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## International Education Week

by Keeley Criswell

This week, there have been several events that highlight the various cultures that Thiel students experience in their own homes.

One of the most popular events of the week is always the International Food Fair, where students have the opportunity to experience culture through their taste buds. This year, students were able to try food from Korea, Japan, Mexico, Russia, China and other countries. Students even had the opportunity to try caviar.

"I think that the international food fair is an important event because it is the time that I can show our culture not only to conversation leaders but also to all the Thiel students. And, I think food is the most easy way to approach the American people," said Leeji Cho. Cho made and served traditional food of Korea.

On Monday, students were able to try different tea from around the world. Monday night's event was canceled due to the disappointment of some students. Due to high winds, the Chinese lantern release would have been dangerous. The wind could have carried the lanterns away and caused a fire to ignite. So, the decision was made to cancel the release.

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The Thielensian would like to apologize for several typographical errors that occurred in our last edition. While errors do happen, we strive to keep them at a minimum. We would specifically like to apologize for the misspelling of WPXI, Pittsburgh's home for local and state news, in the article header on page 4. We would also like to apologize for any confusion that may have arisen from our article on Breast Cancer Awareness. Zeta Tau Alpha was responsible for the Breast Cancer Awareness decorations around campus as well as many of the events. They were not sponsored by Thiel.

## New Career Track: Four-Year Career Curriculum

by Sean Oros, sOros@thiel.edu

The new Career Curriculum is a set of expectations, year by year, for each class rank to prepare for career searches. Dr. Martin Black, Associate Dean of Career Development, shared a great deal about the new opportunities provided through this program, which ensure the smoothest transition from college to career. Seminars, fairs, and activities will all be integral steps towards creating a comprehensive program that will guide students to career success.

For instance, there is a

new "Launching my Brilliant Career" exercise geared to help students assess whether their chosen major—or potential major—will be of use to them down the road. Once for each FY, the career development team will visit the classroom and help guide the students to their best skills and favorite themes through several integrative exercises. "One that was quite memorable..." Black said, "was picking up somebody's paper and [seeing that he]

wanted three things in particular in his work life. One was adventure, one was community (helping others) and a third—which not everybody has—was a sense of protection, security, well-being... Putting all those themes into a Venn diagram made me think 'okay, what's in the middle here?' It's gotta be a police officer." The student thought the same. The goal is to help the student to find what they are passionate about—not what they have been told to study—and which will secure them a successful

career. As Black continued to describe, the curriculum walks students through the expectations for each year. Freshmen will have a polished "30-Second Interview," in which they can successfully advertise themselves to a potential employer. Sophomores are expected to find a professional to learn about, so as to learn company history, learn more about that particular style of work, and to get their own name into the market. In addition, there will be an increased emphasis

in "employer events" such as internship fairs, both at Thiel and abroad in cities like Pittsburgh. Juniors will have an increased focus upon summer internships. Seniors, meanwhile, will take an interdisciplinary job-search class and receive help and guidance in applying for jobs and securing interviews. Every step of the way, there will be carefully designed advice and assistance to help students to transition successfully to the next level of their lives.

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The design team for Four World Trade Centers cut the ribbon to debut the project in lower Manhattan on Wednesday, November 13.

## Ground Zero location displays new 9/11 tribute

By Brianna Tiedeman, btiedeman@thiel.edu

Ground Zero marks the spot in New York where al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden orchestrated a 19-man commercial airline terrorist attack on the World Trade Center towers. On Wednesday, Nov. 13 the first office tower of the complex rebuild had its debut. Four World Trade Center simulates a simpler version of One World Trade Center, which will be completed early in 2014.

The ribbon cutting was done by Mayor Michael Bloomberg, World Trade Center developer Larry A. Silverstein, and Manhattan Borough President

Scott M. Stringer before 3 p.m.

The office building, according to MSN, stands 977 feet tall and climbs 72 stories. Silverstein, a victim of the 9/11 attacks, and also the developer for the revamping project held the lease to the site when it was destroyed. MSN reports that Silverstein "played a key role in shaping the project's design, security, and cost."

Port Authority of both New York and New Jersey and also the city of New York itself committed to the building's space once the ideas of honoring

the buildings transpired. According to Silverstein's spokesman Dara McQuillan, the developer is not phased that his project is only half-leased.

The New York Post reported that those government agencies and the city will be moved into the space by 2015. It is located in lower Manhattan and faces the Sept. 11 memorial's south reflecting pool.

"Four World Trade Center is the most advanced office building of the 21st Century," WorldTradeCenter.com published. "Designed by Pritzker-prize winning architect Fumi-

hiko Maki, this green building features natural light, fresh air and spectacular views."

WTC also mentions that the building offers access to every city subway and the city's newest shops and restaurants in New York.

"Floor-to-ceiling ultra-clear glass brings in more natural light than any other building in New York City. The building's occupants control their own climate and breathe fresh air drawn from the top of the tower and filtered to the highest standards," WTC said. "This creates a better work environment and reduces energy costs."

## Internship inquiries swamp LHR

by B. Tiedeman, btiedeman@thiel.edu

On Thursday, Nov. 14, connections were made and résumés were distributed among our undergraduate students and potential employers in the LHR from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To commence the late morning to afternoon fair, a seminar entitled "How to Keep Cool" was presented by Tabatha Dorman, an Employee Developmental Specialist from the Goodwill Industries of Pennsylvania. Approximately 15 to 20 students attended and listened in on the seminar while 10 participating internship providers set up their tables and prepared for student – employee interaction.

A few of the most popular departments represented on Thursday were St. Paul's, Goodwill Industries, 84 Lumber, Downtown Ministries, The Pedas Communication Center, and Northwestern Mutual of Cranberry, PA.

Martin Black is Thiel's fresh Associate Dean of Career Services and a great deal of the fair's planning was conducted by him, with the help of his team including Heather Balas, their interns, and also their 16 'T-Cats,' which include 4 students from each class, all representing different majors.

"I definitely wanted to do this fair on a sort of modest scale because I didn't know whether the students would come out," Black said. "We only had about 70 students there yesterday and that includes the 'T-Cats' but [they] were often engaging with the employers so I feel fine counting them."

TCTV reporters were on scene. A package of the fair can be seen on the ThielTCTV YouTube Channel.

The department has a tentative date and plans in mind for a Spring 2014 Internship Fair on April 3. In order to make this fair just as successful, if not more successful than Thursday's outcome, they are planning on quadrupling the employer to student ratio. Black anticipates 40 to 50 employers represented in the Spring and hopes to have at least 250 students in attendance.

In order to increase student attendance, the department plans on reaching out to those who represent majors and minors to students because ultimately the heart of an internship or an employment opportunity comes from the professors who inspire students' passion for an industry.

"I realize [Career Services] is a second-tier touch to the students," Black said. "The first tier is the academics and we're going to be able to level student interest better if we sell the opportunity through the faculty."

Black will reach out to all 19 departments within Thiel's curriculum and inquire about their participation. They will be asked to promote the fair and the employers that relate to their department in particular.

## 50 years later, Kennedy assassination still stirs memories

by Keeley Criswell, kcriswell@thiel.edu

Nov. 22, 1963. Dallas, Texas. President Kennedy's motorcade drove through Dealey Plaza. As he waved to crowds, a shot rang out through the streets, and Kennedy raised his hands to cover his face and neck. Shortly after, another bullet hit the president in the back of the head. From the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository, Lee Harvey Oswald had shot and killed the president.

Oswald, the only person charged with the murder, was arrested after sneaking into a theater. However, he was never put on trial. Two days after the assassination, while being transferred from police headquarters to the jail, he was shot and killed. This assassination was carried out live on television while the American

people watched. Oswald was shot by a local nightclub owner, Jack Ruby. He was arrested immediately.

According to an article on CNN.com, the three television networks – CBS, NBC, and ABC – stopped their scheduled planning for four days to cover news of the assassination. It was the longest uninterrupted news event covered on television until the 9-11 terrorist attacks.

Many of today's college students were in grade school in 2001 when two hijacked airplanes struck the World Trade Centers in New York City, one struck the Pentagon in Washington D.C., and another crashed in Pennsylvania. Like other Americans who were alive at the time, they have memories of where they were and what transpired

when they heard the news. However, another group of Americans has similar memories from 50 years ago, when the

Kennedy assassination took place. Some of them are still teaching or working in colleges across the country, including here at Thiel, and

they remember the where, the when, and the what from that day.

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50 years ago, Jacqueline Kennedy wore what would become one of the most famous artifacts from that day. Despite its fame, it has been preserved by the National Archives in a climate-controlled vault. It has been seen by almost no one, and will not be able to be viewed by the public for another 50 years.



# EVENTS

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## The Happenings

compiled by Liz Carlson

### Saturday, Nov. 23: Fries and Lies

Do you think you can detect lies? Then come to the Bistro to participate in this game show. Contestants have to guess which of our two hosts is telling the truth. If you guess correctly, you will have the option to move on to another questions and risk losing your earnings or to keep what you have. Contestants can win gift cards and other prizes. If you do not want to participate, then come for the all-you-can-eat French fry bar!

### Wednesday, Nov. 27- Sunday, Dec. 1: Thanksgiving Break

Residence Halls and the cafeteria will close at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 22. The Bistro will close at 4 p.m. Residence Halls will reopen at noon on Sunday, Dec. 1. The cafeteria will be open at 4:30 for dinner, and the Bistro will open at 7 p.m.

As always, keep on the lookout for Pop-Up Events!

## New Members Welcome!



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

compiled by Liz Carlson

Wednesday, Nov. 20 and Sunday, Nov. 24 – 9 p.m.

### Jobs:

Starring Ashton Kutcher as Steve Jobs, this film traces the life of the well-known co-founder, chairman, and CEO of Apple Inc. Beginning with his career in the Palo Alto garage, and progressing up through his rise as a top innovator in the computing industry, the movie emphasizes the key moments that drove Jobs to become so successful.

Wednesday Dec. 4 and Sunday, Dec. 8 – 9 p.m.

### Insidious: Chapter 2

A sequel to the frightening 2011 film, Insidious, this film continues the story of the Lambert family, who nearly lost their son to a paranormal experience.

## Thiel College POLICE BLOTTER

compiled by Brianna Tiedeman

**Nov. 2 - Liquor Law Violation - Townhouses**  
Students were found with beer and home-made liquor in a bedroom.

**Nov. 2 - Disorderly Conduct - Hunton**  
A domestic dispute occurred between four students in Hunton Hall.

**Nov. 3 - Liquor Law Violation - Apartments**  
After shutting down a party, two beer bongs and an empty bottle of liquor were found in Apt.3.

**Nov. 9 - Public Drunk - Gym**  
An underage student was found under the influence of alcohol and throwing up in the gym.

**Nov. 11 - Dangerous Weapons - Bane Hall**  
A BB Gun Rifle was found in a tree on-campus behind Ridgeway Avenue.

**Nov. 15 - Dangerous Weapons - Flo West**  
A student was throwing M80 fireworks from his bedroom window.



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## International Education Week teaches about cultures

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On a brighter note, Tuesday's events all went as planned. Lauren Valdez gave a presentation about her culture, and Abini Hung held a Chinese-Bracelet-Making Workshop. After Valdez's presentation, attendees had the opportunity to play bingo. They won prize bags filled with candies that are popular among Valdez's family.

"I wanted to present because I wanted people to clear their head of all the stereotypes they had. I am not Mexican, but [my family] is of Latino heritage, and that is how [my family] was raised," Valdez said.

Later in the day, students, staff, and faculty had the opportunity to learn how to make Chinese bracelets.

"I learned this when I was in my childhood," said Hung. "I have a master who taught me. She is my aunt. My first bracelet was for my mom;

I just wanted to give her a Mother's Day gift and that was my first artwork. After that, I was interested and I kept learning, kept studying with my master. Someday, I hope to be as skillful as my master to make a purse or a bag."

Although making bracelets was confusing at first, those who made them were surprised at how easy the task was once they had the opportunity to practice some.

"I had an hour to kill, so I decided to make a bracelet. It was super fun! The instructions were easy and the instructor was super nice," Nicole Johnston said.

Wednesday brought with it even more of an opportunity to learn about the world. Saba Pervaiz presented about her home country, Pakistan. After the presentation, students had the opportunity to try some food that is popular in Pakistan.

"I really liked all of it because it's all about me and my culture and it was the time when I got to know so much like what kind of resources and

other good things about my country. I always hear [people say] negative things, so this was a time when I could tell good things about my coun-

try," said Pervaiz.

Today, there will be an International Candy Bar in the Bistro from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. It will be an opportunity

to try candy from around the world. At 4 p.m. in the LHR, Melissa Beltran will present about her life growing up in an Italian-Cuban home.



*There have been various events throughout the week for international education. The international food fair is always one of the most popular events.*

## Band Preview Day a success DHI students travel to D.C.

by Maryanne Elder, melder@thiel.edu



*Members of Thiel Marching band and prospective members play at Thiel's Band Preview Day.*

On Nov.9, Thiel College Marching Pride held its fourth annual "Band Day." This is an event that is widely popular and one of the marching band's prospective recruiting days. Students arrived for registration around 2:30pm, and proceeded into the Passavant Center. High school students then had the chance to ask any question of the admissions workers.

Band director Andy Erb later conducted a mass rehearsal for everyone. During this time, students were able to talk to any of the band students and were able to ask more questions. The night's weather was gloomy, but the Tomcat spirit was high because it was the first night game under the lights. The band marched with the high

school students. Family members and students were invited to the Tomcat Tailgate held before the game.

"I am excited to be sharing the field with a former marching band-mate of mine," said Ashley Sweat, freshman. Once halftime hit the band marched onto the field in a mass of over 200 people.

Band Day is why the Tomcats do what they do.

"The Thiel Tomcat Marching Pride is much nicer than any other band day that I have attended and I enjoy that, and this makes the difference when I am choosing my school at the end of the day," one prospective student said. "People search for schools that talk to people... I am glad that

(band members) talk to people."

The Thiel College band day participants and the Thiel College Marching Pride performed the songs "Carry on My Wayward Son," "PokerFace," "Crazy Train," and "Raise Your Glass." To top it all off, the football team won the game, providing the perfect end to the night.

This is considered the biggest recruiting tool for the music department.

"Band day kicked brass," said Mike Mantini, a freshman in the band.

Overall the day was a success. Students left with smiles on their faces and an experience they could go back and tell to their high school marching band.

by Richard Bengel, rbengel@thiel.edu

From Nov. 1-2, students in the Dietrich Honors Institute (DHI) went on a trip to Washington, D.C. for sightseeing.

"I thought it was great that we had a lot of free time to do whatever we want and it was a pretty cool learning experience. I had been there several times, but I enjoyed it," said freshman Hanna Tegel.

Students boarded onto five vans early Saturday morning, with the vans leaving Thiel just after 6 a.m. After a stop in Breezewood for fuel and food, the group arrived in D.C. just after noon, and had the day to tour the museums and monuments.

After checking into the hotel, the group ventured down to the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, where they watched a Bulgarian play. Afterwards, the group was released for dinner and more sightseeing.

The following day, students had the option to sleep in or attend service at the Washington National Cathedral, with more time to visit the monuments and museums afterward. Later

in the afternoon, the group met at the Holocaust Museum for a tour. Following the tour of the Museum, the vans again loaded up, departing for Thiel. The last van arrived back on campus shortly before midnight.

The trip was a hit for all the students who went, but more so for students who had never been to the nation's capital before.

"I thought it was a great learning experience

because I had never been to a big city and actually walked around before," says freshmen Austin Hall.

"It was enlightening for the fact that we got to see all the monuments and reflect on America's great past," concluded Hall.

The DHI is planning another trip for the spring. It is reported that the trip will be to Toronto, although it is yet to be officially determined.



*While in DC, students were able to see various memorials. Pictured above is the Vietnam Memorial.*

## Faculty and staff remember JFK assassination

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"I was in my Junior year of high school in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. I was in band when we received the announcement that President Kennedy had been shot," said Dr. Thompson. "Our class came to a halt and we waited quietly for further word. Eventually, the radio broadcast was played over the loudspeaker and we listened intently to the national news. Before too long the announcement was made that the President was dead."

There certainly are not many people who were alive at the time that don't remember the events that surrounded their hearing of the news.

"I was at school in a gym class. I think we were playing tennis," said Professor Newton. "Some of the other students were saying that the president had been shot. Then we found out that it wasn't just a rumor. I remember sitting down and having such a great difficulty believing that such a thing had happened. School was canceled after that."

"I don't remember how old I was exactly. But, I do remember that I was home sick, and I was watching it on TV. I called my mom to tell her and she didn't believe me," said Jerri Farrah-Wilds.

While many professors recounting the incident were in school, some were not. Having already graduated from high school, Dr. Miller had a different experience.

"I was in the ambulance business at the time of the shooting, and we had been called to a motorcycle accident out by Jackson Center. We transported the injured rider to the Mercer Cottage Hospital. As we were putting our patient in a bed, a TV was on reporting the news. My first reaction was disbelief. There have been very few days in my life that I recall in such detail. I was also watching our TV on Sunday at the moment Oswald was shot. That was another memorable moment for me," he said.

The Kennedy assassination even affected those in other

countries. From the other side of the world, a teenage Dr. Hecking sat in his home watching the TV when he heard the news. "I was at home watching TV, and the program I was watching was interrupted..."

Somebody said that President Kennedy was badly wounded in an assassination attempt, but that he was still alive. Later, there was a blank screen saying that he had died at the hospital. There was music, but nothing else. Then, later on it was all over the evening news. That's what I remember," said Dr. Hecking.

Assassinations and terrorist attacks have the ability to affect a nation at its core. They leave an impression on citizens and, decades later, those people are still able to recall the tasks they were completing when they heard the news. Even though these tasks may have seemed mundane before the news spread, harrowing incidents cause them to be forever engraved in the minds of those involved.

## ACS: Bringing chemistry to the scientists of tomorrow

by Kaile Jump, kjump719@thiel.edu

On Sunday Oct. 27, the American Chemical Society Affiliates of Thiel College (also known as ACS) hosted

their annual Kids n' Chem event.

Elementary Students from local schools were in-

vited to participate in a day of games, activities and demonstrations to show them just how important chemistry is to everyday life. Volunteers from Thiel's ACS affiliates as well as several volunteers from Thiel's Tri Beta Chapter all took over stations through which the kids rotated. Some of the activities included film canister rockets, making silly putty and slime, and coffee filter chromatography butterflies. Several ACS members also showed demonstrations such as multicolored flame gels to show how fireworks have different colors and paint can "bombs" to show how bombs and pressure work. One of the kids' favorites was the minicannon demonstration. A chemical reaction in the mini-cannon creates a flammable gas which is then ignited using a spark, creating a loud "boom," similar to how full-sized cannons operate.



## Misconceptions about Korean Peninsula

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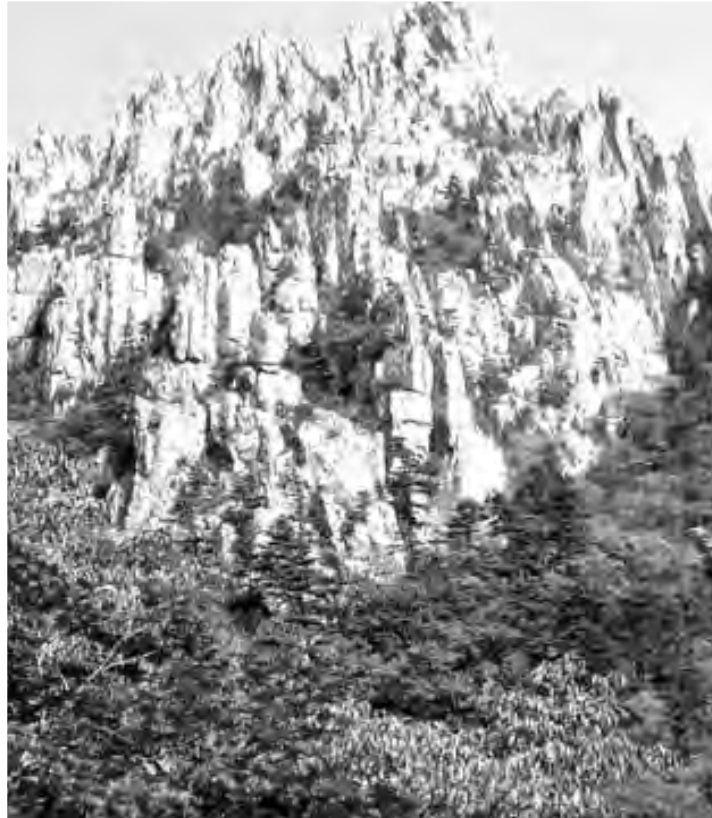
The most popular questions that Americans ask upon finding out someone is Korean is “Have you ever been to North Korea?”

It would seem that most Americans do not understand that it is very difficult to actually visit North Korea. Mount Geumgang, a mountain located roughly 50 kilometers (31 miles) from the South Korean border, is a specially designated “tourist region,” one of a very few number of places in North Korea available for tourism.

There are many misunderstandings about South Korea. The primary differences are statistical. The population of South Korea is roughly twice the size of North Korea. Additionally, the gross domestic product (GDP) of South Korea is \$32,400, while the GDP of North Korea is \$1,800 (as of 2012). Life expectancy in South Korea is about 79

years, while the life expectancy is only about 69 years in North Korea. It has been shown that South Korea has a higher press freedom rating than North Korea. Finally, perhaps the most shocking statistic is that, while about 81.5% of South Koreans use the internet, only .1% of North Koreans are able to use the internet. Another misunderstanding about South Korea is a dangerous country because there could be a war at any time. The truth is, South Korea has been under a flag of truce since 1953.

When Americans hear that someone is Korean, they should assume that that person is South Korean, because North Koreans simply aren’t able to travel as freely as they would like. South Korea and North Korea are different in many ways. This article will help people understand these differences and mend their misunderstandings.



Mt. Geumgang is one of the few places in North Korea open to tourists.

## Photography Club becomes SGA official

by Maryanne Elder, melder@thiel.edu

Thiel’s Photography Club will start off next semester strong. The group, newly-accepted by the Student Government Association, is willing to accept new members at any point of the semester. All photographers ranging from beginner to experienced are accepted into the group, making the group diverse and unique. The club recommends that members have a digital SLR camera, camera phone, snapshot camera, iPod, or iPad for photography purposes. The club offers the extension of expression for students that want a different style of art

other than drawing and painting on campus.

The Thiel College Photography Club is filled with many ideas, and hopes that the campus will respond positively to these ideas. Events such as Help Portrait, A Christmas Photo booth, Professional Headshot Photo booth, and general suggestions on photographs.

As photographer Ansel Adams said, “You don’t make a photograph just with a camera. You bring to the act of photography all the pictures you have seen, the books you have read, the

music you have heard, and the people you have loved.”

Photography club teaches members that photography is best learned through teaching and spontaneous picture taking throughout the day. Is a picture really worth a thousand words? What thousand words? What about a thousand words from a rambler like Jack Kerouac or Mark Twain? Pictures are worth a thousand words and people learn from the experience of taking pictures over and over again.

“I am excited to see this club finally up and running.

To be a part of something that makes people happy,” said Mackenzie Jackson, vice-president of Photography club.

“When I came to Thiel College I was excited to find out we had a Photography Club,” said Rachel Hutchinson, treasurer and secretary of the club. “Things are starting out but I am excited to see things move forward.”

Students interested in joining the Thiel College Photography Club should contact Maryanne Elder, Mackenzie Jackson or Rachel Hutchinson for more information.



## FCA packs shoeboxes for Christmas

by Molly J. Everett, meverett@thiel.edu

Thiel’s Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) gathered together on Saturday, Oct. 26 to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. FCA also had the help of members of Thiel Christian Fellowship (TCF).

Operation Christmas Child is an outreach ministry

through Samaritan’s Purse. In 1993, Operation Christmas Child was formed and has become a huge ministry in sharing the love of Jesus with children. Since 1993, over 100 million children have received this simple blessing of a shoebox filled with hygiene products, toys,

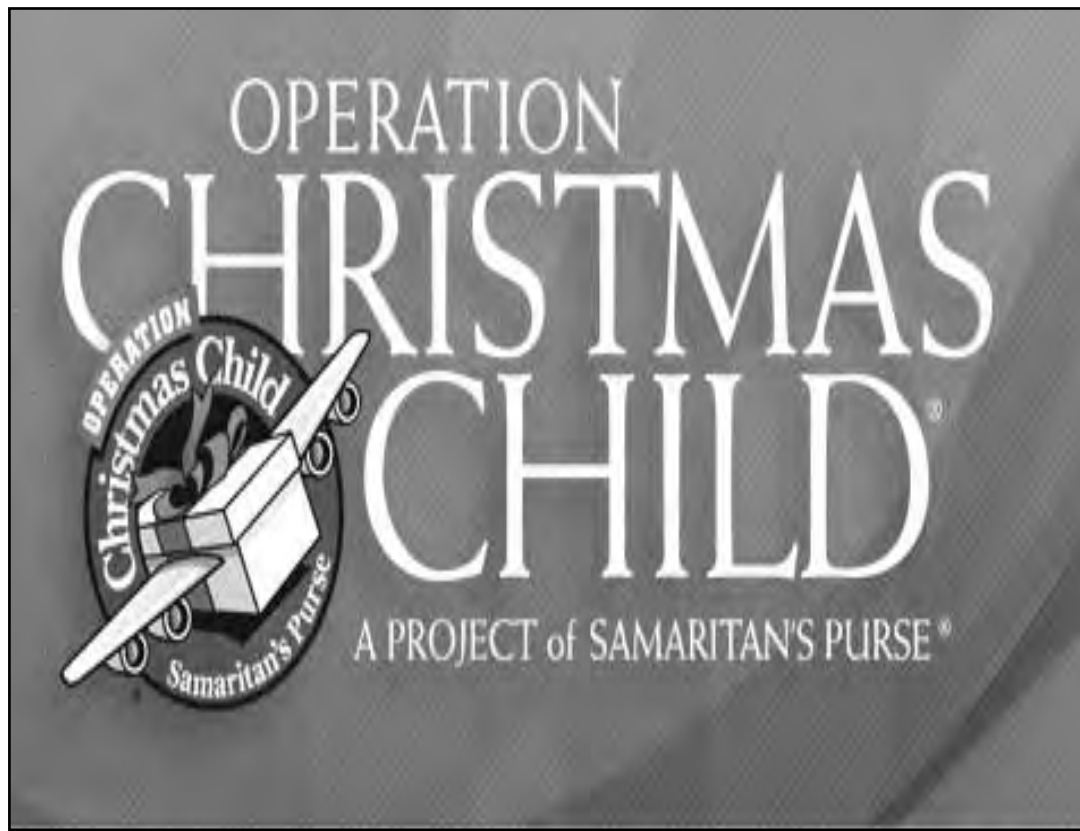
school supplies, and candy. People all over the country pack shoeboxes for children, and the boxes are then shipped all over the world. Children in over 130 countries receive these boxes as a Christmas gift and get to hear the gospel message.

The shoebox packing ex-

travaganza started early Saturday when a group of students headed out to Dollar Tree to buy all the supplies. Two huge shopping carts were overflowing with all sorts of exciting gifts. The shopping group made their way back to campus to meet the rest of the group and pack the boxes. Shoebox packing took place at the Chapel. While packing the boxes, participants joined a time of fun and fellowship as they listened to music, ate pizza, talked, and packed the shoeboxes.

Next year FCA hopes to get the entire campus involved. FCA meets every Tuesday morning at 7:15 a.m. for breakfast and Bible study in the cafeteria (Bible studies always end in enough time to get to an 8 a.m. class).

Their next event is Friday Nov. 22. For this event they will be showing the movie “Facing the Giants” in the Harter lobby. FCA hopes for a big turnout for their event, and requests that anyone looking for more information on the club visit them at the movie.



## NSSLHA members do good deeds

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The National Student Speech-Language and Hearing Association was founded in 1972. Known as NSSLHA (pronounced “Nishla”), it is a pre-professional association for graduate and undergraduate students interested in the study of communication sciences and disorders. This association provides opportunities for interaction with students with the same interests while allowing them to share knowledge with each other. It also helps students develop interest and skills pertaining to the field of speech-language pathology and audiology through

creative events, activities, guest lectures, open forums, and meetings. The main goal of NSSLHA is to promote awareness of disorders, disabilities, and organizations through the participation of different fundraisers and events.

NSSLHA is the only official national student association that is recognized by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA). Members of NSSLHA at Thiel College have been working actively during this semester to fundraise and complete community service. Members

will have the great opportunity to attend the Snow Flake Ball at St. Paul’s Home in January. The patients get very excited to spend some time with the students at Thiel; they get dressed up for this ball and it is a very exciting event. Music is played and snacks are served, ensuring that the patients and students have a great time.

NSSLHA members will be hosting a food drive November through December to collect food items. The goods will be hand-delivered to the local Good Shepherd in Greenville.

NSSLHA thanks everyone ahead of time that will donate.

Another annual fundraiser hosted by NSSLHA is the penny drive, which is generally their most successful event. Members of NSSLHA greatly appreciate everyone’s help with donating extra change toward the event; they know college students generally need all the extra change they can get, and recognize the generosity shown by those who donate to their cause.

NSSLHA thanks everyone who shows support for their organization.

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## Career Services promotes career-oriented curriculum

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Job and salary negotiations, once a job is secured, is yet another skill that the program will emphasize. Getting the job is only half the struggle in today's competitive markets.

"The first hundred days are very... important for the impression you make," said Black. "So, you come in with some fresh ideas, make some choices—you look around and see who's going to help you and who's not... you see what your boss needs, you see how you can manage up." The goal is to quickly earn an employer's trust. There are even some tips as to how to live with one's parents, should one not find a job immediately, to ensure a smooth co-habital experience without unnecessary stress so commonly associated with this circumstance.

"It's a response, really, to a growing expectation that career service centers will achieve better metrics..." Black said. "Another context is that the new core curriculum... has an exponential learning component with four facets and every

student has to satisfy two of them. They're not credit-bearing, but they don't have to be." For example, leadership and citizenship are two of the facets. "You can satisfy both of those with an internship. Better they do that even... I want my student to be able to do accounting, if they're an accountant, not frame a door.... Let's graduate you with something that's really going to help you to your career."

A third context is the strategic plan of the school, will call for 95% job placement for 2016. Career services will begin broadening their attempts to reach out to students, partnering with professors, seeking help from athletics, Greek Life, and clubs.

The result is a comprehensive and dedicated program that will cater to the need of Thiel students. Addressing many different career challenges, the curriculum will help guide students towards success in job markets and jobs themselves. For those who take advantage, there is a how-to guide to success in a career and life.



*Students are encouraged to visit the Career Development Center and schedule an appointment with the staff. It's important to begin preparing for the future now.*

## Pi Nu Epsilon

by Alyssa Bartlett and Kelsey Adair

Many of you may be asking, "What is Pi Nu Epsilon?" We are more than happy to answer that for you! We, the members of Pi Nu Epsilon, have been inducted into a National Music Honor Society. On Thiel's campus, we are comprised of those students who participated in a band or choir for two semesters and have a 2.75 cumulative GPA. We will be inducting our newest members early in December.

Our goal is to promote musical experiences on campus and throughout the local community. For example, at the Nov. 9 football game versus Westminster, we had a table where fans could support their favorite band student by sending them a Hershey Kiss. We are also going to do something very similar at the upcoming choir concert on Dec. 8 at 4 pm. We hope to see you there!



## Students discuss international experiences; new faculty discuss Career Services

by Katie Allgeier, [KAllgeier@thiel.edu](mailto:KAllgeier@thiel.edu)



*Presenters of the November Forum included Martin Black of Career Development, Vira Heinz scholars Grace Hildebrand, Keeley Criswell, and Victoria Challingsworth, and Joe Zastrow of Thrivent Services.*

At 4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14, students and faculty gathered in the Sawhill-Georgian room to listen to five different speakers discuss their topics of interest.

Among the speakers were Victoria Challingsworth, Keeley Criswell, and Grace Hildebrand, three of Thiel's recent Vira Heinz recipients. Also included were Martin Black of the Career Development Center and Joe Zastrow of Thrivent Services.

About fifty people were in attendance on Thursday. The first to present was Victoria Challingsworth, who discussed her time spent abroad in Argentina. Challingsworth, a junior, spoke of the adventures she had while studying the

economics of the agrifoods systems of Argentina.

"Being able to share my experience with students and faculty was very meaningful to me," Challingsworth said. "I love to talk about the changes and realizations it all had on me."

Another presenter from the Vira Heinz program was Grace Hildebrand, a junior, who discussed her experiences in Prague. Hildebrand spent roughly six weeks in Prague, and had both positive and negative experiences abroad. Nevertheless, Hildebrand encourages female students interested in studying abroad to follow their dreams.

"When it comes to picking a country, don't play it safe," Hildebrand

recommends. "If you only had one opportunity to travel, where would you go? Pick that place."

Challingsworth offered her advice to students looking for study abroad opportunities as well. "(My) first advice would be (to) go for it," she said. "Don't be intimidated because it seems daunting, expensive, or scary. It will be so worth it."

The Thiel Forums have become a place for students and faculty to share their experiences abroad. When asked whether they thought the Forums are a good place to share their experiences, both Challingsworth and Hildebrand responded positively.

"I love to talk about the changes and realizations it

all had on me, but I find I rarely have the chance," Challingsworth said. "The Thiel forum was a great way to present (my experience)."

"The Thiel Forum is a great place for people to express their experiences abroad," Hildebrand said. "It is a relaxed environment with people who are interested and curious about what you have to say. The guests are able to ask questions and make comments which make it fun and interactive, and more like a conversation than a lecture."

Thiel Forums are held select Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. in the Sawhill Georgian room. The next Forum will be held on January 16. Visit the Thiel website or speak to Dr. Mary Theresa Hall for more information.

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# TOOMBS TIME:

by Sara Toombs, stoombs@thiel.edu



As an English major, I am not at liberty to declare a solitary favorite author. I can say with absolute certainty, however, that John Green is a personal hero of mine. He's a bestselling author of young adult fiction, co-founder of mega-popular video blog "The Vlog Brothers," and a self-proclaimed lover of all things nerdy. But, beyond his achievements (and my jealousy of his life), John Green is one of those people that says things I will never forget.

One of these unforgettable bits of knowledge was said by Green in the context of a video blog entitled "Harry Potter Nerds Win at Life." Commenting on his love of the "nerd community," Green said, "... nerds like us are al-

lowed to be unironically enthusiastic about stuff... Nerds are allowed to love stuff, like jump-up-and-down-in-the-chair-can't-control-yourself love it. When people call people nerds, mostly what they're saying is 'you like stuff,' which is just not a good insult at all. Like, 'you are too enthusiastic about the miracle of human consciousness'."

I've been called a lot of names in my lifetime. I would take the chance to say that probably goes for just about everyone; everyone has been called something. The distinguishing factor for all these names, however, is whether they have a positive or negative connotation. And, who gets to decide? Is it the name-caller or the name-

called who determines a word's power?

It's safe to say, I get called a nerd a lot. My friends call me a nerd, my parents ask how I was born such a nerd, and I warn all new acquaintances that I am, in fact, a nerd. Perhaps it is the longstanding connotation of nerd to mean something insulting that keeps people using it that way, but there is a subgenre of humanity that realizes pointing out facts about a person isn't really that insulting at all. At least, it doesn't have to be.

I think the significance of what Green was trying to say isn't necessarily that all names don't hurt. I think, instead, he pointed out the fact that each person gets to de-

cide who they are and the rest of the world can assign as many arbitrary names to that person as they wish. Being called a nerd doesn't somehow change the fabric of my life, passions, goals, interests, or self; being called a nerd just points out that I have a childlike enthusiasm for making the impossible possible. (And that I will 100 percent be pulling an all-nighter to see the next Hobbit movie, finals in the morning be damned.)

So, go ahead and be a nerd, jock, hippie, rebel, hipster, stoner, or total frat guy; find your niche. In the long run, those arbitrary names people used to try and ruin your day in high school just become a really convenient way to find your real friends at college.

# Why your favorite movie is terrible ...featuring The First Pokemon Movie

by Andrew Denson, adenson@thiel.edu



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## The Movie:

Everyone's' Childhood in a 90 minute feature film crapfest (aka. *Pokemon The First Movie*).

This movie was needed by every child growing up in the 90's. The following of the television show was ridiculous and the card game followers were even worse. Every day in school I was forced to listen to these fools talk and trade Pokemon cards like it was NFL season or something.

**Nerd 1:** "I'LL TRADE YOU A HOLOGRAPHIC CHARIZARD FOR YOUR HO-OH!!!"

**Nerd 2:** "HECK NO, HO-OH IS NEO."

**Me:** "I hope something bad happens to both of you."

By the time the movie had come out, everyone and their mama knew what Pokémon was, and despite parents hatred of it, they still took their snot-nosed kids to see it. The movie starts off pretty legit introducing the villain Mewtwo and making people actually think "WE ARE ABOUT TO WATCH THESE CUTE CRITTERS GET FORCE CHOKED TO DEATH BY THIS GUY."

How wrong we were. After Mewtwo's epic introduction, he pretty much does nothing the rest of the movie. Yes, he possesses people and lays waste to a bunch of Pokémon (even Alakazam!), but seriously is he even a villain? He is basically fighting back against humans who have enslaved his people for hundreds of years and instead of freeing the original Pokémon, he makes independent copies of them that do not suffer from Stockholm Syndrome. Sounds like a savior to me. At the end of the movie of course, "good" prevails and Ash and his hero Pokémon soul mate Pikachu ride off into their next adventure. Also, why do they turn Charizard into such a baby during his crying scene? STOP IT.

## Character Everyone Loves To Hate:

Every single character in the movie (Except Psyduck of course). This movie was so annoying for me, even as a child, because the characters were so not relatable. Ash the slave master extraordinaire fights for 90 minutes trying to maintain his way of life as a slave master, his friends Misty and Brock help him out, meanwhile Dr. Mewtwo Luther King Jr. spends most of the movie trying to let his people go, but uses violent tactics, THAT'S NOT WHAT THEY TAUGHT ME IN GRADE SCHOOL. Pikachu tries to make the audience feel bad for him when he almost dies, but instead he had me cheering in the hope that they would finally put Uncle Pikachu to rest(maybe one of you will understand that reference). Team Rocket somehow found their way into this movie and somehow also escapes an untimely death sadly. Mew shows up too. For what reason, I do not know, but he is there. Thank goodness for Psyduck having a cameo or the movie may have led to an "incident."

## Why the Movie is Awful:

I mean it's a Pokémon movie. If you want to see how well movies made from anime cartoons workout, go watch Dragonball Evolution, The Last Airbender, and that one Yu-Gi-Oh movie... and make sure to bring rat poison with you.

## Why the Movie Is not Awful:

I have nothing to put here.

## Worst Scenes from the Movie:

1. The nicknames the other trainers gave their Pokémon. WHAT THE HECK IS A SHELLSHOCKER!!
2. Why doesn't Ginny Weasley sleep with Brock and Ash already?
3. Why is Meowth a New York City reject?
4. AND WILL SOMEONE PLEASE EXPLAIN TO ME WHY DR. IAN MALCOLM'S DAUGHTER IS BLACK IN JURASSIC PARK 2!!!!

# First impressions of the USA and Thiel

by Kabin Lee, klee@thiel.edu

Time flies too fast. The time when I, other International students, and all of freshmen have been in Thiel during, is going to three months almost. During that time, I have met many new things that contain events, people, place, food, life style and so on. Something is really nice so that make me think I should learn this from The United States, and then live whole life keeping that in mind. And also, some of these are awkward, when I met first. But after some time, I totally understood.

Today, I am going to say about my first experience of Halloween culture. Halloween is not big day in Korea. Even though the number of celebrating Halloween is growing nowadays in Korea, Halloween is still not big event that every Korean is interested in. So, it is really awesome and unique that people prepare Halloween even before two or three months ago. I could see many Halloween stuffs in Walmart and everywhere. People around me asked me about my costume and told their funny costume. In the way to take a walk in downtown, I couldn't but stop in front of a house that family in the house put moving giant spiders on their roof. Around Halloween day, there are many events consisting of Halloween festival at downtown, haunted house, scary movie and so on.

From Halloween day, I could experience awesome American culture of celebrating that day. In that process, I realized some things that I had never met from now on. Every people were waiting 'A day'. While they were excited with their waiting, they were preparing interesting sources that they can enjoy with their family, friends, and neighborhood. And also, they put one more fun greeting sentence into their monotonous life. Thus, they not waited one special day, made even other days into special days from the day. Many people wore gorgeous costumes regardless of age and sex. I could make me know how I can live my rest of life with a bunch of smile.

When I was in Korea, actually I thought special days that are like Valentine day and Halloween might be kind of a sales gimmick used by candy and chocolate company. However, now my thinking is totally changed. It might be able to be their sales gimmick, but it doesn't matter. Preparing and enjoying special days makes our common dates livelier and brighter. We deserve to make us smiling. And When I went to Walmart yesterday, I could see a lot of Christmas stuffs in space where there are a lot of Halloween candies and chocolates in.

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About three months have passed since I first came to the USA. Although I've been to many Asian countries, such as China(where I visited five times), Philippines, or Thailand, it was my first time to visit Western country. USA is, of course, very much different from any other countries that I've visited. The two most impressive things of my first impression of the USA can be summarized with these adjectives: "wide" and "relaxing."

When I first arrived at Pittsburgh International Airport, and took the shuttle to Thiel College, the first thing I saw was a very, really wide field beyond the express way. Seen from the world map or USA national map, distance between Pittsburgh downtown and Greenville does not seem to be that far. However, I realized at that time that USA is much wider and bigger than my expectation. I felt this again when I was planning my trips to other cities such as Chicago or Washington. It was very surprising that going to another city can even take about ten hours. This "wideness" is not just limited to the territory of USA. Clothes were much bigger so I had to buy smaller size when I was shopping in the USA. Even food represented USA's "wideness." A portion of food for one person was much bigger than those of my hometown. Pizzas' sizes were far wider, and cakes were so big. Although I had so much hard time to be accustomed to American food, which is, compared to my country's food, greasy and salty, finding out and experiencing different food everyday was kind of fun thing to do for me.

Another first impression that I got from the USA was it is very "relaxing." Usually, Korean's are described to be very accurate and fast. I think I also have those traits in my characteristics, too, although I am definitely not an aggressive person. The first different thing of USA was the atmosphere of class. Korea uses relative evaluation, which means even A, B, C can be divided by only slight difference in students' scores. Although this system made competitive studying atmosphere, many students often feel tired from these gradings. However, I felt much freedom and relaxing in USA's classes because the curriculum was much flexible and free participation was recommended. Outside of class, "relaxing" was still around America. People say hello to others even they does not know each other. Although I felt sometimes relationship here tend to be superficial, starting from this small "hellos" can harden those superficial relationship to be hardened.

Only about a month is left until the end of this semester. I will go back to my country on January after travel around other cities in USA. These days, I always feel that time really flies so fast. I hope I would be able to learn more about America during the remaining days in Thiel and USA.

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Opinion Poll: “What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish?”



Ronnell Hunt-  
“Mac & Cheese”



Gwen Marker-  
“Mashed Potatoes”



Lizzie Rice-  
“Dutch Apple Pie”



Joe Bailey  
“Apple Pie”



Choeun Kim  
“Turkey”

Photo of the Edition



International Education week brings with it many cultural activities for students to explore. Above, students are making Chinese bracelets within an instructional seminar by Abini Hung.

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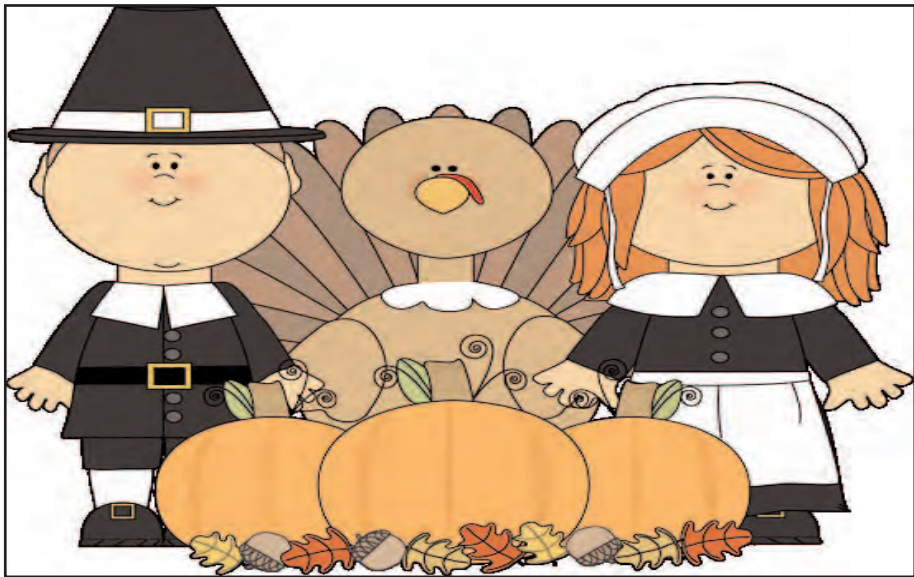


1. There’s a dude passed out in the Sheetz bathroom, you sir are in a very bad situation right now.
2. I like nice guys and everything, but I can’t stand when they act like women. Grow a pair or something.
3. My dad told everyone at his work I’m on the dean’s list. They were gonna put it in the newspaper and send it around Greenville. I’m not on the dean’s list.
4. I learn all my life lessons from watching how to catch a predator.
5. You smell like hotdog water?
6. Last night was perfect. This morning however hurt a little.
7. My class went from writing papers and letters to an arts and crafts class.
8. I’ve never seen so many men rollerblade until Thiel got a basketball court.
9. The 8th of the month is my favorite day because my data is renewed.

compiled by Erin Huff

Fashion Frenzy:  
The Pretty Puritan Pilgrims

by Katie Allgeier, kallgeier@thiel.edu



Breaking news: the commercial idea of Pilgrim dress is inaccurate.

With the Thanksgiving holiday right around the corner, it is only a matter of time before the images of Puritan Pilgrims begin flooding the public. Everything from television commercials to school plays will be prominently featuring the well-known dresses and buckle caps, all in the same dreary black hue. But have we got it all wrong? In this edition of “Fashion Frenzy” I’ll be exploring the misconceptions of Puritan fashions, and what it took to be a fashionable Puritan in the 17th century.

The Puritans frowned upon the Cavalier fashions popular in the 17th century. Instead, the fashionable Puritan chose his clothes according to simplicity and modesty. Puritans declined to wear the ruffles and lace favored by their Cavalier contemporaries, and opted instead for simple, modest clothes. This choice was a reflection of their intense spiritual beliefs: vanity was seen as a sign of sinfulness. In addition, the Puritans sought simplicity and practicality in their clothing, something similar to modern-day professional clothing.

Indeed, one of the biggest miscon-

ceptions of Puritan clothing is that the Puritans wore exclusively black as a sign of their piety. This is historically untrue: black clothing required expensive dyes and faded easily. Because of this, the color black was difficult to maintain, and as a result was generally reserved for formal occasions. In lieu of this, Puritans instead wore subdued tones of browns, greys, and even maroons. Women generally wore their hair long, tied up under a cap or hat. Men often wore their hair to their shoulders, and covered their heads with pointed hats—though not necessarily with buckles. Women and men both wore several layers of under- and over-garments (though it is interesting to note that underwear was not commonly worn by anyone in the 17th century).

The Puritan styles have clearly faded out—unsurprising, as the religion itself has faded into obscurity. With every Thanksgiving, however, the old school costumes come back into the light and now, armed with the knowledge in this article, readers have some idea of where these fashions came from.

A Traditional Woman leading a  
Non-Traditional Life: *The Cling-On*

by Melanie Thompson-Soros, msoros@thiel.edu



Have you ever met someone who was a little clingy? Or you haven’t actually met them yet – just texted a few times. This person, maybe even recommended to you by friends, seems nice at first. They ask about your day, seemed concerned about issues in your life – truly sweet and endearing –

and you are really beginning to look forward to that first date. And then – BAM! – before you know it they are taking over your life with constant texting and phone calls. They begin to act as though you have an established relationship and overwhelm you with plans for the future. And you are thinking – What? The future? Seriously?

There is a name for this type of person – Cling-on. Some say they don’t really exist. Some say – like Unicorns – they are just a figment of the imagination. Not only do they exist, they live among us posing as normal people.

This person will take over every aspect of your life (stalker much?) and when you’ve had enough and try to put the brakes on – you’ll be the one that ends up apologizing. Trust me it’s going to happen. It’s called manipulation.

Some advice taken from my own life experience with this type of person - RUN! Run fast and run now (I’m pretty sure I’ve left tread marks on the pavement when running away from this type of person). Why, you ask? Because they have already built you – and the future – up in their minds to such heights you will never be able to live up to it. And when it all comes crashing down (and it will) somehow it ends up being your fault. Again – this is manipulation.

True, healthy, relationships are built on mutual interest, respect and understanding. This is not that type of relationship. This is the type of relationship that will suck the life out of you just trying to keep the other person – and your sanity – in check.

You see my friends Cling-ons do live among us – check your phone, you just got texted by one.



Cling - Ons do exist.



## FOOTBALL FINISHES THE SEASON WITH 13 PAC-TEAM MENTIONS, INCLUDING ONE FIRST TEAM HONOR

by Erin Huff [ehuff558@thiel.edu](mailto:ehuff558@thiel.edu)

This season didn't seem like it was going to be a very promising one for the Tomcats, but they managed to turn it around and bring some real school spirit to this place.

This team has given the students some pretty good reasons to celebrate this year. Their win on homecoming and making history with the first night game win at our home stadium. The game went into four overtimes and had the whole campus erupting in cheers with the win.

Jason Crystol finished last years season with All-PAC Second Team honors. Then he entered into this season as a pre-season All-American pick. After being a top preformer for the Tomcats this year, he is finishing this season with All-PAC First Team honors, leading the way for the other 12 Thiel players honor last week.

Adam Mott, the senior who is interning with PAC Athletics said, "It's a great honor and Jason

deserves it, he played his heart out this year. Mott is right about one thing, Jason was a force to reckoned with on the field this season. The 5-11 junior, who comes to Thiel from Monroeville, PA, is the center on the offensive line. He started and played in all but three games this season for the Thiel. The guys ran for 2,000 yards this season and that is in large part to the hole created by Crystol.

Those holes were ran through by Josh Potter, Sophomore, and Josh Wannamaker, freshman, who were selected for the All-PAC Second Team. Potter rushed for just over 700 yards this season on 138 carries. He was averaging about five yards a touch and scored four rushing touchdowns. Wannamaker ran for 655 yards on the season, 248 of them coming from the 30-28 win over cross-state rival Bethany.

Ten other Tomcats recieved Honorable Mention selections on both sides of the ball. On offense, senior offensive tackle Jordan

Fortuna, sophomore offensive guard Brandon Sullens, senior Matt Fedzen, and senior tight end Berend Grube. This is the second time recieving Honorable Mention for Grube and Fortuna. Grube caught 16 passses this season for 174 yards and two touchdowns for the Tomcats.

On defense, junior defensive end Cody McClelland, sophomore defensive tackle Reily Shane, junior linebacker Wes Schmidt, senior defensive back Rob Edwards and junior defensive back Martae Hainesworth we all Honorable Mention choices.

The season may not have been a winning one, but they sure made the most out of what they had to work with and hopefully next year can fair a little better for the boys.

Senior captain Bill Frizzi had this to say, "I had the time of my life out there and there is not another group of guys I would have wanted to spend my senior year with. Everyone of them is like a brother to me and I don't want it any other way."



Senior captains, Andrew Smith (left) and Bill Frizzi (right) in action against Grove City.

## Soccer season comes to an end; no play-off hopes, player growth

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



Junior defenseman, Nicole Jeschelnig, takes the ball during a game this season. Jeschelnig and sophomore midfielder, Morgan Berg, recieved All-PAC honors.

Winter has arrived, and with that came the end of the 2013 soccer season and the awarding of All-Conference honors to a few Thiel Tomcats.

On the men's side, senior Rory Duncan won Honorable Mention All-PAC after leading the team with six goals and picking up an assist.

"It means that all my hard work paid off in the end," said Duncan about earning conference honors.

Other Tomcats are believed to have been in contention for conference laurels, including senior Andrew Hindman who made 113 saves and recorded three shutouts during his senior campaign, helping

lead the team to a 5-12-1 overall record, one win better than the 2012 season.

The program has a lot to do moving forward. The team will return a group of talented players, including junior midfielder Eric Wolfe and freshmen Kent Baughman, who scored a pair of goals in his first college season.

On the women's side, sophomore Morgan Berg earned second team All-PAC laurels, leading the team with 11 goals and 24 points. Junior Nicole Jeschelnig was named to the honorable mention list after scoring four goals this season, good for second best on the team behind Berg.

"Being selected second team All-PAC is a honor that was only made possible with the help of my teammates and coaches,"

As a team, the women finished 7-10-1, two wins better then their mark from 2012, and picked up a win in conference play. The women will return a large number of players in key positions next year, including Berg and sophomore goalkeeper Mary Oakey, who made 81 saves in 12 games this past season.

The teams head into the offseason after finishing their seasons the first week-end of November. The teams will begin preparation for the next season after the dome is put up over Alumni Stadium this weekend.

## Upcoming Events:

### Men's Basketball:

@ Geneva College

December 4th - 7:30 p.m.

W&J

December 7th - 3 p.m.

### Cheer/ Dance Squad

Elite Cheer and Dance Championship

December 12th in Pittsburgh, Pa

### Wrestling:

Mount Union Duals  
November 23rd

### Women's Basketball

@ Carnegie Mellon University

November 24th - 2 p.m.

@ Geneve College

December 4th - 5:30 p.m.

Westminster College

November 26th - 6 p.m.

W&J

December 7th - 1 p.m.

## Rugby team becomes a permanent fixture at Thiel

by Jacob Hayden, [jhayd958@thiel.edu](mailto:jhayd958@thiel.edu)

The Thiel College Huskies Rugby Team is going strong into its third season. Coming off of a championship game in last spring's Pittsburgh RFC Tournament the Huskies look to continue on the path to winning.

Kraig Smith is now the advisor for all club sports here at Thiel College. With Kraig taking over the reigns, the club looks to be heading a new direction. More organization and better communication are two key things Smith hopes to build on this year. He has done a lot so far for the club, after only being in charge for just about a month. The Huskies are

still a young organization with a lot of talent and high hopes. There is no doubt with the group of guys the club has so far, and the amount of excitement and determination Smith brings with him, the club will grow a lot in the next few months.

This year due to Rugby Union difficulties the club looks to be certified by USA Rugby and join the Three Rivers Rugby Conference which consists of Grove City, Allegheny, Geneva, Franciscan, Point Park and Carnegie Mellon as of now. The club had its first match at Gannon

University on Nov. 2, the Huskies lost by a single try.

"It was a great match to build on," said Tyler Comp, the club's president.

The club has a lot of new members this year and hopes to keep growing. It is a very fun sport in which you get to do some hitting and show off your speed. The club is still open to anyone who wants to join the team.

The Huskies will be doing a 7 on 7 type of intramural sport in the dome this winter, in hopes to bring out a few new faces. For more information Contact Tyler Comp or Jake Hayden.



Thiel's Rugby team gathers for a picture after a match.