events:

Men's Basketball:

Penn State - Behrend
November 26th - 8 p.m.
(Home Opener)

W&J Invitational
November 9th

Mount Union Invitational
November 16th

Women's Basketball

Penn State - Behrend
November 11th - 7 p.m.

Mount Union Duals
November 23rd

Westminster College
November 26th - 6 p.m.

Cheer/ Dance Squad

Elite Cheer and Dance Championship
December 12th in Pittsburgh, Pa

Wrestling:

They will not be competing at home until January.