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Thiel Emphasizes International Community

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Have you ever wondered how you can meet international students, or how to approach them?

Prof. Brenda DeMaramo, who works closely with international students, has a few suggestions.

"I suggest avoiding doing it in the dining hall or at their study tables unless you can address the whole group. Rather, approach the international students in class or in your dorm building. There are many opportunities to meet these wonderful people, and I encourage students to do so. If you haven't said hello, maybe you need to step outside your comfort zone. You might not have the opportunity next semester, as many are only here for one term. Students just need to be friendly when approaching the new international students" DeMaramo said.

If students are unsure how to approach the international students, they should take into consideration their cultural differences.

For example: Americans are far more emotional in public; they express what they feel more freely. Americans are outgoing.

Some of the international students are coming from more conservative cultures. Some cultures do not hold the door open for strangers and some do not say "Bless you" when someone sneezes. It is these small differences like these that set American culture apart from theirs.

The ESOL classes are not meant to make the international students sound American but rather to help the students speak clearly, even with their accents.

These international students are brave enough to go to a school that teaches solely in a foreign language.

The Host Family Program was piloted in the fall of 2011, and is meant to be a support for international students. Thiel works with families on campus and in the Greenville area to host the students.

"The host family and international student usually meet at least once a week, share holidays, and share traditions. The host family's home is a safe, comfortable environment which allows the student to learn more about American culture," Shannon Reesh, the Director of International Student Affairs & PSDO, said.

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Thiel Celebrates Diversity Month in November

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November is National Native American Heritage Month, which celebrates the history of Native Americans.

On Nov. 3, Ashura, a holiday recognized by Muslims to mark the martyrdom of Hussain is celebrated.

Veterans Day, the federal holiday honoring military veterans is Nov. 11. This date is also celebrated as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day in other parts of the world, which commemorates the ending of the First World War in 1918.

Nov. 20 is Transgender Day of Remembrance, estab-

lished in 1998 to memorialize those who have been killed as a result of trans-phobia and raise awareness of the continued violence endured by the trans-gender community.

Because so many remembrance holidays occur during November, Thiel College also celebrates diversity, for November is a month filled with diversity month.

This month involves cultural awareness activities for students and faculty and encourages students to participate in community service together. [cont. on pg 3]



Members of Thiel's OBC attended the Robert D. Lynch Student Leadership and Development Institute conference.
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Thiel faculty, staff, and students celebrated the library's birthday last week.
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Langenheim Day Celebrates Library's Birthday

by Keeley Criswell, kcris483@thiel.edu

On Friday, Nov. 7, students, faculty, and staff celebrated the birthday of the Langenheim Memorial Library. This year marks the library's 62nd year of service to the Thiel community. The actual birthday of the library is Nov. 6. But, to coincide with the welcoming of the newest Learning Commons staff member, the celebration was held on the 7th. Punch and cake were served in the library in honor of this event, and, shortly after noon, students and librarian Allen Morrill sang Happy Birthday to the library.

"My title says I am Director of the Library, but instead I feel a curatorial responsibility for the Langenheim more like a caretaker. The Library work we do for current Thiel students will also benefit students long after I am gone, in the same way the Langenheim sisters' gift benefits students who were not born when the gift was made," Morrill said.

In 1950, Flora and Gertrude Langenheim donated \$200,000 in honor of their parents Gustav and Mina, according to The History of Thiel Col-

lege. Neither the sisters nor their parents ever attended Thiel. However, the family was Lutheran.

"For many years sister Gertrude and I planned to provide a suitable memorial for our parents. Because of their interest in youth and in our Lutheran Church, we felt that a library service the youth of the Church would be a fitting memorial. Sister Gertrude and I, therefore, are pleased and proud to present this Langenheim Memorial Library to Thiel College as a loving tribute to our dear parents," Flora Langenheim said in a submission to the May 5, 1950 issue of the Thielensian. Gertrude Langenheim did not live to see the construction of the library finished.

In addition to the Langenheim donation, former students, graduates, and friends of the college donated an additional \$46,000 to the library construction.

Before the new library was built, Thiel's library was housed on the second floor of Roth Hall. In 1938, the library housed only 12,000 books, with

an additional 5,000 stored in the attic, according to The History of Thiel College. However, following a budget increase, the stores of books increased significantly. The books, and the students, were in desperate need of a new Library. The Langenheim Memorial Library was significantly larger than the facilities in Roth Hall, and during the years of 1970-71, the size of the library was nearly doubled to be what it is today.

The Langenheim Memorial Library has always been more than just a library. For years after its dedication, apart from books, it held a lecture room, several seminar rooms, a pastor, and the art gallery. Today, it holds the Archives and the Learning Commons in addition to numerous books and study locations.

"The best thing about working at the library is the people. The librarians are first rate and there is nothing better than working with our students to develop their research skills as they work on their assignments," Morrill said.

Fall of the Berlin Wall marks 25th anniversary

by Keeley Criswell, kcris483@thiel.edu

Sunday, Nov. 9 marked the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin wall. The wall, which was erected in 1961, meant a more stark separation for many living in Berlin. Those living in West Berlin could no longer easily visit their relatives in the East. For many in the East, the wall ended the possibility of escape.

For years before the erection of the wall, it became more difficult for East Germans to flee Soviet-occupied Germany. However, as the border controls tightened in other areas of Germany, it remained possible for many to flee via the Berlin connection to the Western World. The Berlin Wall was intended to

stop this migration. Construction on the wall began on Aug. 13, 1961, according to berliner-mauer-gedenkstaette.de/en, the official website of the Berlin Wall memorial. The entire wall was erected in a matter of days. Despite the wall, people continued to flee East Berlin.

Dr. Hecking, a professor of physics, was born in Berlin. But, his family migrated before the construction of the wall. One of his sets of grandparents, however, remained in East Germany. Before the construction of the wall, his grandparents were able to visit him once or twice a year. However, after the wall, and the increased travel restric-

tions that paralleled it, travel outside of East Germany, or into it, was very limited.

"You could not simply go to East Germany and travel as a tourist anywhere you pleased. It was not only that the people from East Germany could not leave; but also the people from the west could not enter. One had to have a reason to enter Eastern Germany, either for cultural exchange or visiting of relatives or a tightly organized and supervised official tour," Hecking said in reference to his time in post WWII, divided Germany.

Travel was not the only correspondence between East and West Germany that was restricted during the days of

the wall.

"We couldn't send [my grandparents] certain things, for example, no medicine or books or articles. Only things like teddy bears could be sent. My grandparents needed heart medicine, so we hid them in a bag of candy and were able to send them over because the pills looked like candy," Hecking said.

"We also send them western money that was rolled up and hidden in the stand of a lamp. They could use western money to buy things in specialty stores where only western money could be used," Hecking said.



Today, only portions of the Berlin Wall remain intact.
Photo Credit: Keeley Criswell

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Phi Theta Phi Prepares for Walk-a-Thon

by Chris Kafka,
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Phi Theta Phi is known for being the local fraternity on campus. They are a smaller group and do not have national chapters across the country.

However small this group, their yearly philanthropy event is huge and contributes tremendously to their charity. The Phi Theta Phi members and alumni get together at the end of each fall semester to conduct the Walk-a-Thon.

During the Walk-a-Thon, the Phis walk 100 miles to Pittsburgh in order to collect money for Children's Hospital. The first Phi Theta Phi Walk-a-Thon was held during the weekend of Feb. 10, 1968. The members were able to make \$1,100 for their first time.

This started the tradition for the Phis, as they were recognized for their devotion to assisting the children. During the 1980s, the Pittsburgh Steelers organization allowed Phi Theta Phi to collect money at one of their home games. This helped contribute thousands of dollars more than what the Phis normally made during the Walk-a-Thon.

In 2000, the total earnings from the Walk-a-Thon reached over \$1,000,000 under the chairman for the Walk, Anthony Tronzo. Due to the Phis' success, they were recognized by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

The Phis received the Benjamin Rush Award for Philanthropy. It is difficult for smaller groups to have a large impact. However, Phi Theta Phi has raised more money for charity than any individual chapter of any fraternity. To get the Walk-a-Thon going, there is a lot of work that goes into it.

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Thiel Happenings

compiled by Liz Carlson, ecarlson@thiel.edu

Saturday, Nov. 15:

Rage Pro Wrestling:

7 p.m., Gym
An intense wrestling experience that you will not want to miss!

Sigma Kappa Pierogi Dinner:

4-7 p.m., Galleria
Join the sisters of Sigma Kappa for a delicious pierogi buffet and silent auction! All proceeds go to the Sigma Kappa Foundation.

Monday, Nov. 17:

Global Club Coffee Hour:

4-5 p.m., Weyer's Lounge
Stop by to enjoy a cup of coffee or hot apple cider and learn about senior Sara Toombs' experience while studying in Morocco.

Tuesday, Nov. 18:

Pakistan Presentation:

4 p.m., Sawhill-Georgian Room
As part of Thiel College's International Education Week, Arshad Shaheen, an international exchange student, will share information about his home country of Pakistan.

Friday, Nov. 21 and Saturday, Nov. 22:

10th Annual Evening on Broadway (Previously known as Cabaret):

7:30- 9:30 p.m., theater
Join the Thiel Players for their annual fundraiser. This year, donations and money raised in a silent auction will be going to the "Save the Music Foundation." Performances are free but donations are highly encouraged.

Wednesday, Nov. 26- Sunday, Nov. 30:

Thanksgiving Break

Classes will Resume on Monday, Dec. 1

Monday, Dec. 1:

TAB Game Show: Thiel Feud:

9 p.m., LHR
Join TAB for a twist on another classic game show and a fun night of friendly competition!

Friday, Dec 5:

Annual Dome Opener:

5 p.m., the Dome
Zipline, novelties, inflatables, food, live performances, and more!

Play: "An Enemy of the People":

Performances are Friday, Nov. 14, Saturday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, November 16 at 2:00 p.m.

Join the Thiel players for their performance of Arthur Miller's adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's classic play in which a man finds himself at odds with his town after revealing the truth about their "miracle" mineral springs.

Thiel Team Trivia Tuesdays:

9 p.m., every Tuesday, Bistro
Various de-stress activities during finals week: TBA

Wanna see a movie?

BLY HALL MOVIE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS...

compiled by Liz Carlson

Annabelle (dates to be announced):

As the movie states, "Before the Conjuring, there was Annabelle." In this horror film, from the creators of The Conjuring, a thoughtful gift from her husband turns into a woman's worst nightmare after her home is invaded by members of a Satanic Cult. During the invasion, the cult members conjured an evil spirit in John and Mia Gordon's home that takes shelter in a vintage doll. Stop by Bly Hall to see what events play out that lead Annabelle to live a life of seclusion in the home of well-known Duo Ed and Lorraine Warren.

Boxtrolls (dates to be announced):

This animated film tells the story of a young, orphaned boy who was raised by subterranean trolls. He helps to defend the trolls from an evil exterminator and attempts to help them make peace with the cheese-loving Victorian-era residents that they are living amongst. The two groups have a history of disposition towards each other over the issue of cheese, and the trolls' adopted child may be the key to solving these long-lived feuds.

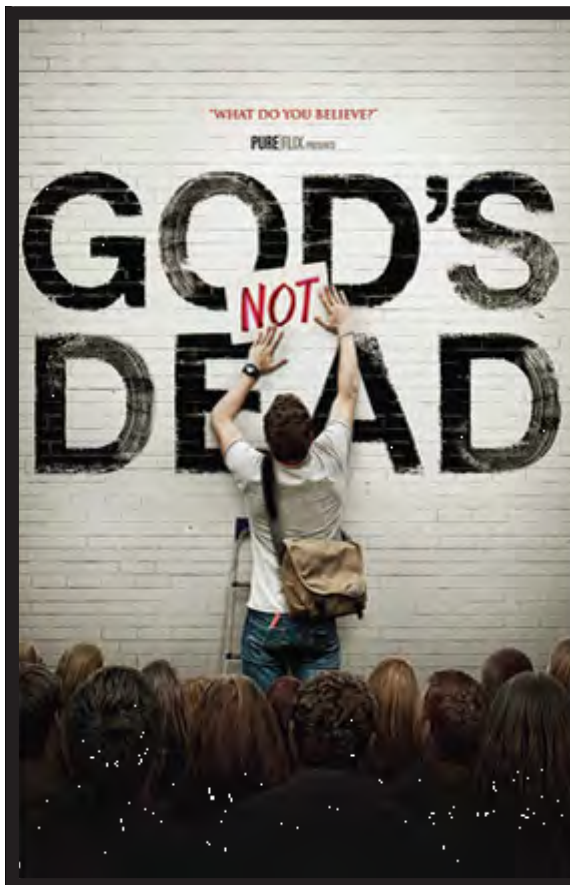
Thiel College Police Blotter

Nov. 07: 1 p.m., Bistro

one student arrested for public drunkenness

Nov. 08: 12:45 a.m.

a student was taken to the ER for alcohol intoxication above legal limits



Lutheran Student Movement: Game, Food & Movie Night

Friday, Nov. 14
10 p.m.
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GIRL RISING
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL
FILM SCREENING
Thur., Nov. 20
8 p.m.
Stamm Lecture Hall
Allison Gloor and Sara Toombs

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Submission Date	Publication Date
Thurs, Nov. 20	Fri, Dec. 5

Articles must be between 350-600 words.
Publication is free for Thiel clubs and activities
Articles, ads, and information can be sent to newspaper@thiel.edu

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

NOVEMBER 16-20

11 | 16 **SUNDAY**
4:30 - 7 PM INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR IN THE CAFETERIA
All are invited - Thiel students can use a meal swipe

MONDAY
4-5 PM GLOBAL CLUB COFFEE HOUR IN WEYER'S LOUNGE
Learn about Sara Toombs' Study Abroad Experience in Morocco
7 PM SANDIP BURMAN CONCERT IN BLY HALL
Hear the beautiful sounds of the Tabla, Sitar, & Tabla Tarang

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11 | 18 **TUESDAY** 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM STUDY ABROAD TABLE CAFETERIA
Learn about various study abroad opportunities from Matt Morgan
4:00 PM PAKISTAN PRESENTATION IN THE SGR
Discover Pakistan as presented by Arshad Shaheen
9:00 PM GLOBAL TRIVIA IN THE BISTRO

WEDNESDAY
11 AM - 1 PM INTERNATIONAL CANDY BUFFET OUTSIDE CAFETERIA
Try candies and sweets from all over the world!
4 PM PIÑATA MAKING AT THE GLEN JOHNSON CENTER
Learn how to make your very own piñata from Lauren Valdez.

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11 | 20 **THURSDAY**
4 PM SOUTH KOREA PRESENTATION IN STAMM LECTURE HALL
Discover South Korea as presented by Yuri Shin

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Thiel hosts Diversity Month

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The OBC, Organization of Black Collegians, and TC Soldiers, as well as members of the Alliance, kicked off the month by attending leadership conferences.

OBC and TC Soldiers attended the 28th Annual Robert D. Lynch Student Leadership Development Institute at the Lancaster Marriot Convention center in Lancaster, Pennsylvania from Friday, Nov. 7 to Sunday, Nov. 9.

This conference is meant to develop leadership skills in African American, Latino-American, and other multicultural college students.

This unique experience gives these students an opportunity to participate in workshops that examine cross-cultural communication, interactive relations, building comprehensive environments, and fostering cultural awareness.

Members of the Alliance will be attending the Mid-Atlantic LGBTQA Conference at Bloomsburg University, Friday, November 7th and Saturday, November 8th. Its theme this year is "Continuing the Conversation: Religion and Spirituality in LGBTQA Communities."

This month there will also be a variety of speakers and programming, as well as, collaboration with the International Affairs Office during their international food festival, which is a part of the International Education Week. Thiel College also hosts a diversity week in the spring, which includes a fashion show hosted by OBC and the Alliance.

The college welcomes three speakers a semester. Many members the Organization of Black Collegians are also members of the National Society of Leadership and Success, so, the two organizations usually work together in choosing who will speak at Thiel.

Mark Weir, Director of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, said: "It is important that everyone understand that we celebrate diversity, not only during diversity month, but also celebrate it all the time. As students and faculty gain cultural competence and diversity awareness, Thiel College can become a better place all around."

The OBC will also be attending the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education 45th Annual Conference March 5 through March 7. The conferences theme this year: "Innovations in Higher Education: The way forward for a diverse student population." The TC Soldiers are the Thiel College Soldiers who minister through dance. The members include: President, Taylor Queen; Vic-President, Valen Meade; Secretary, Keonna Fuqa; Treasurer, Kehinde Olubadge; Social Chair, Mercedes Quarles, Laura Bounser, and Dasha Jones.

"Dance is a way of expression," Mercedes Quarles said. "We dance because we want to express the love we have for our heavenly Father."

This organization has been active on campus for six years now. The Thiel College Soldiers dance for the chapel and also dance for the soul food fest on Feb. 22.

Phi Theta Phi to Hold Walk-a-Thon

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First, the Walk chairman has to communicate with Children's Hospital about when they want to conduct the walk. The chairman has to meet with the president of Thiel at the beginning of the semester to talk about the Walk-a-Thon. The brothers of the fraternity will send out milk cartons to different businesses in Greenville to accept donations. Sponsorships are sought after in order to provide funding for the Walk. Every year, new t-shirts are designed for the brothers to represent Phi Theta Phi as they participate in the Walk-a-Thon.

There is also a kickoff breakfast for the Walk where families will come to talk about how the philanthropy has impacted their lives.

The Phis walk most of the distance to Pittsburgh, but due to the law people cannot walk on the highways. Therefore, the chairman of the Walk-a-Thon will try

to reserve school vans as modes of transportation. Restaurants in the towns that are being passed through will be contacted to see if they would like to provide free meals for those who are participating in the Walk. Permits must also be filed in the towns to be permitted to walk the streets to raise money. Also, the police departments in the towns must be notified in advance. The chairman will contact the Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeport because they allow the brothers to sleep there overnight.

The current Walk-a-Thon chairman is junior Andrew Thomas. When asked about why he wanted to be the chairman for this philanthropy, he talked about how the donations to Children's Hospital affected him personally.

"My life was saved due to the donations given to Children's Hospital from previous Walk-a-Thons in the past", he said. "I just want to

be able to give the same opportunity to the other children who are dealing with illnesses. This fund specifically aims at giving funding to the families who cannot afford the bills, and I want to raise as much as possible."

Thomas went on to talk about how important it is to get the walk organized properly. "This is not a position that can be taken lightly. Everything has to be done in advance and done the right way. I am glad to be able to oversee the process of this philanthropy and watch it succeed."

Thomas spoke about how the position can be stressful, but that the outcome is more than worth it. "Once you reach the top of the hill that the Children's Hospital stands



Brothers of Phi Theta Phi collect money as part of their Walk-a-Thon for the Children's Hospital
Photo Credit: Andrew Thomas

on, the satisfaction is unmatched", he said. "To be able to see their faces smiling at you for what you have contributed is a wonderful feeling. Anybody who may hold this position in the fraternity after I leave will have the best job in the world." The Walk-a-Thon for this year begins on Dec. 1.

Fall of the Berlin Wall: 25th anniversary

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The Berlin Wall was a physical representation of the metaphysical Iron Curtain that surrounded the Soviet Union and the Eastern Bloc states. Many people, especially those living in Berlin, were never allowed to stand at both sides of the wall. If Berlin citizens had been allowed to cross the border easily, they could regularly visit relatives on the East side, bringing them items from the west that were forbidden in the east.

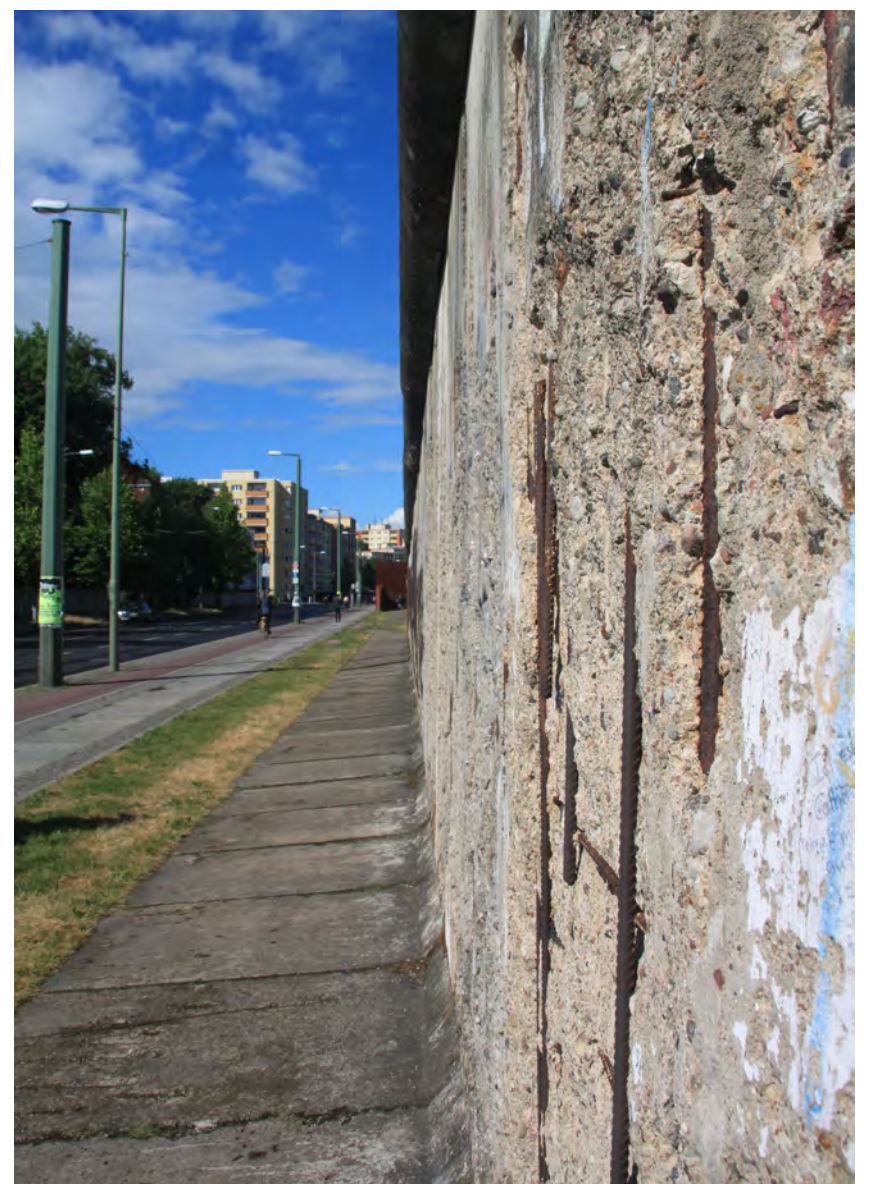
"I visited the wall from both sides in 1971 or 1972. Because I didn't live in Berlin, I was able to do this; but, someone who lived in West Berlin couldn't do this. I was able to go right up to the wall on both sides. It was surreal knowing that no one in East Berlin or West Berlin could go up to both sides so easily," Hecking said.

After the wall was built, fortifications continued to be added to it to deter and stop escapees, according to the official Berlin Wall Memorial website. Observation towers and a signal fence were added as well as a bed of steel spikes and other fortifications. When it was demolished, the Berlin Wall towered at 12 feet high and 90 feet long. As a further preventative measure, border guards had commands to

shoot those who tried to escape if there was no other way to stop them. In total, "at least 138 people were killed or died at the Wall in connection with the East German border regime between 1961 and 1989," according to the official website.

The wall fell on Nov. 9, 1989. For several years leading up to the fall, the Soviet Union allowed communist governments in many of the Eastern bloc countries to have closer ties with the Western Powers, according to USA Today. Eventually, citizens from the Eastern bloc were allowed to emigrate to the west through East Germany. Mass demonstrations in Eastern Germany, and a failing dictatorship, lead an East German spokesperson to suggest a new immigration law. After the announcement, crowds from both East and West Berlin rushed to begin dismantling the border wall.

With hammers, pickaxes, and other tools, citizens began the demolition of the Berlin Wall. Today, only a portion of the wall remains standing. It serves as a memorial to the separation of Germany and to the individuals who lost their lives as a part of its oppressive power.



Today, a portion of the wall remains standing as a memorial.
Photo Credit: Keeley Criswell

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Thiel students attend cultural dinner at St. Paul's

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On Oct. 30, international students had an enjoyable evening with residents of St. Paul's Home at Thiel's Cultural Dinner.

Both international and local students mingled with St. Paul's residents by gathering around tables, making a pair, two by two. Before they started eating, they had enough conversation to know each other.

"It was very meaningful time for me because when we talked to each other and heard their life story, it reminded me of my grandmothers," Doei Kim, one of the international students who participated to the dinner, said. "Also, I was moved that they cooked for us and they enjoyed Korean barbecue. Especially, the brownie melted in my mouth. It was very tasty," Kim said. International students and residents of St. Paul's experienced both Korean food and American food.

After the dinner, there was a presentation about general introduction of Pakistan and Pakistan's culture from Arshad Shaheen Khalil, an international student from Pakistan studying at Thiel.

"As a cultural ambassador from Pakistan to the United States, I wanted to give knowledge about Pakistan to the American people

that Pakistan is a country full of colors, ethnic diversity, tasty food and transitional culture," Khalil said. "I also wanted to educate Americans about the culture & social values of Pakhtoons. To let the world know Pakhtoons with a different angle such as an angle of hospitality, love, peace and traditions. I think there

are bad stereotypes in the United States about Pakistani people and also in my own community in Pakistan about American people so I will try to remove them by sharing my own experiences in both the communities," he said.

People in that room, both residents of St. Paul's and interna-

tional students alike, listened carefully with attention and they had a question and answer session. It was a wonderful time for people who participated in the Cultural Dinner to understand different cultures by eating tasty foods and getting to know people from other cultures.



International students at St. Paul's Home. Students attended the Cultural Dinner and had the opportunity to discuss culture with residents.
Photo Credit: Shannon N. Reesh



Roads to Success: campus trouble spots get fresh pavement

by Lynsay Girts, lgirts@thiel.edu

Last week, students received multiple emails regarding the restriction of access to various parking lots around campus due to the parking lots getting paved. One of these projects included Ridgeway Avenue and Vine Alley, roads near the chapel. Monday morning, road workers started working on a paving project that needed to be done for years.

"In a joint effort with the Borough of Greenville, we will be paving Ridgeway Avenue and the Alley behind the Chapel", read an email that students received on Friday, Oct. 24. "The parking lot over at Passavant probably had not been paved since the 1970's", Mike Schultz, Director of Facilities, said.

Knowing that these roads have been in need of serious repair for some time, Shultz stated that Thiel is going to be budgeting for future repairs in efforts to make sure that these roads, and others, do not return

to their previous pot-holed state again. Many students were surprised to see this finally come to completion. Stephanie Felix, junior, lives in Hutton Hall.

"I have to drive on that road every single day to get to my room and I actually didn't even hear them working on it because they did it so quickly and efficiently," Felix said.

Many students have questioned why this project could not have been completed during the summer when there were no students on campus who would have been utilizing these roads. Mike Shultz has an explanation. "That is the way that it worked out", Schultz said. "There were a lot of factors that needed to be assessed which played a big part into getting these projects done." Some of the factors that Schultz expressed included the impact of weather on the pavement plans, the various water pipelines that needed to be taken into consideration, the money allotted for

this project, and, ultimately, the overall partnership that was required of Thiel College and Greenville. Greenville owns the road, so Schultz gave credit to Bob Schmoll, Thiel's Vice President of Finance and Management, for being an instrumental part of this operation and really bringing the project to completion.

While freshmen might not quite understand the significance of this event, the upperclassmen recognize the importance.

"I love it," senior Taylor Fink said. Senior Cory Evans commented on the effect that the ill-paved roads were having on his truck. "My truck can handle a lot but that road was taking a toll on my alignment," he said. "I would always try to avoid [Ridgeway Avenue] as best as I could." Students are happy to see this project finally come to fruition among the other changes made on campus this year.

Thiel Emphasizes International Community

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"As the population of international students grow, so does the number of host families. Many students have said that this program is their favorite program on campus," Reesh said.

Reesh is also in charge of the International Education Week, which this year will include the international food fair to kick off the week. It will be

held on Nov. 16 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Galleria.

Students can use a meal swipe for this dinner. Those who attend will be able to enjoy traditional dishes cooked by the international students on campus (with the assistance of the kitchen staff).

On Monday Thiel will host a concert by Sandip Burman, player of the tabla, sitar, and

tabla tarang. Tuesday will have a global trivia night. Wednesday students can go to an international candy bar. Thursday, the final day, there will be a presentation by Yuri Shin on the culture of South Korea.

Throughout the week there will be information on study abroad opportunities, coffee houses and foreign film showings.

Life of a breast cancer survivor

by Lynae Jackson, mjackson@thiel.edu

Peg Jackson was born in 1934 at home. She weighed only about four pounds and was tiny enough that a pillow was actually used as her bed. She was one of six siblings. She had a lot of fun with her older sisters and has memories of them taking her into the woods to play. They lived about a mile from the school bus stop and her sisters would pick her up under their arms and carry her down the road to the bus stop to be picked up for school. As a teenager, Jackson spent most of her time with her grandmother, especially in the summers.

Jackson met her future husband Phil when they were in sixth grade. "I didn't pay much attention to boys then and didn't care much for them," Jackson said. In 1953, her senior year she and Phil started dating. Phil had dropped out as a sophomore and went to serve in the armed services. Jackson stayed in school to finish her education and then moved onto pursuing nursing after her graduation.

In 1953, Jackson started her job in Meadville working as a nurse's aide in the maternity ward taking care of babies. When she didn't have a lot of work to do there, she would go give a hand in the pediatrics unit. She preferred working with the small children and babies rather than the adults on the other floor. The nurse supervisor told her she should go into nursing school. She thought about it, and in the end, decided not to due to the possible worry of debt. During this time, she had written Phil letters and stayed in contact with him while he was away fighting in the Korean War, from 1950



Peggy Jackson survived breast cancer, and maintained her positive outlook on life through her struggle.

to 1954. Jackson worked as a nurse's aide until 1956. In the two years that Phil was back from the war, they dated pretty seriously. Then in 1956, after she was done working, they got married.

In 1997, Jackson found the first lump in her breast while performing a self-examination. She called the doctor immediately and was able to get right in. She had a sonogram, and also went to the cancer center to talk to the doctors. The doctor recommended a mastectomy, the removal of the entire breast, just to be on the safe side. She never underwent chemotherapy or radiation; back in 1977, doctors did not have their patients go through chemotherapy before a surgery was to take place.

"It was very scary to begin with," Jackson said. "We had just gotten over Grandpa's cancer, then [the family] had to go

through my cancer." Phil also had prostate cancer in 1994; three years before Jackson discovered she had breast cancer. When the doctor said they were going to take the whole breast, Jackson said, "Okay. If that's what has to be, that's what has to be done." The cancer was in the milk duct so doctors were able to catch it before it spread. She went to the cancer clinic, where nurses were all very helpful, and right away scheduled the surgery. "No big deal. Had to be done." Jackson explained in her interview.

Everyone who knew about the cancer and the surgery was very supportive. After the surgery, Peg had a very positive attitude toward what had happened and what was yet to be done. She said she was okay.

"I had a good attitude... the Lord was with me and everything was—and was going to be—alright," Jackson said.

My View of the World

"Father of the Bride"



Grand Prize

Photographer: Josh Ebel

An Instagram Generation

by Maryanne Elder, melder@thiel.edu

Times have changed. The technology has improved and instead of calling each other, we text. Twitter is the newest way of finding out what are our friends are up too. Facebook messenger has become the newest middle man when asking "Do you want coffee?"

These technological advances are just interfaces that we use to connect to the people we . Our virtual lives take over and ironically social media encourages isolation over real communication. Instagram has fought to go above and beyond to fight the statistics for real interaction with people.

Welcome to the Instagram Generation.

As college students, we are continuously finding the newest apps in an attempt to make capturing the moment easier. If you use Instagram, the filmmaker and TV personality Jason Silva would like to congratulate you on being able to

navigate two different realities.

These realities are nothing like the movie "the Matrix." The original idea was introduced by Daniel Kahneman, a Nobel laureate and psychology professor at Princeton, and examined in the Youtube video "The Instagram Generation," from the Youtube channel Shots of Awe. This video examines how a person through Instagram is "experiencing the present but is anticipating the future memory."

We as college students are photographers, contributors to this "Instagram Generation." We take pictures and at that moment, Silva maintains, we are experiencing the present reality and actively shaping how we will remember the future. Some may tell you that you are not living in the moment. Silva sees it as a moment of liberation that you are able to control what you are able to remember. You are given one chance



to decide to capture a moment and how it will be remembered. "We all become artists, we all become architects of our mental narratives, of our historical digital paper trails. We decide who we are. We're building maps, and those maps are subjective. I don't think it's a bad thing. I think it something we desire to do," said Silva.

Malcolm Christhilf: Form and Color

by Sungkyung Ko, SKo598@thiel.edu

The opening reception for artist Malcom Christhilf's display "Form and Color" was held on Oct. 22 in the Weyers-Sampson Gallery in the Howard Miller Student Center.

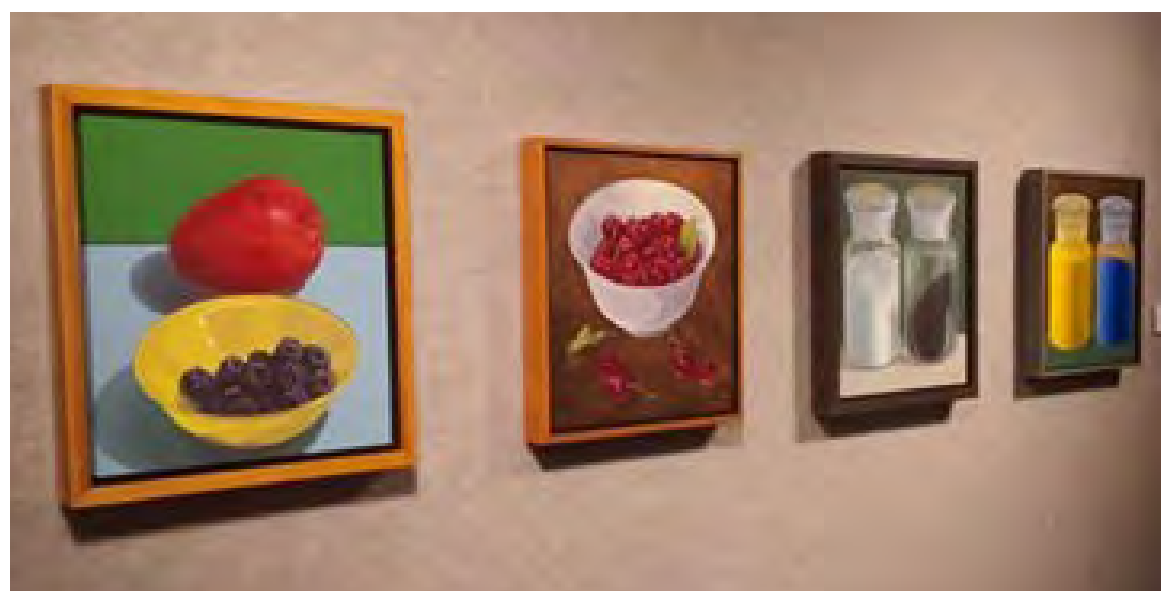
Malcolm Christhilf was born in Baltimore, MD. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree at Towson State University in Towson, Maryland and he attended Tamarind Institute's Printer Fellow Program in Albuquerque, New Mexico to earn a printer's certificate. He completed his Master of Art and Master of Fine Arts degrees at the University of California at Berkley. He is currently a professor of art at Edinboro Uni-

versity of Pennsylvania where he teaches Two-Dimensional Design, Color, and all levels of Drawing and Painting.

"My pictures originate in observation" Christhilf said. "I believe that truth and beauty are revealed to the artist and so my paintings are less the consequence of cerebral activity than the result of looking at the world around me. It is human scale objects that interest me the most, particularly things that can be held in the hands. When I look closely at an object, it will suggest associations with other items and on my still life table a composition will take shape. My still life "strat-

egy" is to capture and define the initial attraction by using design, color and different forms of contrast. This working method allows me to closely examine the things that visually excite me and to acknowledge the originating spark of recognition."

The artwork will be displayed from Oct. 22 to Dec. 3, 2014. The art gallery is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1p.m., and on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12p.m. and 1- 4p.m. For more information on Malcom Christhilf's work, visit his website, www.malcolmchristhilf.com.



Malcolm Christhilf's display "Form and Color" can be viewed in the HMSC art gallery until Dec. 03. Photo Credit: Sungkyung Ko



New Professor Highlight

by Hunter Michaelis, HMMichaelis@thiel.edu

Dr. Butcher



Dr. Butcher, the chair of the newly-created Neuroscience department.
Photo Credit: Hunter Michaelis

Prof. Anderson



Prof. Anderson, Thiel alumnus who is a first-year member of the Computer Science staff.
Photo Credit: Hunter Michaelis

Neuroscience has become its own department on Thiel's campus, which means that it is a separate area of science in the school's eyes.

The new chair of the department, or the professor who oversees everything that goes on, is Dr. Greg Butcher, who is in the middle of his first year at Thiel College. He replaced Dr. Nicholas Despo, who retired at the end of last year.

Butcher earned his doctorate from Ohio State University in 2006 in Neuroscience in the area of Molecular Neurobiology: "I spent a lot of time studying circadian rhythms, or sleep-wake cycles," he said. "Or how light couples to changes in the brain."

Butcher, who has always wanted to teach at a liberal arts school: "I like the small class sizes, the direct contact of the professors. Thiel specially has a lot of strengths for Neuroscience to grow that a lot of other schools don't... The Greenville Neuromodulation Center and the alumni are really interested in it succeeding."

"The administration wanted Neuroscience to grow for a while," he explained, "The changing in the staffing over the last year really brought that to the forefront that now would be a good time to be a department."

He feels being a separate department has its upsides and downsides, including making changes without consulting anyone as a benefit: "You go through a different level of administration when you're in another department... I wanted a separate department when I was asked to come to Thiel."

Even though Neuroscience is entering into a state of independence from sister departments, the goals of the new department are no different: "I just want to tell all students that Neuroscience should not be scary. I know the term can sound intimidating... I would encourage you to take a class or two in Neuroscience," Butcher concluded, "You might find something that you enjoy."

Professor Ronald Anderson is Thiel's newest addition to the Math and Computer Science Department. A graduate himself in the Class of 2007, Anderson has returned to his alma mater to further pursue his academic goals.

"I really liked the school and the environment, so I thought it would be a nice place to work," he explained, "I had a major in Math, a major in Computer Science, and a minor in Physics."

Anderson, who is currently an instructor at Thiel, is in the process of completing his doctorate in electrical engineering.

A native of Texas, Anderson spent seven years away Greenville: "I didn't find it difficult [to come back]," he said, "I like this part of the country. I like this part of the country a lot more than Texas."

Anderson, who sports the electrical engineering background, wants to add to the 3+2 program, which is Thiel's program for three years at Thiel and two at another school. This allows the student to get two degrees – a BA from Thiel and a BS from their second school.

"The 3+2 program is actually out of Physics, but I feel I have the opportunity to advance the inter-relationships between the departments here," he said.

Like Butcher, Anderson has a desire to utilize the new possibilities of the new Neuroscience department, "My major area of research is neural imaging. I want to improve student availability with research and psychology, specifically, the new Neuroscience program that we're championing here at Thiel."

Despite being away for years, the possibility of bringing back that graduate perspective to Thiel is enough for Anderson: "I'm happy to be back," he concluded, "Some people want to move on, but I did that for seven years. I decided I wanted to come back."

Abroad! The Exploration of Germany

by Sara Toombs, SToombs@thiel.edu



Keeley Criswell poses in front of the Neuschwanstein Castle in Bavaria.
Photo Credit: Cedric Williams

The Thielensian's Editor-in-Chief and resident study abroad columnist had her own international experience this past summer.

Senior Keeley Criswell spent nine weeks in Hannover, Germany on a special internship program. Her trip was entirely funded by a scholarship from the National Science Foundation.

Criswell's program involved an internship focused on the study of gravitational-wave-based physics.

"Without getting into too much detail, I was working on a space-based mission to test the technologies to make it possible to send a full-scale gravitational-wave detector into space. If we were able to detect gravitational waves, it would allow us to look at the universe in a different way," Criswell said.

Criswell, who is a physics major here at Thiel, was elated to have such a professional opportunity as an undergraduate student. This type of internship will allow her to be set apart from other students in her field.

"My program was an REU – Research Experience for Undergraduates. I wanted to do an REU because they are

fully-funded programs, with a stipend, that allow undergraduates to do research to help prepare them for graduate school," Criswell said. "The program into which I was accepted sends students all over Europe and Japan; but the accepted students didn't get to choose where they would be sent."

Criswell also had the opportunity to travel while in-country, and saw several cities including Berlin, Nuremberg, and Füssen. She also spent a weekend in Rome, Italy.

Although Criswell is an experienced traveler and past recipient of the Vira Heinz study abroad scholarship, she experienced some new challenges while studying in Germany.

"The last time that I studied abroad, it was in Spain. Since I speak a little bit of Spanish, I was able to tell people things that I needed to say. However, I speak little German. While most of the time I was able to find someone who spoke English, there were times when the language difference proved difficult. When I went to the National Park, for example, I found that few people spoke English. So I had to find my way by using a lot of

pointing," Criswell said.

Criswell also experienced several embarrassing moments as a result of this language barrier.

"When I was getting groceries one day, I went to get in line to check out, and I noticed a sign indicating that the line was closed. So, I went to get in another line, and the lady at the first register said something to me. Thinking that she was saying that the line was closed, I smiled at her as I got in the other line. Then, she repeated herself in a more forceful tone. I started saying, "Nein Deutsch (No German)," and she just kept repeating herself and pointing, getting more upset each time. Finally, I figured out that she was telling me that it was alright to get in her line. I was pretty flustered."

The weather also proved to be a worthy adversary for Criswell. She explained that while she had expected temperate, summer weather, Hannover was quite cold for most of her trip. She found that the clothing she packed was somewhat useless in the cold weather.

When asked about the most beneficial element of her time in Germany, Criswell replied, "I was the 'planner' for all the weekend trips that I took this past summer. So I learned a lot about planning and budgeting. Also, I learned a lot about 'going with the flow.' When someone else plans a trip, it's easy to sit back and relax... When you are doing the planning, and something doesn't go right, it's a lot more difficult to relax. But by the end of the trip, I was getting pretty good at relaxing."

She continued to express ways in which her time abroad helped her to grow as a cultural citizen.

"I also gained an appreciation for the German train system. It really does run wonderfully. I really appreciated this after being in Rome for the weekend, where nothing is on time, and you are lucky if you go two days without a tram or underground breakdown," Criswell said.

Criswell emphasized that every student should try to study abroad and had a piece of advice for any student planning to study in another county. "Put a few hundred dollars aside when you budget. This is money that you will plan to spend, but don't budget it for something specific. It is for you to use on a big-ticket item or experience. In Germany, I used this money to go on a hot-air balloon ride over a medieval walled city."



Keeley Criswell is pictured in Rothenburg, a medieval town that survived that destruction of World War II.
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Toombs Time: A Word From a "Lazy" Millennial

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For all of the political-correct hoops that journalists have to jump through to avoid offending anyone, they sure don't seem to have a problem with throwing an entire generation of people under the proverbial bus. It seems like every day another article is released about "Generation Y" and how the Millennials are no doubt on the path to destroy America. We are

called lazy, entitled, narcissistic, trophy-kids with a complete lack of empathy or willpower. Well then, Generation X, I am a little offended.

The babies of the eighties and nineties are beginning our reign as the prominent generation. We are coming in to our own, graduating, and entering the professional world. But we are not entering the vast world of opportunity promised to us from a very young age. "Go to college," they said. "Everything will be easy," they said. "All you need is that degree." What a joke.

I will borrow from the excellent blog-hub theinterrobang.com, who put it best: Millennials got a raw deal. We grew up on the tails of a massive environmental crisis, gruesome and expensive wars

in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq, a failing social security system, extreme national debt, a skyrocketing rate of poverty, and the most monumental college costs ever recorded. But it doesn't seem as though anyone wants to collect the blame for the mess that's been made. Baby boomers, I'm looking at you.

Generation X seems to be struggling to give credit where credit is due. They did not, on the other hand, seem to have any difficulty diving head-first into the world of credit and wracking up an unprecedented personal and national debt. The "middle class" generation left America lost in government programs, reliant on nonrenewable energy, and completely at odds with itself in highly partisan government.

But there's no need to worry - they can always blame the problems on their kids.

So, I have to raise some questions. Is the Millennial generation narcissistic, or are they starved for attention? Are they uninterested in home ownership because they are "footloose," or because they have seen the ugly side of what it means to own a home? Are they unmotivated, or completely overwhelmed by a market that is entirely based on luck and not effort? Honestly, I think we're doing alright considering the circumstances.

Generation Y is highly educated, with 54% having achieved some college education. We are highly diverse and more likely to have an appreciation for variety and culture. We are engaged in civic interests, eager to participate, and ready

to be heard. We vote based on personal morals rather than party loyalty. We are vastly accepting and recognize the need for change. We are globally aware, highly compassionate, philanthropists who still believe we can make a difference in the world.

But something happens when great ambition meets strong opposition. Washington D.C.-based organization Generation Opportunity conducted a national survey of Millennials. The results leave some strong impressions about exactly what is happening to the rising generation. Eighty-four percent admitted to delaying major life changes because of the weak economy. Thirty-eight percent wouldn't buy a home, thirty-two percent avoided going back to school, and thirty-one

percent said they didn't feel capable of starting a family. Another thirty-two percent stated that they are currently seeking a second job in order to make ends meet (Forbes.com).

So, maybe we're a little messed up, but I think there are a lot of questions left unanswered when classifying Generation Y. There are underlying causes behind increasing levels of depression, decreasing levels of independence, and a seeming lack of willingness to become "grown-ups." While I don't think we've fully uncovered all of the intricacies, I do think Millennials get the short end of the stick. I, for one, don't appreciate being defined by a stereotype or mistakes I wasn't born to make. Perhaps it's time to give the next generation a chance to define themselves.

Why your favorite movie is terrible...

featuring "Holes"

by Andrew Denson, 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:

The movie that cursed an entire generation of cinema with the human douchebag that is Shia LaBeouf (aka *Holes*).

After the fall out I got from my Mean Girls article, I thought it would only be right to continue to upset the masses but once again picking on another one of your precious childhood favorite movies... and boy did I pick one terrible movie.

The movie follows Stanley Yelnats (GET IT BECAUSE ITS STANLEY SPELLED BACKWARDS, and just in case you didn't know... they love to shove the name down your throat for most of the movie) as he is sent to a juvenile detention camp for a crime he did not commit.

While there he meets a group of 12 year old wannabe thugs who pick on Stanley because hes the new kid, duh. He is constantly harassed by Mr. Sir who is kind of like the gestapo of the camp, and Dr. Pendansky who is kind of like the Jerry Sandusky of the camp.

Stanley eventually establishes himself with the group of troubled youths after being picked on by someone outside of their clique... because that's how real friends are made. Anyway, at this camp the inmates have to dig holes presumably as a makeshift grave for any of the children that die DIGGING HOLES IN THE MIDDLE OF SUMMER, IN THE DESERT, IN AN AREA WHERE IT HASN'T RAINED SINCE THE LATE 1800'S.

Seriously... who gave the Warden the permission to build a juvenile detention camp in the middle of Satan's armpit. Someone really dropped the ball on that one. Oh, and speaking of the warden, thank goodness they got Sigourney Weaver to play the Warden.

It's like she finally got tired of making those Alien movies and decided "Hey, let's try doing



The 2003 adaption of Louis Sachar's novel, *Holes* is one of LeBeouf's first starring roles.

Photo Credit: imdb.com

kid movies, that's what all the old washed up actors do once their careers have been declared dead." Sigourney Weaver brings her post menopause hotness to the movie where she is literally one of two female leads (I'll get to that later).

Back to the movie, blah blah blah pig stealing great great grandfather, blah blah blah Zero isn't actually stupid, blah blah blah, everyone becomes rich because... Hollywood.

The Character Everyone Loves To Hate:

Since the movie follows three different story lines, it was frustrating the one character that far exceeds the hatred I have for other characters. Alas, I found that one character and boy did I hope he would die in a very graphic way on screen. The Warden's grandfather, you know the guy who attends night school in the late 1800's with the very attractive town teacher, yeah, him.

He needed to die on screen, he had to. Everyone should know by now one thing I despise are racist people, and considering I currently attend school in an area surrounded by them, this character is all the worse. Him and his neo-KKK buddies go out and kill the local black guy for getting in the white teachers jeans.

Like they literally could not fathom that the smooth talking black Sam could get with such an amazing looking woman. Anyway, Miss Kate eventually goes on a killing spree but never kills the one guy who was actually responsible for getting her Chocolate daddy killed.

Heck, he actually outlives Kate. WHO COMES UP WITH THIS?

Why The Movie is Awful:

I've got two words for ya... Shia LaBeouf. I have another two words for ya... Rick Fox. One more word for good measure... Spoosh.

Why The Movie Is Not Awful:

Because for goodness sakes, it's *Holes*. This movie has something for everyone. Of course, I relate to the racial issues between Sam and Kate, but of course everyone's favorite story relates to Madame Zaroni and that catchy "If only if only the woodpecker sighs" song. WHY DIDN'T THE IDIOT JUST TAKE THE BROAD UP THE MOUNTAIN.

Also, it had a great ensemble cast despite the Human Douche's appearance and it is a great movie for both children and adults. And mmmmmm Sigourney Weaver is always amazingly.

The point? Don't throw that opportunity away. Let me explain why not.

If people start abusing the extensions professors give, then they may be less inclined to give them out to students who have more extenuating circumstances. What do they do, then?

This would have never happened in the 1950s, or certainly not in the way it happens now.

Halloween to an International Student

by Doei Kim, dkim@thiel.edu

"However, as the time passes, it seems like more and more countries celebrate Halloween, or America's traditional event."

Halloween, Oct. 31. After I came here to America, it was my first time to enjoy "real" Halloween.

In my country, this event is also widely celebrated by many people. I haven't experienced it though, because the Halloween festivals are held in a limited fashion in some places, such as amusement parks or i-tae-won, where lots of foreigners live in.

So, I was so excited to get a chance to experience it and also dress up.

In the annual traditional event in the United States, everyone dresses up in different costumes such as a ghost or monster.

On Halloween, people carve pumpkins and put lanterns in them, which is called a Jack O' Lantern, and kids go to other's home to get candy saying "trick or treat!"

I wondered what Halloween means for international students and how they feel about



Many international students experienced the American twist on Halloween for the first time this year.

Photo Credit: Doei Kim

held to celebrate it.

"It was so fun preparing to be a specific character. I dressed up with Pen cake. It was my first time to do "trick or treat." I felt like I was doing a treasure hunt while in the process of getting candy," Taeyeon Park,

dance party with a costume, looks fun, though," Rei Wagatsuma, student from Japan, said.

A few days ago, I saw an article about a Halloween parade held in 2014 in Kawasaki, Japan. The Kawasaki parade, which has been held for 14 years, attracts more than 3,000 people every year in various kinds of costumes.

"It's my first time to experience real Halloween. When I was in China, we gave candy to each other. Now, many kindergarten children celebrate that in China. They wear cartoon clothes and do trick or treat. But older people don't celebrate it. I feel it's fun. It's interesting to have to go everywhere to have candy. Everyone wears awesome clothes," Shi Yi, student from China, said.

However, as the time passes, it seems like more and more countries celebrate Halloween, or America's traditional event.

It is not only the American party anymore. In my opinion, it was so amazing to experience "real" Halloween and in the past, I felt a little bit shy dressing up with a Halloween costume.

However, I realized that it is very enjoyable to join this event and I wish to enjoy Halloween parties after I go back to the Korea.



Halloween came as a surprise to students visiting from Asian countries, who do not experience it much at home.

Photo Credit: Doei Kim

it. I wanted to know how to enjoy "Halloween" in many different countries.

In Korea, as I mentioned in the beginning, people can enjoy Halloween in amusement parks and some places where many foreigners live in.

Especially on Oct. 31, when lots of people dress up with costumes gathered in the I-tae-won street. In clubs, parties are

international student from Korea, said.

The way to taking delight in the Halloween is similar between many Asian countries.

"In Japan, we don't do trick or treating, but some people wear costume just like here, stores and some places have decorations. The Halloween party was my first time. It was fun, but I thought it was just like a

what wasted potential.

Seriously, we're not here because of our good looks. We're here because of our ability to get things done, do well in class, and be capable adults.

This laziness and holier-than-thou attitude will get us no where as a society.

I'm not saying that we are completely lazy or incapable people. Far from it.

Has "Laziness" Become the New "Responsibility" in America?

by Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu

There really is a difference in America today from, say, 1950s America.

In actuality, the two time periods may as well be different countries than the same country separated by about 60 years.

In the 1950s, when someone was asked to do something, they did it. There was no "I'll get around to it," or "When I have the time for it."

No, it was "yes, sir," "yes, ma'am," and that was it.

Today, though, you have professors who want assignments, which are already late and students who say "when I have the time." Let me remind everyone of something that we may have forgotten in the three or so months back.

The professor is helping you out by giving you an extension.

Does it make sense to take advantage of professors who are throwing you a bone? Does it make sense to blow off school work when you decided to come here?

It brings a tear to my eye when I hear students say that they do not care what happens to their education, because they have the power to make something really amazing of themselves;

What wasted potential.

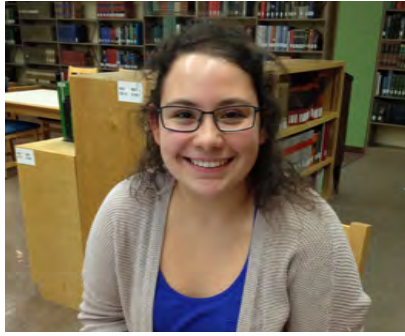
We need to focus on why we're here: to get a good education, go out into the real world, and make a difference.

After all, this is America. The 1950s may have been the "golden years" of this country, but we can make the 2010s something to remember.

Is laziness the new responsibility in America? I really don't want to find out. Do you?



Opinion Poll: What is your favorite part of Thanksgiving?



Athena Foino

My favorite part is being with my family and everyone that I love.



Steve Morgan

The turkey.



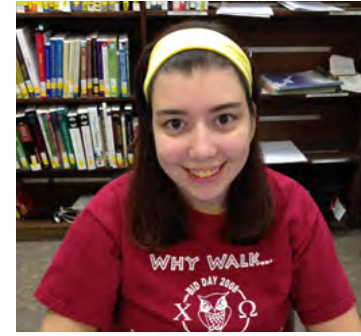
Ryan Hart

The process of getting ready for Thanksgiving and then to enjoy the feast itself.



Jason Takacs

Just getting to see all my distant relatives that I haven't seen in so long.



Katie LaMark

Getting to talk to all my family members.



Bess Onegow

Making fun of the dogs on the Purina Dog show with my family.

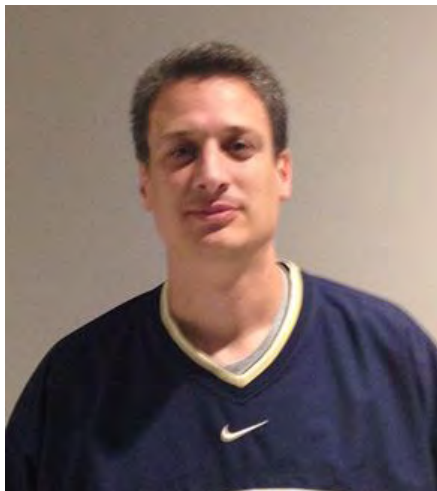


This photo of a touchdown was taken during the football game on Nov. 09 against Washington and Jefferson.

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

by Shawn Konter, skonter@thiel.edu



I have chosen to share movies, actors, music, and other areas of entertainment for this week's series on a student's life from twenty years ago.

During this time, several classic Disney films including "Aladdin", "Beauty and the Beast", and "The Lion King" were released. Other blockbuster films released were "Mrs.

Doubtfire" with Robin Williams, "Dumb and Dumber" with Jim Carey, and "Forest Gump" with Tom Hanks.

Some now Hollywood celebrities were "catching their big break" in the film industry including Cuba Gooding Jr. and Brad Pitt. As their careers were "taking off," other actors lives would end including Lana Turner, River Phoenix, and Brandon Lee.

Also that year, the famous comedian, Sam Kinison would pass on as well. On a show such as Saturday Night live, one could certainly expect to see Chris Rock, Chris Farley, Dana Carvey, and Mike Myers.

Another area outside of movies that would affect one's daily life would be music.

While the "oldies" were still very popular, new artists emerged such as Garth Brooks; he was at the very top of the billboard charts. Other acts, bands, and groups that were pop-

ular included Boyz to Men, Dr. Dre, Nirvana, Sir Mix-a-Lot, REM, and The Red Hot Chili Peppers. One particular group, NIN (Nine Inch Nails), has ties to our area as the lead singer Trent Reznor is originally from the Mercer area.

Another popular theme would include television. Television series at that time included Cheers, Friends, The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air, and the newly created Simpsons. You may also be interested to know, that perhaps the most popular television show of the time on the Thiel campus would unquestionably be the soap opera, "Days of Our Lives." One could not walk anywhere on campus without someone having this show on their television. Both male and female students scheduled classes around this show. If one did have class at this time, it was videotaped for later viewing.

As far as entertainment on our campus, one could always attend a sporting event. For those who did not care for sports, one could attend or even participate in a Thiel Activities Board function. TAB, (as it was known) would schedule comedians, magicians, and homecoming activities for the Henderson Room (now known as the Lutheran Heritage Room) once or twice a month.

There could be a talent show, a game show such as the Family Feud (with a twist), a hypnotist, or even an earlier version of karaoke/lip sync.

Our community options for entertainment in Greenville were pretty limited. One would need a car to travel to Hermitage for a movie theater or one could travel to Pittsburgh for a baseball game on one of their \$1 admission nights with hot dogs, small cokes, and popcorn also costing \$1 as well (and yes, gasoline was less than

\$1 a gallon).

On a very special occasion, Thiel would offer a combined trip to Niagara Falls, Canada and Toronto for \$20. The local bus company would drop you off at 8:00 in the morning in that respective city and pick you up at 8:00 pm for the ride home.

Other offered trips would be to an opera in either Cleveland or Pittsburgh, or even a Cleveland Cavaliers NBA game with you purchasing your ticket and Thiel providing the transportation for free.

So as one can see, times were different in some ways and similar in others. In closing, I would like to announce that the next edition of the Thielensian will be my last for now.

My second job/employment as a tax professional will occupy most of my otherwise available free time.

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@??? – When one of your classes is canceled, that is a little gift from heaven

@??? – Loaded potato soup is the peak of Thiel cafeteria's existence

@??? – Studying tip: Stand up. Stretch a little. Take a walk. Go to the airport. Get on a plane. Never come back. Problem solved.

@??? – Great day to lay in bed and watch Netflix

@??? – First time at breakfast. It was not worth it.

@??? – I'm so sick of Christmas commercials already...

@??? – Whenever a teacher says "term paper" it makes me happy and sad. It means we are at the end of the semester but it also means so much more work. #mixedfeelings

@??? – Missing the days when my roommate was a **** and I got the room all to myself.

@??? – The last episode of Fresh Prince is on nickelodeon right now... let the tears roll.

@??? – I think I'm AVI intolerant

@??? – Remember remember no shave November

Fashion Frenzy: Models of all shapes and sizes

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Does anyone remember back in 2011, the Italian Vogue magazine cover that caused a media ruckus? The cover featured three gorgeous models posing in their undies, look quite sultry. The reason that the magazine cover caused such a ruckus was the choice of models; the models were plus-sized, and the fashion world was quite confused.

As Elle.com reports, this cover shoot was among the first to feature plus-sized models. The industry took it in stride, and a flash of plus-sized-friendly media ensued. Almost as quickly as it took off, however, the trend died down, and fashion turned back to slender models in small clothing. Or so critics thought.

Elle.com reported last Friday morning, plus-size model Myla Dalbesio has been booked as an underwear model for Calvin Klein's "Perfectly Fit" campaign. Dalbesio

has been a plus-size model for years, and her booking marks an important change for plus-sized models. While prior plus-size movements have been branded as separate from "average" clothing sizes, Calvin Klein chose to insert Dalbesio's photos into their regular advertisements. To Dalbesio, this is a mark of a hopeful future for plus-size models.

"It's not like [Calvin Klein] released this campaign and were like 'Whoa, look, there's this plus size girl in our campaign,'" Dalbesio reported to Elle.com. "They released me in this campaign with everyone else; there's no distinction. It's not a separate section for plus-size girls."

While Dalbesio's casting marks a positive step forward for the fashion industry, something else deserves a bit of attention too: her measurements. Dalbesio is, as she says, "a healthy size ten," begging

the question: what does the term "plus-size" even mean? How do we begin to define sizes? And, perhaps most importantly, why does the term "plus size" even exist?

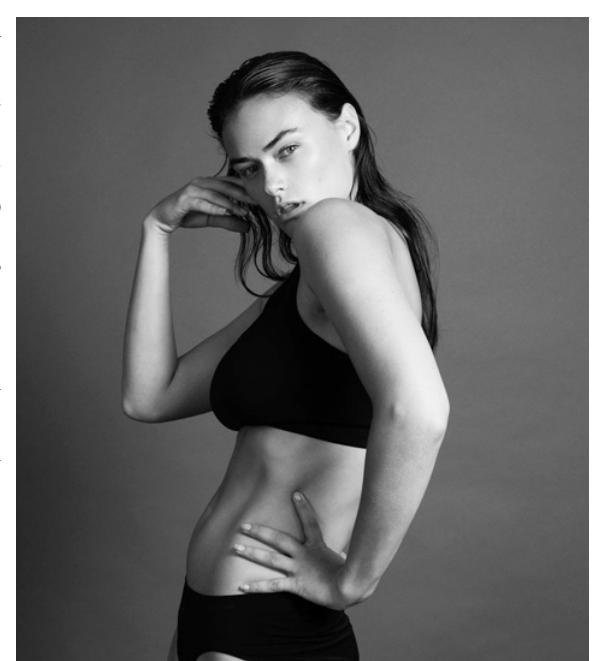
The problem with the term "plus size" is that it implies that there is another category of sizes: "normal sizes." For girls who will never, through the glories of genetics and body diversity, reach more slender sizes, the pressure to fit in is intense. If your size - say, a size 10 perhaps - happens to be above the cutoff for "normal" sizes, shame and stigma—and for some reason, a serious lack of fashion—often accompany your shopping experience. The industry's sizing charts are far from standardized, and this often leads to girls with waists between a size 8 and a size 16 stuck outside "normal."

Dalbesio stresses that there is middle ground between "plus size"

and size zero, a middle ground that the industry seems unwilling to acknowledge. "'I'm in the middle,'" she says. "I'm not skinny enough to be with the skinny girls and I'm not large enough to be with the large girls and I haven't been able to find my place."

To Dalbesio, who has struggled to attain "straight" (slender) weight in the past, her gig with Calvin Klein represents an opportunity to start the conversation about size in the fashion industry.

"I love that by opening this discussion, I can also (hopefully) open some doors for other models, friends of mine, that have always straddled the line between straight size and plus," she writes for Elle.com. "True body diversity doesn't mean only sizes 0's and 2's then jumping to size 16 and up. There is a middle ground."



Model Myla Dalbesio recently posed for Calvin Klein's "Perfectly Fit" campaign. Dalbesio hopes that her booking will be an opportunity to open the discussion about "in-between" models.



Tomcats Tear Down Titans 3-1, Make Semifinal Appearance at PACs

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The Thiel Tomcat Womens Volleyball team took on conference rival Westminster College just one last time in the quarterfinals of the Presidents Athletic Conference Championship Tournament, besting the Titans 3-1 last Tuesday. Unfortunately, that would be the end of Thiel's run as they fell to Thomas More 1-3 in the semis on Friday.

The story was all about Thiel dominance in the opening round of the PACs when eight kills in the first set helped put the Tomcats up 1-0 after beating the Titans 25-18 in the first. The second set belonged solely to the Tomcats as well when 10 kills on 34 total attempts helped increase the deficit and make the final 25-19 and place Thiel ahead 2-0. The Titans made a rally cry in the third when the Westminster effort tallied 13 kills and Thiel's nine errors helped propel the Titans to a close victory edging the Tomcats 26-24.

Thiel put the final touches on and put up 13 kills themselves while limiting errors to get the final 25-20 victory and the game-winning set. Senior Alex Hall led the Tomcats with 10 kills while Veronica Brueggman tallied nine and Lenora Boyer and Danielle Gomula picked up six apiece. Jenny Shelley played set-up all day when she finished with 31 assists while Lauren Downs followed up a career performance with another solid display of 25 digs. Ashley Baer and Hall had 20 and 15 digs respectively.

Coming into the next game, fighting for a championship appearance the Tomcats faced a tough Thomas More squad that boasted a 27-4 re-

cord coming into the match. Thiel started out firing on all cylinders when two kills by Hall and a service ace by Downs helped Thiel start out 5-1 and the Saints took a timeout to regroup. A block by Veronica Brueggman would increase the Tomcat lead but TMC's Jessica Knaley would get two straight kills to contribute and keep the Saints within two. After Thiel surrendered two more points on errors, the Saints recorded two kills to cut the Tomcat lead to 1.

The Saints changed things around and took the lead after two service aces and two Thiel errors put the Saints up 15-13. Putting the Tomcats right back up was Brueggman and Shelley who notched up kills while got a service ace to put Thiel up 19-17 and the Saints took another timeout. It was a 4-1 run for the Saints answered by a Gomula kill to put Thomas More up 21-20 and Thiel had to take their final timeout.

Blocks by Bailey Holmes and Boyer forced three more Saint errors and a kill by Hall put Thiel up 24-22. An attack and a service error from Thiel would give the Saints the lead but the Tomcats would hold on and force a Saints attack error to give Thiel the lead 25-24. After the Saints tied it up, two straight kills by Hall assisted by Shelley clinched the Thiel win and gave the Tomcats the edge 1-0.

Two kills from Brueggman kicked off the second set as the attacks went back-and-forth and eventually tied the score 5-5. The Saints scored seven unanswered and Thiel called a timeout with the score at 12-5. Boyer and Holmes cut the lead but er-

rors continued to plague the Tomcats and the Saints took an eight-point lead. When Thiel would get one, the Saints would answer with two more and the Tomcats couldn't get within single digits. Two kills from Boyer wouldn't be enough as the Saints would take the second set 25-15.

The third set started out as a shootout when two kills from Brueggman and scores from hall and Boyer kept the Tomcats in contention and the score tied at nine. Hall scored two more times along with a kill from Holmes to give the Tomcats the lead but the fierce attack from the Saints Stacy Howell and Alexis Bierbaum helped TMC go on a 6-0 run and the Tomcats called time to change things up. Multiple errors by the Saints and a tough Tomcat defense put the Tomcats within one and the Saints called their first timeout. The Saints would answer with a 6-1 run and reach 25 to win the second set and take the advantage.

The final set of the Tomcats season ended in a heart-break as the Saints Felicity Britt scored four kills to contribute to the saints 9-4 start. Brueggman and Boyer notched kills to contribute to the Tomcats four unanswered points but the final serves belonged to the Saints as they went on an 8-1 run to win the match 25-15 and move on to the finals

Brueggman, Hall, and Boyer combined for 40 kills while Shelley racked up 33 assists. Downs recorded 26 digs in the loss while Hall, Boyer and Shelley combined for 50. The Tomcats ended their season with a 14-17 overall record while going 10-8 in the PAC.

Crosby 2.0

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Connor McDavid is a seventeen-year-old, six foot tall and 187 pound young man and is the captain for his hockey team. What makes Connor McDavid so extraordinary? He has 42 points in 14 games for the Ontario Hockey League's Erie Otters. To put these numbers in perspective, Sidney Crosby had 168 points in 62 games with the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League's Rimouski Oceanic.

Connor's current pace is three points per game, if he keeps this pace up he will pass Crosby's pace, which was 2.7 points per game. Assuming that his pace will continue, he will be .3 points per game better than Crosby, which may not seem like a lot, but multiply that by the 68 games in a season it comes out to an addition 20 points though out the season.

Crosby and McDavid are very similar. Both are around six foot, 200 pounds, play center, shoot left handed, and both were born in Canada. Many reports have stated that McDavid, who is eligible to be drafted this year, will be the first overall pick no matter what team wins the lucky first pick. He is also regarded as the 2015-draft version of Crosby, but other say that he has potential to be better than Crosby.



17 year-old Connor McDavid has hockey experts making comparisons to a young Sidney Crosby as he competes for the Erie Otters in the Ontario Hockey League

Photo Credit: AP

How can your team land this possible National Hockey League superstar? First of all they must qualify for the draft lottery, by not making the playoffs, and then they must be lucky enough to win the lottery. The team with the worst record has the best percentage odds.

The current draft structure has changed from previous years. The 2015 draft lottery, according to NHL.com, will be slightly different. The changes to the odds of winning, "will result in a more evenly-balanced allocation of odds, with the 10 highest-finishing non-Playoff qualifying teams receiving higher (better) draft lottery odds than they received

previously and the four lowest-finishing teams receiving lower (worse) odds."

The chart on the odds shows that the lowest four teams in terms of points will lose some type of percentage and move it to the other eight teams. For example, last year the odds were 25% that a team with the worst record would get the first overall pick, this season it is reduced to 20%. This discourages teams from intentionally losing games later in the season.

Who has the best odds? The season is still young and it can be impossible to tell even after the season has finished. The fans have to sweat it out until the draft results come out.

Take A Lap; Cross Country Competes at PACs

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The girls cross country team poses together after their last run of the season.

Photo Credit: Allen Morrill

Many athletes have heard the quote, "Take a Lap!" "Taking a lap" is usually used as punishment for an athlete's underperformance or mistake. This term can be used jokingly with friends or as literal punishment for unwarranted behavior that a coach deems necessary to discipline.

Some believe that cross country runners punish themselves, because most people would not willingly run 7-12 miles for fun or competition. Thiel's cross country runners not only put themselves through challenging workouts because that is what Coach Carr tells them to do, but also because they enjoy the challenge of racing against themselves. It is not a joke nor is it punishment to "take a lap," because that is what cross country runners enjoy doing.

"Once you get bitten by the running bug- you're done. You've got 37 pairs of running shoes, 16 different colored sports bras, you think of all your measurements in meters and often you can't help but think when you're stuck in traffic, 'I could just get out and run.' Running becomes not only something you do to keep your body healthy but to keep you sane at the same time. You never want to stop," Meri Steintmetz, junior,

said.

Most people believe that runners must actually like running, but for many runner, this is only half true. There is nothing fun about simply running. However, the gratitude that follows a great workout or a personal best record set can be compared to winning.

If a runner has beat the time they ran the week prior, they have won. Usually winning is characterized as competing and being ranked as number one, so this way of thinking may not seem like it would be considered a win to the laymen but ultimately, a win is a win. The time spent, the calories burned, the sacrifices made all tangle together to finally burst out with a big breath of accomplishment after crossing through the finish line.

Cross Country is truly not just a sport, but a lifestyle. Just ask Steve Morgan or Meri Steinmetz. These two individuals are Thiel's top competitors for the men and women's cross country team and they performed well at the race last week-end at the PAC Championships. This race was held at Bethany College, WV. Everybody did a great job and has been competing against themselves all season. The final efforts of the cross country team will be dis-

played at the Regional meet next Saturday in Carlisle, PA.

The results from the PAC Championships are... For the men, Steve Morgan was Thiel's top finisher, placing sixth overall in 27:10.7. Morgan also earned All-PAC First Team honors with his finish. Ryan Thomas finished 27th overall Saturday in 28:59.9 while Mason Bednash placed 34th in 29:56.6. David Smith finished in 30:51.8 to place 61st while Christian McElhaney placed 77th in 32:49.3. John Clark placed 78th in 32:58.9 while Jaime Montalvo finished 81st in 33:15.4.

For the women, Meri Steinmetz was Thiel's top finisher, placing 11th overall in 24:22.6. Steinmetz also earned All-PAC Second Team honors with her finish. Megan Kidder, Summer Wark, Candice Arnold, and Kristin Diegan were all in the top 40 for the Tomcats at the championship. Kidder placed 32nd in 25:32.1 while Wark finished 34th in 25:36.6. Arnold finished the course in 25:51 to place 38th overall while Diegan finished in 25:57 to place 39th. Alexis Mowris finished 42nd in 26:19 while Lynsay Girts placed 49th in 26:57.1. Josephina Whiteman placed 78th in 28:12.4 while Beverly Kozuch and Nicole Perra also finished in the top 105.

Browns Rout Bengals, Take 1st in AFC North

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Entering this Thursday night's game, there were questions surrounding both teams. The Cleveland Browns were 5-3 before this contest and the Cincinnati Bengals were 5-2-1. The Browns had their best record at midseason in many years, but were not blowing anyone away with their performances so far. The Bengals had a convincing start to the season, but were struggling, even in games they were winning. The "Battle of Ohio", as people call it, would leave the victor in first place for the AFC North.

The Bengals were doomed right after the opening kickoff. On Andy Dalton's first pass, he overthrew the receiver, and threw an interception on his second. The Browns answered by scoring a touchdown five players lat-

er on a run by Ben Tate. The Bengals get one first down on the next drive but have to punt. However, the returner Jim Leonard for the Browns fumbles the punt and it is recovered by Cincinnati. The Bengals cannot garner much offense with the good field position and only come out of the drive with a field goal to make the score 7-3 in favor of the Browns.

On the Bengals next possession, Kevin Huber punts the ball a mere 25 yards into the wind, setting up great field position for the Browns offense. Surely enough, Hoyer drives the team down the field and rookie running back Isaiah Crowell ran into the end zone for a 2 yard score. The Bengals were awful during the rest of the contest. A.J. Green was blanketed by Joe Hayden

and finished with 3 catches for only 23 yards. Andy Dalton finished the game with three interceptions, 86 yards passing and under 31% completion percentage. He had a higher amount of interceptions than passer rating (2.0). Each Browns' running back finished with a touchdown

as the team advanced to 6-3. With the Steelers losing, Cleveland took over first place in the AFC North. The scary part is, this offense has been operating without its top weapons. Andrew Hawkins, Jordan Cameron, and Alex Mack (injured reserve) did not play. Also, after the Browns finish their next game against the Houston Texans, Josh Gordon will be eligible to return. This team looks primed to make a play-off push this season.