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## Thiel Happenings: Winter Weekend

### Friday, Feb. 7

#### Alumni & Student Leaders Reception: 5-7 p.m. in the Sawhill-Georgian Room

This is the 2nd year for the Student Leaders Reception, where current students have the opportunity to learn from the academic and career related experiences of our alumni and board members. For more information, contact Stephanie Wilson at 724-589-2027.

#### Winterfest Activities:

8-11:59 p.m. at the Glen Johnson Community Center

Join us for a fun-filled winter night! Activities will include ice skating, hot tubs, crystal keepsakes, mask decorating, and more!

### Saturday, Feb. 8

#### Alumni Brunch:

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Galleria Dining Hall

Meet up with fellow alumni for breakfast in the cafeteria before beginning the day's activities! No RSVP required, pay at the door.

#### All Boards Science Summit and Luncheon:

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Academic Center and Sawhill-Georgian Room

The Board of Trustees, Board of Associates, and Alumni Association Board of Directors will gather for their annual All Boards Meeting including a Science Summit and Luncheon. Please RSVP to sciencesummit@thiel.edu

#### All Greek Reunion Open Houses:

12-3 p.m., Various Greek Residences

Alumni are invited to mingle with current Greek students at their residence halls. Please RSVP online! Contact Stephanie Wilson at 724-589-2027 with any questions!

#### Black and White Dinner: 6:30-8 p.m. in the Howard Miller Student Center

Alumni and friends are invited to reconnect over a formal dinner in the Howard Miller Student Center. Cost includes a three course meal, tableside wine service, and two beverages tickets for the Masquerade Ball immediately following dinner. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. RSVP online!

## Pastor Jayne Thompson reflects on first semester at Thiel

by Sean Oros, soros@thiel.edu

Pastor Jayne Thompson, affectionately referred to as "PJ," is Thiel's new campus pastor. Having successfully completed her first semester here and succeeding in reviving Campus Ministry, Thompson was asked to reflect upon her success and consider how these first steps will impact the future.

Her first reaction to coming to campus was to check with students and faculty, to see where the people were. She found that Campus ministry had been suffering from a long period of brief campus pastor careers. This lent itself to a certain level of instability, both in presence, programs, and diversity. One of Thompson's goals has

been to address this vacuum, starting as soon as move-in weekend of last semester with an inter-faith "Candles in the Round" service, outside the chapel. Thompson said, "There has not been a campus pastor... at Thiel with an emphasis on campus ministry over teaching—centering on the love of students. The life of young adults is an amazing time. They're exploring what it means to be alive—that exploration never ends, but this time is so potent." Although she has classes that she teaches at Thiel, ministry to the students is always of paramount importance.

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Student excursions are part of Thompson's plan for Thiel ministry. In this photo, she and students are visiting a chapel at Valparaiso University.



Pictured above are the mascots and the symbol for the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia.

## 2014 Winter Games to Begin Today

by Keeley Criswell, kcris483@thiel.edu

The modern Olympic Games, those under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) began in Athens, Greece in 1896. Since then, the Olympic Games have evolved as a symbol of world cooperation. However, there is never a large international event that is without controversy, and the 2014 Winter Olympic games in Sochi, Russia are no exception.

Since Sochi was chosen to host the 2014 games, there have been accusations of bribery, large amounts of overspending, allegations of corruption, and threats to security. For the past few months, the news has abounded with stories mentioning the Games, Russian president Vladimir Putin, and/or terrorism.

There have been specific terrorist threats from the Imarat Kavkaz, a terrorist organization that has a large presence near Sochi. While Russia has amped up security around Sochi, creating a "ring of steel," there have been reports that various individuals associated with the terrorist group have entered Sochi. Many Olympians have made statements saying that they asked their family to not come to the games for fear of an attack.

Apart from threats of attacks, the games have generated many stories outlining Russian corruption – from the famous picture of two toilets in one stall to stories of torn-up streets and hotels lacking amenities, a simple google search shows many articles from various news groups concerning

Russia. But, nearly any high-profile, international event is sure to draw criticism from many different locals.

Many individuals are preparing for the excitement of yet another Olympic Games. Despite accusations against Russia, they are sure to have planned a fabulous Opening Ceremony and will try to do all they can to keep competitors and participants safe.

The opening ceremony of the 2014 Winter Olympic games is tonight. You can watch it and other Olympic programming for the next two weeks on NBC, channel 3 on TVs connected at Thiel, or you can head to www.nbcolympics.com. Programming for the opening ceremony begins at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

## SGA meeting hosts three forums; Students discuss IT, Residence Life, Maintenance

by Brianna Tiedeman, btiedeman@thiel.edu

At the regularly conducted SGA meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 29, several different issues were discussed including a treasurer's report, results from last semester's Food Forum, the recent blood drive, and also three new campus related forums were conducted.

After calling the meeting to order at 9:35 p.m. and taking attendance, the next agenda item addressed the Treasurer's report for the month. According to SGA Treasurer Christopher Lepley, "some budgets overlapped and some expenses were counted for more than once and some not at all," Lepley said. "What I'm asking for is that any club not planning on using all of [their] budget donate that money back."

Lepley was in contact with specific clubs affected individually via email.

The next order of business discussed the fall of 2013 Food Forum. The executive board announced to the general assembly the results after voicing the original comments to AVI Food Systems. Director of Food Services Barry Calvert responded to a compilation of comments and concerns in relation to the food being 'leftover,' the limited vegetarian options, and the ice cream machine failing to serve on a consistent basis.

In response the student's concerns after having heard them via the SGA executives, Calvert concluded that they are legally not permitted to serve leftovers or use leftovers as future ingredients, options can be compensated for by asking for turkey or veggie burgers at the grill during any meal time, and also he advised that "if you're ever unhappy with the food, take it back and tell them," SGA President Chelsea Costello said.

According to Costello, Calvert and his crew are aware that "the ice cream machine is outdated."

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"We've come a long way. It was very different for us during segregation, and it will be very different 50 years from now," Ronisha Howard, senior and President of the Order of Black Collegians, OBC, said.

## Black History Month, OBC at Thiel highlights importance of awareness

by Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu

During the month of February, the country takes the time to reflect and celebrate the lives of African Americans. Even in the days of slavery, a long quest to equality was started that has brought them to 2014.

"We've come a long way. It was very different for us during segregation, and it will be very different 50 years from now," Ronisha Howard, senior and President of the Organization of Black Collegians, OBC, explained.

When they first came this country, African Americans were subjected to the worst side of humanity. Despite this, they were able to endure as a people and persevere until a brighter day would show on the horizon.

With the help of the powerful voice of Martin Luther King, Jr. through his unforgettable speeches, or Frederick Douglass through his work with William Lloyd Garrison in The Liberator, their undeniable message was spread – a message of freedom and equality for all.

"Black History Month means remembering what they've done. We've overcome a lot since oppression," Ronnell Hunt, said, a junior and radio announcer for Thiel Radio. "It doesn't matter what your skin color is, or who says what. We can do it, and we will make ourselves better."

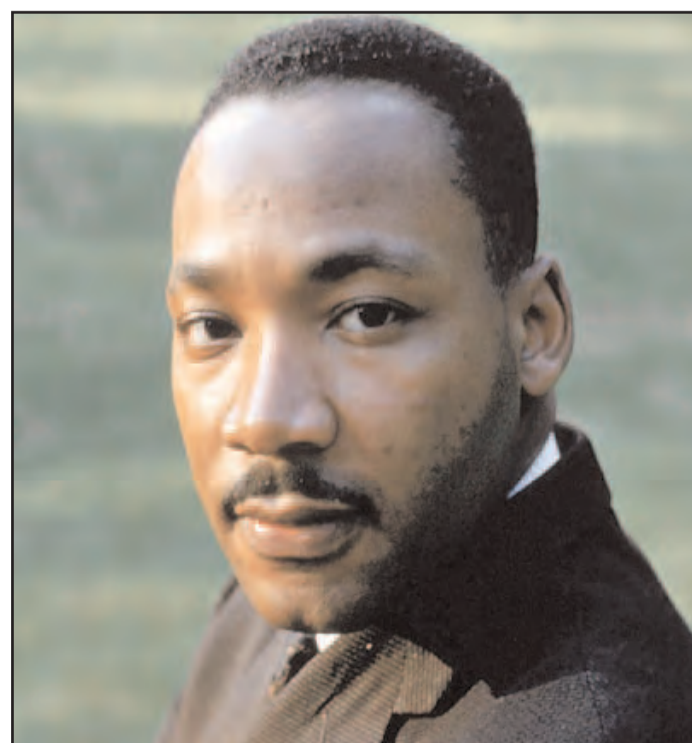
That is the beauty of the country of today. Equality has been given to many, but it is important not to forget

all that was given to attain that inalienable right. Thousands of people gave their lives in the Civil War of 1861-65, and even more were lost during the time of slavery and segregation of the last century.

Black History Month is a celebration of the greatness African Americans have shown, despite overwhelming adversity and hostility. Everyone should remember August 28, 1963. It was the day Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech during the March on Washington.

Dr. King called for an end of racism not just for African Americans, but every race.

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Martin Luther King Jr. is often cited as inspiration for acceptance and equal rights.

## The Happenings

compiled by Liz Carlson

**Friday, Feb. 7 – Saturday, Feb. 8:**  
Winter Weekend

**TC Akido Classes: Tuesday, Feb. 11 and Thursday, Feb. 13**

- 6-8 p.m. at the Glen Johnson Community Center
- Instructed by Pastor Jayne Thompson; please arrive at least 15 minutes early to help set up!
- 6-7 p.m. - Warm-Up and basics
- 7-8 p.m. - Foundations and Techniques

**Senior Business Seminar:**

Wednesdays from Jan. 15 – April 9 in the Sawhill-Georgian Room

- Open to juniors and seniors within the department, this seminar provides students the opportunity to meet and interact with individuals who have enjoyed distinguished careers in the corporate and foundation worlds.

**Career Workshop:**

Thursday, Feb. 13 from 4-5 p.m. in the Library Classroom

- Learn how to job search and how to conduct an informational interview.

**Etiquette Dinner:**

Friday, Feb. 14 from 5-7 p.m.

- Learn proper dining skills and how to pair wines with food. 21 and over only. Reservations required.

**Cupid's Quiz Show:**

Monday, Feb. 10 from 9:30-11 p.m. in the Lutheran Heritage Room

- How well do you know your friend, roommate, etc.? Get on the same wavelength to win money!

**TAB Coffeehouse Series- Savannah Smith:**

Thursday, Feb. 13 from 8-9 p.m. in the Bistro

- Part of TAB's Coffeehouse Series, Savannah Smith is a uke-tastic performer.

**Movie: The Butler:**

Thursday, Feb. 13 from 6-9 p.m. in Bly Hall

- Join us in Bly Hall for Black History Month movie night. "The Butler" tells the story of a White House butler who served eight American presidents over three decades.

**Thiel Team Trivia Tuesdays:**

Every Tuesday from 10-11 p.m. in the Bistro

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

compiled by Liz Carlson

**Delivery Man: Friday, Feb. 7 and Sunday, Feb. 9 from 8-10 p.m.**

David, a former sperm donor, gets the surprise of a life time when he finds out that he is the biological father of 533 children. To top it all off, 142 of them have filed lawsuits in order to find out their father's true identity. David appears to be out on his luck and panics when he finds out the news. He hires his close friend as his lawyer, hoping that he will help him defend the privacy agreements that he signed years prior at the clinic. However, when he is handed an envelope full of profiles from the 142 children seeking out his identity, he soon finds himself involved in the lives of his previously unknown offspring. This comedy, starring Vince Vaughn, is one that you won't want to miss.

**Gravity: Friday, Feb. 14 and Sunday, Feb. 16 from 8-10 p.m.**

This drama, Sci-fi film, stars Sandra Bullock as Dr. Stone, a scientist who happens to be taking part in a Space shuttle mission. The mission, headed by astronaut Matt Kowalsky, played by George Clooney, goes from an enjoyable time to a disaster in a matter of seconds. While Dr. Stone and Kowalsky are on a spacewalk, debris enters their work area, separating them from ship and leaving them stranded in the never ending depths of space. While trying to save herself, Dr. Stone begins to reflect on her painful past, and must ultimately decide whether or not to save herself or give up all together. Be sure to join us in Bly Hall to see how it all plays out.

## Thiel College POLICE BLOTTER

compiled by Brianna Tiedeman

**Jan. 16 - Terroristic Threats**

A student reported to police that another student was making terroristic threats to harm other students in Harter Hall.

**Jan. 17 - Liquor Law Violation**

Three underage students were found playing beer pong in Hodge Hall.

**Jan. 18 - Liquor Law Violation**

A student was found with a bottle of rum in a backpack within the hallways of Frat 1.

**Jan. 25 - Disorderly Conduct/Fighting**

Two students were involved in a physical fight over alcohol in Stewart Hall.

**Feb. 1 - Disorderly Conduct**

A non-student caused damage to property belonging to a Thiel student in Frat 1.

**Feb. 1 - Liquor Law Violation**

An underage student was found drinking a beer in the hallway of Frat 1 during a party.

There was an error in the last edition. An incident was written up as a "sexual assault" in the police logs. However, according to campus police, that event did not occur.



### SGA CLUB REQUIREMENT

EVERY CLUB NEEDS TO SUBMIT AD OR ARTICLE EACH SEMESTER  
PLEASE CONTACT THE THIELENSIAN IN  
ADVANCE TO SCHEDULE THE SUBMISSION.

ARTICLE DUE	PUBLICATION DATE
Thurs, Feb 13	Fri, Feb 21
Sun, Feb 23	Fri, March, 14
Thurs, March 20	Tues, April 1
Thurs, April 3	Fri, April 11
Thurs, April 10	Fri, April 25

### Black and White Masquerade Ball

When: 8:30 pm  
Where: Lutheran Heritage Room

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## February 14: Etiquette Extravaganza

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

Are you nervous about making a bad first impression on your Valentine's Day date? After all, there's nothing more embarrassing than spilling your drink all over the table or dropping food in your lap when you're trying to seduce that special someone. Worry no more, messy eaters; this year, Career Development has you covered.

On February 14, the Career Development Center is sponsoring a V-Day Etiquette Extravaganza. The event is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. The location is yet to be announced. The evening will bear many similarities to etiquette dinners past, but with a new twist; wine will be served with dinner, so the event is reserved for students 21 and older.

While it may seem at first that career centers and eti-

quette do not go hand in hand, quite the opposite is true. The Career Development Center makes a point to emphasize for students the importance of proper manners and etiquette in interviewing, professional dining, and any career-oriented life. Creating a reputation as a polite person is priceless. Director of Career Development Heather Balas will once again be hosting the event. Balas has been an expert on etiquette since she began studying it in 2003, and she is always guaranteed to entertain. Students love the dinners, so she keeps having them.

"We hold an etiquette dinner at least once a year. Last semester we had several students ask if we would hold a second event this year because they could not attend

the dinner in the fall semester" Balas said.

Due to its popularity, and the fact that space for the event is limited, Balas suggested that interested students sign up with her soon. When asked what students can expect to gain from this event, Balas responded, "Students will learn proper dining skills, how to navigate eating during an interview [over a meal], how to eat difficult-to-eat foods without making a mess of themselves, and how to pair wine with foods." All of these skills are ones that a budding professional certainly needs in their arsenal.

Reservations are required for the dinner, so find a sweetheart (or a friend) and sign up in the Career Development Center ASAP.

## Sigma Kappa to host Ultra Violet 'Purple Palooza'

Press Release by Dawn Pastorius, [dpastorius@thiel.edu](mailto:dpastorius@thiel.edu)



The sisters of Sigma Kappa will be hosting their "Purple Palooza" event at the Feb. 15 men's basketball game.

On Feb. 15, the Gamma Delta chapter of Sigma Kappa at Thiel College will host their Annual Ultra Violet "Purple Palooza" event, with proceeds benefiting charitable projects of Sigma Kappa Foundation, including its support of Alzheimer's disease research.

The Ultra Violet "Purple Palooza" will take place at the men's basketball game at 3p.m. The sisters of Sigma Kappa invite everyone to come and enjoy Walking Tacos and refreshments. We will have Alzheimer's bracelets for sale as well. We will educate you on

Alzheimer's disease and what we can do to make a difference, along with Sigma Kappa's part in all of this. Help us make Alzheimer's disease just a memory!

Net proceeds from the Ultra Violet "Purple Palooza" will benefit Sigma Kappa Foundation, nonprofit organization whose mission is to lead, educate and inspire society through the philanthropic endeavors of Sigma Kappa members. Through contributions from chapters, individuals, and friends, the Sigma Kappa Foundation supports

Alzheimer's disease research – a devastating illness that is now our nation's seventh leading cause of death – and a variety of scholarships, educational and leadership programs, and financial assistance to members facing financial crisis.

For more information about Ultra Violet "Purple Palooza", or to support the Sigma Kappa Foundation, contact Dawn Pastorius, 724-255-9832, [dpast259@thiel.edu](mailto:dpast259@thiel.edu), or visit Sigma Kappa Foundation web site at [www.sigmakappafoundation.org](http://www.sigmakappafoundation.org).



Balas' etiquette dinner has been a great success in the past, prompting her to bring it back for the spring semester.

## An Interview with Pastor Jayne Thompson: Campus Ministry Renewed

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One of the largest successes this spring semester, already, was the inter-faith Martin Luther King Day service, which also commemorated Nelson Mandela. People invited to take part in the service included the new director of multicultural affairs, Mark Weir, the TC Soldiers, and guest student preacher, Ronnel Hunt. The experience was widely successful.

"As we have been looking for these natural opportunities to lift up our common life together in the face of national and even international remembrances, it seemed like a natural way to celebrate with campuses across the nation," said Thompson. "I like to look at those things that are really grounded in tradition... we honor that tradition, but then also do a little teaching... where we help our community to see another way to learn about things in a worship setting."

For instance, the Lessons and Carols service hosted last semester before Christmas Break, was part of a tra-

dition tracing back to King's College in England. "We enter into that history, that tradition, but then shape it in our own Thiel College way."

Thompson believes in gathering "gifted students and leaders" to support her ministry here on campus. She has provided and organized opportunities for student leaders to learn and exercise their talents—such as gathering a small, happy band last semester to go to Bishop Eaton's installation as the new Presiding Bishop of the ELCA.

"That's kinda how I think of things. I do a lot of praying and listening and meeting with students, and catching a glimpse or hints as to what they're good at or maybe what they're not good at, and then inviting them into an opportunity such as 'hey, have you ever thought about reading the lessons at worship?'" And often they haven't done that.

The result is a burgeoning corp of student leaders involved with campus ministry. Thompson's Chapel

Staff is the spearhead of this movement, including a range of students whose gifts she has helped to guide and uplift.

"I like to think of myself as the wind beneath the wings of other people," Thompson said, "either inviting them, cajoling them, pushing, urging, pulling them into a kind ministry that they also take delight in and learn from. So that makes me happy."

One of Thompson's ministries has also been to create an oasis for students seeking a place of safety through Thiel's chapel building. "Campus life can be hectic. Students need a place for community, a haven, a refuge to get away from the fray. It's not just a building, it's what it represents—open-armed space for all people," Thompson said.

As a result, the chapel building has become a physical symbol of how Thompson envisions Campus Ministry—an open forum and place of restoration for everyone, whatever their background may be.

## 'Stick it to Breast Cancer' a Success

by Courtney Gibson, [cgibson@thiel.edu](mailto:cgibson@thiel.edu)

The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha held a very unique philanthropy event on Tuesday, Jan. 28; during lunch students could pay to help tape Will Ross, sophomore to the wall outside of ZTA's "Stick it to Breast Cancer" campaign.

For one dollar the participants received an arm's length of tape that they could strategically place to keep Will Ross stuck to the wall. Participants also had the choice of donating one dollar to put tape over Ross' mouth for one minute at a time. The proceeds of this event went to the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation. The foundation uses its funds to support breast cancer education and awareness. Ross was a fantastic sport throughout the whole event. By 1 p.m. he was covered in over one hundred pieces of tape. The event was created and organized by ZTA's philanthropy director, Courtney Gibson.

"It was a fun and different

experience," Gibson said. "I am glad I got to help raise money for a great cause with such a unique event."

Gibson hopes to continue to come up with never-before-seen ideas that will catch the attention of students at Thiel.

"It was great to see so many students involved in our philanthropy," Anna Hart, a junior, said. "Usually it is difficult to find students who carry cash on them, so it was great that people cared enough to bring cash with them to lunch on Tuesday."

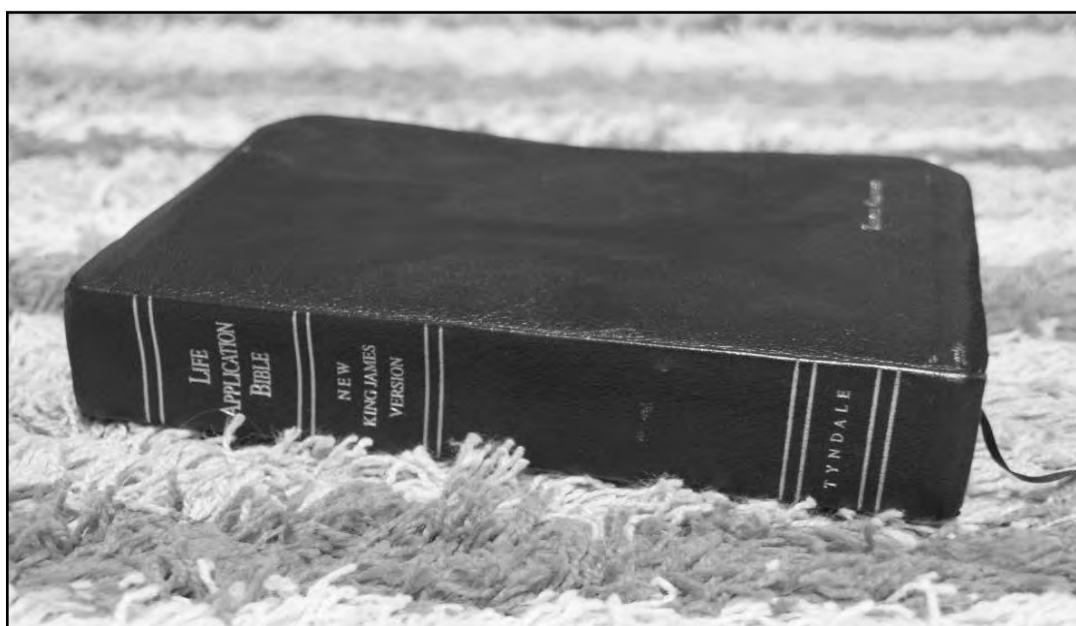
The event was mostly advertised through Facebook and Twitter. Throughout the event, Will Ross stood on a chair for support as participants bought and placed their tape around him. At the end of the event the chair was taken away and he was held to the wall, supported completely by a web of duct tape. He remained on the wall for less than a minute before he and the tape came off of the wall.

Overall, the event was a

huge success and the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha would like to send a huge thanks to Will Ross for supporting us and to everyone who donated money.



The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha would like to thank Will Ross for being such a good sport.



## Black History Month (continued)

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

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"Other campuses don't focus on it [Black History Month]," Hunt added, "It's important that Thiel does. They focus on every background so it makes us one family. It's like it makes us look at each other as brothers and sisters."

It showcases just how much the country has changed. In the world of 2014, the different religions

and skin colors can live peacefully in America. Here at Thiel, the OBC can focus on promoting peace and equality for all races during the best time – Black History Month.

OBC is having trivia about Black History Month during meal times, so pay attention for the trivia slips and the box to submit your answers. OBC is collaborating with fraternity Phi Theta Phi for an event, and African

American-inspired cuisine.

"We have several performances planned, and a fashion show," Howard concluded, "We really want to show that OBC isn't just an organization for African Americans. It's for everyone."

Black History Month is not just a time to brush up on your African American history, but a time to learn how far the country has come as a unified people.

## Happy New Year; Celebrate Seol Shakespeare festival comes to Thiel

by Claire Lee, hlee@thiel.edu

In the United States, the time has come and gone to say the greeting of 'Happy New Year' to each other. However, in Korea this is the time when people use 'Happy New Year' most often. This is because "Seol", the Korean New Year, is on Jan 31st, or January 1st of the lunar year. Seol is the most important and earliest holiday, followed by "Chuseok" which is Korean Thanksgiving day.

Like the American holiday, during Korean New Year holiday most of family members who can't meet often gather together in an oldest family member's house. Many people are willing to come back to their hometown, even though it takes long time. Train tickets and express bus tickets are sold out quickly. And also, we can find easily people who drive their car and are stuck on the highway for around 12 hours.

Seol consists of three days. The first day is a preparation day for the second day, which is the actual Korean New Year. The last day is when people take a rest and come back to their routine life. There are

many kinds of food that are made in New Year. The foods are for family and their guests. More than anything else, "Tteokguk", rice-cake soup, is a representative Korean New Year food, which is made of slices of rice cake, beef, eggs, and so on. Korean considers eating a bowl of rice-cake soup as getting one more life. On the actual Korean New Year, Koreans



Tteokguk, a rice cake dish, is traditionally served at Seol.

have a memorial service for ancestors with foods that they prepared on the first day. After that, children bow to their elders for New Year. Then, the elders give cash gifts to the children. It is not

too much to say that every child looks forward to New Year. After this process, family members spend pleasant time, while they share their stories and eat food together and play traditional games.

Seol is in the middle of the freezing cold winter. However, I think that day might be the warmest day during the year. This is because the best way to survive the cold winter is warm food

and family's love and smiles. Seol is important in aspects of preserving Korean traditional culture and meeting to family members who couldn't see each other.

by Nathan Nitzczynski, nmitc@thiel.edu



Area high school drama students joined forces at Thiel's recent Shakespeare festival.

On Thursday, Jan. 23, new theatre director Peter Rydberg and four different high schools from various locations in Pennsylvania "trembled before Shakespeare's might" in the William A. Robinson Theater at Thiel College at the first annual Shakespeare festival.

Schools in attendance were Clarion-Limestone High School from Strattonville, Eden Christian Academy from Sewickley, Portersville Christian School from Portersville, and Greenville High School from Greenville.

The morning session of the festival was a showcase of prepared Shakespearean acts. In between acts were interludes performed in a "readers-theater" style by Thiel Players along with Dr. Jared Johnson and Rydberg.

Rydberg served as the organizer and host of the event. Rydberg worked as a liaison with the participating schools by integrating the Thiel Players with the high school students.

"Shakespeare is not written to exist in an English class," Rydberg said. "It's written to be performed and embodied."

Rydberg had a lot of help from production manager and sophomore Sara Gerdy. Gerdy helped the festival run in a timely manner and assisted Rydberg with preparation and organization.

"I was honored to get to aid in the growth and development of this annual festival," Gerdy said.

Although this festival was new to Thiel, it is not new to the Greenville community. Paul Miller, a 1969 Thiel alumnus and retired Greenville High School English teacher started the Shakespeare festival during his teaching career. When he retired in 2006, the 23-year stint of the festival ended.

Miller played a big role in making this festival successful. He played the role of Will Shaxpere, Master of Revels. To end the day, Miller conducted a stage combat workshop entitled Less 'Yakkin', More Whackin'.

"None of the students had ever done Shakespeare before," Miller said. "They all learned a lot today by performing and watching others."

Alongside Rydberg, Miller, and Gerdy, Thiel College faculty and staff participated in the festival. The festival respondents included Dr. Michael Balas, Heather

Balas, Allen Morrill, and Dr. Jared Johnson. These respondents acted as judges for the morning showcase as well as distributors to the awards to the four schools.

Johnson, assistant professor of English, was not only a festival respondent but an interlude reader with current Thiel Players.

Johnson also met with Rydberg and Miller prior to the event to generate ideas and brainstorm the structure of the event. Johnson had his students from the Creative Writing: Drama class lead the soliloquy writing workshop.

"The positive atmosphere created by the Festival—the spirit of play and delight in language—was contagious," Johnson said. "I cannot imagine the event not being beneficial to high school theater departments." The team of Rydberg, Johnson, Miller, and Gerdy unanimously agreed the festival was beneficial for all of the high schools that participated.

Rydberg and the Thiel Players look forward to this festival growing in years to come.

## SGA holds forums for student concerns

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Vice-president Sara Toombs discussed the success of the recent blood drive stating that "105 percent of our goal was met."

The general assembly meeting then turned its attention to three forums open for discussion. The executive committee took comments related to the IT department, Residence Life, and Maintenance.

First to take the floor on IT concerns was senior Cheryl Marshal.

"We shouldn't have to pay extra fees for our laptop maintenance when that's a part of our technology fee," she said.

Other comments included dissatisfaction with not having the option of same-day appointments, the small Wifi range, and also the printers consistently malfunctioning.

"I would recommend, regarding the printers, a complaint log because so many instances occur," junior Sean Oros said. "We need some way to alleviate printer issue because they're often the same issues."

Lepley then additionally suggested that such a log be electronic to make for more efficient communication of the problems to the IT department.

Last-minute comments that were raised included an inquiry about where the money came from for the new, larger screens in the

HMSC 24-hour lab. Students also questioned the necessity of "excessive" things in the new IT department. Jake Peyton of the Rugby Club also asked if technology fees could be refunded to students if the services are not utilized.

Maintenance concerns were voiced first by Candace Updyke. "My freshman year they promised free laundry," she said. Toombs stepped in to inform the assembly that had that concern been addressed, students would have been charged a heavy flat rate which would have been unfair to students who do different amounts of laundry.

Other issues addressed were the apartments not receiving toilet paper and paper towels for free, the current heating problems all over campus, and a theme house foundation "sinking" according to a resident of the building.

The Residence Life forum brought up the issue of communication and response-time throughout the department and also why we are mandated to live on-campus only.

SGA's executive board will contact these specific departments directly and upon their response, will return to the student body with the department's feedback to our concerns.

## DHI students present check to ELCA Malaria Campaign

from T-Notes



(On Jan. 28), following a presentation by Allison Beebe, (pictured fourth from right) campaign assistant for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Malaria Campaign, students from the Dietrich Honors Institute and Campus Ministry presented her with a check for \$1,200. The donation was made up of funds collected from donations and the 5K race sponsored by DHI during Homecoming 2013.

Beebe's presentation covered the three most important aspects of the campaign - prevention, education and treatment. She shared the programs and progress of the campaign in areas of Africa and a video showing the difference donations make. The ELCA's goal is to raise \$15 million by 2015. The campaign started in 2011 and has already raised \$10 million. Beebe is one of only two ELCA employees on the malaria campaign staff.

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### Career Workshops

- Feb 5 Minute Clinic: AC Lobby & Bistro, 9:30am—Noon
- Feb 13 The Job & Internship Search: Library Classrm, 4pm
- Feb 14 Etiquette Dinner: 21 and Over Only, 5pm  
\*\* reservations required\*\*
- Feb 20 WestPACS Fair Prep: Library Classroom, 4pm

### Career Week

- Feb 24 WestPACS Fair Registration, Bistro, 11am-1pm
- Feb 25 Resumania, AC Lobby & Bistro, 9:30am—Noon
- Feb 26 Informational & Mock Interviews, Library, 2-5pm
- Feb 27 Alumni Panels: Social Science and STEM Careers  
HMSC, 4pm-6pm, with Networking Reception



On January 21, fighting a wind-chill factor of -15 degrees, the Career Development Center staff accompanied 23 students on a career trip to Cleveland with visits to QuickenLoans, a technology firm owning over 80 companies including the Cleveland Cavaliers, and to the Cleveland branch of the Federal Reserve Bank (pictured here). The Fed provided students with a tour of the largest solid steel bank vault in the world, and a panel of bank analysts discussing their career paths. The purpose of the trip was the pursuit of jobs and internships. At Quicken Loans, students learned that the firm receives 14,000 applications for their 1,000-seat summer internship program, and Thiel students hope to be included in this summer's pool of finalists. The firm is also working with Thiel College to design a customized externship program for up to ten TC graduating seniors. All majors are invited to apply. For more information please write to CareerCenter@thiel.edu with the subject line "QuickenLoans Externship".

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Seniors who desire to participate in commencement exercises in May 2014, who will complete graduation requirements in summer school 2014, must petition the Academic Standing Committee by April 15, 2014 for approval to participate in the May ceremony. The academic petition form can be obtained in the Records Office.

### WESTERN HUMANITIES Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) Groups

Class Section	PAL Mentor	Day	Time	Location
Dr. Moinet 8:00 am	Nicole Jeschel-nig	Wednesday	8:00 pm	TLC Classroom
Dr. Eppley 8:00 am	Courtney Gib-son	Wednesday	9:00 pm	TLC Classroom
Prof. Adams 9:00 am	Kiara Weltner	Wednesday	8:00 pm	S-200
Dr. Morgan 9:00 am	John (JT) Grondwalski	Wednesday	7:00 pm	S-200
Dr. Hecking 1:00 pm	Jessica Yozwiak	Wednesday	9:30 pm	Bly Hall
Dr. DelMaramo 1:00 pm	Ashley Reynolds	Wednesday	7:00 pm	TLC Classroom
General Not Section Specific	Bethany Snider	Wednesday	12:00 Noon	AC-233

### MATH ENHANCEMENT CENTER

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
10-11 a.m.	June		June		June
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.			Paul		
12-1 p.m.	Katelyn	Jaclyn			Katelyn
1-2 p.m.		Jaclyn		Jaclyn	
2-3 p.m.			Wyatt Paul		Paul
3-4 p.m.		Wyatt		Wyatt	

Algebra	Pre-Calculus	Calculus II	Elementry Stats	Differential Equations	Linear Algebra
all tutors	Paul	June	Katelyn	Katelyn	Wyatt
	Jaclyn		Wyatt		
	Wyatt				

TIME	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESD	THURSD	FRIDAY
10:00-11:00			Loyal J.			
11:00-noon		Molly P.	Loyal J. Colin V.	Molly P.	Katie A.	
noon-1:00			Colin V. Molly P.	Molly P.	Katie A.	
1:00-2:00		Loyal J.		Colin V.	Bess O.	Loyal J.
2:00-3:00		Loyal J. Jess B.		Loyal J. Sarah J.	Bess O.	Colin V. Sarah J.
3:00-4:00		Jess B. Kate Y.	Jess B.	Loyal J. Sarah J.	Jess B.	Colin V. Sarah J.
4:00-5:00		Kate Y. Katie A.	Jess B. Kate Y.	Sean O. Kate Y.	Jess B. Kate Y.	Sarah J. Kate Y.
5:00-6:00	Katie A.	Katie A.		Sean O.		
6:00-7:00						
7:00-8:00	Bess O.	Leah K.	Leah K.	Bess O.	Sarah J.	
8:00-9:00		Leah K.	Leah K.			

### SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION AND GROUP PEER STUDY

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
MATH 182 Shane Martin		Calculus II 8-9 pm AC 108		Calculus II 8-9 pm AC 108	Calculus II 7-8 pm AC 108
ACCT 123 Haley Becker	Accounting II 5-6 pm AC 4			Accounting II 8-9 pm AC 4	Accounting II 7-8 pm AC 4
CSCI 159 Daniel McFetridge		Intro to Programming 7-8 pm AC 36	Intro to Programming 7-8 pm AC 36		Intro to Programming 7-8 pm AC 36
SPAN 151 Spanish II Chelsea Maukonen		Prof Thompson 6-7 pm Prof Gutierrez 9:30-10:30 pm both in AC 127		Prof Thompson 9:30-10:30 am AC 127	Prof Gutierrez 8-9 pm AC 127
SOC 141 Danielle Massengill		Macrosociology 7-8 pm S 211			Macrosociology 8-9 pm S 211
INDS 220 Blair Duell	Global Heritage II 6-7 pm S 211		Global Heritage II 7-8 pm S 211		
PSY 150 Shayla Percy		General Psych 6-7 pm AC 129			General Psych 8-9 pm AC 129
BADM 355 Kayla B. Smith	Business Law I 6-7 pm AC 36		Business Law I 7-8 pm AC 36		
BADM 356 Kayla B. Smith	Business Law II 7-8 pm AC 33		Business Law II 6-7 pm AC 33		

## TOOMBS TIME: Moments that make us stop, think

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

I had another one of those moments this week that makes me stop and say "I have to write about this."

As part of my Honors project, I have been working with the staff at Bethel Life Worship Center, a non-denominational church in Greenville. I honestly hadn't intended on working with a church at the beginning of my project, but the further I delved into the process, the more I knew I needed to lean into an embrace only a church congregation can offer. So, I made a few calls and sent a few emails and, long story short, my expectations were vastly exceeded.

The bulk of my project is a four-week leadership workshop for young women. I had the passion and I wrote the curriculum, but to make it happen I needed a building and I needed the girls. In the past few weeks, I have become so frustrated and overwhelmed by roadblocks at every turn, I more than half expected to hit a brick wall here too. But, as it usually

goes, when I had all but given up things took a beautiful turn.

My contact at Bethel Life invited me to come be a part of their Wednesday night youth service at the BLOC – Bethel Life Outreach Center. He said it would be a great opportunity for me to meet girls who might be interested in my program and advertise for the workshops. What he didn't say was how moved I would be in the less than two hours I spent with the Bethel Life youth.

First of all, Bethel Life has a great thing going for them in their Outreach Center. During the "hangout hour" I got a chance to see pictures of what the building looked like before the church adopted it and I am still trying to convince myself it is the same building. The congregation spent a full year turning an old church with a rotted roof into a gorgeous sanctuary, awesome rec room, accommodating meeting spaces, and even a snack spot for their youth ministry.

I was floored from the moment I walked in. It is truly a space that shows the love and dedication of a church committed to their outreach.

As if the facility itself wasn't enough, I got another very special surprise last Wednesday. When it was time for the service to begin, the youth all came forward for the worship music. Sorry, let me say that again – the youth practically skipped forward because they were so psyched for the worship music. The worship band was also led by youth, which I just love beyond words. The kids were smiling, singing, sometimes dancing, sometimes lifting their hands, but they were really worshipping God. They were consumed. All I could do was smile and think "how did I not know this existed?"

This whole thing really hit me when I got in the car to leave and my first reaction was to tell everyone I knew that something awesome was happening they didn't know about. It didn't matter that I

had been in a terrible mood all day or that my semester wasn't going the way I wanted it to, or even that there were legitimate things in my life I could have been upset about. All I cared about in that moment was that there was a student ministry that was really getting through to kids. There was a group of young people fellowshiping and meeting God every single week. How did I miss that?

How do we miss a lot of things like that? How do we always manage to miss the really good things about where we are or what we're living? It seems like there is nothing right with the world, but then there it is, not even five minutes away. I get so consumed with the feeling that my passions don't mean anything and that there is just too much to be done in the world to help it. But on Wednesday, that wasn't the case at all. My passion to change the world was right there, smiling at me and singing along.



The Bethel Life Worship Center is a non-denominational church on Mercer Rd. in Greenville. After a full year of renovations, the off-campus sanctuary is now thriving upon youth enthusiasm and community outreach. [Picture captured from [Blwc.org](http://Blwc.org)]

## Why your favorite movie is terrible...

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

### The Movie:

Everyone's favorite drinking game, Django Unchained.

Before I begin this I just want to point out that if you are offended by anything in this movie, you need to really check your life. The movie was made to point out the struggles of slavery and redemption for one of the slaves and his wife. Yes the obsessive use of the "N Word" may make a

few people uneasy, but guess what, it's a movie. Art imitating life.

Back to the actual movie. When you have Jaime Foxx, Kerry Washington, Samuel "M'FING" Jackson, Leo "Jack Dawson" Dicaprio and the nazi from Inglourious Bastards, you are in for a rollercoaster ride.

At least you expect to be. This movie tends to drag on during scenes that don't

need to be there. Most of the time an N bomb is dropped you contemplate wonder if they purposely said it more during the movie because it was "edgy".

Oh, and Jonah Hill makes an appearance. People trashed the movie and its director for allowing its actors to use the N word. To those people.....just kick rocks and fall off a mountain.

### Character Everyone Loves To Hate:

Well this is hard considering the majority of the characters in this movie are racist bigots who have slaves fight each other to the death but for this article I will just say that I personally hated Stephen who is portrayed by Samuel L. Jackson.

This dude is literally every black slaves worst nightmare back in the day. A slave who has become so friendly with the slave owner that they share the deepest of details in order to get other slaves in trouble. People often use certain terms to describe this type of black person, but at the risk of offending anyone(SEE KIDS, I'm learning)

I wont use them. He almost gets Django and his wife killed, but in the end he gets his long awaited comeuppance.

### Why The Movie is Awful

Honestly, I don't have much to put here. Yeah the movie does drag along in certain scenes. Yes they could have made a better plan to rescue Mrs. Django. And yes Dr. Nazi should have just shaken Leo's hand. But all of that is really nitpicky. So I will say the fact that they put the phrase "M'fer" in a movie set in the 1850's is a little bit of a stretch, and the fact that Jonah Hill is in it.....fat Jonah Hill. And if you have ever played the drinking game with racist folks, it gets very uncomfortable

### Why the Movie Is Not Awful:

Escaped Slave Cowboy and German Bounty Hunter take down two of the largest plantations in the south. How do you not love this movie?

### Best Scenes in The Movie:

The Faux KKK scene, any and all gunfighting scenes and the entire movie in general.

## Letter to the Editor

submitted January 28, 2014

Dear Editor,

We are the parents of two Thiel College students and it is with great sadness that we are writing this letter concerning the recent resignation of Mr. Jeff Linn, associate director of admissions and assistant wrestling coach.

Since March of 2012, our contact with Mr. Linn has been "a breath of fresh air" to our family in regards to the comprehensive process of choosing a college. Although Jeff was not the admissions counselor assigned to neither our son nor daughter, Jeff played an integral role in their decision to call Thiel College "home" for their undergraduate college choice. Jeff is an honest, "first class" gentleman, whose undying passion for Thiel College shone the moment we met him outside of Roth Hall. Mr. Linn is a man of great integrity and commitment to his "Tomcats"!

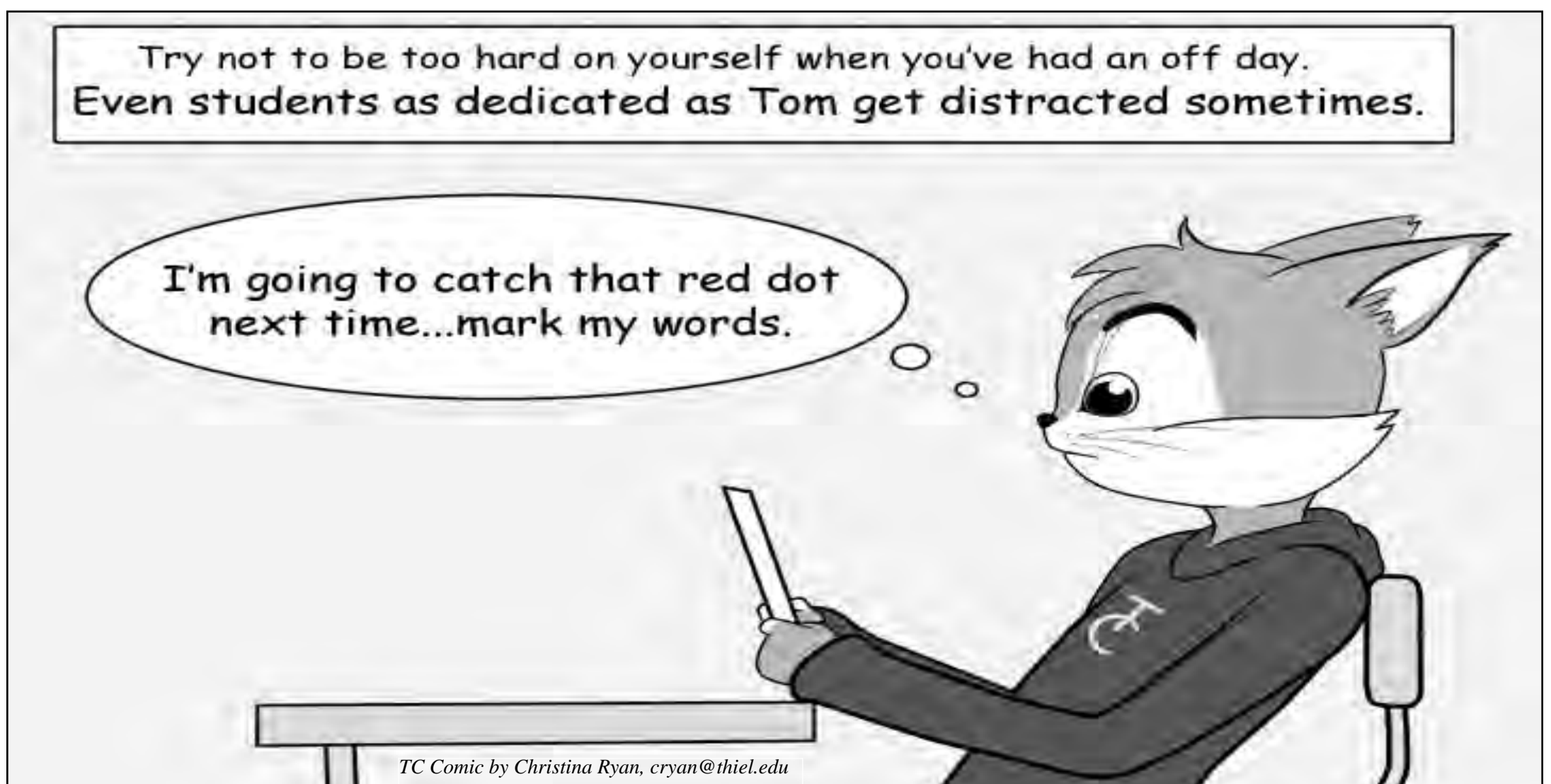
Being 1,176 miles from home, Mr. Linn became a trusted source of advice and a "shoulder to lean on" for our son and daughter. Jeff's seventeen years at Thiel afforded him the ability to offer "sage" advice to all those who were fortunate to meet him. And there weren't too many that didn't know him. Although a VERY busy emissary in his capacity as Associate Director of Admissions and Assistant Wrestling Coach, Mr. Linn always found the time for everyone in the Thiel Community. He truly was a treasured asset to the "Blue and Gold".

An ambassador to many, a friend to all, the Thiel College family will surely miss Coach Jeff Linn. Godspeed my friend! Our visits to 75 College Avenue will never be the same.

Sincerely,  
D.J. & Janine Keisling  
Englewood, Florida



"When you have Jaime Foxx, Kerry Washington, Samuel "M'FING" Jackson, Leo "Jack Dawson" Dicaprio and the nazi from Inglourious Bastards, you are in for a rollercoaster ride," columnist Andrew Denson said.





## Opinion Poll: What gifts have you received on Valentine's Day?



**Corey Myers**  
"Chocolate covered strawberries"



**Summer Wark**  
"A trip to Hawaii"



**Quenlan Donn**  
"Pizza"



**Kierra Lee**  
"Shoes"



**Keonna Fuqua**  
"Teddy Bear"


## Photo of the Edition



With the recent snow storms, snow is piled much higher than in this picture that was taken earlier in the winter. While the snow is pretty, many students are ready for summer.

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

#Twittin' @Thielensian



@??? - In 148 years of existence, Thiel has never closed due to weather #maytheoddsbeNEVERin yourfavor

@??? - Actually, I think Thiel Football would do better than the Broncos right now.

@??? - The roof could fly off of the AC and Thiel would still hold classes

@??? - #EsuranceSave30 if I win I'm leaving Thiel and opening my restaurant

@??? - Thiel likes to financially rape all of their students, no biggie

@??? - I never felt like I belonged or fit in anywhere until I transferred to Thiel and became part of Alpha Xi Delta. Best decision I ever made <3

@??? - Thiel laptops are basically just really expensive paperweights.

@??? - Can I just marry a rich man so I can drop out of school? #ButReally #IWish #TiredofDoingWork

@??? - I will never understand how someone can be bored at Thiel. Get out of your room and make some friends.

@??? - CHICKEN NUGGET DAY!!!

## Football Helmet Frenzy:

Fashion Council partners with NFL for designer head gear

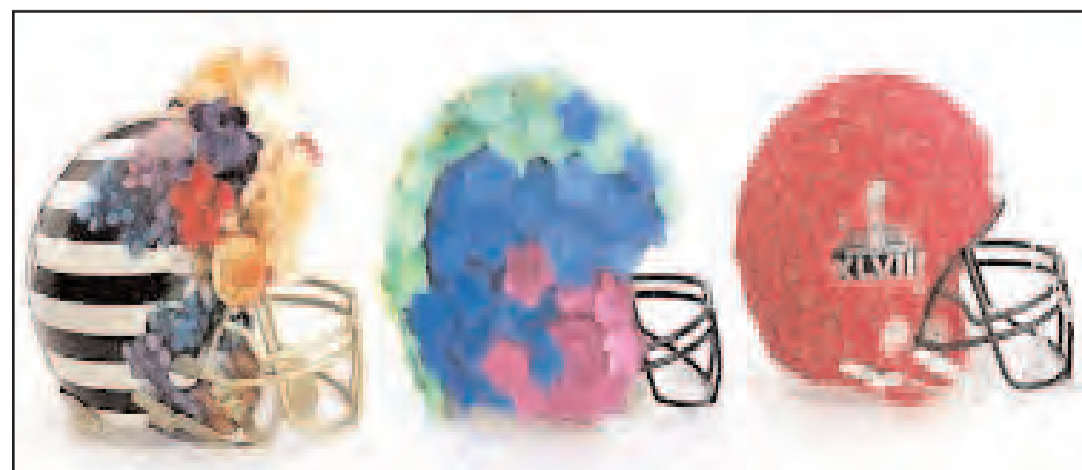
by Katie Allgeier, kallgeier@thiel.edu

Earlier this month fashion's favorite superhero group, the Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA) announced their new partnership with the National Football League. Members of the CFDA have partnered with the NFL to design haute couture football helmets. In honor of the impending Super Bowl XLVIII, designers such as John Varvatos, Diane Von Furstenberg, and Badgley Mischka have designed their own couture versions of football helmets. Each designer was given a white, standard-issue NFL helmet and free reign to design their own custom piece. Design styles run that gamut, incorporating everything from fur and feathers to pink rosettes. A number of helmets also feature the staple of the fashion world: rhinestones.

The helmets were auctioned off through Feb. 4. Bids started at \$248 in honor

of Super Bowl XLVIII, though bids are expected to soar into the thousands of dollars. However, some members of the Thiel community are skeptical about the success of the project. "I think it's a good idea to raise money...but I wouldn't want to see a football player wearing one," Courtney Polan, a senior, remarked. "I don't think (fashion and football) mix. I think it's a good idea in a sense but I don't think it's going to mix." "I think that the true football fans that really like the designs they have on it, they'll probably buy (the helmets)," Colin "Tex" Mennor, a freshman, predicted. All proceeds from sales will be donated to the NFL Foundation, a group that works to support high school and youth football programs, the health and safety of football players, and community service initiatives. However,

some members of the Thiel community feel that the money should go to a more worthy cause. "I think the proceeds should go to overall concussion research," Darian Ennis, a freshman, stated. "[The proceeds] should probably go to concussion research," Mennor added. "People need to have that kind of information for student athletes in the future generations so we can stop this problem now instead of later." Though the reviews are mixed, the partnership between fashion and football has been needed since the Tampa Bay Buccaneers took the field in tangerine in 1976. Proceeds from the sales go to a good cause, so even the most football-phobic stylist can get excited over Super Bowl-mania. To view the helmets, visit the CFDA website and search "fashion touchdown."



Helmets designed by the CFDA started at nearly \$250 at auction in honor of Super Bowl XLVIII. The proceeds from sales will be donated to the NFL foundation.

[Picture collected from Google Shopping]

## A Traditional Woman Leads Non-Traditional Life

by Melanie Soros, msoros@thiel.edu



With Valentine's Day just around the corner I thought I would take a few moments to get sentimental about love and what it means. Last summer my sister and her husband celebrated 25 years of marriage with a vow renewal ceremony. My job was to write something that would somehow wrap up those 25 years in a few paragraphs. A daunting task to be sure - but I dove in with both feet positive that I could wrap it up quicker than you can say "Be My Valentine."

Using the computer skills I have acquired here at Thiel, I did what any self respecting college student would do - I Googled it. Imagine my surprise when hundreds of thousands of hits came up - song lyrics, poems and love letters written by famous people in history - oh my!

After more than two hours I gave up - I was overwhelmed, and totally flabbergasted, at the amount of the written word that had been devoted to love. And that was just romantic love - what about the other kinds of love? What about the love between parent and child, BFF's, or siblings? I had to stop - I was up to

my neck in goopy, fluffy love stuff - my stomach was starting to turn like a toddler's on Halloween night. And then I saw it. It jumped out at me from among paragraph after paragraph of sappy, romantic lyrics - shining like a beacon lighting my way to the true meaning of love. "So now faith, hope and love abide, these three; but the greatest of all these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13)

If the greatest of the all the best feelings in the world is love, then who am I to try to define it? Now I understood why there were so many different attempts made to describe love. It's because it has a different meaning for each of us. It is as unique as we each are - as each snowflake - as each grain of sand on the beach. It is wonderful, beautiful, multi-dimensional, and never ending. As always happens around

this time of year I hear someone say that Valentine's Day is just another day. That it was made up by card companies to suck money out of our pockets. And maybe they're right - maybe that's how it all started. But I often wonder to myself - do you then share and celebrate your love on another day? Or on any day? Do you show any appreciation for love at all? If love is the reason women find the strength to give birth and men work at jobs they hate to support their families then shouldn't we all take a moment once a year to say "I love you?" Maybe those that don't celebrate love are afraid that it won't be returned or maybe they're just callous in their approach to the world. But, not me my friends. I tell the people that are most important to me that I love them regularly. And yes - I send Valentine's to them - all of them.



## Super Bowl XLVIII

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

This year's Super Bowl had lots of hype coming into the game. The number one defense of the Seattle Seahawks was up against the statistically best offense of all-time in the Denver Broncos. Previously, there had been four Super Bowls where the number one offense faced the number one defense, and three out of the four times the defense prevailed. However, everyone was so sure that this offense was unbeatable and many crowned Denver before the opening kickoff.

The game kicked off at approximately 6:25 p.m. eastern time and all the hype was soon to be forgotten. Seattle won the toss and deferred; Denver chose to start with possession of the ball. Of all things to possibly happen, a failed attempt to snap the ball to Manning shot the pigskin into the end zone for a safety. Not exactly the best way to start the game, and not the right team to be on the side of the new record for "fastest score in Super Bowl History."

Percy Harvin was finally back on the field after barely playing this season, and he made his impact felt with a 30 yard run on the sweep that almost went for six. Thankfully, the Denver defense held the Seahawks to a field goal to make it 5-0 Seattle, so it was assumed that Peyton will get the team back on track right? Nope, the offense continued to sputter

and gave Russell Wilson the ball again. If not for a great play by Nate Irving on the Broncos, the lead would have jumped to 12-0 instead of another field goal to make it 8-0.

After three scores by Seattle, the Broncos were only down by 8 so the lead was not insurmountable. Towards the two minute mark at the end of the first quarter, Manning throws a pick on 3rd and 7 right to Kam Chancellor and this game was about to get blown out of the water. Wilson led a nice touchdown drive ending with Marshawn Lynch punching it into the end zone to make it 15-0. On the next drive, Manning began gaining momentum and was orchestrating a promising drive down the field. However, penalties force a 3rd and 13 and Manning's pass is tipped to linebacker Malcolm Smith, who proceeds to take it 69 yards for the touchdown. The anguish showed on the Denver Broncos as they were beginning to lose faith as they realized their dreams were becoming out of reach. After a turnover on downs by the Broncos on the next drive, the Seahawks let the clock run and were content on the 22-0 lead at half.

The great thing about football is that you must play the second half. Thirty minutes were still left and it was shaping up to be a historic

Manning comeback right? Wrong again. On the opening kickoff of the second half, Percy Harvin takes the kick 87 yards to the house to put the early dagger in the Denver Broncos with a 29-0 lead. To make matters worse, Demaryius Thomas fumbles and results in Kearsce scoring for the Seahawks on an amazing, determined catch and run to the end zone to make it 36-0. Denver finally got points on the board with a touchdown pass to Demaryius Thomas and a two-point conversion, but it was too late for any hope of a comeback as Seattle's defense was just head-hunting at his point with such a large lead.

While Manning watched, Wilson delivered another touchdown drive on a ten yard pass to Doug Baldwin to open the fourth quarter. At this point, the only hope for the Broncos was to not be more of an embarrassment. All Manning could accomplish was turning the ball over on downs and fumbling from a sack the next drive. At least no more points were scored, but this game was never competitive as the Seattle Seahawks won their first Super Bowl in franchise history 43-8. Malcolm Smith was named the Super Bowl XLVIII MVP as the game continues to show that stats are meaningless once the two teams meet on football's greatest stage.

## Tomcats gain momentum on the hardwood; men's basketball team puts up three wins

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Coach Loomis is no stranger to winning; he has polished this basketball program for the last eight seasons. Looking strictly at the numbers, this season has not been as successful as previous ones, but that is starting to change. With only one senior, coach Loomis has a group of young guys on the court, but judging by their stamina and focus age is not the defeating factor.

Just before their last game, Thiel was on a much-needed three game win streak. Starting with a win over the Westminster Titans, where their airtight defense managed to force 16 turnovers. With a huge win under their belt and big

boost of confidence, the Tomcats welcomed the Geneva College Golden Tornadoes to Beechly Stadium. After a little over an hour, the Golden Tornadoes boarded their bus with a loss. Thiel kept them to a season low total 39 points in the victory.

A few days later, Thiel took to the road focused on another win. The target this time was Westminster once again. Up-in-coming sophomore, Luke Kochka, took charge of the offense and scored 17 points for Thiel. Mallinger contributed a double double to the win with 10 points and 13 rebounds. Three days later, the win streak was over; shattered by

W&J with a score of 56-67. Junior Charlie Thomas led the offense in the loss with 12 points.

There are only five games left in the season and all of the remaining games are not ones to be taken lightly. Waynesburg, who beat Thiel by just three points in overtime, will host the Tomcats next week, and Grove City, who also topped Thiel by only three points in their last meeting, will be both be tough match-ups.

The Tomcats will host Thomas More College on Feb. 15th at 3 p.m. in their last home game of the season. Get down to the gym and show our men's team some love next week.



Sophomore Luke Kochka has been doing his part on offense this season and has become an outstanding asset to the team's scoring habits.

## Women's Team Maintains a Losing Record: Age is a Defining Factor

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Head Coach Rob Clune has just one full season under his belt as the Tomcat's head coach.

last time we looked at their roster, it was apparent that this rough season was due to a youthful team whose experience level doesn't compare with their rivals. This still holds true when it comes to our ladies.

Coach Clune is in his sophomore season with the Thiel women's program, but his track record with building championship teams precedes him. The former head coach of the Bethany Bison's Men's program, coach Clune knows how to structure a winning team. He took his knowledge to Allegheny College after his time at Bethany where he served the

men's head coach again. During his time at Allegheny his team was eligible for all conference tournaments. The difference between these two programs and Thiel's women's basketball, other than gender, is time. Coach Clune was with the Bisons for seven years and was with Allegheny for eight. Clune needs more time with this young group of girls in order to reshape the curriculum of our women's team. They are on a two game losing streak right now and they are 3-9 in conference play. If we let the numbers speak, they play better at home than away, but then again, most teams do. Thiel is 1-10 on the road, picking up the only away win at Geneva College. Six more games and the ladies will close out their 2013-2014 season. There are just three home games left and just like the men, those three games will be tough ones to win. Come out and show your school spirit at one of the remaining home games.

Left is freshman Erin DiFalco. Erin has seen a considerable amount of playing time this season and its only going to increase as she continues to grow with the women's basketball program.



Above is second year quarterback, Russel Wilson of the Seattle Seahawks. Wilson hoists the Lombardi Trophy after defeating the Denver Broncos in the 2014 Super Bowl. At just 25 years old, Wilson is the third youngest QB to win a Super Bowl.

