



Zeta Tau Alpha Sticks it to Breast Cancer

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Sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha pose with a duct-taped Sean Oros.

Photo Credit: Liz Carlson

On Friday, Jan. 30, the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha's Zeta Beta chapter at Thiel held their second annual "Stick it to Breast Cancer" event. The event took place outside of the cafeteria, and students going to and from lunch had the chance to pay one dollar for an arm's length of duct tape to use to stick fellow student Sean Oros to the wall. The event proved to be a huge success this year. The girls raised \$140 that was then donated to breast cancer education and awareness.

Each month the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha host an event that promotes and raises money for the organization's philanthropy, breast cancer education and awareness. This is the second time that "Stick it to Breast Cancer" has been held, and this year's event brought in nearly double the money of last year's event. "I was very pleased with the outcome this year," philanthropy chair and event organizer Hillary Leipold said. "It went very smoothly and seemed very popular among the students, because who doesn't love to see a person taped to the wall?" she said.

Sean Oros, senior, volunteered to be the person taped to the wall this year. He endured three long hours of standing still on a chair while his fellow students covered his body in duct tape. At the conclusion of the event, the chair below him was removed, and Oros clung to the wall, although only for a few moments. "Although standing still for such a long period of time was painful, the outcome made it all worth it. It was for a great cause and I was glad that I was able to help out," he said.

Students chosen for Vira Heinz 2015 Cohort

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The recipients of the Vira Heinz Scholarship for Thiel have been announced: this year's cohort is comprised of Katie Allgeier and Ivey Shorts. Each will receive \$5,000 and \$5,500, respectively, to study abroad during the summer of 2015. Allgeier will participate in a 5-week program in Galway, Ireland while Shorts will study in several locations throughout India.

Allgeier, a junior, studies English writing and English literature. While in Ireland, she will take a course that focuses on modern Irish literature. However, some of

her studies will deviate from her studies in English and literature.

"I will be studying Gaelic, the traditional Irish language, and I'm also taking a 1-credit course about tracing your genealogy," Allgeier said.

Allgeier, who is $\frac{3}{4}$ Irish, is excited at the prospect of learning about her heritage.

"We have Irish in our blood, we have an Irish room in our house, and my grandma has been to Ireland... but we don't act on our heritage. I'm excited to learn about the Irish way of life. I will be taught by all

Irish professors, so that I will also get their perspective on things. Some programs bring American professors to teach classes, and the students don't get that other-culture experience on learning. I'm glad that I was able to find a program with Irish professors," Allgeier said.

Allgeier is finding some parts of the process challenging. However, she is hopeful that her experience will push her to turn those challenges into something positive.

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Katie Allgeier (pictured above, left) and Ivey Shorts (pictured above, right) will be studying abroad during the summer of 2015.

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Doctor Jared Johnson: summer in Scotland

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Dr. Jared Johnson presented a paper at The Sixth Biennial British Shakespeare Association Conference in July of 2014 at the University of Stirling in Stirling, Scotland. "As a scholar of early modern British cultural studies, my work often drifts toward the drama of the time—Shakespeare and his contemporaries," Johnson said. "I had been working on a *Tempest* article that examined the play in the context of New World exploration and various forms of unfree labor relations that either were practiced or began to take shape during the period," he said.

While doing research Dr. Johnson explained that he found an ad looking for papers that dealt with themes of "Text, Power, Authority" in Shakespeare, a good topic for Johnson. Johnson stated that he was not initially thinking of Scotland but that he felt the conference attendees might like to hear what he had written on the subject. The best part of the conference for Dr. Johnson was that he had the ability to meet and learn from some Scottish scholars of English. "I'm not gonna lie, though. The location was a plus," Johnson said.

Johnson felt that the trip to Scotland seemed as though it was more work than play, but Johnson praised the conference organizers for finding a way to blend fun with educational enhancement. Whether it be a day trip to the library, a screening of *Hamlet*, or an art gallery that offered a whiskey tasting, the conference offered a range of activities for partici-



A castle in the city of Edinburgh, Scotland.

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pants. "I know very little about modern art and even less about scotch. I wanted to learn more," Johnson said.

The BSA conference was not Johnson's first educational experience outside the United States. "My first trip to England was for a study abroad theater course that I took during my Master's Program at the University of Tennessee. During those two weeks, I saw a broad spectrum of plays performed at a range of venues, mainly theaters in London and Stratford. As an academic, I have always enjoyed reading plays," Johnson said.

Dr. Johnson has also lived in Oxford when he worked as a study abroad supervisor for the University of Georgie's Oxford Program. "When I worked for the UGA at Oxford Program, I had time to adjust to the environment because I typically lived on-site for four to five months at a time over the period of four years. In the future, I plan on trying to book longer overseas trips so that I can become more immersed in the culture," Johnson.

Johnson's time in Oxford enabled him to visit many parts of the United Kingdom. "I have been to Tintagel,

the legendary site of King Arthur, and swam in Merlin's Cave. I have been to Stonehenge and Blenheim Palace. I have stayed in Camelot's Castle in Cornwall," Johnson said. He added that he has also visited France, Germany, Austria, and Italy.

Johnson explained that he will be going back to England at the end of the semester with Professor Morgan and a group of students for a study abroad trip to London and Paris, which will be, in his words, "a blast."

"If you think you would like to travel to Scotland, just do it, but don't limit yourself to just Scotland. The rail systems in the UK are excellent, and you can get to most big cities by train," he said.

Dr. Johnson had some words of wisdom for future travelers; "First, if you do take a trip to the United Kingdom, know that drivers have absolute dominion over the road and they will not stop or slow down for you to cross the road. Second, if you plan on going to a dance club, lower your expectations. Dance floors in the UK are typically the size of dorm rooms, and bars and clubs close around 11 p.m." he said.

Science and its involvement in Thiel's future

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The Science Department at Thiel is looking toward the future.

The Science Building was added onto the Academic Center at Thiel College in 1970. Since then, it has operated with the same equipment and has received very little in renovations. For some, this means that Thiel just can't compete as well with other schools.

"We need it badly. The facilities are outdated. There's some fundraising going on, but we can't just not renovate. Our competitors are doing it," Dr. Chris Stanisky, chair of the Chemistry department, said of a renovation. Some recent proposals range from a mild renovation of the Science Center to a completely new building in the next few years.

One proposal involves adding an atrium to the area outside the Science Center to make it more accessible should they choose to just renovate the building, which is over forty years old. This would add more ways to enter into the building instead of just through the back or going through the Academic Center.

"New facilities will be very helpful for Thiel to achieve its goals and help students learn," Dr. Sarah Swerdlow, chair of the Biology department, said. Part of the goal is to make the sciences more attractive to incoming students. The tendency is to choose something that is easy to understand, such as business or communication. Science professors argue that their fields are more fundamental.

"Physics is a fundamental science. It deals with the real world, such as forces, energy, matter. It's not more valid or true; it deals with everything," Dr. Patrick Hecking, chair of the Physics department, said. "You have to have a genuine interest for any field. You have to have a talent to do it," Hecking said, "Physics is more universally adaptable than other sciences. There was a nuclear physicist who worked on an aircraft carrier from Thiel. It's just one of the many things people don't consider."

"You really learn how special this world is," Stanisky said, "Come to appreciate it. Chemistry is special, because phenomena occur that we don't think about. What happens in a snow storm beyond what you can see, for example."

In the Biology department, there are two main academic focuses, with the option to double major and focus on both.

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The Thiel Christian Fellowship continues to grow

by Lynsay Girts, LGirts@thiel.edu

Thiel Christian Fellowship (TCF) has been busy planning and organizing at least three spaghetti dinners within this past January in hopes of raising enough money for 26 of Thiel's students to go to the Jubilee Conference in Pittsburgh in late February. "We have had one just about every weekend," Kristin Diegan, a senior member of TCF, said. "A lot of effort has gone into these spaghetti dinners but ultimately, it has been a lot of fun. I feel as though it has brought me closer to the group and seeing everybody work together makes me very happy to be part of an organization (CCO) that strives to show God's love in all they do."

CCO stands for Coalition for Christian Outreach and The Jubilee Conference is a part of their mission.

"The CCO calls college students to serve Jesus Christ with their entire lives," according to the Jubilee website.

"Jubilee is a conference that encourages college-age students to practice faith in every facet of their life," Sean Byham, President of TCF, said. The theme of Jubilee this year is This Changes Everything. "I am so excited for Jubilee 2015 because we have a lot of fresh, new faces going," Byham said. The Jubilee website also notes that this generation of students is the most educated in history, and that this is something to take advantage of.

The Jubilee 2015 promotional video highlighted that "you are in this world for a reason, you are in college for a reason, you are meant to bring change to this life but first, your life must first be changed." There will be multiple speakers and workshops for the thousands of students who are going to be gathered at the Westin Convention Center in Pittsburgh and specifically the 26 students, freshman to seniors, who are going from Thiel's campus.



TCF members shown working at one of their spaghetti dinners.

Photo Credit: Lynsay Girts

The speaker topics include art, athletics, business, healthcare and counseling, law and politics, music, science, sex, design, and human services, to name a few.

"They also have such great worship music and I love singing and dancing along. The sound of everybody praising God just echoes throughout the whole convention center," Ashley

McMillian, said. "This will be my second year going and hopefully not my last," she said.

"It is definitely nice to get off-campus for the weekend and break out of the Thiel bubble", said Megan Kidder. "Though it will be like you are still on campus because your friends are going to be right there with you," member Meri Steinmetz said.



Thiel Happenings

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Friday, Feb. 13:

TAB Game Show:

9 p.m. in the Bistro

Join us for the friendly couples/friends competition!

Saturday, Feb. 14:

Stuff an Animal:

8 p.m. in the LHR

Tuesday, Feb. 17:

Mardi Gras Jazz Vespers:

7-8 p.m. in the Chapel

Dress up and join us for lively jazz music to celebrate the last night of Epiphany!

Saturday, Feb. 21:

Wings N' Sings:

9 p.m. in the Bistro

Wanna see a movie?

STAMM HALL MOVIE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS...

compiled by Liz Carlson

Horrible Bosses Two: Date TBA

Jason Bateman, Jason Sudeikis, and Charlie Day are back and this time they are taking on their own business. When their hit product, the Shower Buddy, catches the attention of a prestigious entrepreneur, the guys quickly advance into the manufacturing business. Things soon take a turn for the worse though when they are informed that the big deal that was keeping them afloat has been canceled, allowing the big shots to adopt the shower buddy product and name. Check out this much-anticipated sequel to find out what happens next!

Thiel College Police Blotter

Jan. 31, 2:00 a.m.

An underage student was found in possession of alcohol.

Jan. 31, 11:45 p.m.

A student under the age of 21 was found walking drunk in a dorm hall.

Feb. 7, 1:40 p.m.

Two students were arrested for public drunkenness and disorderly conduct, then transported to the Greenville police department.



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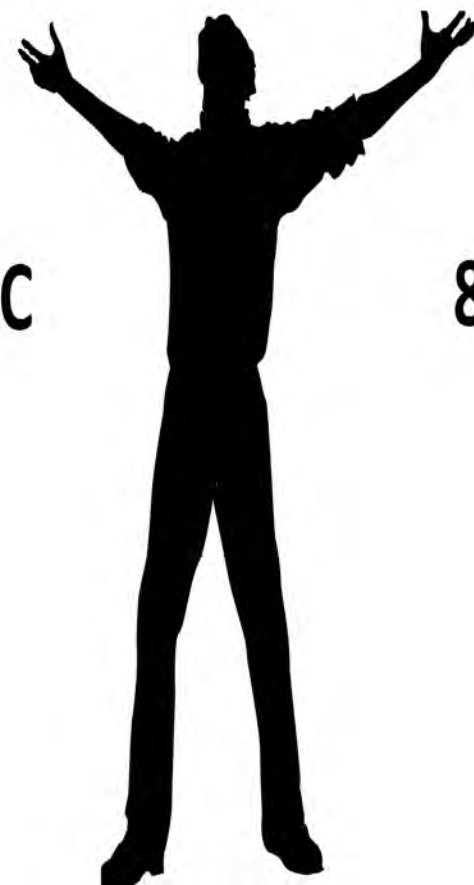
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Thiel holds second annual Shakespeare Festival

by Trenton Keisling, TKeisling@thiel.edu



A student from a local high school engages Thiel student Austin Hall in a sword fight.

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On Thursday, Jan. 23, Thiel hosted the Second Annual Shakespeare Festival. As the audience sat in complete silence, high school students from all over the surrounding areas performed Shakespeare's plays at Thiel's Robinson Theatre.

These performances were not entire pieces, but scenes pieced together to create a smooth production. "These are young people drawn together by a collective willingness and passion for tackling the Bard's work and bringing it to the stage," Director of the Thiel Players Pete Rydberg said.

With a full day of action from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., the audience got a taste of different plays ranging from a "Midsummer Night's Dream," "Measure For Measure," and "Hamlet" to name a few. These specific vignettes were based upon complex relationships between the featured characters. Students were speaking in Old English vernacular and entertaining the audience with all sorts of emotional scenes. Some scenes were very comedic, and others terribly sad, though the performers knew exactly how to tackle the roles that laid in front of them.

The office of Admissions co-sponsors this event alongside the theatre department. Rydberg made mention that

this is somewhat of a recruitment opportunity for Thiel but more of a theatrical festival of appreciation. "We of course hope that visiting students have an excellent experience. An experience which may still be in their minds when they start thinking about college options," he said.

As the performances came to an end, Paul Miller, who has taken numerous workshops accredited by the Society of American Fight Directors, led a combat workshop for all participants. Students were able to learn how to properly punch, slap, and strangulate on stage. He explained to the group about how to improve their skills as well as provided opportunities to go through the same training he went through. Miller was the choreographer for the Romeo and Tybalt fight scene in the festival, as well as last year's play "Mauritius" performed by the Thiel Players.

Overall, the event was a complete success and a fantastic experience for all those involved. The audience entertained, students performed well and gained experience, while the directors of each troupe traveled home feeling accomplished. Another Shakespeare Festival in the books. Be on the lookout for next year's festival and a great day of performances.

"Friends of Alumni" dinner held during Winter Weekend

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The Friends of Alumni dinner prior to the Black & White Ball is a formal dinner open to faculty and staff, alumni, friends of the college, the board of trustees, alumni board, the board of associate members who are at the college, as well as students of Thiel college. This event is a networking opportunity for students, it is their chance to interact with and get to know alumni.

The event hosted about 20 alumni and approximately 50 to 70 staff and faculty. Attendees could choose from beef, shrimp, chicken, or portabella mushrooms for their entrée.

While greeting guests at the door, Mario Marini, Thiel graduate of '91, took a minute to explain what a "friend of the college is;" "A friend of the college is someone who did not attend Thiel or spend time on campus

other than their commitment to spend time now. Said persons are a part of a activity whether a group or a sport either through donations or giving their time and talent to the institution," Marini said.

"I'm just here enjoying this event. I get to see friends tonight. It's fun to see them in this mode because we're always in work mode, and we have at work but it's a great to see them at events like this," Julie Graubard, Administrative Assistant to the VP for Academic Affairs, said. This is Graubard's fourth time attending the Black & White Ball; she keeps track of each year by the dress she wore to the event. "My husband and I probably won't dance, but we'll cheer for the people who do," she said.

"It's a big event. Than and I have been bouncing ideas off

each other for about a year. So it's really a year-long process. We try to work with everyone who is on campus. There is the Black and White committee, with about 15 members in total; we work hard. This is really a joint effort." Kraig Smith, director of alumni relations, explained the purpose of the dinner; "The main purpose is to get alumni back on campus and get them reconnected with what's happening, as well as, to showcase what's new on campus and tell them what we're doing," he said.

Smith is excited about future events and thinks that Thiel is only going to improve on this event. "The Black and White ball will always get bigger and better, plus, due to Thiel's Sesquicentennial, not only will next year's Black & White Ball, but also the year as a whole, be

the biggest and best to date," Smith said.

"The dinner and dance is a wonderful opportunity for all of the people at Thiel College to get together. With the friends of the college, alumni, the faculty and students joining together as a community, it gives us the ability to express that we care about one another. The student body turn out is always quite impressive," Cindy McClellan, an administrative assistant for college advancement, said.

"It's wonderful to celebrate Thiel's successes. Being a small liberal arts college, we're able to hold these kind of events, we're able to make connections and build relationships with people that are very personal. Events like this are something Thiel does exceptionally well," Annette VanAken, professor of education, said.

Shannon Reesh helps international students adjust to life at Thiel

by Emily Trunzo, ETrunzo@thiel.edu

As the director of the International student affairs, Shannon Reesh connects with international students on a level different than other faculty and staff members. In 2011, Thiel implemented the International Student Affairs (ISA) office to assist International students with the transition to life at Thiel.

About five percent of Thiel's campus is made up of international students. Reesh is in charge of advocating for these students with anything from financial to social to academic concerns. When things get too complicated, she is the one they look to for guidance. Some of the international students even refer to her as their "Thiel mommy."

Reesh is responsible for creating the host-family program. The process calls for American families to welcome two international students into their



Shannon Reesh is the Director of International Student Affairs. Photo credit: www.thiel.edu



As Director of International Student Affairs, it is Reesh's job to assist the international students with their transition to life at Thiel. Here, Reesh is pictured assisting Saki Jimbo with tax forms.

lives. The families do not have to worry about financial responsibility, since most international students live on campus. The families are, in a way, a support system for students.

International students are classified in two groups: the degree-seeking students, who start and finish school at Thiel, and the study-abroad students, who only stay for one or two semesters. For the latter students, Reesh coordinates shuttle drivers to and from the airport each semester. In addition, Reesh organizes a comprehensive orientation for the newest international students. She also makes sure the newcomers are greet-

ed with a "welcome kit" since sometimes students come in between 2 and 4 a.m. The students are assigned a conversation leader: a Thiel student who further exemplifies the American culture from a first-person perspective to international students.

Thiel has a week dedicated to furthering the knowledge of inter-cultural tendencies. "The food fair is my favorite event to host because the students' interests are different each semester. The event is so rewarding," Reesh said. During the week, students also act as ambassadors by giving speeches about their countries. The speech-

es increase the awareness of Thiel's study-abroad and exchange program.

"Watching the students benefit and progress makes my job worthwhile. I enjoy empowering the students and encouraging them to continue learning. I teach them and give the confidence to learn on their own," Reesh said.

Thiel's international students predominately come from South Korea. Thiel College has an arrangement with three schools there, allowing students to study abroad by paying for room and board at the study-abroad institution while paying tuition at their own school.

Students prepare for study-abroad experience

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"I'm spending a month that I would ordinarily be at home away from home; I will be much more separated from my family than I have ever been. I'm hoping that I'll be able to come out with a renewed understanding of who I am as a person and how to handle certain situations," Allgeier said.

Ultimately, Allgeier is excited for the uncertainties that her trip will bring.

"I think the coolest thing that I could possibly do would be to go there, and trace my family heritage really well, and give it to mum to hang in our Irish room," Allgeier said.

While at Thiel, Shorts studies Psychology and Philosophy. This summer, however, she will take an introduction to traditional medicine course. Throughout the course, she will learn about India's different traditional approaches to medicine. An example of this

is yoga. Shorts's program will begin and end in New Delhi, but she will travel to several different locations throughout the course of her program.

"I was a bit nervous when it came time to choose my program. I have strict dietary requirements and I'm not fluent in any other language, so I was concerned about studying abroad. I talked to Dr. Morgan and Dr. Griffin, and we discussed my likes and interests. We thought that India would be the best option for me. Then, when I did some exploring into possible programs, I found this one, and I just fell in love with it," Shorts said.

While abroad, Shorts hopes to gain a better cultural perspective and a better understanding for how she can serve others. She looks to the Vira Heinz program to help her each these goals.

"I've experienced some dif-

ficulties thus far. Since I am an independent student, it was a bit difficult to get everything figured out on my own. The Vira Heinz campus coordinator, Dr. Sutton, and those who have gone before me have been very supportive," Shorts said.

Every year, select colleges and universities throughout the state choose a new cohort for the Vira Heinz Women in Global Leadership Program. Each cohort is comprised of women who are in their sophomore and junior years at school, and none of the women chosen have ever been outside the United States or Canada.

Apart from financial assistance, Vira Heinz recipients are provided with a network of other women who are knowledgeable and enthusiastic about travel. Through two seminars, one before the study-abroad experience and one after, the women are pushed to challenge

themselves and become more globally aware leaders.

"[The people of the Vira Heinz program] are giving me a wonderful opportunity. It's not as if I'm going through this process by myself. I'm going through this program with so many other girls. Going to these retreats, and going through this program with the other girls makes this so much more of a group thing. And because it is just women, I think it is certainly building the idea that women can do this by themselves. As much as we are all together, we are actually going to our destinations by ourselves. There is this whole community to help you; but, once you get on that plane, it's just you. I'm glad to have the support through this experience," Allgeier said.

"I hope that the Vira Heinz program will push me to become a better leader," Shorts, said.

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Winter Weekend Photo Montage





Science departments ready for an upgrade

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The Rhodehouse Science Building, pictured above, was built in 1970.

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A traditional biology major is typically interested in going on to medical school or being a physician's assistant. Conservation focuses on outdoors jobs like game wardens or park rangers and administration.

Beakers and plants are but a small portion of the things required of the average biology student.

Besides learning how to grow bacteria, the Biology department requires a senior research project: "What that does is give students an idea of how research is done. This project is something you have to do at

the very least," Swerdlow said.

The biology department and environmental science majors work with students during Earth Week, who come in from elementary schools to learn more about their environment.

"We can always do more," Swerdlow said of Thiel's interaction with Greenville. "Around 125 students attend, and the Thiel students teach them."

Each department interacts with one another in that students are required to take classes out of their major from another science. For example, a

physics student might choose to take a biology or a chemistry class.

With each professor feeling differently about the importance of a science degree and making science more of a daily part of our lives, one thing is certain:

"The public needs to become more literate. Things like climate change, figuring out how we can change it. These are topics we need to think more about, because we'd be better off," Stanisky said.

Thiel Forum
- Rev. Donald Hall, Austin Hall,
Prof. Grover

Thursday, February 19 | 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sawhill-Georgian Room, HMSC

The Thiel Forums are held on select Thursdays from 4 - 5 p.m. It provides faculty, students, and staff an opportunity to share projects or publications and to discuss their work. Moreover, it provides a wonderful opportunity for collegiality and camaraderie while it is centered on the academic enterprise. The Thiel Forums also give recipients of sabbaticals or scholarship funding an opportunity to discuss their projects.

- The Rev. Donald Hall - Jesus and Humor
- Austin Hall - Music as Bibliotherapy
- Prof. Andy Grover - GIS in the Mojave Desert: A Multidisciplinary Experience

Contact

Dr. Mary Theresa Hall

SIGMA TAU DELTA CELEBRATES 15 YEARS ON CAMPUS

Please join us Sunday, February 23, in celebrating all things English! The Sigma Tau Delta induction ceremony honors students who meet the academic requirements for entrance into the English international honorary society.

Dr. Curt Thompson, the DHI Director and Professor of Religion, will serve as the keynote speaker as we celebrate our fifteenth anniversary of establishing a chapter at Thiel: Alpha Iota Kappa. We will also commemorate Dr. Jay Ward, Professor Emeritus of English, who passed away this summer and who was an instrumental member of the English department and Thiel faculty. The Phoenix will also be distributed to all attendees.

Newly inducted students are Cassandra Cook, Kayla Cramer, Nathan Flory, Audra Franley, Austin Hall, Ashley Johnson, Vincent Kuznicki, Madison Mele, Kourtney Polvinal, Kyle Raskob, Jordan L. Smith and Amanda Zimmerman.

Current students in Sigma Tau Delta are Allison Agona, Katie Allgeier, Jessica Bartko, Erica Leonhard, Bess Onegow, Sean Oros and Elizabeth Rice.

Newly elected officers for 2015-2016 are President Amanda Zimmerman, Vice President Ashley Johnson, Secretary Audra Franley, Treasurer Madison Mele and Student Government Representative Nathan Flory.

A special thanks to outgoing officers: President Sean Oros, Vice President Bess Onegow, Secretary Allison Agona and Treasurer Elizabeth Rice.

Dr. Mary Theresa Hall and Dr. Jared Johnson serve as the advisors.

ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS

All seniors are required to schedule an appointment with the Registrar, Denise Urey, to review your college core requirements. If you have not met with the Registrar, appointments can be made at the Records Office or by calling extension 2110. Seniors who desire to participate in commencement exercises in May 2015, who will complete graduation requirements in summer school 2015, must petition the Academic Standing Committee by April 1, 2015 for approval to participate in the May ceremony. The academic petition form can be obtained in the Records Office.

Spring 2015
Keep Calm and Go To Supplemental Instruction

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Elementary Statistics MATH 211 (Richins/Kim/Wu) Julia Fink	5-6:30 p.m. AC 34			9-10:30 p.m. AC 34	
Precalculus MATH 141 (Kim) Keeley Criswell		7-8 p.m. AC 129		7-8 p.m. AAc 129	8-9 p.m. AC 129
Calculus II MATH 182(Wu) June Longbine	8-9 p.m. AC 4		7-8 p.m. AC 4	8-9 p.m. AC 4	
Intro to Programming CSCI 159 (Anderson) Daniel McFetridge	7-8 p.m. AC 35	8-9 p.m. AC 35		9-10 p.m. AC 35	
Principles of Account.II ACCT 123 (Oakes/Witosky) Kelly Thompson			5-6:30 p.m. AC 40	4-5:30 p.m. AC 40	
Neuropsychology PSY 270 (Griffin) Audrey Rickard		8-9 p.m. AC 36	7-8 p.m. AC 36		
		GROUP PEER STUDY			
Physics II (NonCalc) PHYS 164 (Hecking) Dominic Licata		7-8 p.m. S-I			
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Students who regularly attend SI withdraw from classes less often than non-SI participants

Should *Fast and the Furious* Continue?

by Chris Kafka, CKafka549@thiel.edu



Chris Kafka, staff writer
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Ever since the first "Fast and the Furious" movie came

out, everyone knew who Paul Walker was. Throughout the series, he established himself as a talented actor who paired well with Vin Diesel. Sadly, Paul Walker passed away on November 30th, 2013 due to a car accident. However, the writers have decided to continue the series anyways with possibly 3 more movies.

According to the writers, they will use the footage they already shot of Paul Walker in "Furious 7" to write a plot that has the character Brian O'Conner retire in some fashion for an

emotional sendoff. Paul Walker's brothers Caleb and Cody will step in to fill the voids of the character. I understand the possibility of utilizing the brothers' talents to finish the movie, but I completely disagree with their intentions to make more movies without Paul Walker.

Looking from a business point of view, it is obvious that the franchise is just trying to earn more money since they would effectively lose millions of dollars if they ended the series with "Furious 7". It is already iffy to me that Cody will

be finishing the scenes that Paul was supposed to do himself by using CGI to mask Cody's face.

However, I think it is pretty tacky to create three more movies without the main character being a part of it. Fans may try to support the franchise's actions by watching the films, but there will be a significant drop off in sales.

Also, writers and directors quickly find out that adding new characters to replace an iconic figure rarely works as we have seen in the past. In the show "News Radio", Phil Hart-

man played a radio host named Bill McNeal. He was one of the most popular characters on the show and a great human being, but sadly, he was murdered by his wife in 1998.

The writers try to add a new character by hiring Jon Lovitz. While Jon is very talented, the atmosphere created by him by basically replacing Phil Hartman was not the same, and the show ended shortly after.

Another instance of this occurring was when John Ritter had passed away. He played the father on "8 Simple Rules" and

the writers added actor David Spade to fill the void. The show was still humorous after, but it was not the same and it followed the same fate as "News Radio".

I personally believe that "Furious 7" should be the last installment of the series. It would be more respectable if they let the series end as a sign of compassion for Paul Walker. I understand that there is money to be made and there was a plan to continue the series, but this is an extreme circumstance that should shelve the project.

Why your favorite movie is awful...

featuring *The Avengers*

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:

Everyone's favorite movie from 2012 even though *The Dark Knight Rises* totally had a better plot (aka *The Avengers*).

Yes, this movie, who totally owned at the box office during the summer of 2012 is what's on the agenda for this week. You knew it was coming. What some might call the greatest superhero movie of all time I like to call the most "cheap attempt at breaking the box office record" movie of all time. Tell me again what this movie about? If your answer is "ITS ABOUT EARTHS MIGHTIEST HEROES COMBINING FORCES TO SAVE THE WORLD" congrats to you, you can read the synopsis of every action cartoon ever.

Seriously, I know the action and graphics of this movie are literally the greatest thing to ever happen to cinema, BUT they could have at least tried with the plot. Instead, we get a very generic "common villain threatens everyone, superheroes try to unite, UH OH

EGOS COLLIDE, first battle failure, HEROES UNITE AFTER SPEECH DURING THE DEATH OF A FALLEN COMRADE, SECOND BATTLE AND HEROES WIN, GENERIC AFTER CREDITS MARVEL MOVIE SCENE THAT WE WONT UNDERSTAND FOR ANOTHER 3 YEARS."

Yep, that's the movie in a nutshell, I just saved you 10.50, or in my case about 50 dollars. That's right, I saw the movie 4 times the summer came out, and every time I saw it I could do nothing but laugh at the fact that the suckers watching the movie always proclaimed at the end "How amazing the story was" ARE YOU KIDDING ME, go die.

Character Everyone Loves To Hate:

I'll make this short and sweet, someone has to get rid of: Captain America. The goody two shoes antics worked in the 1940s, but not in today's age. Why do you think people love Batman and Iron Man so much? It's because they go

against what a hero is supposed to be. Captain America is literally the worst example of what a person wants to be, except for the steroids. Captain America and his fans need to go away.

Why The Movie is Awful:

Besides the fact that it doesn't have a plot and that it is boring for about one half of the movie, this movie screws up on the one thing that it should have. NOT ENOUGH COBIE SMULDERS. YES, PEOPLE, "ROBIN SPARKLES" herself is in this movie and gets about 14 minutes of screen time. NOT ENOUGH FOR A THREE HOUR MOVIE. She needed to be the main hero, villain, and everything in between in this movie, but no, they dropped the ball.

Why The Movie is Not Awful:

Yeah, *The Avengers* is the greatest superhero movie of all time. Enough said. Does not need a plot when it's the freakin' Avengers and Samuel L. JACKSON IS IN IT!



The Avengers premiered in 2012, eventually earning over a billion dollars in the box office for Marvel's first-ever mass superhero crossover.
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What does Valentine's Day mean to you?

by Hunter Michaelis, HMich813@thiel.edu

This is it. It's the day before Valentine's Day. Are you one of those people who hate the arrival of good ol' Cupid, or are you hoping that he'll finally hit you with one of his famous arrows this year?

Whichever way you go, think of it like this: Valentine's Day is the one day out of the year that you can show someone special that you care about them. What about the other 364 days of the year? I think that meaning's as lost as Hoffa or the Holy Grail.

No, Valentine's Day is something that shouldn't be discarded quickly. Personally, I don't think that couples have to go crazy screaming like someone just cut their head off just because it's Valentine's Day. It's just another day of the year.

It's really your choice what you want to do for your significant other (or that special someone you've been eying for a little while). Do you go and get the gift, or just a big hug and say, "I'm proud you chose me to love, because you're an amazing person."

Some people, male or female, might not like the sound of that. Some people may want the physical, hard gifts associated with holidays like Valentine's Day, Christmas, and birthdays. However, not every man or woman is like this, but completely the opposite.

I've met some women in my relatively short existence who asked me, "Hunter, what do you think you should get a girlfriend or wife on Valentine's Day?" I would reply, "Whatever I'm feeling from the heart that day. I like gifts that take time to create." For example, I always thought a gift that you created yourself is better than something store bought. It has more meaning to whomever you're gifting it to.

So, yes, some women would be a little ticked if I walked up to her with a Hershey kiss and said something really corny like, "Happy Valentine's Day. Take this and you get a real kiss." Others might get a chuckle out of it.

The point? Don't automatically assume in today's technologically-driven, "give me, give me," disconnected

world of 2015 that you'll have to get your boyfriend/husband, or girlfriend/wife something big and extravagant. I went to high school with someone who went into a cold sweat and was a nervous wreck because he didn't have more than \$20 to spend on his girlfriend. That's not a lie.

My response? Seriously? Whatever happened to telling your significant other that they were something special? Has the world become so blinded by commercialism and arguments on positive relationships that we think this is how it's supposed to be?

When I was in high school, I remember a friend of mine saying her grandparents had been married 60 years. They would always tell her about the "old days," as they called them. Would they like what they would see today, or shy away from it?

This friend told me one Feb 14 that her grandparents had the same Valentine's Day tradition of exchanging whatever they could afford (even later in life when they had more mon-

ey). Gifts were no more than \$10 (in today's money), and the grandfather would take the grandmother to a drive-in theater. While that would be a little challenging in today's times, I still think about that story every time the holiday comes around on the calendar.

For the small group of people who actively read this paper, which I appreciate as your Editor, I have a feeling what you're thinking: "Hunter, you probably haven't gotten very far in that department, have you?" No, but like many people on this campus, I'm searching for the right person.

The fact remains, you should talk about this when beginning a new relationship. Is your girlfriend really into receiving gifts? Does your boyfriend just not want anything other than a spending a couple hours together (especially with our busy schedules)?

While I think I'm one of a handful of people from the "old school," or those who believe that relationships need three things to succeed: genuine intimacy, a mutual understanding,

and good, solid communication from beginning to end. If you can't communicate with your significant other, or sit down and talk about problems, then is deciding how much to spend on Valentine's Day really an issue?

You can discard this and claim that people really don't care about this crazy stuff, but I work for a newspaper. I'm trained to listen and look for news, so my eyes and ears are always working. I'm seeing and hearing quiet a few people freaking out about what time of year it is.

It's really like tax season, but just not as fun.

Like many of my compatriots, I wouldn't mind getting my girlfriend or wife something special, just don't go insane.

Valentine's Day is a great holiday that you should be able to enjoy with out without someone really expensive. Just keep it in your minds that it's not about the money, or what you bought. It's about the closeness you share with another person. *Que l'amour de pluie.*

DYI: Scratch off Card

by Keeley Criswell, KCriswell@thiel.edu

Valentine's day is right around the corner. Do you need a cheap... or possibly free, yet thoughtful, gift for your loved one? How about a fantastic little pick-me-up gift when someone is having a bad week or a random reminder that you care? Well, here's a twist on the traditional coupon gift that will leave the recipient excited and anxious for the next time he or she will receive this surprise...
A SCRATCH-OFF CARD!!!

Time: 20 mins (plus drying time)

Cost: \$0 - \$10, depending on what you already have on hand

note for this cost, you can make numerous cards

Materials:

Paper (printer paper works just fine!) - free
A pen, colored pencils, sharpies, or crayons - about \$5

note You need to have a white crayon.

Paint - a bottle of acrylic paint can cost only 50¢

A paint brush - \$1 for a cheap pack (you don't really need this, but it would make things much easier. I used a folded corner of a paper towel because my paintbrushes were at home)

Decorative scissors or other paper-decorating materials (optional)

Instructions:

- 1) Cut your paper to the size that you want.
- 2) Think of several "gifts" to put on your card (I used three). Some ideas are listed below
- 3) Draw shapes on your card. Make sure they are big enough to write one "gift" in each.
- 4) Write one "gift" in each of the shapes.
- 6) Decorate your card.
- 7) Use your white crayon to color over each gift.
note Make sure the writing is completely covered! If you don't do this, the recipient might not be able to read the gift.
- 8) Paint over where you colored with the white crayon.
note this might take several coats of paint. Make sure the paint dries in between each coat.
- 9) Let your card dry.
- 10) Gift it!



note Make sure you give the recipient a coin
This scratch card is shown without the paint so that you can see the gifts. When you add paint, your recipient won't be able to see the gifts until he or she chooses which to scratch off.
Photo Credit: Keeley Criswell

with the card so he or she can scratch the paint off! The recipient gets to scratch off one of the shapes to receive his or her gift.

Here are some ideas for "gifts." For more ideas, a simple Google search will yield many possibilities!

For your significant other:

- You pick dinner, and I'll make it.
- You choose the activity.
- Game night
- Dinner date (I'll pay.)

For your roommate:

- You choose the movie; I won't complain.
- I'll do the dishes.
- Choose a chore for me to do.

For your best friend:

- Bar night. I'll buy you a drink.
- I'll get you something from the Bistro using MY points.
- Hang-out time. You choose the activity.

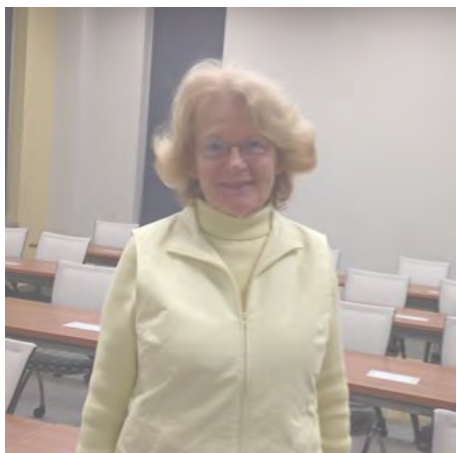
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Various faculty and staff decided to "let loose" at this year's Black and White Ball.
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Thiel auditor offers experience

by Pat Donner, PDonner@thiel.edu



Given a writing assignment, there is nothing more daunting . . . my Thesaurus tells me substitutes for "daunting" include "intimidating, off-putting, discouraging, scary, frightening, overwhelming, disheartening, demoralizing" . . . Yes, to all of the above . . . than a due date, a blank sheet of paper, and no ideas.

In my current Advertising class, Professor Shaffer provides "creative tips & techniques to prime your mindset" in working to create an effective ad. Start with a blank page & pencils (colored, if you can). Pick a great location; create a mood. Think a really, really short story; provide truth in few words, and be comfortable being uncomfortable.

In writing my first Thielensian article, I can do that. As college students, I wouldn't be surprised if you've had this experience on more than one occasion and, therefore, can relate. And so I set off on my adventure . . .

First, a bit of background . . . Since retirement in 2008, after 38 years of high school teaching, I have taken advantage of the opportunity to audit classes at Thiel. Because I'm not working on a degree, I have had the luxury of simply choosing classes that are of interest. I am as involved in each course as I choose to be (or as the individual professors permit). Not having kept a log of the courses I have elected over the years, I stopped in the Registrar's Office last week to ask Deb Schrieber if she happened to have a record of my audits.

As my record was printing, Deb laughed and said, "You have two pages." I was surprised, as well. Starting in the fall of 2009, with anywhere from one to four courses taken each semester since, I'm now enrolled in my 28th course. When I told a friend, he joked that by now, surely I've earned an Associate PhD.

From Weight Training and Aerobics to Photography to Personal Taxa-

tion to Adulthood & Aging to The Art & Science of Embalming to How to Watch TV to Principles of Investments to Cognitive Psychology and now to Advertising, the experience has been so worthwhile. I've had the chance to interact with students (including some of my former students), professors, and staff members (Anita in the post office is a sweetheart) and make use of facilities, such as the computer labs, the library, the gym, the dome, and the dining hall. Amazingly, Thiel offers this opportunity to seniors at no cost, an invaluable resource.

I've always enjoyed being a student; in retirement, this experience has been a perfect fit. Note to self: Pat, this sounds very selfish. I certainly don't mean to be and do hope that in my time on campus, I've contributed to the lives I've encountered along the way.

Through campus email, pdonner@thiel.edu, I'd be interested to hear about what you've anticipated and/or are currently anticipating. What about some of those unexpecteds? I'd also appreciate your input on subjects for future articles from the pen of the "audit." I look forward to hearing from you. Have a good February and Happy Valentine's Day.

Thiel With It: the "24-hour" computer lab

by Keely Criswell, KCriswell@thiel.edu & Katherine Allgeier, KAllgeier@thiel.edu

"Thiel With It" is a satirical representation of life at Thiel. We understand that there are some things that simply cannot be changed, and that many of the things that frustrate students are done for a reason. However, students still enjoy some comic relief about the subjects that are often out of our hands. This is how we "Thiel with it."

Keeley: So, What do you think of the new Pedas Center?

computer classes? They haven't added any more computer classes.

Kate: I don't think anyone wants to hear my opinions on Pedas. Mostly because most people have already heard them...at high volume...with much flailing of the arms.

Katie: Because that would be the sensible thing to do. That's just not how things are done here.

Keeley: "You might be right; but, what about that computer lab?" Katie: The "24-hour-except-for-sometimes" lab?

Keeley: Nope. At least they moved the scanner out of that room. I went in last semester to scan something, and got kicked out because there was a "class" going on. I say "class" because the lights were off, (while it was dusk outside), and no one was up teaching. I didn't even see the professor until said professor tapped my on the shoulder and told me that I had to leave.

Keeley: That's the one.

Katie: It'd be great if it was...you know...24 hours. They got rid of the lab in the HMSC for another conference room, and so we got a newer, bigger 24 hour lab. For about two weeks.

Katie: I've never been kicked out of there, but the first time I found out the lab was blocked off was about fifteen minutes before class when I printed a paper there and couldn't actually retrieve it. That was nice.

Keeley: Yep. As soon as classes started again, bye bye went whole "24-hr" thing. There are two computer lab classrooms in the AC. Why can't they just continue to use those for all the

Keeley: And now there's that "pleas-

ant" sign on the door notifying all students that their "24-hr lab" isn't REALLY a 24-hr lab.

Katie: I mean I understand that students need to schedule their tie and all of that. But when we're *told* that we have a 24 hr. lab, we should *get* a 24 hour lab.

Keeley: I completely agree.

Katie: I mean I wonder what they tell the prospective students during tours? "And here is the twenty-four-hour lab. It's open to student twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, except for when there is a class in there, so not really."

Keeley: They probably just tell them that it's the 24-hr lab. That's what they told us. Too bad it's not.

Katie: Yes. But, I guess we'll just have to "Thiel with it."

#Twittin' @Thielensian

@??? - Thiel: Football/Baseball beef is over.. #OneLove

@??? - Do you think my art professor will accept a sculpture made out of my tears. #procrastinationproblems

@??? - One of the most difficult things is getting up for a class in which you know you won't be learning anything...

@??? - Noisy ppl outside late at night are gonna get on my nerves real quick. -_-

@??? - Exploring Thiel College & we realized that you can just walk onto the football field. A little different than PSU.

@??? - My experience with Thiel would not be the same without Compadres.

@??? - The Pedas Lab computers have the entire Adobe suite... I do not think a lot of Thiel kids understand the stuff we could actually make here.

@??? - @Thielactivities needs to bring @WALKTHEMOONband to Thiel for our spring concert. Listen to them, you'll like them Thiel student body!!!

@??? - And I know Thiel will see this cuz I said "Thiel" and that's how twitter PR works, ladies and gents. Speak of the devil and he'll retweet.

@??? - About to lose it thiel is really pushing me today.

@??? - This is why the #WWE fans won again this year and Daniel Bryan will be added to the main event. #RomanReigns just is not good. #RAW



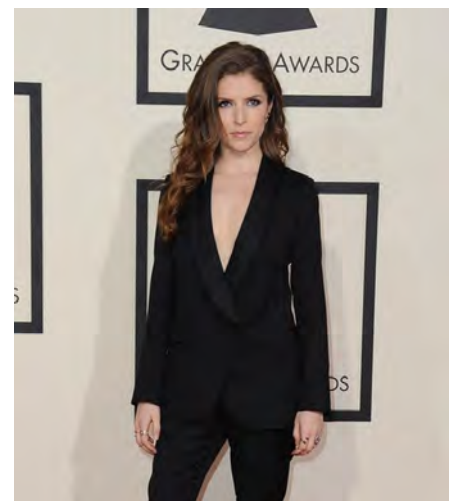
Fashion Frenzy: Grammy Fashion

by Katie Allgeier, kallgeier@thiel.edu

This year's Grammy ceremony brought with it another batch of celebrity fashion. While some celebrities looked fresh to death, others looked a little... confused. Some looked like they didn't even try.

Amidst the sparkles and fringe, I've put together some of the highlights from the evening (or lowlights, or neutral lighting, some fluorescence). See for yourself.

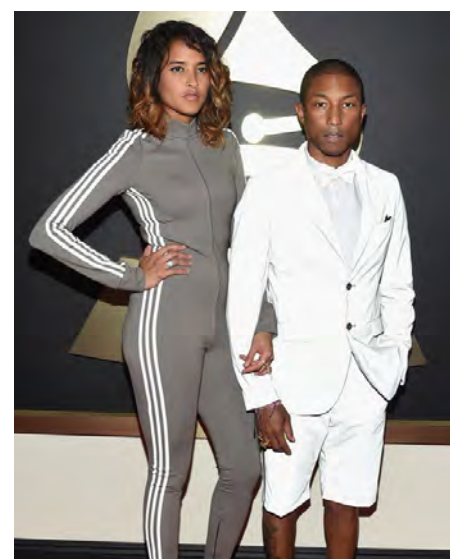
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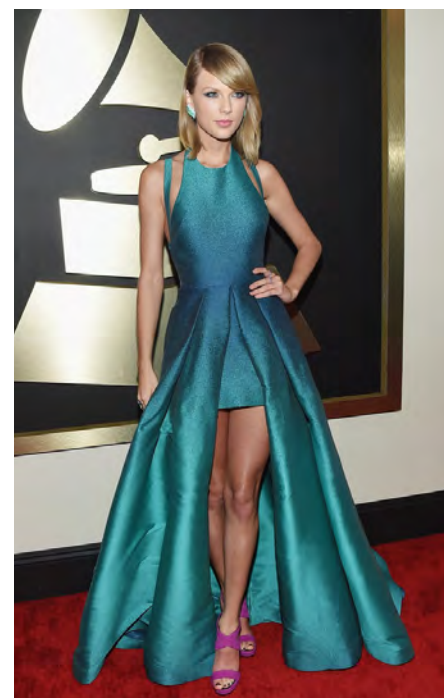
Anna Kendrick: I have seen wild tigers less fierce than this. You go girl. Menswear my left lapel.



Rihanna: I hear that the reason her dress is so big is that it's full of secrets. Seriously though, what is she hiding in there? More coconut water?



Pharrell Williams and Helen LaSichanh: Who thought these outfits were appropriate for any event ever?



Taylor Swift: Simultaneously rocking the high and low hemlines, all in a lovely gradient teal. Notice the shoes: electric plum seems to be a popular color this year (see J. Hud's lipstick). So fabulous, so fresh.



Jennifer Hudson: I bow to you, madam. Your grace in a simple white dress is astounding.

Thiel Wrestlers claim individual titles at John Summa Memorial Tournament

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Senior Sean Byham was one of two Thiel wrestlers to take home individual titles at the John Summa Memorial Tournament at Baldwin Wallace University
Photo: Thiel SID

The Thiel College Mens Wrestling team earned itself sixth place when it took part in the 29th annual John Summa Memorial tournament at Baldwin Wallace University on Saturday. Attributing to the Tomcats overall placing was junior Nick Sutton and senior Sean Byham who each claimed individual titles in their weight class.

At 141, Sutton went undefeated leading up to the title match where he got the 6-3 decision over tournament host and champion, Baldwin Wallace and their own Josh Decatur. Sutton also got three decisions, including his major decision against Baldwin Wallace's Jaleel Richardson, and

a pin in just 1:34 against Pete Ottaviano from The College at Brockport SUNY in the match prior to the semifinals. Sutton then, won a 7-5 decision over Caleb Wiley from Lycoming College in the semis. Byham walked away with the 157 title after four decisions helped the senior to victory. Byham started his first match with a pin in under two minutes against Ohio Northern University's Junior Benitez and won his second by a close 3-2 decision against James Devine from Brockport.

In the semifinals, Byham held Baldwin Wallace's Graham Montague to zero in a 6-0 decision and then got the 8-3 win over ONU's Kyler Deeter in

the title match.

Senior Jerrold Roosa also made headlines for the Tomcats on Saturday when he placed second in the 184 pound class after losing 6-0 in the finals to Brockport's Jeff Palmeri. Roosa walked away with three decisions on the day. Junior Marco Crivelli took third at 174 after getting the pin in 3:46 in the consolation round after falling 2-0 in the semis.

Out of ten teams, Thiel got the sixth place finish with 67.5 points to go ahead of RIT, ONU, Muskingum, Mount St. Joseph, and Defiance. Baldwin Wallace won the tournament with 159.5 team points.

Browns make personnel adjustments in offseason

by Christian Kafka, cKafka@thiel.edu

After earning their most wins (seven) since 2007, there is a lot of optimism surrounding the Cleveland Browns. They found two gems in running back in Terrence West and Isaiah Crowell. Both rookies this season, West's one cut style and Crowell's powerful running created a one-two punch that will provide stability at the position for years to come. The secondary played very well with Haden being a perennial shutdown corner and the addition of Donte Witner to create fear in receivers going over the middle of the field. The biggest surprises in the back end of the defense are Buster Skrine and Tashaun Gipson.

Skrine is an undersized corner who got picked on early in his career, but he matured and solidified the second spot on the depth chart when first round pick Justin Gilbert was expected to be the starter instead. Gipson is a former undrafted free agent who exploded on the scene this year, intercepting six passes in only ten games (knee injury).

The linebackers had a decent season, with Karlos Dansby manning the middle of the defense and Paul Kruger recording 11 sacks. However, there are still glaring holes in this team moving forward.

The defensive line was one of the worst in the NFL this year. Due to injuries and overall lack of talent, the unit was unable to stop the run, generate

pressure on the quarterback, and was generally pushed back on plays.

Desmond Bryant was the only lineman who played most of the season and consistently produced. This deficiency in the team forced the linebackers and secondary to contribute more in stopping the run or rushing the quarterback, leaving them vulnerable against the pass. While most of the offensive line for Cleveland was fantastic, right tackle Mitchell Schwartz was very inconsistent in his play. He gave up seven sacks and 22 quarterback hurries. Quarterback seems to always be the hole for this team, and that has not changed after this season.

Johnny Manziel has not shown the maturity to obey the rules or learn the playbook. The team appears to lack faith in Brian Hoyer after a few bad outings. Connor Shaw looked okay in his stint against the Baltimore Ravens but he has a long way to go before he should be given a shot to start for the franchise. The biggest whole in this team is at wide receiver. Josh Gordon has been issued another suspension (whole season) and may not be on the team in a few months. Miles Austin is too old and Andrew Hawkins does not have the size to be a number one wide receiver. So, what will the Browns look to do this offseason?

With the Browns projected to

have around \$36 million dollars in cap space, they could fill a decent amount of needs in free agency. They will likely try to resign Skrine and Gipson, but they should still have over \$20 million left if successful. The big question is if the Browns can resign tight end Jordan Cameron, who will likely command a high price tag even though he has extensive injury history.

While Dez Bryant and Demaryius Thomas are expected to be franchise tagged, talented receivers such as Torrey Smith and Randall Cobb could be available. However, the draft will most likely be used to fill this void for less money. Potential stars such as Amari Cooper and DeVante Parker will be targeted. Since the free agency and draft class of quarterbacks is pretty dry, look for Cleveland to draft a project quarterback late to compete with Manziel and Hoyer (if they resign him).

Defensive lineman will most likely be addressed in the second and third rounds to help strengthen the biggest weakness on the team. While Schwartz is still the starter at right tackle, there will be someone else brought in to bring competition. Overall, this team has a promising outlook if they can get some sort of consistency from their quarterback and land a stud receiver in free agency or the draft.

Womens' Bowling comes to Thiel

by Seth Shidemantle, sshidemantle@thiel.edu

Thiel has recently added a women's bowling program as an intercollegiate sport beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year. This announcement was made by the school's athletic director, Jack Leipheimer, in October of 2013.

The new team will be considered a club sport for the 2014-2015 academic semesters until they become an official NCAA sport in the upcoming year.

During the announcement, Leipheimer stated that "we wanted to provide additional opportunities for female student-athletes that would also increase our compliance and commitment to Title IX. Women's bowling accomplishes these goals, and it is also a cost-effective sport that continues to grow rapidly at the national level."

The addition of the women's bowling team will bring Thiel College athletics to a total of 11 women's sports and 12 men's sports.

Also, Thiel College will become the 10th NCAA Division III institution to add the sport to its list of programs and the 63rd overall school in the entire nation.

Since 2004, the NCAA has offered a championship opportunity in the fast-growing sport, and they conduct a National Collegiate Championship for the best athletes. Athletes from the team will compete from other schools all over the nation in all three NCAA classifications if they were to advance to the national finals.

Doug McMillen, coach for Thiel's men's and women's

golf, will also coach the new team. McMillen has been the golf coach for seven seasons now and has past experience with bowling as well.

In an interview with team member, Jenna Ehrlich, she stated that the team had practices once a week on Tuesdays at Celebrity Bowl in Greenville. She also said that an upcoming match is planned for the future. The team will travel three hours away to Altoona, PA and compete in a match this upcoming Wednesday.

Thiel College is a small yet close community and something as exciting as a new sports team should be celebrated. Support the new women's bowling team by either cheering them on for their upcoming match or joining the team if possible.

Student-Athlete Highlight: Mikael Pogosian

by Seth Shidemantle, sshidemantle@thiel.edu

Here at Thiel College there is a wide variety of students, many of all races, ages, and sizes. Every semester new international students are enrolled here at the school and many are involved in various clubs and organizations. There is one particular student athlete known as Mikael Pogosian who is a member of the Thiel College Men's Basketball team.

Mikael goes by Mika for short and is a 19 year-old, six foot eight sophomore from Moscow, Russia. Not only is he a member of the men's basketball program but he is also the Vice President of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity on campus.

Mika started playing basketball at the age of seven in a Russian Basketball Club that was similar to a school system.

In this area of Russia the scholastic level of sports is almost nonexistent and could be said to be at almost an intramural level at best. High Schools and Universities do not have

very popular basketball programs and there are almost no chances of making it to the professional leagues. Therefore basketball is taken more seriously within these Clubs that include various leagues, age groups, and programs.

Mika was involved in a club system known as CSK8 and he eventually graduated from this organization when he was 17 years old.

He wanted to continue his basketball career, so he set forth in his goals and attempted to send out a highlight video to various colleges throughout the United States. Shortly after sending out these videos, he started to receive multiples offers from schools located in various states like Florida, California, and of course Pennsylvania.

It was at this time when Mika decided upon Thiel College. The school seemed to reach out to him the most and made a personal one-on-one

connection that had a major influence on his choice. From that moment on it has been flying colors for Mika and his basketball career at Thiel has been an amazing experience.

When, interviewed, Pogosian explained the differences between playing basketball in Russia and the United States. He stated that here in the states there were a lot more people attending games and the sport was overall more popular. He also continued note that in Russia the game tended to be more about the brains of the sport, while in America it tends to be more physical and rough.

Overall Mika's basketball experience here at Thiel College has been a great one and he enjoys playing under Coach Loomis due to his tough yet smart techniques. His few final words during our interview go to show how our school may be tiny but it contains great things for students from all over our giant world to succeed in.

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Mens Volleyball v. Marymount Univeristy @ 7 p.m.

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Mens Lacrosse v. Washington and Jefferson College @ 1 p.m.

Mens Volleyball v. Rutgers-Newark @ 3 p.m.

2/19
Mens Volleyball v. Penn St.-Behrend @ 7 p.m.

2/21
Womens Basketball v. Grove City @ 1 p.m.
Mens Basketball v. Grove City @ 3 p.m.