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## Thiel Welcomes New Nurse

by Katie Allgeier, kallgeier@thiel.edu

Christine Cianci begins this semester as Thiel's new school nurse.

Originally from Massillon, OH, Cianci has lived in Greenville for twenty-two years. After obtaining her nursing degree from Thiel ('96), she went to Slippery Rock University, where she received her school nursing certification and her Master's degree. She also is certified through UPMC Horizon to teach CPR and first aid training.

She has been working for 12 years as a full-time school nurse; Cianci has worked at both Greenville High and Keystone Charter schools. This is her first year at Thiel College.

Cianci is hopeful that she will be able to integrate herself into Thiel culture.

"I'd love to become more involved with the students outside of just the office, like educating [about] different health things that are happening," she remarked. "At this point I'm still learning what is available, but I'd like it to be an open-door policy. I'd like kids to come in and ask me questions, [and] I'd like their feedback and ideas about what they would like to see."

Most recently, Cianci's time has been spent scheduling doctor's appointments in response to the "Thiel Plague." She stresses that she would also like to be involved with other programs on Thiel's campus.

"I'd like to be able to be involved with some other programs; I just have to learn what's all out there," she explained. "I'm just getting my feet wet right now, but I would like to be involved and maybe start some other programs."

Of these other programs, perhaps the program that students will be most affected by will be the on-campus clinic hours. Cianci has arranged for a doctor from Primary Health in Greenville to spend clinic hours on campus each week. While these clinic hours will run much like a normal doctor's visit, students will not have to leave campus, saving time for those students who have little free time to spare. On the clinic hours, Cianci remarked, "By the middle of October, we should have it running really well. It will be open to students, faculty, staff, and family of staff and faculty." Cianci also hinted that possible volunteer hours may be available for pre-medical students assisting in the clinics.

Cianci feels excited to get to know Thiel. "I'm excited to be here. I'm looking forward to (the new school year)," she said. Of the contrast between her last posts and her move to Thiel, Cianci noted the levels of interactions in her positions.

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## Pedas Center Formally Dedicated

by Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu

On Oct. 4, Thiel College alumni, faculty, and students gathered to formally dedicate the Pedas Communication Center to the college.

The Pedas Center was built on the ground of the old Financial Aid office. The building is the first new academic building on Thiel's campus in 40 years.

Named in recognition of Dr. James Pedas, who is a 1950 graduate of Thiel College, the building is a \$6.8 million structure. He and his brother Ted were the largest

donors for the project.

The dedication ceremony, which had to be underneath a tent to protect the attendees from rain and wind, was led by short speeches by President VanAken, Dean of the College Lynn Franken, and Pedas himself. Pedas's family was in attendance, including the wives of both Pedas brothers and their children.

"I've prepared some things to say, but I thought I would stray from them today. Don't worry, I won't keep you too long," Pedas joked before

his speech, which was met with a standing ovation and applause from the attendees. By the time Pedas spoke, the audience knew who the Pedas brothers were.

The brothers spent many years in the communications realm in the D.C. area.

"I always knew that communications in some form was very important to a person's life... learning how to communicate it is very important," Pedas explained.

Both VanAken and Franken focused on what the

building does for the campus, by "creating a lasting legacy for Thiel's students," as spoken by VanAken.

Franken focused on the new opportunities presented by the building, including the inaugural class of the Pedas Fellows program.

The Pedas Fellows, who were in attendance for the ceremony to talk with alumni and answer questions, are a group of Thiel Communication students who provide mentoring to younger students, as well as the new

Presentational Literacy class.

"How you present yourself to others is important," Franken noted during her speech, "and this class will provide students with that ability."

She went on to explain that Presentational Literacy is much more than presentation: "It's about combining spoken or written text with appropriate visual materials... [and] learning how to best use the newer media available for communication today."

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Dr. James Pedas joins his family in cutting the ribbon at the dedication ceremony on Oct. 4.

Photo credit: Rick Rock

## ISIS Becomes a World Problem

by Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu

The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, commonly known as ISIS to include Syria, is the newest nation-state on the planet.

The government is a caliphate and led by a caliph, which is a single leader of the government under the strictest adherence to Islamic law. ISIS is currently led by Ibrahim Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. Baghdadi, who acts as religious leader, claims to be a descendant of the prophet Muhammad.

According to the State Department, there is currently a \$10 million reward for any information leading to his capture or death. ISIS is the latest of many "states" formed in Iraq. "States" describes Iraq as a unified country, but the country is currently in a period of political unrest from several sparring factions.

This dates back to the beginning of the Iraq War in 2003, when the state was called Al-Qaeda in Iraq, which had direct ties to the terrorist organization. After going under their banner for some years, ISIS was declared on Jan 3, 2014, with a

caliphate being declared on June 29.

In response to this aggressive acquisition of land, which included the takeover of Syria, the United States has dispatched several airstrikes to bring down the regime from the inside. These airstrikes, which have blanketed Iraq with bombs and missiles, are part of a "lengthy campaign," according to Secretary of State John Kerry.

"You and others should not be looking for some massive retreat in the next week or two," Kerry told CNN. He added that the strikes "may have prevented" the fall of cities Baghdad and Irbil to ISIS militants, who are currently overwhelming that area of the Middle East.

"I don't think this is a threat that just goes away," Dr. Arthur White, Professor of Philosophy at Thiel College, said. "Airstrikes aren't going to solve the problem."

For the United States, the task has been to get the world on board with this control effort, which currently comprises many NATO nations in-

cluding Great Britain and France.

"I'm absolutely convinced the coalition is on board," Kerry said, indicating the meeting that he and President Obama are attending in New York for the United Nations General Assembly.

"Those who have joined ISIS should leave the battlefield while they can," President Barack Obama warned at the General Assembly (from a New York Times report).

ISIS's aggressive tendencies, close ties to terrorist group Al-Qaeda, and several beheadings of prisoners has sparked global concern.

According to ABC News, on the morning of the Sept. 24, the French government received word that one of their nationals, Herve Gourdel, was captured by ISIS militants. A video appeared of him on his knees from ISIS directly, warning the government that they had 24 hours to "stop their offensive against the Islamic State."

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## Thiel Fights Against Malaria

by Amanda Zimmerman, azimmerman@thiel.edu

Over homecoming weekend, on the cloudy and chilly morning of Oct. 4, the Dietrich Honors Institute and Campus Ministry held its second annual Malaria 5K.

The Honors Institute and Campus Ministry students on Thiel's campus came together once again to create an event that will help to support fighting the disease malaria. The run took place in Riverside Park. The DHI workers met at the park at 6:30 a.m. to begin setting up the tables for registration, snacks, and prizes.

The race commenced at 8:03 a.m. beginning with the singing of the national anthem by Audra Franley, sophomore, and Katherine Orzeck, freshman. Pastor Jayne Thompson offered a small prayer for the runners and workers of the race, as well as all those effected by malaria. Then, the runners were off.

The race was a 5K, which is approximately 3.2 miles. The race took about 40 minutes total. Awards took place at 8:45 a.m. Awards were given to the top 3 people of each category.

The two people who took away the overall top times were Michael Eppley and Logan Addison. This campaign is one that intends to help many people affected by a life-threatening disease. Malaria is commonly brought on by the bite of a mosquito. The disease can cause fever, chills, and flu-like illness.

If the illness goes on without treatment it can be fatal. It has effected millions of lives and continues to be a problem in many parts of the world. The DHI and Campus Ministry are working to donate all the money raised by this event and others that they have sponsored on campus to help eliminate malaria.

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Volunteers hand out snacks and water for participants of the DHI "Malaria Sucks" 5K.

Photo credit: Pastor Jayne Thompson

## Protesters Use CoverGirl Ad Against Goodell

by Lynae Jackson, mjackson@thiel.edu

Protesters manipulated a Baltimore Ravens. Protesters CoverGirl ad from the "Put Your Game Face On" campaign to protest against NFL's Commissioner Roger Goodell.

CoverGirl, an official sponsor of the NFL, is using the "Put Your Colors On!" campaign as a way to draw more female fans. The concept is to advertise CoverGirl models with make-up that matches their teams' colors. In light of the recent Ray Rice controversy; one ad is causing a stir...the CoverGirl model's make-up matching Ray Rice's old team's colors, the

altered the photo to portray the model with a black eye. Rice was caught on surveillance camera punching his fiancé. He knocked her out, then pulled her from the elevator. This footage was leaked, which caused an uproar. Protesters against domestic violence have had an ongoing campaign against NFL's Commissioner Roger Goodell. Goodell allegedly ignored the leaked videos of Ray Rice violently assaulting his now wife, along with similar behavior of other current players.

"Protesters went a little too far. It's a campaign. It's made to strike some sort of emotion from the audience. People need to realize this. If they understand advertising, campaigns, etc are meant to bring forth an emotional response or any response in general for you to use the product or whatever is at hand, then people won't protest," Trent Keisling, junior, said. According to Buzz60, CoverGirl responded to the event saying, "... [we are] encouraging the NFL to take swift action on their path

forward to address the issue of domestic violence." "He reacted out of defense; she was coming at him so he reacted as such. Neither a man nor woman should be hitting the other. Neither is right," Kent Jackson, the father of a current student, said. The image of CoverGirl's model with the black eye has gone viral with the hashtag #GoodwellMustGo. A tweet by Adele Stan, writer and editor, read: "So, @COVERGIRL is the #NFL's 'Official Beauty Sponsor.' Tell them #GoodwellMustGo"

This response to Goodell has become a PR nightmare for many sponsors and partners of the NFL. The ad was quickly taken down to avoid further risk of losing partners and sponsors.



The ad used by protesters to stir awareness on the Ray Rice issue. Photo credit: NBC News



## Thiel Happenings

compiled by Liz Carlson, [ecarlson@thiel.edu](mailto:ecarlson@thiel.edu)

### Saturday, Oct. 18:

#### Chi Omega Wish Bingo:

2-6 p.m., LHR

Come help the sisters of Chi Omega raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and you could win awesome prizes! Tickets are \$15 dollars at the door.

#### Play - The Madison Blitz:

8 - 10 p.m., Theater

Join the Thiel players for this 24-hour play project in which plays are written, rehearsed, and performed in a single day. This event is a co-production with area community theaters. Performance is free and open to the public; donations gratefully accepted.

### Monday, Oct. 20:

#### Comedy Show: Adam Grabowski:

9-11 p.m., Passavant

Come share a laugh with the highest rated comedian in Campus Activities magazine and the winner of both their Fastest Rising Star and Comic of the Year awards. His diverse set is sure to keep you entertained!

### Thursday, Oct. 23:

#### Con Spirito Concert Series- Brentano String Quartet:

7:30-9 p.m., Chapel

Free and open to the public!

Wanna see a movie?

## BLY HALL MOVIE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS...

compiled by Liz Carlson

### Guardians of the Galaxy (date to be announced):

Star Lord, who formerly resided on earth, was taken up into space at a young age by Yondu, the leader of a group of space scavenger known as the Ravagers, following the sudden death of his mother. Many years later, he has decided to abandon the Ravagers to track down an ancient orb that is also being sought after by the evil Ronan. Along the journey, Star Lord joins forces with Gamora, Rocket, Groot, and Drax. The group, after undergoing several dangerous adventures, finally reaches the orb and transports it to a being known as "the Collector". The Collector reveals that the Orb houses an infinity gem, a rare gem with powers that could potentially be very dangerous if the gem falls in the hands of the wrong person. After Ronan steals the gem, Star Lord and his crew must race through the galaxy in order to save their people. Stop by Bly Hall to check out this exciting comic book space adventure!

### The Purge Anarchy (date to be announced):

If you saw the first Purge, you will not watch to miss this thrilling sequel. The annual purge, a 12 hour time period in which all crime is legal, including murder, is about to commence. An unlucky couple finds themselves in a terrifying situation when their car breaks down just outside of the city. As the commencement whistle sounds, they are left on the streets to fight for their survival. While running for their lives, the couple comes across a mother and daughter who ended up on the streets after their apartment building was raided by purgers and a police sergeant who is seeking revenge on a man who took his son's life. The group joins forces to help fend off the purgers for the remainder of the evening.

## Thiel College Police Blotter

Oct. 4, 2014: 12:53 a.m.

A student was found underage and in possession of 10 beers.

Oct. 04, 2014: 1:23 a.m.

An underage student was found in possession of a beer.

Oct. 4, 2014: 8:45 p.m.

Unknown student threw a couch onto a fire.

Oct. 10, 2014: 10:34 p.m.

A student was found passed out in the parking lot.



Want to advertise your club or event?

Submit an ad or article!!!

Articles must be between 350-600 words. Publication is free for Thiel clubs and activities

Submission Date	Publication Date
Thurs, Oct. 23	Fri, Oct. 31
Thurs, Nov. 6	Fri, Nov. 14
Thurs, Nov. 20	Fri, Dec. 5

If you give us information for your event (Who?, What?, When?, Where?, and how students can get involved), we can make the ad for you! Just give us the information 3 days before the submission date!

Articles, ads, and information can be sent to [newspaper@thiel.edu](mailto:newspaper@thiel.edu)

Career Services is here for you.

For information about upcoming events, see pg. 5 and e-mail Martin Black.

Sigma Kappa presents:

# Flushing OUT Alzheimer's

October 20th-24th, 2014

Watch out for the Purple Toilet!

\$7 To place it somewhere of your choice

\$10 To place it somewhere of your choice and to never get it back!

\$5 To remove it from your possession

To be added to the "Do not Participate" List, please contact:  
Dawn Pastorius [dcast25@thiel.edu](mailto:dcast25@thiel.edu)

## GLOBAL CLUB MEETING

### OCTOBER 21

### PEDAS 125, 5-6 P.M.

## BE INVOLVED IN THE SHAPING OF ONE OF THIEL'S NEWEST CLUBS!

Come out and support the sisters of Chi Omega at the first Wish BINGO! Help raise money for Make-A-Wish so another wish can be granted!

Who: Chi Omega

What: Wish Bingo

When: October 18 @ 2 pm

Where: Luthern Heritage Room (LHR)

Why: To raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation

How: Buy a ticket and come play bingo! Tickets are \$10 in advanced and \$15 at the door! All proceeds go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation

Questions: e-mail Hannah Fernandez ([hfern882@thiel.edu](mailto:hfern882@thiel.edu))

## Thiel Fights Against Malaria

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The students have become very passionate about this event and enjoy working to make it something that is enjoyable. Dr. Curtis Thompson, the head of the Dietrich Honors Institute, commented on the event saying, "There was great spirit in the air that morning as the students came down in the cold weather to be sure that this

important affair take place in a smooth fashion. The students worked hard to be sure that the event went off without a hitch."

Overall, the event was perceived as a success.

This event and cause is one that the DHI enjoys working for. The 5K had its debut last year over the homecoming weekend and it is believed that it will become a tradition-

al homecoming festivity. The DHI raised approximately \$2,800 and you can still help to support this cause by purchasing a Malaria Sucks! tee-shirt, which are still available for sale. The DHI hopes to continue supporting the worthy cause of fighting for Malaria in the future homecomings.

## Sigma Kappa fights to end Alzheimer's

by Dawn M. Pastorius, Dpast259@thiel.edu

### Flushing out Alzheimer's

Greenville, PA October 20-24th, 2014 – The Gamma Delta chapter of Sigma Kappa at Thiel College will host their Flushing out Alzheimer's event, with proceeds benefiting charitable projects of Sigma Kappa Foundation, including its support of Alzheimer's disease research.

The Flushing out Alzheimer's event will be an interesting one! There will be a purple toilet floating around campus and it could end up in your possession. If you receive the toilet you will have to donate \$5 to remove it, \$7, to move it to the place of your choice and \$10 to move it to the place of your choice and not receive it again!

Net proceeds from the Flushing out Alzheimer's event will benefit Sigma Kappa Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to lead, educate and inspire society through the philanthropic endeavors of Sigma Kappa members.

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

If you would like to be on the "Do not Participate" List and for more information about Flushing out Alzheimer's, or to support the Sigma Kappa Foundation, contact Dawn Pastorius (724-255-9832, dpast259@thiel.edu)

### Walk to End Alzheimer's

Sharon, PA September 6, 2014 – The Gamma Delta chapter of Sigma Kappa at Thiel College walked to end Alzheimer's this past September. The walk is an annual event that Sigma Kappa chapters across the country raise funds and participate in. This year, Sigma Kappa participated by heading out at 7am on a Saturday to volunteer for set-up at the walk. The chapter recruited 40 members including themselves to walk to end Alzheimer's with them. The Sigma Kappa, Gamma Delta team received recognition for being the number one team to raise the most money with a grand total of \$4,000 that will go to Alzheimer's disease and research. The team had the opportunity to lead the walk around Buhl Park in Sharon, PA and received a team sign which is only reserved for teams whose participants raise a minimum of \$100 each. The Sharon Walk to End Alzheimer's raised a total of \$26,664.38 with 25 teams. The Sigma Kappa chapter at Thiel College would like to thank all of our gracious donors for helping them reach these goals and everybody who made this event a successful one. We would also like to extend an invitation to everybody on campus who would like to join our team or walk with us for future walks. This semester, Sigma Kappa plans to hold a Pierogi Dinner for their Ultra Violet campaign in November. One day, Alzheimer's will be just a distant memory!



Sigma Kappa, Gamma Delta (per-recruitment) pose at the Sharon, PA Walk to End Alzheimer's September 6, 2014.

Photo credit: Audrey Rickard

## Handbells Perform at Homecoming Service of Remembrance

by Juyeon Julie Park, JPark605@thiel.edu



Dr. Michael Bray directs the Thiel Handbell Choir at their first performance of the year.

Photo credit: YongJae Jeon

On Oct. 5, 2014, the annual Homecoming Worship and Service of Remembrance was held in the David Glen Johnson Memorial Chapel at 10 a.m. It was the last day of Thiel College's homecoming weekend, and there were many people in attendance. During the course of the worship, the handbell ensemble, the Thiel Choir and the Thiel College Chamber Singers brought the worship to a successful conclusion under the direction of Dr. Michael Bray. The service was organized and designed by Pastor Jayne Thompson, and the piano accompanist was Kathryn A. Gray.

The handbell ensemble played the song "You Are Mine" and "Song of Joy" in the beginning of the service as prelude music, and "Immor-

tal, Invisible God Only Wise" at the end of the worship as a postlude.

This was the first performance of the choirs and the handbells this semester.

In addition, the Thiel choirs sang "God is Here", "Grant Us Thy Peace" during the service. Nine student cantors also sang solo sections of two hymns during the service with other musicians who performed on instruments including flute, guitar, bass and percussion.

Heewon Oh, who performed both handbells and choir, felt comfortable playing during the service. "Because I practiced choir every day, I thought the performance was just like (playing during a normal practice). Singing and ringing handbells were really worthwhile and priceless experienc-

es to me.

"The ensembles were well-prepared to perform and they sang and played very well," Dr. Bray, director of the Thiel Choir and Handbell Ensemble said. "Choirs work hard to sensitively express the texts with clear articulation and seamless phrasing, and the choirs were successful. That is what makes live performance so challenging and exciting."

"We hope that Thiel College students and faculty and staff will support the Thiel Choirs and handbell ensembles in the future, especially the annual Thiel College Christmas Festival," Bray said.

The Christmas performance will take place on Sunday afternoon, December 7, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the William A. Passavant Center.

## Homecoming King and Queen

by Kristina Cotton, kcotton@thiel.edu

Timothy Hutton and Jessica Yozwiak have been crowned Homecoming King and Queen for the 2014 Homecoming Court.

Hutton is pursuing a degree in Conservative Biology, and wants to attain more experience caring for and training animals while working in a zoo. He is also interested in working for a wildlife rehabilitation center or for a national park. Timmy is a member of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity.

"I was nominated by my fraternity brothers because I guess they felt I am a well-known individual on campus. I am also involved in many different organizations like the marching band, the choir, and many honorary societies," Hutton said. Hiking, swimming, and fishing are some activities that Hutton likes to participate in.

"That doesn't mean that I don't binge-watch Netflix when I am feeling lazy" Hutton



Yozwiak and Hutton stand with marching-band director Andy Erb.

Photo credit: Darlene Yozwiak

noted. Yozwiak is pursuing a degree in Pre-Med Biology, and intends to attend medical school to become a pulmonologist. Jess is a member of Sigma Kappa sorority where she is vice president, and a sweetheart of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

"I ran for homecoming queen to represent my sorority and show a positive influence on campus," Yozwiak said. Yozwi-

ak is the Feature Twirler for the Thiel Tomcat Marching Pride, a current Marching Auxiliaries National Collegiate Twirling Champion, and a member of the Pi Nu Epsilon, Les Lauriers, Lambda Sigma, Order of Omega and Tri Beta honorary societies. From Youngstown, Ohio, she graduated from Cardinal Mooney High School. Yozwiak works at Thiel at the circulation desk in the library or tutoring in the Learning Commons.

## Art Gallery Hosts Signoriello's "Layers"

by Joseph Devivo, jdevi@thiel.edu

Beginning Sept. 19, the Weyers-Sampson Gallery has played host to Rebecca Signoriello's collection of figurative paintings entitled "Layers."

This exhibition and various others of Signoreillo's are published art pieces that have been in the Chimera Arts and Literary Magazine and in newsletters. Her pieces have also been at The State Museum, The Hoyt Institute of Art, Bruce Gallery, Bates Gallery and The Edinboro Animation Festival.

Signoriello received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree as an undergraduate from Edinboro University. She attended the New York Academy of Arts for graduate school and she received her master's degree in fine arts, as well as taking part in a summer art program in Florence, Italy.

For half a year, Signoriello is employed by the Pennsylvania State Department of Transportation; she dedicates the remaining six months to her art.

"I try to convey the idea of a feeling, through the use of color, light, and poise of the figure," Signoriello

said of her creative intentions. "I use light as the idea of hope, or the yearning for hope", Signoriello continued. "Where I pull inspiration is from my own life experiences."

The inspiration she says started with contemporary artists such as Vincent Desiderio and Margaret Bowland, as well as many other artists during the Mannerist period.

The mission of the art gallery is to "provide cultural experience through art to students and members of the Community," according to professor of art and overseer of the gallery, Sean McConnor.

One example of Signoriello's 16 pieces is called 'Gossip' which is an oil-based style painting. Professor McConnor noted that Signoriello prefers to look at her subjects by using photographs that she takes.

"In beginning stages of a painting, I often start with sketches and a small study. Once I figure out composition and color, I begin the larger scale painting," said Signoriello. "On average a painting will take me several weeks to complete for the larger pieces."

Signoriello's exhibition will con-

tinue through Oct. 17.

The next exhibit in the gallery will be still life paintings by Malcolm Christhilf who is also a professor of art at Edinboro University. His

show, "Color Study #4," opens on Wednesday Oct. 22 and proceeds through Dec. 3. The opening show will take place in Weyers-Sampson Gallery between 6 and 8 p.m.



Signorello's oil-based painting "Gossip" ends its display at Thiel today.

Photo: Sean McConnor

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## ISIS Becomes World Problem

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France is one of the countries working with the United States and NATO to curb this effort, but Gourdel is not the first victim to be beheaded. It just adds to the anger that billions are experiencing against the planet... France will never give in to blackmail, to pressure, to barbaric acts," Francois Hollande, President of France, said.

Gourdel was apparently killed later that day. His status is unknown.

In response, another video was sent not just to France's leaders, but to the rest of the world with a message: "We are closer to Allah..." He

calls the Frenchman "filthy" and praises caliph Baghdadi: "We are with you... fighting



Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi has christened himself a "caliph" following his split from al Qaeda. Photo credit: New York Post

those you fight and making peace with those you make peace with."

"I happen to be one who takes Juan Cole's position—ISIS does not pose a significant or direct threat to the United States," White added. Juan Cole is a commentator who has spent his career focusing on Western and Middle East cultures. "It's just a question as to whether this military situation is in the United States' best interest... I worry we have turned the U.S. into a military target."

According to Juan Cole's website, while the air strikes may be the best course of action in the United States' opinion, the move will likely not lead to anything.

## Pedas Center Dedicated

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Both Dean Franken and Dr. VanAken touched on the thought that the Pedas Center "will benefit students, regardless of major."

Once the ceremony concluded with Dr. Pedas's speech, the ribbon-cutting began. With the rain pouring the heaviest it had that morning, the ribbon had to be cut within the tent.

"When I went to school [at Thiel College], you didn't have the communications necessities that you have now in the world," Pedas said, following the dedication ceremony, "Everything was by pencil and paper."

The Pedas Center is a 20,000 sq. ft. building with offices for the newspaper, yearbook, television and radio stations, as well as conference rooms and a lecture hall. The admissions office, which had been located in Roth Hall during the construction, is now located within the new building.

"It's a very positive reaction," Pedas continued, commenting on the dedication, "This is something that has been in the dream world for a long time."

Following the dedication, the attendees moved into the new building for hors d'oeuvres and to talk with fellow alumni.

Dr. VanAken presented Pedas with the gift of an iPad, and allowed the floor to be open for photo opportunities before Pedas was taken for a live radio interview with the staff there.

"I think the Pedas family and all the donors are really happy. I think it's really living up to our expectations," Dr. Franken said, commenting on the building following the hors d'oeuvres.

"I want to emphasize that this isn't about me," Pedas said, following his radio interview, "What does it do for the students? What you do for the school-- That's the important thing."

## Cool Professors: Dr. White

by Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu

Dr. Arthur White, Professor of Philosophy at Thiel College, plays in a band called The 2nd Avenue Project.

The 2nd Avenue Project is a jazz and classic rock group in which White plays guitar. White, a self-taught musician, has been playing since he was a child.

"I started playing music when I was in fifth grade. I heard marching band music; it reached in and grabbed my heart and didn't let it go," he said. "My arms were so small when playing the trombone that my arms didn't reach 7th position."

He went on to play the trombone in elementary school, high school, and college. Following the completion of his degree in Philosophy, he moved onto the Richmond Symphony.

"This was a lot like the Greenville Symphony — they had a few professional musicians, but most of the people were high school and college kids," White explained.

White didn't hear an electric guitar until the ninth grade. "I had never heard anything so beautiful. I knew that I had to do that."

White purchased an old \$19 acoustic guitar and decided to learn how to play.

"My two lifelong passions have been philosophy and music. They are highly similar activities—both are concerned



Dr. White has been playing in The 2nd Avenue Project for several years. Photo credit: Dr. White

with form, with structure, with linear motion, or how a chord progression is organized like a philosophy argument," White continued.

White focuses on playing in the summertime when school does not interfere. Made up of eight people, The 2nd Avenue Project plays concerts with contemporary music. The group focuses heavily on saxophones and trumpets, which White describes as a more "orchestrated appeal."

They love the band's High-tower, Motown, and swing music: "This is where we play hard jazz at a winery or a country club," he said. "We don't play any of that hard music."

Very recently, the band had

a concert at Youngstown State University called "Knock on Wood: Live at the Forte," which featured 10,000 people and the band's several thousand watts of Bose stereo power.

White estimates that he will be playing a show at Thiel in the very near future.

"We did an outside concert, [and] one at graduation called the "Goodbye Concert." We play here frequently."

White spoke fondly of his bandmates.

"Everyone graduated from music school but me," White joked, "We love playing together, [and] we always wanted a record deal, but decided not to go forward with it. We just had day jobs."

## New Nurse on Campus

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"It's different for me because at Keystone it was... more of an interaction with all of the kids all of the time... when I worked at Greenville (High School), you kind of knew families and kids... here you have a wider range of people so you don't know everybody, so it's fun getting to know everybody."

Cianci does not seem intimidated by the novelty of her station at Thiel. "I'm sure I'll get to know people here," she said. Cianci also remarked that

she would be interested in following in the footsteps of her predecessor, Pam Despo, in teaching a few classes at Thiel. "I would love to teach some classes," she commented. "I actually teach a first-aid class. I'm a CPR certified instructor, so I do first-aid too, and that's probably something I'll end up doing for some of the staff and coaches... it would be something I'd be interested in."

The Student Health offices can be found in the Howard Miller Student Center.



Nurse Christine Cianci is making herself at home at Thiel. Photo credit: Katie Allgeier

## The Lives of RDs

by Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu

Alex Hines, RD of Hodge Hall, is in her first year of directing at Thiel.

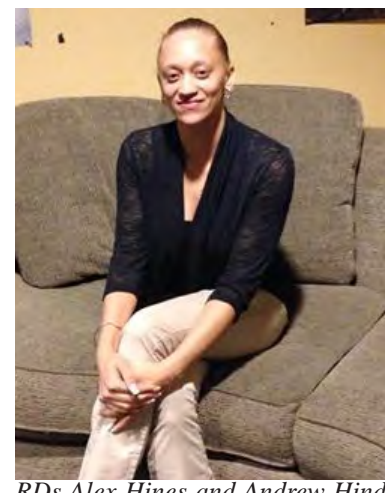
"I was an RA for two and a half years," she said. "I was pretty close to the RDs, so I wanted to move up."

Hines, who just graduated from Thiel in May, is part of Youngstown State University's Student Services counseling program. "After I heard that Thiel pays for it, I knew that was the track I wanted to go on," she said. "I wanted to work with college kids."

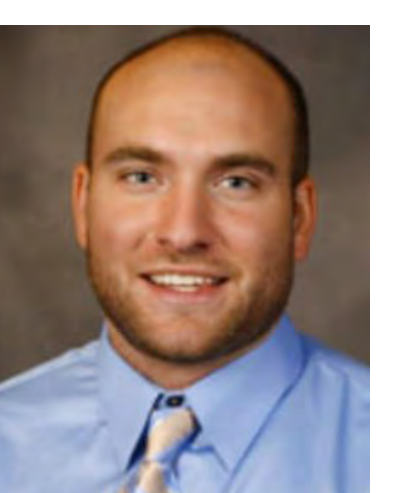
"Working with the Students Life and Student Affairs has given me real experience," she continued. "I definitely want a close building. There are rules to follow, but I can be your friend, too."

Andrew Hindman, who has been an RD in Sawhill Hall for about three months, had never been an RA. "I worked a little with Student Life," he said. "I worked with Than Oo and (Student) Activities for about a year."

Hindman, who is also a



RDs Alex Hines and Andrew Hindman both find respect to be of the utmost importance when running their buildings.



major in College Counseling through the YSU program, studied Criminal Justice during his time as an undergrad here at Thiel.

"Everyone had psych or education majors. They were thrown into that, and then here's me with a Criminal Justice major," Hindman said of his diverse education.

Both RDs have similar approaches to keeping their halls under control.

"You just have to let them

know the rules," Hindman said. "It's just so new to (the freshmen). I wanted to let them that I'm a pretty lenient guy, but there are rules." Hindman believes that "the respect has been earned" from his building.

Hines has a similar approach when it comes to keeping Hodge under control: "A big thing with me is respect — if you respect me, I will respect you. You can't just come up here and be wild in the resident halls."

## Aikido Club

by Sungkyung Ko, sko@thiel.edu

At Thiel, there are many clubs, including shooting club, English club and so on. Several clubs are specifically related to physical activity; among these is Aikido Club.

Aikido is a traditional Japanese martial art created by Morihei Ueshiba (O-Sensei) in the early 20th century. In accordance with the philosophical principles developed by O-Sensei, Aikido strives for the ultimate goal of peaceful resolution rather than defeat.

The title is composed of three Japanese characters: Ai, meaning harmony; Ki, spirit or energy; and Do, the path or the way. O-Sensei created a martial art in which the preservation of one's attacker is equally important as one's own self-defense. The Aikidoist trains to apply various wrist-locks, arm pins or unbalancing throws to subdue and neutralize attackers without serious injury. Such practice is done in tandem with

learning the art of falling, or "ukemi", which trains the body and mind to receive such techniques in a safe manner. Aikido is not a sport and hence there are no competitive tournaments. Rather, by cooperative training, the Aikidoist better oneself without belittling others, without the intention of harm or fear of injury. As a traditional Japanese martial art, Aikido maintains the qualities of martial spirit, effective technique and intense training.

This, coupled with the premise of mutual respect and caring, and the important balance between attacker and defender, encourages the spirit of O-Sensei's desire for universal peace.

Pastor Jayne Thompson, advisor and instructor to the club, began her Aikido training in Florida in 1988. "I presently hold a 5th degree black belt in Aikido and am a Shido-in-certified instructor in Aikido," Thompson stated.

"I hope for many people—students, faculty and staff—at Thiel College and in the surrounding community to come and practice this very powerful and respectful martial art," she said.

Many students, including international exchange students, are interested in the club. "There are many reasons why students are interested Aikido (including) physical fitness, self-defense and relaxation," Dakota Ober, a member of the club, said. "I joined because it is a good way to strengthen the mind and body and it also serves as a great stress relief." Ober said.

Aikido class is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. All students are welcome to stay for the full two hours, but beginners must come for the first hour. Interested students should arrive at least fifteen minutes early to help set up.



Pastor Jayne Thompson teaches students Aikido in last year's class. Photo credit: Pastor Jayne Thompson.

## PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS: FALL FOLIAGE

by Maryame Elder, melder@thiel.edu

Sept. 23 marked the first day of autumn, bringing with it changing leaves and the temptation to photograph the scenery. As college students, there is always time for a photo.

Foliage pictures can be a dramatic especially taking them early in the morning or late afternoon. This is when the sun is low over the horizon and causes a glow within the leaves. When filtering the foliage, one should think about an application that could enhance your picture. Instagram is a great application to use for

any type of filtering. Choose a filter such as Lo-Fi to bring out the color in the leaves and darkens the corners of the picture.

When looking for the perfect spot to photograph, take a second to think about what is this picture going to look like. Try to frame the picture. When framing a foliage picture, aim to focus on a tree, leaf, bench or a subject that is close to the foliage spot. When you change your focus on the picture, it can change your outcome of your photo.

Look for a canopy of foliage that is near water; reflections will help you avoid harsh, direct light. The leaves help disperse the gaudy light.

Greenville is covered with numerous opportunities for canopy foliage and dirt roads. Locate an odd subject; this could be a fence, stones, shrubs, or roads to expose the depth to the picture. Located down campus is Riverside Park. The park is one of the few that is in walking distance of Thiel College.



## The New Faces Of Thiel Faculty

by Liz Carlson, [ecarlson@thiel.edu](mailto:ecarlson@thiel.edu)



Dr. Melissa Borgia (left) and Dr. Marie Courtemanche (right) are two new additions to the Thiel faculty. Dr. Courtemanche works in the political science department while Dr. Borgia adds to Thiel's English department. Photo credit: Maryanne Elder

Dr. Marie Courtemanche is new to the political science department this semester. She is teaching numerous courses, including American Government, American Presidency, and State and Local Government. Originally from New Hampshire, she studied political science and economics at the University of New Hampshire. She went on to grad school at The State University of New York at Stony Brook, where she specialized in political psychology. Since graduating with her Ph.D. Marie has spent the past seven years teaching her passion to students.

Prior to coming to Thiel, she taught at several other schools across the nation, including Marietta College in Ohio, Providence College in Rhode Island, Texas Christian University, and the State University of New York at Stony Brook. When asked what brought her to Thiel College, Dr. Courtemanche responded, "I was very appreciative of the fact that a large portion of the student population is first generation college students, something that I can identify with." She also added that she really enjoys the small campus atmosphere, liberal arts education, and smaller class sizes.

After spending a few weeks at Thiel and getting settled in, Dr. Courtemanche has had plenty of time to get associated with the student body and familiarize herself with the atmosphere. "The student body is engaging and extremely friendly and warm. Another thing that I really like about the campus is the class sizes. They provide an environment in which I can interact with the students in a more meaningful way," she said.

During her next few semesters here are Thiel, Dr. Courtemanche looks forward

to crafting some new courses that are along the lines of what she studied in grad school, particularly political psychology and public opinion.

She will also be teaching a course on mass media next semester. "I really hope to get the students more interested and engaged in the material in class," she added.

Outside of the classroom, Dr. Courtemanche can be found in the kitchen cooking and baking. She particularly enjoys trying new and exotic foods, which probably stems from her love of travel. In fact, she has been to every continent except Asia. She enjoys new challenges like the time that she backpacked by herself across South and Central America for 12 months. Her new position here at Thiel presents a new type of challenge for Dr. Courtemanche, one that she looks forward to conquering.

Dr. Melissa Borgia is a new face in the English department this semester. She is currently teaching two different sections of the honors course, Composing Contextually, as well as Advanced Composition and Business and Technical Writing. Dr. Borgia received her teaching certificate in 1998 and has enjoyed teaching a subject that she is very fond of since then. For her Master's degree, she attended Mercyhurst University in her hometown of Erie, Pa where she studied bilingual bi-cultural special education. She also earned her doctorate at Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she studied English composition and teaching English to speakers of other languages. Prior to Thiel, Dr. Borgia has taught at several other schools and universities, including Penn State Behrend in Erie, Mercyhurst University, Erie Business Center, and several middle schools and high schools. She has also taught for four different intermediate

units, agencies that offer services to local school districts.

When asked what brought her to Thiel, Dr. Borgia responded by saying, "I spent a few years without a teaching career and I was dying to get back into it. Thiel offered me a wonderful opportunity to work at a small liberal arts school and to teach several classes that I really enjoy." She mentioned that she is adjusting well to the new environment and enjoys it here a lot do far. "Everyone is so friendly, helpful, and professional. The student body here is really nice to work with and they have a lot of school spirit and pride for their campus," she added.

In her future here at Thiel, Dr. Borgia is looking forward to teaching new courses that she has not previously had the chance to teach before. She is also looking forward to getting to know her colleagues and students better, as well as being involved in the planned growth of Thiel College. One of her biggest goals during her time here is to get students involved in a language and cultural preservation project that she is very active in.

Dr. Borgia is currently involved in a project that involves the Seneca Indian reservation in upstate New York. She works on projects that attempt to preserve the native peoples' dying culture and language. She also helps a friend of hers operate a preschool on the reservation.

Dr. Borgia is very compassionate about the Seneca Indians and the service work that she does with them and she hopes to eventually bring awareness of their dying culture to Thiel College campus. Aside from teaching and volunteer service work, Dr. Borgia also enjoys cooking, boating, camping, playing music, painting, reading, and writing. She is a very well-rounded individual that makes a great addition to the English Department.

## Abroad!

by Keeley Criswell, [kcriswell@thiel.edu](mailto:kcriswell@thiel.edu)

This past summer, Allison Gloor spent five weeks living and studying in San Jose, Costa Rica. Gloor, a junior, majors in Business Administration and Criminal Justice Studies. This trip was her first time outside the United States. While in the capitol of Costa Rica, she took classes in the Spanish language and human rights in Latin America.

"I chose to study in Costa Rica because I was able to stay with a host family and speak a language other than English. Costa Rica has also been rated "the happiest country in the world" multiple times.... Also, the timeframe [of the program] fit when I wanted to go and the excursions sounded interesting to me," Gloor said.

The program excursions included a trip to a volcano, the Basilica de Los Angeles (a famous Catholic church), and Samara Beach. "The volcano trip surprised me because I was expecting to see a crater. I couldn't even tell that I was looking at a volcano. It was also freezing because the altitude was so high. I was not expecting it to be windy, rainy, and cold in a tropical country. While the volcano trip was certainly surprising, my favorite excursion was the program provided was to the beach. The water was clear and I felt like I was in paradise. I also got to see some exotic wildlife including toucans and scarlet macaws," Gloor said.

Gloor also took a week-

end trip to Bocas del Toro, Panama. The trip to Panama was not sponsored by her program. However, several of the other students in the program were going, and Gloor wanted the experience of visiting a second country outside of the United States.

Living in Coasta Rica was challenging at times for Gloor. Because she only had a basic introduction to the Spanish language before her trip, she found communicating with shop keepers and waiters/waitresses difficult as many of them did not speak English.

"Luckily, many of the students in my program were fluent or nearly fluent in Spanish so they often helped me out," Gloor said.

According to Gloor, communicating with her host family also posed a challenge at times. However, she discovered that she was often able to communicate with non-English speakers through actions and other non-verbal clues. In her opinion, this ended up being the most valuable aspect of her trip.

"The best thing about my experience was building relationships with people. My host family was absolutely amazing. They treated me like I was one of their own daughters. Even though I couldn't always verbally understand them, nonverbal cues enabled us to have a lot of communication," Gloor said.

While Gloor was very excited about interacting with

the people of Costa Rica, she wished that she would have had more opportunities for volunteering during her trip. Volunteering was one of her goals before she left the United States. So, she was disappointed when it did not work out.

"The worst thing about my experience was not being able to volunteer with children. It was more difficult to seek out this type of opportunity than I had anticipated, and when I was able to, something came up and I was unable to go," Gloor said.

Despite some of her difficulties and disappointments, the trip was overall a wonderful experience. The challenges that occur while studying abroad for a long period of time can often be turned into learning and personal-growth experiences.

"I gained an appreciation for other cultures and an awareness of what occurs in the world around me," Gloor explained. "I also gained communication skills and the ability to adapt to new situations relatively fast. This trip also enabled me to become more independent. Navigating a foreign country is an exhilarating experience."

Gloor funded her trip with help from the Vira Heinz program, which offers \$5,000 study-abroad scholarships to female students who have never traveled outside the United States. Every year, three students from Thiel are awarded this scholarship. Applications are available now for this year's scholarship.



Gloor and two of her fellow students in front of the Basilica de los Angeles, the most famous Roman Catholic church in Costa Rica. Photo credit: Allison Gloor.

## Global Club Arrives At Thiel

by Christian Kafka, [ckafka@thiel.edu](mailto:ckafka@thiel.edu)

There are always new clubs being introduced at Thiel College. One of the new arrivals is Global Club; created by new professor Karen Shaffer. This club is aiming to obtain a group of students and help them evolve into global citizens. This means that the students will gain, implement, and share an understanding of various cultures around the world.

Professor Shaffer believes that students should be more knowledgeable about the world and that is why she wanted to create this club. "We need more global focus at this school", she said. "I want students to not only gain knowledge that will help in the business world, but to build friendships as well." Professor Shaffer stated that there will be several processes of conveying the information to

the members of Global Club.

There will be a multifaceted process in bringing the knowledge to members. Presentations will be given to the students, along with films that correlate with the current topic. We will include foreign foods for the students to try as a fun implementation of different cultures. Also, various sports will be discussed. Not just the sport itself but its impact on the country or countries.

There will be coffee houses in the Bistro where students can discuss their experiences from studying abroad. Lastly, we will include guest speakers who originate from outside the country to give us their personal insight and knowledge. (Karen Shaffer) If possible, professor Shaffer would like to take students on trips to experience

the different cultures directly. "Locations such as Buddhist temples would offer a great hands-on experience for students. Nothing is better than garnering knowledge in-person", she said.

In all, the hope for the students involved in Global Club is to know more about cultures outside of their own. Not only would that help in these students' careers, but it would provide personal insight and respect for foreign ideals. However, professor Shaffer also wants to bring unity between the members. "The endgame is to provide knowledge, but I want the students to build relationships with each other", she said. All clubs should promote building friendships among members, and it is nice to see that Global Club believes in doing so.

### FALL 2014 KEEP CALM AND GO TO

#### SI and GPS Study Groups

- **Calculus I (AC-4)**  
● SI Leader: June Longbine  
● Sun: 8 p.m., Mon: 9 p.m., Thurs: 8 p.m.
- **Elementary Statistics (AC-43)**  
● SI Leader: Julia Fink  
● Mon: 8 p.m., Tues: 9 p.m., Thurs: 9 p.m.
- **Data Structures (AC-35)**  
● SI Leader: Daniel McFetridge  
● Mon: 9 p.m., Tues: 7 p.m., Thurs: 9 p.m.
- **Principles of Accounting I (Pedas 120)**  
● SI Leader: Hailey Becker  
● Sun: 3 p.m., Tues: 7 p.m., Thurs: 9 p.m.

- **Intermediate Accounting I (AC-33)**  
● SI Leader: Zachary Macurak  
● Sun. 8 p.m., Tues: 7 p.m., Thurs: 7 p.m.
- **Physics I (Calc) (S-1)**  
● SI Leader: Keeley Criswell  
● Mon: 8 p.m., Wed: 8 p.m., Thurs: 9 p.m.
- **Physics I (NC) (Pedas 120)**  
● SI Leader: Dominic Licata  
● Mon: 9-10:30 p.m., Wed: 8-9:30 p.m.
- **Microsociology (S-211)**  
● SI Leader: Josh Consider  
● Mon: 9 p.m., Wed: 9 p.m.

## UPCOMING CAREER EVENTS

### Career Workshops:

- **Oct 22, 4-5 PM - Resume Writing & The 30 Second Commercial (Library Classroom)**
- **Oct 23, 11:45-12:30 Informational Interviewing (Room TBA)**
- **Oct 28, 4-5 PM Linked-In Tutorial (Pedas Media Lab)**
- **Oct 29, 4-5 PM Resume Writing & The 30 Second Commercial (Library Classroom)**

## Toombs Time: The Gray Spell

by Sara Toombs, [stoombs@thiel.edu](mailto:stoombs@thiel.edu)



I have a confession to make: sometimes I really hate writing this column. I sit down after an inevitably long day, open my computer to begin, and then stare at the blank space until

my eyes cross. Then I usually put my head down on the desk for a while, eventually come up with an idea, then put my head back down when I realize that idea really sucks. It's a long process of popping my head up and putting it back down that only ends when I finally just write something down. It's invigorating, but exhausting.

Most of the time, I'm grateful to have this column. It feels great to realize that for two years the powers at be have been giving me my own little space and allowing me to say pretty much whatever I want. It's something that makes me feel grounded, gives me an identity, and has helped me to find a place at Thiel. But more and more lately I find myself

pounding my head on various hard surfaces and thinking, "I just don't want to do this today."

On the particular occasion of trying to write this edition's article, I was blessed in my procrastination to find a full online version of "Halloweentown II: Kalabar's Revenge." I'm not sure if my reaction to this movie is in line with everyone else's, but for me, this was a fist in the air, happy dance in my chair, big deal Internet find. I love Halloweentown, and it served as an excellent waste of time. Then I realized that there was something going on in that movie that felt a little too real.

This second installment is basically the story of the day Halloweentown went gray. The

"Gray Spell" is cast over the normally colorful and eclectic people, causing them all to turn what the movie calls "Normal." The town turns gray and everyone drags around in silent dismay, not really seeing or caring about anyone or anything else.

As I was sitting there watching Marnie and her grandmother languish the dreary state of their home, I thought, "I think I live there." The way the people stared blankly ahead without seeing much of anything was an all too familiar sight. The images of droopy, gray faces wandering through the streets of Halloweentown reminded me so distinctly of the faces I sometimes see walking to class or waiting in line at

the bank. It made me wonder if maybe the world is caught in its own "gray spell."

I know this is supposed to be the part where I make some type of witty revelation about why people are so glum and how they ought to fix it, but I'm not sure I know the answer this time. I suppose it could be the weather, that changing of the seasons throwing people off balance. Maybe times are just truly hard and people are really struggling to get by. I guess it's fair to say it could all be in my head. I'm honestly not sure where the gray comes from or why it seems so prominent now. But in any case, it's there and it's noticeable. I've heard other people talk about it, this blanket of apathy the vast majority

seem to be suffocating under. Everyone seems so busy and so tired. It's hard to find motivation to get work done. And sometimes, writing the article you love is a real struggle.

I suppose this is just another unavoidable piece of the human condition; apathy has a way of creeping up on all of us. The gray will always be slinking in and letting the color slide away. But, like a true Disney movie fan, I've learned that you gain a better audience with a happy ending. So, I think we could all consider fighting this apathy the same way Marnie fights the gray: flip things completely backwards, embrace the idea that "normal" is kind of boring, and leave a little bit of room in your life for magic.

## It All Seemed To Fall Into Place

by Mary Kate Dougherty, [mdougherty@thiel.edu](mailto:mdougherty@thiel.edu)

I miss being a young child on the weekends, especially during the fall season. In early September shortly after school started, football season would also start. This was often my favorite time of year, because the weather was still warm enough where you didn't need a jacket, but cool enough where you weren't unbearably hot.

These were the days where Mom and Dad were excited to have you home on the weekends for two whole days. They often planned fun activities for you and your siblings to do on a Saturday afternoon for quality family time.

My favorite fall activities were going to the pumpkin patch, going on hayrides, going to the corn maze, carving pumpkins, drinking hot apple cider for the first time, and decorat-

ing the house for Halloween.

Sundays were always church days, followed by an action-packed afternoon of football. After church, Mom would take us to get Krispy Kreme donuts as a reward for us behaving.

Then, it was off to grandma and grandpa's house to watch the first half of the football game with grandma, because she was one of the biggest Bills fans we knew. We would leave during halftime to finish watching the game at home, praying that the Bills didn't blow a rare lead and break our hearts, which they often did.

Once the game was over, my brother Sean and I would go outside and play a pickup game of football with Dad as the ultimate quarterback. Sean is four years older than me so he would constantly out-run me, out-jump, and out-catch me. Even though he never let

me win a single game, I never failed to have a good time.

We would stay playing outside until the sun went down or when Mom called us in for bed because unfortunately there was school tomorrow. I don't ever recall a bad memory from these easy-going, care-free weekends as a child.

Every weekend was filled with a different adventure, fresh bruises, and lots of smiles. Life was simple then. At the tender age of 20 I couldn't fathom spending my weekends in this manner, because as I have grown into a young adult, my grandparents and parents have also aged and grown.

I consider myself a lucky individual to have these countless memories to look back on and reminisce from a great time of my life, and there are some days from this time that I wish I could relive.

## Why your favorite movie is terrible...

featuring "Spice World"

by Andrew Denson, [adenson@thiel.edu](mailto:adenson@thiel.edu)

\*\*\*\*WARNING: This opinion piece is meant to be offensive and is based off the offensive online blog, "Why your favorite team sucks," on Deadspin. Please do not read if you become easily offended.

**The Movie:** TURN IT OFF, ITS TERRIBLE, WHY IS THIS A THING, WHO TOLD THEM THEY COULD ACT, GO BACK TO SINGING CATCHY SONGS (aka. "Spice World"). Yep, that's how I felt just last week when I watched the "movie" for the first time since the late 90's. Considering in the late 90's my favorite movies were Spice World, Batman and Robin, and The Mighty Duck movies, I feel like I have made great strides in life. Back to this travesty of a "movie", I would say go watch it again to kill all nostalgia you think you might have about the "movie", but that's like telling someone to go get Ebola to make up for the time they had the Flu. Literally no one in the world should ever watch this "movie" again. Like ever. Anyone found watching this "movie" needs to be put down because really..... if they are watching this "movie," they have nothing going on in their lives. Realize that in the 90's, there was actually a person or people who LITERALLY thought making this "movie" would lead to some sort of success when in reality, it was just the first domino towards the collapse of the Spice Girls. After a while, the Ginger one quit (probably finally realized that Ginger isn't exactly a politically correct name for a person with red hair and freckles, but heck, its funny). For the

record if you have not caught on by now, every time movie or cast is stated in this article, it will be met with quotations and a large sense of sarcasm because.....Andrew Denson. **The Character Everyone Loves To Hate:** This cannot be a real question. EVERYONE. You hate everyone. You hate Ginger, you hate Baby, you hate Sporty, you hate Scary(EVERY TIME SHE GROWLS AT THE SCREAM, AN ANGEL LOSES ITS WINGS) and YES LORD you 100 percent hate Posh Spice and everything she stands for. She may end up being the worst human being to ever live. Once you get past the "main cast" you can start to pick out the rest of this WONDERFUL cast of characters. Their very interesting best friend who is a Asian British person. Literally the weirdest choice of an Asian character since Lieutenant Dan's choice of a fiancé in Forrest Gump. Boy is their best friend a real winner. When the "movie" begins she is 9 months pregnant and ready to burst any moment. Her boyfriend has just broke up with her, and to cope with it she looks for consolation from her best friends, THE SPICE GIRLS(HOW CAN THIS "MOVIE" SUCK WITH A WONDERFUL PLOT LIKE THAT). Keep in mind that on three occasions during this movie the obviously pregnant best friend

is seen drinking. Way to go. **Why The Movie is Awful:**

The "acting", the "plot", the misplaced cameos ( Roger



Moore, Paul Simon, Meatloaf, and Elvis Costello all make appearances in this movie. Their careers must have really taken a turn for the worst at that point). Everything about this movie is awful, well except one thing which I will get to later. **What has Always been Awful:** Umm.....that scene with the Aliens. Seriously? There is a scene where the Spice Girls meet Aliens....from outer space.....that come to Earth to meet the Spice Girls. That actually happened. Don't look it up. Trust me. **Why the Movie Is Not Awful:** HA! If you can convince me of something not cringe worthy in this movie.....I will let you write my next review. To be fair, I love their songs.

## The Tipping Paradox

by Doei Kim, [dkim@thiel.edu](mailto:dkim@thiel.edu)

**"When I arrived in the US and tried to buy a Coke, I was embarrassed that I needed to pay a higher price than what I saw."**

"How much do I need to give as a tip?" This question started when I went to a restaurant in my first trip of United States and it has continued until now. Sometimes, I get confused about how much to leave as a tip, and where to put the tip.

My story begins when I went to the Mexican restaurant near Thiel. After enjoying delicious Mexican food, it was time to pay. Fortunately, in the bill, it said that we need to give 15% tip of the whole food sum (so we don't need to worry how much to give as a tip). However the problem was where we should put this 15% tip!

Do we leave it on the table or add the tip with the food price? I was in torment for a while and finally left the tip on the table and came back.

I didn't know this fact when I was in my country, Korea. In the United States, when we get a service in places like hotels, taxis, restaurants and bars, it is custom to give a tip.

Because the tip is an important source of income for the people who are engaged in the service

industry, we take leaving an appropriate amount for a tip for granted after getting the service. In an restaurant or bar, in gener-

al, people tip 15% for the waiter and total cost of food. However, fast-food restaurants, which is operated by self-service, we do not need to give a tip.



Students often face the problem of figuring out how tipping in America is different than in Korea.

Photo credit: Keeley Criswell

In hotels, \$1 per one burden for the bell-boy who brings customer's loads and \$1 on head side of the bed for the room cleaner. When using the taxi, we also need to give about a 15% tip of the fee.

The similar experience that I undergo is "tax". When I arrived in the US and tried

to buy a coke, I was embarrassed that I needed to pay a higher price than what I saw.

Because I was afraid to

nitpick to the seller, I didn't say anything. However, after the time passed, I realized that this had happened because of the tax. The reason is that in Korea, the tax is combined with the price so we don't need to pay extra tax. 'Culture shock': the feeling of anxiety when operating within a different culture.

In the future, I hope I will adapt in this kind of American culture and won't be embarrassed anymore!

## Misconceptions About Professors

by Hunter Michaelis, [hmichaelis@thiel.edu](mailto:hmichaelis@thiel.edu)

It surprises me to think that some students on Thiel's campus think that the professors are not there for the students. Often, they don't want to bother the professor if they need help.

What most people don't realize is that professors are there to help their students through any and all issues. In fact, it's the first thing that professors say on the first day of class. Why do you think they give office hours on the syllabus? Is it to sound official, or give the impression that they want to help, but actually won't?

Think about it. If professors didn't want to help their students, then how would people get through homework help, test problems, or questions about their majors?

The truth is, many people don't know, and this isn't just on Thiel, that professors are people, too. Professors live lives outside the classroom with interest, likes, and dislikes.

The point is, most would love the opportunity to sit and talk with one of their students about anything from weather to current events. It's actually my recommendation to go and speak with them.

I know what some of you are already saying, "Hunt-

er, quit kissing up and get back to work on your midterms like the rest of us."

I'm not kissing up. What I'm doing is bringing light to the fact that professors can do more than just teach you inside a classroom.

If you want more proof, consider this: if no students went to Thiel (or any university for that matter) who would they teach? How would they receive a pay check at the end of every week? How could they support themselves?

The answer is that they will want to help you through any problems, because that's why they teach every year. A computer science professor talks about what he loves every day and gets to help students understand it, too. A math teacher gets to teach students the "ever-popular" subject of math, and extend her office hours in the process.

It interests me a little to think of what would happen if professors were not really with their students through the battle of getting an education.

Would their be total anarchy? Would the students elect a leader to run the school?

No, I think students just wouldn't show up, and we

would be living in a world doomed to the perils associated with a population that has the same level of education.

If everyone has the same education, then there are no experts. If there are no experts, then there is no teaching complex, necessary fields like engineering and computer science to the next generation. Sure, the world would not end if everyone has just high school education, but humans are notorious for wanting to do things with their lives. If there are no professors or teachers to educate, then how can you do something with your life?

When I first came to Thiel, I was surprised to see a few upperclassmen say that college is a "one person show." What does this mean? To me, I think it means that people are on their own and independent of their parents for the most part. The conception is that they are all alone in the grand scheme of things.

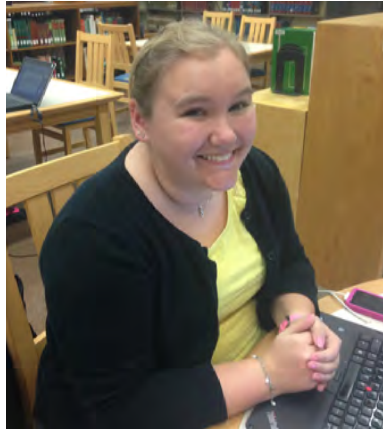
No one is alone. You could be like my grandfather and teach yourself everything after high school. Then again, if you do that, you'll miss out on all the fun that is college and trying to survive to getting that degree.

## Opinion Poll:



**Mike Russo**

I worked at Pittsburgh Tactical Arms



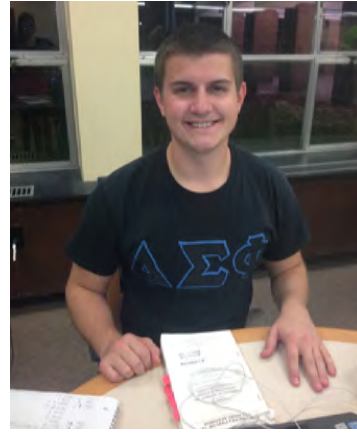
**Amanda Hautmann**

I performed in the symphony orchestra.



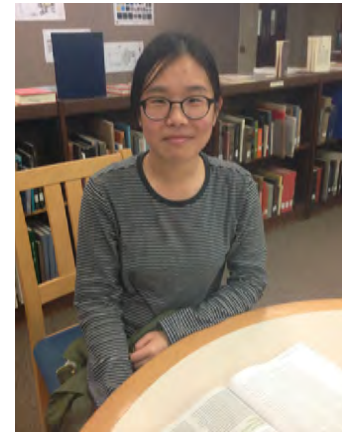
**Tina Kramer**

I went to my cousin's wedding.



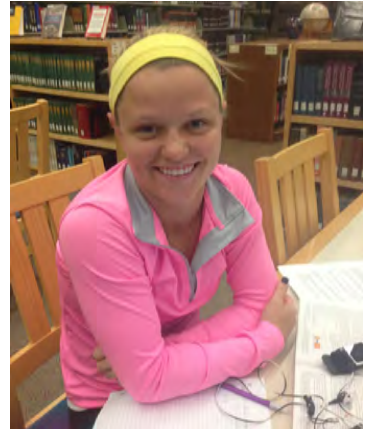
**Elliott Beach**

I went to Chicago to watch my sister run the Chicago Marathon



**Yeji Lang**

I went to New York City.



**Amanda Callahan**

I went to the factory of terror in Canton and I helped my dad put the roof on the shed.



President VanAken throws a Thiel College Frisbee during the Homecoming Parade on Oct. 4. His wife and daughter are sitting with him.

Photo credit: Allen Morrill

## Fashion Frenzy: Vogue is Weird

by Katie Allgeier, kallgeier@thiel.edu

I try to make it quite clear in this column that I am no expert of high fashion. I would rather wear a cardigan and jeans than pretty much anything. However, for the sake of the column I try to assume the role of friendly neighborhood fashionista, and I like to think that I pick up a few things here and there regarding fashion trends and tricks.

That being said, sometimes fashion is utterly ridiculous.

For instance, Vogue Magazine, which I reference quite a bit in this column, has released their "Top Ten Autumn Street Styles" list and some of the entries to this list are downright lunacy. For instance, the first entry on the list, "Dressed up Denim," is horribly frayed denim paired with pink sparkly matron shoes. Vogue claims that this look is "gently flared and amped up with party-ready accessories;" I say it looks like someone needs to find a new seamstress and stop shopping in the costume aisle for shoes.

Vogue does okay with the next few entries, making it to number five before clouding the visions of the fashion future. Vogue proclaims that the polo neck (middle photo: think halfway between a crew neck and a turtleneck) will be making a comeback in the near future. Unless you're trying to rock the normcore look (see last edition of the Frenzy) or wearing a pair of mom jeans, there is no way that this look will work for anyone. And really, why would you want it to?

Finally, Vogue predicts—as it seems to do every season—that the military fatigues look (see right) will be a hot item for autumn, going so far as to advise, "If it comes in khaki and boasts large combat pockets - buy now." Save your money. While military accessories like jackets and boots often make their way into everyday fashion, I find it incredibly hard to believe that a full-body, loosely-fitted, olive green jumpsuit will be hanging

in many people's closets this year (excepting, of course, actual members of the military, or perhaps the adventurous mechanic).

And so we have it: proof that Vogue magazine, bless its heart, is not infallible when it comes to fashion prediction. Who among us can claim such an accolade?


Your friendly neighborhood fashionista, that's who. Using my awesome and incomprehensible powers of prediction I predict that the number one fashion trend this fall will be... a snazzy coat-and-scarf combination, perfect for any cold and blustery day. Get on my level, Vogue.



Stop trying to make military fatigues happen. They're not going to happen.

Photo credit: Soren Jepsen

### #Yakkin' @Thielensian



@??? - It's called fall because everything is falling... Leaves, temperature, bank account, GPA, self-esteem...

@??? - My doctor told me to eat more chipotle... Technically it was "less McDonalds" but I think I knew what he meant.

@??? - Everything I like is expensive, illegal, or sucks at texting back.

@??? - I swear these beds become 1000 times more comfortable when you have to wake up...

@??? - It takes a true man to always be big spoon when all he ever wants is to be little spoon.

@??? - Professor is playing the "I'll silently wait till someone answers my question" game and nobody is having that shit this morning...

@??? - There will come a day where I have gotten enough sleep for my 8am. Today is not that day. I came to the library to study but ended up playing battle cats....

@??? - I need to work out to get rid of everything I consumed this weekend.

@??? - Don't act like you're not impressed.

@??? - 8 am classes should get you an automatic A

@??? - Financial Status: Eating peanut butter with a spoon because you can't afford bread.

@??? - Curves on women are nice, but curves on finals are better...

@??? - Told myself I was going to get all my work done after class... anndnd I'm going to take a nap.

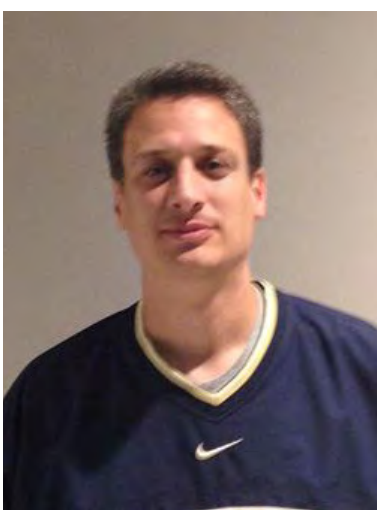
@??? - "What are you gonna be for Halloween?" Drunk.

@??? - The Bistro should deliver for a dollar extra. They'd make so much money.

@??? - I'm just too tired for life today. Break can't come soon enough.

## 20 Years Later; 20 Years Wiser: Tomcat Returns to Thiel

by Shawn Konter, skonter@thiel.edu



To continue my series on life as a Thiel student from twenty years ago, I must address the numerous physical changes that I see on a daily basis as I walk around campus. These reminders include remodeled buildings, relocations of programs and services, and other items of relativity. While

some of these changes may appear to be insignificant or trite, it easily reminds me of the progress that our school has or has not made throughout the years.

With the addition of the new Pedas Center, the radio station and its new call letters have found a new home. The former station still stands behind Hodge Hall with my understanding that the old "Who's Who" vinyl collection of music was removed several years ago. As a former disc jockey, I assure you it was a big deal to get a CD player that was able to hold two CD's. With the addition of the Pedas Center, the old bookstore, post office, and several other offices are now officially gone. The old building that housed these services also served as Thiel's student union in the late 60's and early 70's.

There was a 10 year plan for the Passavant Center. It was going to house a new complex of an Olympic size swimming pool, basketball court, theater, and other dwellings. Other parts of the plan included a new horseshoe driveway from College Avenue to Roth Hall and back towards College Avenue. Also in respects to Roth Hall, it housed Thiel's theater for years prior to where it is now.

The baseball and softball fields on lower campus did not exist - the teams held their games at Riverside Park in Greenville. Where their respective sports fields are now, there was a lower quad surrounded by woods. Fraternities, sororities, and students would use this field for pick-up games of softball, football,

and other activities. Sports teams such as the soccer club (not a varsity sport until much later), would use it for their practices and games as well.

The old financial office was in the upstairs of where the football offices are located now. As mentioned in a previous article, Alumni Stadium did not exist yet. It was a practice field that had an old track with cinders around it. There were some hard court tennis courts on the east end of the field (nearest the old radio station) and an old clay court located in front of the gym, Amelia Earhart Drive, and College Avenue.

The Chapel is a relatively new addition. On the same site and prior to the chapel, there was an old house that the Greenville Historical Society used for their museum. On a side note, the house was one of the orig-

inal houses where the school president would live his family. Religious services were held in Passavant or in the community.

A major necessity and service that has improved is in disability services. If a person has any type of disability, he or she is now able to receive help. Handicapped ramps were not a widespread thought until circa 1993. This all changed when a young man and Thiel Alumnus named Jason A., (who I know personally) was wheelchair bound in his daily living. Only then was a wheelchair ramp added outside of Hodge Hall.

Greenville Hall would undergo a major exterior renovation in years during the fall of 1991 and would not see elevators until several years later. Dr. Delmaramo would be able to attest to this as he was my professor for English 110 that semester.

As he would teach, one would hear jackhammers, sandblasting, and other heavy construction related sounds and noises.

I can only tell about one more change and perhaps one of the biggest losses to our school and community: the pool. It was located in the bottom half of the gym opposite the basketball court. It was used by many and is sorely missed. In closing, I again leave you with the thought of "if you think this place is bad now, just think of how it was for a student twenty years ago."

(Correction note: I made a small error in my last article. ESPN was already an on-air television station, as it started in 1979. It was just not available in our area. ESPN 2 would not become a television reality until about 1993.)

## Homecoming Kings

by Paul Connelly, pconnelly@thiel.edu



Sophomore quarterback Ryan Radke scrambles out of the pocket during Saturday's win against St. Vincent at Alumni Stadium.  
Photo credit: Allen Morrill

The Tomcats (2-3, 1-2) made a big statement in the PAC and celebrated homecoming in style when they came back from a ten-point deficit to get the 21-20 win over St. Vincent (2-3, 2-1) at Alumni Stadium on Saturday, October 4th. Heading into the fourth quarter down by six, it was freshman runningback Branden Dice who would receive the call for a game-winning goal-line push after freshman safety Joe Serratore picked the ball off to take it back fourteen yards deeper into St. Vincent territory. Dice came up with another big touchdown for the Tomcats earlier in the game, this time for ten yards in the second quarter while quarterback Ryan Radke connected with Rich Smallwood on a seven-yard touchdown pass later on. Radke finished 7-for-20 for 62 yards passing and an interception with 148 yards rushing on 16 carries. Fink came up big in the Tomcat backfield running for 147 yards on 31 totes. Seniors Jack Sindlinger and Wes Schmidt combined for 19 tackles while defensive end Reily Shane came up with two sacks to ring the bell. The Tomcats didn't start out strong as opposed to the past four outings where they averaged 17 points in the first half but something must've clicked at the after

being down 17-7 at halftime. At the start of the day and after both teams failed to convert on three back-to-back possessions, St. Vincent finally broke the silence when sophomore wideout DJ Ocean-Kelly drove in from three yards out to make it 7-0 Bearcats late in the first. Radke would get called for intentional grounding after an eleven-play drive brought Thiel to the St. Vincent 39 yard-line and Cody McClelland would be forced to punt. St. Vincent quarterback Matt Deakins would find Dalton Dietrich through the air for 31 yards to set up another pass, this time a 22 yard hookup to Matt Duffey and the TD to make it 14-0 in the second. Thiel would start to turn things around when Radke flew down the sideline on a 55-yard keeper to setup Dice's first touchdown of the day. Deakins would connect with Shavonta Craft for a 34-yard gain to setup Morgan Porter's 20-yard field goal to put the Bearcats up 17-7. Two Tomcat possessions later, Jon Fennick's 40-yard attempt would be blocked by St. Vincent's Darius Brown. Radke would muster up 44 yards of total offense on the next Thiel possession but it wouldn't be enough as Thiel would end up punting and eventually end the half. Taylor Fink's 64 yard drive and

a couple of looks to Smallwood would setup the senior fullback for a seven-yard touchdown pass to deplete the Bearcat lead, 17-14 at the start of the third. St. Vincent would move Andy Bergen under center and find success with the 3rd quarter adjustment as he would throw for 61 yards on the drive to setup Porter's 28-yard field goal. Tim Walker would come up big on the next possession, on the receiving end of Radke's 32-yard pass but the Tomcats would eventually turn the ball over after failing to convert on 4th-and-1. Serratore made a clutch play and setup arguably the turning point for the Tomcats that day, intercepting Bergen's pass at the St. Vincent 20-yard line. A pass interference call against St. Vincent's Dwayne Brown would move Thiel deeper into the red-zone and setup Dice's second touchdown and the final score of the game. Being perfect so far, Porter would shank a 30-yard field goal attempt wide left for a chance to put St. Vincent in the lead. The bearcats would get one more chance to steal the win but after Bergen's 29-yard gain on the ground, a tight Tomcat secondary would prevent SVC from moving forward any further and Thiel would hold on for the impressive homecoming victory.

## Faith No More

by Christian Kafka, ckafka@thiel.edu

Roger Goodell will never be mistaken as a popular NFL Commissioner, as he is always under fire for something. People question him with suspensions and the lockout; some criticism is unfair. However, no one can deny that he has failed greatly in handling the domestic violence occurrences. It is no secret that NFL players have been involved in domestic violence forever, but the light is shining brightly on these instances after Ray Rice struck his then fiancé, Janay. Before the elevator video was streamed online, Rice became suspended for two games. That was already considered low, even for a first offense. Goodell countered the outcry by creating a new policy where first time offenders charged with domestic violence would receive a

suspension of six games, and a second offense with lead to indefinite suspensions. After the video was seen by the public, Goodell indefinitely suspended Rice, which went against the policy he had just created. It was graphic to see, but it was still the first offense. A big problem with Goodell is that he is very inconsistent with how he handles punishment with players. The accusations against Ben Roethlisberger are what Goodell hates point to the most when degrading his decision making. Roethlisberger was not charged in either case, yet he was suspended for six games. It was later reduced to four games, but that was still two more than what Rice received initially. Adam Jones received felony charges that were later dropped, but he got slammed by Goodell with

hefty punishments anyways. Currently, Ray McDonald is facing an accusation that he caused harm to his girlfriend. There is breaking news that McDonald was in contact with officials of the San Francisco 49ers, which suggests that the team knew about what was going on. However, Goodell has not stated anything on the situation and appears intimidated by the media. Will there be a new commissioner? It is highly unlikely. With the timeline of his tenure, Goodell has been known to be a scapegoat for fan displeasure over the years and the NFL has stuck by him. Not everything he does negatively impacts the sport, so unless investigators uncover information that he knew details about the Rice incident, he will most likely be the commissioner for the future.

## Huskies Share Homecoming Spotlight, Hunt for Fall Title

by Paul Connelly, pconnelly@thiel.edu



Junior Tyler Hendzel moves through defenders during a match at East Acres.  
Photo credit: Allen Morrill

The Thiel College Huskies picked up another win improving to 2-2 when they hosted Penn St. Behrend and bested the Lions 20-10 at East Acres on homecoming. Eight man Josh Ohler led the pack with two tries while center Raymond Pituch and wing Jeff Coffy tallied a score apiece. "It was a really good match" Head Coach and team member Casey Schultz said. "Everybody really played their heart out." Coming into Saturday's home matchup with a 1-2 record, the Huskies felt confident about improving to .500. Schultz, along with president of the rugby club and coach Jake Hayden, believe in their guys wholeheartedly. "We could end up winning other local teams at the Division III club level in the Three Rivers Conference as they join schools such as Gannon and Clarion in the silver division. The winning season won't come easy for the Huskies as they began the season with a bit of a rough patch. "We started off kind of shaky" Schultz said. Schultz and company picked up the first win of the season

against St. Francis University of PA and dropped two consecutive matches to Washington and Jefferson and the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown. "W & J was a bearfight but UPJ... you could tell they were just out there to hurt us," said Schultz. Because of the nature of the sport's demand for a collaborative effort on the field, rugby is the definition of a team-sport. "It's not a lot like American football where you have just one guy who stands out and carries the whole team," said Schultz. "Coffy, Ohler, and Pituch were the guys making the scores last week but we had guys who were making big hits...it's tough to point out key players." The Huskies accompany other local teams at the Division III club level in the Three Rivers Conference as they join schools such as Gannon and Clarion in the silver division. "We'll do our best to make it through this bracket and then we'll be on to the championship this fall" said Schultz. "If that goes well for us then we'll be

on to nationals in the spring." Schultz talked about the lack of respect the club receives on campus but many students do not recognize that there are no NCAA Div. III recognized schools that offer rugby at the school-sponsored level; Only D-I and D-II schools have school sanctioned programs. In it's fifth year as a club program, participation for the Huskies continues to increase as campus interest grows. "Last year we went from really low numbers to actually having people on the sidelines to phase in and out" said Schultz. "It's a good problem to have." Schultz leads the direction of the team coming to the school with a year of U-19 club experience from his hometown in Erie, recently becoming a USA Rugby certified coach. While coaching can be rewarding, it pales in comparison to being out on the field. "It's kind of bittersweet" said Schultz. "I get to see what's going on and make critiques but I'd love to be out there on the pitch with the guys."

### SUPPORT YOUR TOMCATS!

10/18

W. Volleyball v. Thomas More @11AM

W. Soccer v. St. Vincent @ 12PM/ M. Soccer @ 2PM

10/21

M. Soccer v. Bethany @ 7PM

10/22

W. Soccer v. Bethany @ 6:30 PM

10/24

W. Volleyball v. Chatham @ 7PM

10/25

Football v. Waynesburg @ 7PM