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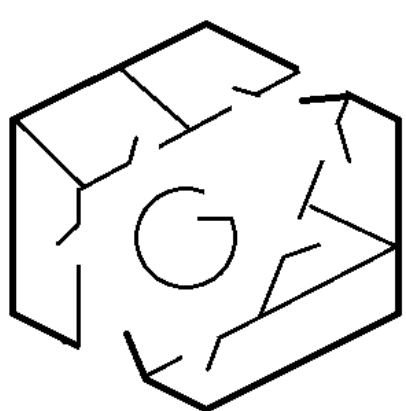


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Construction of a new building is to come from the Dr. David Reed donation
by Liz Carlson,
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The image above is the new layout design for the psychology building.
Photo Credit: Keeley Criswell

How often have you heard the phrase, "I wish they would make a building for a real major?" Since the grand opening of the James Pedas Communication Center last semester, those very words have been tossed around more than the communication majors would like to admit. But fret no more, for President VanAken recently let the cat out of the bag and announced the construction of a building on campus completely devoted to psychology. Yes, you heard that correctly, Psychology!

Construction of the David Reed Psychology Center is set to break ground this July, and the building is predicted to open just in time for the fall 2016 semester. It is rumored that the psychology center will also be the second LEED Certified building to be constructed on campus, a major breakthrough for institution in terms of environmental awareness.

"Psychology is one of the most common majors on campus and I am looking forward to finally having our own space. With the construction of a psychology building, we will be able to expand the major to cover areas of the field that were once thought we would never be able to expose our students too at such a small college," said psychology professor Dr. Laura Pickens.

The funding to construct the building was generously donated to by late Dr. David Reed, a 1975 graduate of Thiel College. After graduation, Reed went on to receive a masters and doctorate degree in clinical neuropsychology from Kent State University.

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Coloring Classing to be added into Curriculum

by Hunter Michaelis, HMich813@thiel.edu

In a stunning turn of events, Thiel College has elected to add a new class to its core curriculum, and it's not a Biology or Communication course. Introduction to Coloring Principles will attempt to teach students the basics of coloring.

If you ever thought you knew how to color within the lines, or were the expert on the differences between magenta and pink crayons, you were wrong.

"This class is Thiel's latest of many determined attempts to become more attractive to students of all ages," Dr. Kathy Green, who is on the board, said, "This is one of the skills that we think Thiel students need to have."

Introduction to Coloring Principles will not be a

First-Year Seminar, or FYS, course. This course will be one of the classes every Thiel student will have to take before they graduate. It will become a part of the Integrative Requirements on your major sheet.

The class, which was just signed into the Core Curriculum, has not found a professor to teach it just yet. The administration is not looking to disclose anyone from teaching it.

"We want any of the faculty here to teach the students this vital skill. You would be surprised at the number of people who can't color within the lines," Frank Gills, Dean of Students said. "Our research has shown that employers are looking for well-rounded candidates to work for them,

and this includes a basic understanding of coloring."

The class, which will be broken up into two semester courses, Introduction to Coloring Principles and Coloring Principles in the Twenty-First Century, will have a curriculum that will challenge and force students to think logically. The latter course will focus on all things coloring since 2000, while the former could go back to any time at the professor's discretion.

Topics considered by the administration include what they call "Coloring Theory," a focus on the finer details of coloring, a history of coloring, and the greatest contributors to the coloring world since the dawn of time.

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Student Hannah Fernandez prepares for the new class.
Photo credit: Keeley Criswell

Chipotle to be built in previous Burger King Location

By Ashley Ames, aames267@thiel.edu

Chipotle, a long standing favorite among college students everywhere is headed to Greenville, Pennsylvania.

After almost instantaneous success at the Hermitage location, Chipotle proprietors have decided to open up shop in this small college town. The news of the construction of the first restaurant created quite a buzz across campus, it can only be expected that the excitement will be tenfold as students realize the commute to get a burrito bowl is virtually cut in half.

The menu will feature all of the classic favorites including soft and hard tacos, burritos and their signature chips and guacamole, and yes, it will still cost extra.

The previously dormant Burger King building will host the thriving Mexican Grille, after being shut

down a few years ago due to health code violations. Construction will begin before the end of the current spring semester and is said to be completed by the beginning of the fall. Chipotle will also be offering catering for the 2015 Thiel Homecoming.

Many upperclassmen are disappointed in the timing of the construction but remain enthusiastic that on their return as alumni they will be able experience the new eatery. Senior Alexis Bump has made the trek to Chipotle and said, "I wish the drive would have been that easy during my time here." But she, among many other seniors, has already reserved her spot for the October 2015 festivities.

The introduction of the gourmet burrito shop will not only be open to Thiel students, but to Greenville

residents as well and the city seems to be just as excited as the college.

"This is a great place for families to visit, as well as young and old community members," Steve Smith, a longtime resident of Greenville said, "We are thrilled to welcome a new business that has done so well in surrounding areas."

And of course, the open-

ing of a restaurant means that jobs are becoming available as well. Thiel students are welcomed with a great opportunity to earn money without having to travel. Chipotle employees require no experience and are often quickly promoted through the ranks.

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Glitch causes change in London trip

by Keeley Criswell,

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Due to a computer glitch on the part of the tour operator, the students currently scheduled for the London/Paris trip with Dr. Morgan this summer will actually be heading to Tokyo, Japan for a month. The glitch occurred sometime earlier this month, but was only discovered this past week. Student Sean Oros discovered the error while he was reviewing his online account with the tour company. He then alerted other students in the group to the error, and it was discovered that all accounts related to the forthcoming trip displayed the same information about Tokyo.

"I think that changing to Japan is an interesting option." Oros said, the student who first discovered the error.

The tour operator apologized for the error, and admitted that it originated from the computer system on their end of the transaction.

"We are very sorry for any frustration this may have caused. We have been having a lot of difficulties with our computer software lately. Sadly, this is not the only trip to have been affected. There are three different trips that have had their locations changed. There is nothing we can do as accommodations and flights have already been booked," John Jones, a spokesman for the organization, said.

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Date set for ground breaking ceremony of new apartments

by David DeVivo, jdevi871@thiel.edu

After much debate, a defining member of the board, Randy Smith, has publicly come forward with new details and designs of the future construction of new dormitories for students. This construction will all be possible by a generous donation from Paul Snyder, a Thiel alumnus from the 1965 graduating class.

"I believe that in order for our college to grow and prosper, we must have a positive atmosphere. Building

new dormitories will bring positive vibes to both the student body and also to the campuses overall look," Smith said.

Smith shared the details of the dimensions of each living space and the ideal look for the building itself.

The building itself will house ten apartments per floor, and will stand three stories tall, and will have one elevator that will operate on the backside of the building. The elevator

shaft will be made out of glass. "The see-through elevator will allow students to admire the campuses natural beauty, and will provide an overlook of both baseball and softball fields."

The building that will be housing all the apartments is to be named the Snyder Ranch Apartments. The building's front entrance will lead into a grand, spacious room with snack and drink machines, as well as an ATM. The first floor of apartments will be built with four separate living spaces attached together by one common living area. All of the first floor apartment living area spaces will be filled with two couches, multiple outlets, and a glass coffee table. The apartments' kitchens will have the standard kitchen accessories and appliances such as a refrigerator, microwave, and stove.

The second story of the Snyder Ranch apartment will house ten apartments each with the same dimensions for the separate living spaces, however the common living area will each contain a fish tank that will be built directly into the wall. Each tank to be put in is required to not go over the limit of twenty gallons. The living

area space on the second floor apartments will all also contain the same two couches and glass coffee table. The kitchen also has the same dimensions and concept.

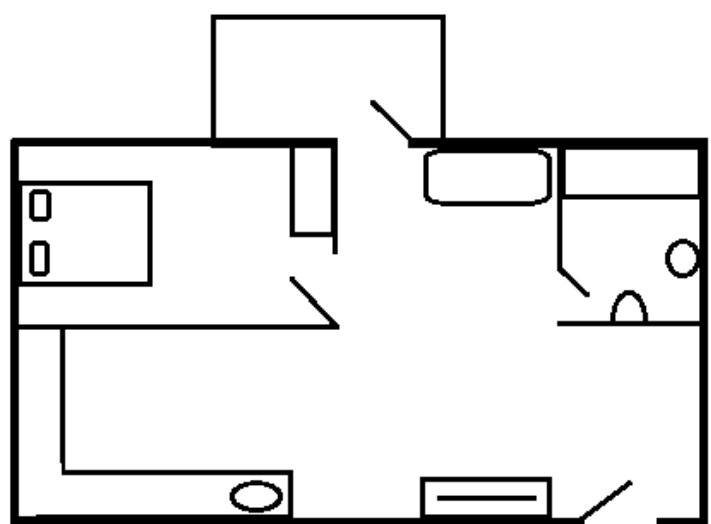
The third story apartments will house the same amount of students with the same concept of the fish tank and kitchen styles. The third floor will house the laundry room and a twenty-four-seven ice machine.

The Snyder Ranch apartments are set to be the college's greenest and most environmentally conscious building to date. The roof of the apartments will be covered by massive solar energy panels, which will in turn generate power for not only the apartments but the rest of the lower-campus buildings.

"The addition of this apartment building will bring in new attention and also provide current students with new living abilities and arrangements," Smith said.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the whole construction will be taking place in the lot of land behind the Bane parking lot.

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The apartments will also come with a balcony, a 75 inch flat screen TV, and a Jacuzzi on the balcony.
Photo Credit: Keeley Criswell



Students will no longer be able to view Big Ben on the trip.
Photo Credit: Keeley Criswell



Thiel Happenings

compiled by Liz Carlson, ecarlson@thiel.edu

Friday, April 10:

First Annual Pong Fest
11p.m.-1a.m. in the LHR

Grab your drinkin' buddies and stop by the LHR are for free beer and some friendly competition

Saturday, April 11:

Bonfire
10 p.m. in the Freshman Quad

What better way to celebrate the re-appearance of warm weather than with a giant fire!

Monday, April 13:

Guest Speaker: Ellen DeGeneres
9 p.m. in Passavant

World renowned talk show host Ellen DeGeneres will be here to share the story of her successful career

Saturday, April 18:

Niagara Falls Trip
Limited seating available, Sign up in the TAB Office

Monday, April 20:

No Classes - In Service Day

New academic building

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In 1982, he opened his own neuropsychology lab in Boston, Massachusetts. It is rumored that the new psychology center will contain a state of the art neuropsychology lab, dedicated to Dr. Reed himself.

"My father cherished every moment that he spent at Thiel College and recognized the education that he received here as the foundation to his success. He has since passed away, but he wanted nothing more in his life than to give back to the institution, and I cannot think of any better way to do so," Jennifer Reed said, the daughter of Dr. Reed.

Global Club Presents...

Wines from around the world

~wine and other alcoholic beverages~
~sake, whiskey, tequila, wine, vodka, and more!
Age: 21+
Cost: 100 bolivar
When: April 10, 7 p.m.
Where: Weyers



Thiel to relocate to Beijing for next academic year

by Hunter Michaelis, HMic813@thiel.edu

Thiel has been a staple in western Pennsylvania since 1866, and Greenville has hosted the college for nearly 150 years. Its history, which has been rich in teaching countless students how to be responsible and educated adults seems to never end.

However, due to a variety of reasons that goes up as high as the administration, Thiel College will be relocating to China at the conclusion of the 2014-15 school year.

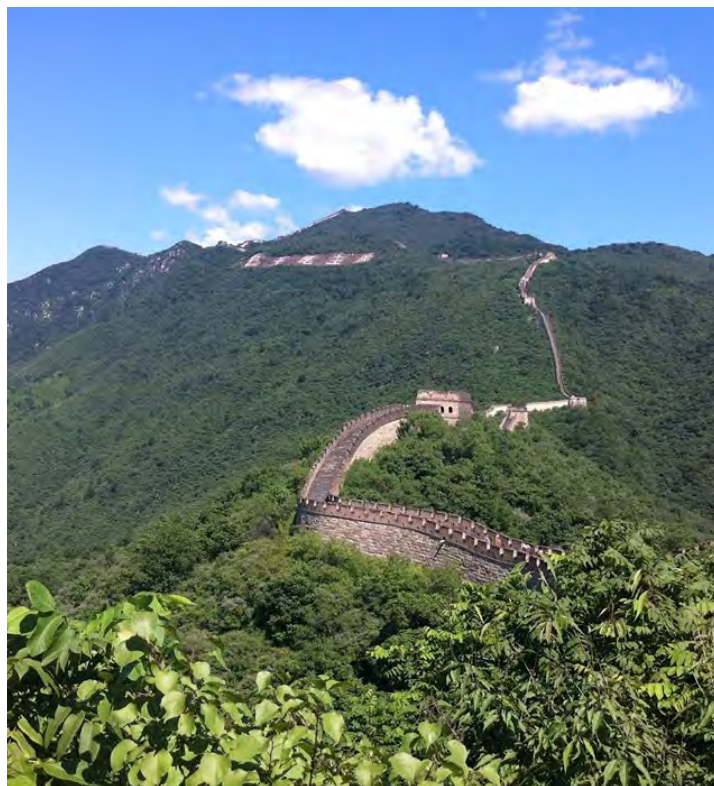
"It's no lie that colleges around America are struggling," Dr. Leonard Reams, member of the board, said, "Many colleges have been cutting corners to survive for years, including laying off faculty or raising tuition. We didn't want to focus on either, and now it's come to this. I'm very sad that this is the last year of the college's operation in the US."

Thiel has been struggling with declining enrollment and a low retention rate, which makes it difficult for a private college like Thiel to get its funding. The options, besides raising tuition or laying off people just to keep the doors open, are very limited.

"The college, unfortunate as it is, will be going to China where education is cheaper," Brenda Reynolds, Dean of International Frugality, said. "We do not have any relocation plans for the current students at this time."

This comes at a time when the college has just made improvements such as a new Communications Center and plans to renovate the science facility and construct a track. Despite these expensive plans, the students, both young and old, will not get the opportunity to see these places be constructed.

"These plans were actually pretty cool. I run track and cross country, so I would've loved to see them, but you



After the relocation, Thiel Activities will arrange culturally-related trips and activities for students. The annual NYC trip will be replaced with a trip to the Great Wall of China, pictured above.

Photo Credit: Kate Dong

know how it is, life sometimes doesn't give you what you want," Grant Lawrence, sophomore, said. "I'm going to miss it [Thiel]."

With Thiel considering this move for several years, especially in the last two, a strong attraction for the liberal arts college has grown in China.

The government in China has promised to continue the school's long-standing legacy as a small-town Lutheran school. This is why the government has elected to re-establish the college in China's capital city, Beijing.

"It's a real shame," Jake Victors, professor of psychology, said, "I've been teaching at Thiel for more than 20 years. Now, though, I don't have a job. I can't imagine teaching anywhere else but here. It's a great place."

With the announcement basically coming at random, all students and faculty will be forced to choose different themselves. At least everyone

will have the summertime to find another institution before the new school year begins.

"I still can't believe it," Derrick Williams, senior, said, "I'll be part of the last class to walk through Thiel's halls. It's kind of an eerie feeling, especially because I'll actually be the last to walk across the stage to graduate. You never think that you'll be the last person to do something, but we actually are."

As for the College's buildings, the mayor's office of Greenville declined to comment on the future of the historic college. For the moment, the space will be an unmistakable reminder of what was, what could have been, and what was lost all because of money.

"We have tried to keep the doors open, but Thiel's just one of many schools to struggle. At least the students in China can receive a great education, because Thiel's the best place to go for that," Reams said.

New apartment complex to be built

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The apartments will also be pet friendly, in order to bring an animal in to the apartments, there are a few rules on what kind of critters are legal or illegal. As many student know, the ASPCA has created a list of requirements in order for an animal to be considered a legal pet.

The pet can not have more than four legs and must be house-trained in order to pass the first level of requirements. The second level states that the animal caretaker must

provide a name and the breed name, and must also must show proof of the required vaccinations for each species of household pets.

If all of that is provided and proven the pet will legally be allowed in the dormitory apartments.

To show the college's level of compliance with the new laws of permitting pets, the campus maintenance has instructed by the president to build dog trash cans and clean up areas all over campus.

The new dormitory apartments will for sure be the face of the college's marketing strategies, but more importantly the apartments will be the prayer answered by the student body for modernized apartment living spaces. The apartments will also produce clean and eco-friendly energy, which will, as the board noted, be the building's true strength and clear advantage to all opposing the construction of the new apartments.

Thiel College Police Blotter

April 1, 1:23 a.m.

Two students were found to be living in a tent in Riverside Park. It is still unclear how long they had been living there.

April 1, 2:50 a.m.

A student was arrested and taken to jail after hijacking one of the public safety vehicles.

April 1, 4:28 a.m.

A student was caught after stealing four bags of salt and vinegar chips from the Bistro.

April 1, 8:00 a.m.

Fifty students were found in a Stewart dorm room drinking alcohol and playing chess.

April 1, 10:30 a.m.

Warranted search to shut down all alcoholic parties.

April 1, 8:40 p.m.

Two students were found to be in possession of a turtle breeding farm.



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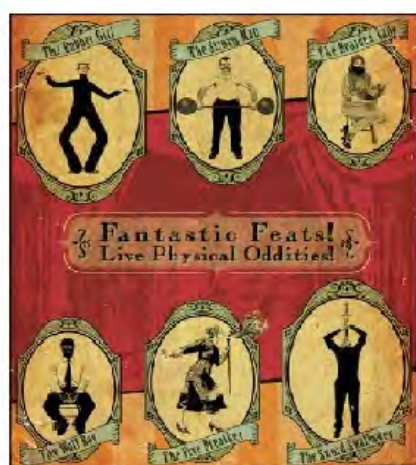
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Come Out and Support Thiel College's First Annual Freak Show!

Day: April 2nd
Time: 11pm - 3am
Place: The Passavant Center
Admission is \$20



Come on out to see their Freak Flags Fly!

Chipotle finally comes to Greenville

by Ashley Ames, aames267@thiel.edu



CHIPOTLE

MEXICAN GRILL

Thiel students are sure to be celebrating soon: the Greenville Board of Commerce has announced that Chipotle Mexican Grill will soon be coming Greenville. Both Greenville residents and Thiel students

alike will be able to enjoy the Mexican cuisine all year round. The Chipotle experience is undoubtedly unique and strays from the traditional fast food line up; the open kitchen gives customers an ambiance not

usually found in high-class restaurants. And while many are looking forward to summer break, the expansion of Chipotle will definitely be something to be excited about as students return in the fall.



The Patriots are moving out of Boston

by Chris Kafka, CKafka549@thiel.edu



Chris kafka, staff writer
Photo Credit: Keeley Criswell

NFL Free Agency was the center of the buzzing among the football universe, but perhaps the biggest news of the last decade has officially struck. The defending Super Bowl champion New England Patriots are deciding to book it out of Boston. NFL insider Adam Schefter reported the news this morning, stating that "Green-ville, PA has too much to offer for the Patriots to pass up on".

The Patriots has always been located on the northeast, but the

money and environment lured them away.

"There are many great things about this town", said quarterback Tom Brady. "I really enjoy that small school named Thiel College. And Greenville has such thriving culture, I can't imagine wanting to go anywhere else. I'm surprised no one else is there yet."

Brady continued on, stating that the location of the town could actually improve his performance.

"Being in Boston my whole career, I have always been surrounded by distractions and the media. It is difficult to get more remote than Greenville, and that could play into my advantage. I will be able to practice in a peaceful environment and focus solely on football."

In another ridiculous change of events, the NFL will see a major overhaul in the next few years. It will eventually become the NFFL or "National Flag Football League". This idea

stemmed from injuries occurring and the danger of the sport. Even though most of serious injuries as of late have been occurring without contact, the commissioner still thinks that this will improve the game.

"The game of football has always been a violent game", said commissioner Goodell. "Players do not like getting hit, because that is not how the game was meant to be played! We are meant to basically play a game of tag and avoid any

and all kinds of contact."

Goodell later tweeted that the game of football will still share the same excitement.

"Even without the contact, this game will still bring enjoyment to the viewers", Goodell said. "We will continue to monitor players' safety and make other ridiculous rule changes that will actually have no real impact. However, we promise that such horrific atrocities such as deflated footballs will never occur again!"

Why your favorite movie is awful...

featuring the CAAF

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.

On a historic day three years ago, a visionary named Jim Rome created a foundation to help troubled youth stay out of trouble, The Cockfights Across America Foundation. I believe that the Cockfights Across America Foundation can impact our nation's youth for a variety of reasons. These reasons include: keeping children off the streets and away from drugs, building lasting relationships between friends and family, as well as building a better future for our nation's youth.

Many children growing up in the inner city are constantly exposed to negative activity including drugs, gang violence, and prostitutes. Instead of children spending valuable time and money on these things, they can use that money to gamble at their local cockfighting parlor. This will significantly lower teen crime. For example, in the 1800's cockfighting was legal and teen crime was minimal. With CAAF, a child can be around others like them-

selves in a safe environment away from the streets.

Going to a local cockfight can also build lasting relationships between friends and family as they celebrate two roosters massacre each other for their enjoyment. When I was younger, my father was very distant from me, mainly because I was not the typical son he wanted me to be. One day he decided to take me down to a local cockfight and he let me choose who to bet his 500 dollars on, which ended up being Big Red. When that rooster eventually won, I finally won my father's love. I want children to feel the same way I felt that day, and CAAF can help them with that.

Many people will say that this foundation is worse than the things it is trying to rescue children from. For these people I have to say this, have you ever seen the joy on a child's face after attending a cockfight? It is the joy one only has during birthdays and Christmas. Sure cockfighting may be a little un-

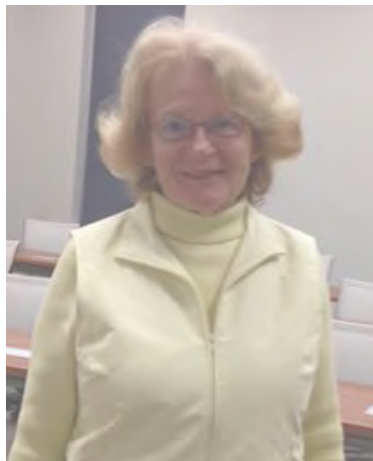
orthodox, but it's worth it when done for the greater good.

Some others may say Cockfighting may be a gateway to drugs and alcohol. The people at Cockfights Across America know this and accept it. They would rather have the children smoke and drink in a safe environment rather than out on the crime-ridden streets.

Cockfights Across America is still a newer foundation and has yet to catch on the majority of the population. With the continued support of people like me, CAAF can end up being an international company that will help out millions of children all around the world. Whether it's rescuing children from the streets, or building relationships between father and son, I believe Cockfights Across America Foundation can impact our nation's youth. In the words of the founder, "Cockfights Across America Foundation: saving children and families, one bloody rooster at a time".

Thiel auditor offers experience

by Pat Donner, PDonner@thiel.edu



Forty-ish brothers John and Bill, hailing from Southwest Pennsylvania, enjoyed hunting in Northwest West Virginia. One day in September, twenty years ago, they were doing their pre-hunting season scouting, looking for places where there was a potential abundance of game. Off the main highway, they had left civilization behind and were enjoying a drive through the mountains in the back country. Distracted, as they were looking for game and not paying strict attention to the narrow road, they felt a

thud; they had struck an animal. As they got out to investigate, they realized they had hit and severely injured a wild boar (pig). Not knowing exactly what to do, they labored to pull the animal to the roadside. With cellphones not yet in common use and with it being unlikely to make contact in the hills anyway, they headed to the nearest small town to report the event. In town, they located a pay phone on the corner of the main intersection; using the tattered telephone book hanging from a chain in the booth, they located the number and called the office of the West Virginia Game Commission. Without identifying himself, John reported the incident and its location. The game commissioner thanked him for calling but explained that the wild boar was a protected animal in West Virginia. The wild boar originated from the domesticated pigs raised by the early settlers. Some of those early

animals had strayed, resulting in a wild boar population. The game commissioner further explained that, unfortunately, there is a stiff fine for harming one of these animals. He asked John for identification.

John thought quickly. He had divulged nothing about himself; with the slim chance that his call could be traced, he quickly hung up the phone. Their guilty consciences aside, the brothers headed back to the hills to continue their search for good hunting grounds.

Two weeks before Thanksgiving, there was a knock at the front door of John's home. When he opened the door, there stood a West Virginia game warden, serving him with a warrant for his arrest. John was in shock. Unbelievable! How had he been identified?

Turn to the page upside down for the answer...

DIY: April Fools Fun

by Keeley Criswell, kCriswell@thiel.edu

Most of you have roommates. Most of you are heading home today. Most of you have parents, grandparents and/or siblings. And... it's April Fools! This seems like a fun combination...

Do you need some ideas of fun things to do to your loved ones?

Take a gander at this list for some ideas!

The Fake News

Clip an article for the Thielensian. Take it home with you, and show you parents the fun things that are happening at Thiel! Some good ideas are the articles about the coloring class and the new buildings. See how many articles you can get your family to believe before they catch on.

The Missing Mouse

If your victim uses a laser-type mouse, tape a piece of paper over the sensor. The sensor will no longer think the mouse is moving when it really is!

The "Chicken-Dinner" Shower

Remove the shower head in your parent's shower. Place a Chicken Bouillon cube (or part of one if the whole thing won't fit) in the shower head. Put the shower head back on. Wait for someone to take a shower. [Chicken Bouillon cubes can be purchased

at Walmart for a few dollars. Typically, they are used to make gravy or chicken broth.]

The Television Conundrum

Put a piece of tape over the television remote sensor. Watch your family's confusion as they try to relax. Also, make sure you hide all the batteries, so they can't find any (since their first thought will likely be that the batteries are dead)!

The Faucet

This one involves water. This will only work if you have access to a sink with a sprayer attachment that has a squeeze button or handle to make the water come out. Take a rubber band (or a hair tie) and wrap it around the handle on the hose (thereby causing the button or handle to be pressed down). Make sure the nozzle is pointed towards where someone would stand to turn on the sink. Now, when an unsuspecting someone goes to use the sink, he or she will end up getting soaked when the water is turned on.

The We-Need-a-New-Computer

Sit down at your victim's computer. Close all open applications and then press "Alt" and the print screen button (on the Lenovo laptops, it is called "PrtSc"). If you

cannot find they key, you can always do a Google-search for your computer (just enter your computer brand into Google along with "print Key." Example: If you have a Windows, you would search for "Windows print key location.") Next, open paint and press the "paste" button. Your screenshot will appear on Paint. Save the picture. Then, set the picture as the desktop background. Last, right-click on the desktop, go to "view," and click "show desktop icons" to remove the checkmark (again, you can Google-search this if these instructions do not match your computer). Once this is done, it will look like the icons are still visible (since the background is now a screenshot of what the background used to be with all the icons). However, you will not be able to click on anything. [To reverse this, just right click on the desktop, go to "view," and click "show desktop icons" again.]

Note: I played this trick on the home computer once, and no one said anything. So, I assumed my father had figured it out. A few days later, I caught him on his laptop looking to purchase a new computer. It turns out he thought the computer had broken. So, if you intend to play this prank on someone, make sure you ask them about it later... preferably before said person buys a new computer.

The answer to Pat Donner's article: The pig had squealed on him!

Fashion Frenzy: the Crapchat

by Katie Allgeier, kallgeier@thiel.edu

Snapchat is a social media application that has swept through schools like wildfire since its release. As many know, the application allows people to send quick photos with short captions to friends as a way of letting them know where they are and how they are feeling.

The typical pictures found on Snapchat have been fairly standard, Instagram-esque photos: pets, food, significant others, and duckfaces have all made their way to become staples of the application.

Recently, however, there has been a new trend among these ten-second selfies: the "Crapchat."

A term coined by a delightful young lady in Erie who uses the app to communicate to her peers during extended bathroom stays, "Crapchat" refers to the practice of taking selfies while on the toilet (presumably while defecating).

"I think it's really empowering," Sergio Brownriver, a fervid senior Crapchatter, said. "It's like saying, 'Here I am, and I poop. Here I am, while I poop. I love it.'"

Brownriver's sentiments have been echoed across Thiel's campus by students and faculty alike.

"I love Crapchat. It means that I never have to stop being in contact with my friends, even when I'm in the bathroom," sophomore Taka Duump said. "Crapchat for days," fresh-

man Noah Limyts said. In spite of the freedom and power that the trend brings to users, some students find the use of the Crapchat to be a disturbing.

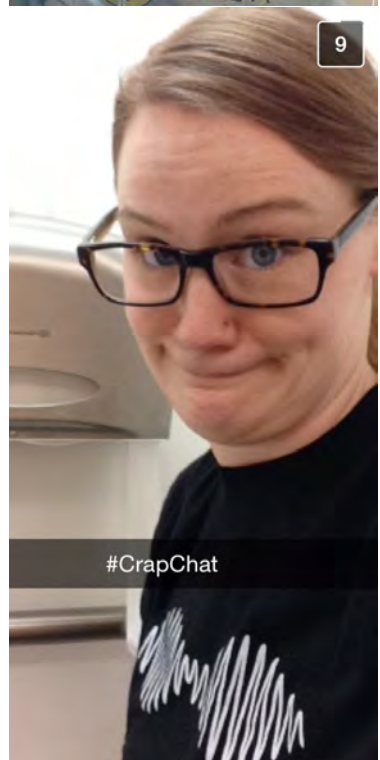
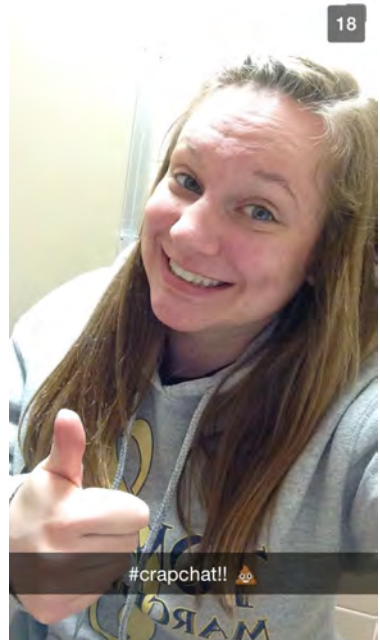
"I don't know why anyone would want to do that," Quentin Gnophin said. "There is a reason those stalls have doors, and it's so I can't see you."

In addition, the constant contact is causing some issues for the public, particularly when users forget to turn the sound effects off on their phones. Few things are an uncomfortable as sitting in the bathroom and hearing the "click" of a photo being taken in the next stall over.

Seema Pu, the young woman who began the Crapchat movement, said that she and her friends have become more comfortable with each other since they began Crapchatting.

"Me and my friends send these to each other all the time. It's like, we all know that we all poop. We've just kind of grown up a little and can openly talk about it now," she said.

It is unclear whether Crapchat is here to stay, or is just another social media fad. One thing is for sure, however: the world could do with a little growing up about bodily functions, and Crapchat just might be the way to get it. So if you hear the telltale "click" of a photo being taken, just assume someone somewhere is growing up



Sara Merkle and Katie Allgeier, juniors, take part in the recent Crapchat craze.



Coloring class to be added in Fall 2015

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Students will have the option to go onto Advanced Coloring Principles, which is the highest course on this new area of the curriculum for the moment. This course will only be open to juniors and seniors, but unlike the other classes, taking it will actually be at the discretion of the students.

Among the student body, the reaction hasn't been as strong as the administration's:

"This is really stupid. What this is is just a waste of everyone's money. I mean, who doesn't know how to color?" Jillian Taylor, junior, said, who refused the offer to remain anonymous, "They should be focusing on the real problems on campus."

"I think I learned to color when I was five or six. I'm pretty sure I know what I need to know about that subject," Greg Wilkes, freshman, said, "The classes add six credits to our Core that we could focus on something else. How are we supposed to compete with other students our age?"

Much like the languages at Thiel, the coloring classes will



Students will color copies of classic paintings such as Van Gogh's "Starry Night," pictured above.

Photo Credit: Keeley Criswell

have to be taken back-to-back, or else students risk sacrificing the credits they just earned for the first semester.

"I think the students will come around," Green said, "We

like to keep required courses at a minimum and allow students to take what their hearts are into, but we really think this course is necessary for a variety of reasons."

New class offering:

Fall 2014 INDS 230:

Fantastical Beasts and Where to Find Them

An in-depth look at the creatures in HP and their counterparts throughout history.

Quidditch Team Tryouts

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Sports teams to go on retreats

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Athletes at Thiel, take heed: a retreat is coming. All Thiel teams will be attending the exercise in Cleveland in April.

"This retreat is for team-building, sportsmanship, and creating the athletes who can study and learn, while also being great at their chosen sport," Victor Smith, a member on the Board of Directors, said.

The retreat, which will take place during the weekend of Apr 17-19, will involve the hundreds of athletes that roam around Thiel's campus.

Each sport will have a different area to focus on. For example, the baseball team will be working on exercises that will improve their hand and shoulder strength. The volleyball team will participate in workshops to improve their response times and knee and ankle strength.

"This has to be done. We spent a little bit of time talking about it, and every sport will have exercises to deal with," Barry Wilkes said, Director of Athletics at Thiel, "These will be hard exercises, but they will make you a better athlete."

The exercises, which were designed to challenge specific areas of an athlete's sport, will occur the entire weekend.

"We wanted to put more of an emphasis on completing the exercises. They can always relax when they get back to school," Wilkes said.

In particular, the football team will be participating in chess tournaments against each other in order to build their resilience and thinking skills.

For the lacrosse teams, both male and female teams will be expected to participate in what the administration calls "energy relief tryouts."

The exercises are designed sort of like an obstacle course, with an added emphasis on holding the lacrosse stick up like one is ready to receive the entire time.

"This improves their strength, which is something we thought could only benefit the teams," Wilkes said.

The basketball teams will have to participate in two three-hour long jump and high-jump exercises to build their strength in that area. This way,

the athletes will be able to jump higher, longer, and faster than any other team in the region.

"This is interesting," Tracy Hency, said, a junior on the lacrosse team, "I would love to see how obstacle courses while holding our sticks up in the reception position will help us."

"Sometimes, I just wish I could see their research. When I think of a retreat, I think of a religious retreat, or something along those lines," James Pierce, said, sophomore on the football team, "I'm not even that good at chess."

Despite the confused students across campus, the retreat is still set to take place. The decision of the administration was difficult: should the weekend be the week following Easter recess, or just before finals?

The decision came after listening to opinions presented by Wilkes and students during a special meeting of the Board Directors of Thiel College.

"Don't get me wrong. They'll be tired, they'll be sore. Still, we think that this is the best decision for everyone moving forward," Wilkes said.

Thiel creates intramural hockey team

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After a long debate with the administration, Thiel College has elected to add an intramural hockey team to its active and popular program. This decision comes as a part of the college's effort to become more competitive with schools in the area.

The move, sported by a student campaign of six former hockey athletes, expected to be turned down by the administration because of budget constraints. The answer they received was something they didn't anticipate.

"These teams come at a time when Thiel needs to become a stronger school for students to want to come to," Jack Little, senior, said. Little played center on his high school's hockey team all through high school, "Hockey's our way to get closer to that goal."

The teams will play in the gym with the choice of wearing inline skates or playing without. They will be built like any other intramural sport at Thiel with the option to make their teams as diverse as they want. Other intramural teams require one or more female players, but intramural hockey attempts to become more open and freer to the players.

"Hockey's a competitive sport. It's rough. We didn't want to force anyone to play if they didn't want to," Heath-

er Meredith, sophomore and fellow participant in the campaign, said. "This way, teams will be able to be formed with the best possible players who want to play."

The program will consist of a 12 game season with eight-minute periods. There will be a short intermission in-between each period like the professional and collegiate leagues. The rules for professional hockey, much like you would see for an NHL game, will carry over to the intramural program.

This campaign, which was kept relatively secret from the student body, was a three-month effort with administration members. The students sat in on every administration and board meeting on the subject in order to generate funding for the project. The body decided to donate some equipment to the program, including hockey nets and sticks with balls.

"We thought the student presentations were well done. Normally, so much effort wouldn't go into forming an intramural team, but we really want Thiel to become more attractive," Dr. James Johnson, a member of the board who ultimately decided to approve the program, said, "That starts with the students and what they want."

Just like other intramural sports at Thiel, there will be a playoff tournament at the

end of the 12 game season, as well as a bracket for the losing teams. A team will have to win at least nine of the games in order to participate in the championship bracket.

"I'm excited to see the shootouts," Johnson said, "They can get really competitive at the professional level. I expect this program to be as strong as our other teams in the intramural program. We're excited for the start of the program next fall."

As an extra incentive, the students, led by Little and Meredith, elected to allow the teams to bring as much or as little equipment as they want. The only requirement will be a helmet for goalies, which can anything from a cage to stand-issue hockey helmets you see in the NHL.

"I don't think this creates an unfair advantage," Little said, "I think this program will be taken so seriously that people will fight just as hard. My high school didn't have equipment for my hockey team until my sophomore year, so you get used to that."

"I'm just excited to be taking shots, again," Meredith said, a goalie for her own high school's team, "To me, that's an experience you can't find anywhere else, especially when you win it all."

Computer glitch causes study-abroad trip location change

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Despite the initial shock, students are beginning to get used to the idea of a new trip destination.

"At first, I was rather upset. The downside about going to Japan is that I won't be able to find any Roman ruins in Tokyo. Wasn't sure I'd find any in London, either--but hey, at least the Romans were there. Ultimately, I think that changing to Japan is an interesting option. I mean, I had hoped to steal a suit of armor and pretend I was a knight, but now I guess I'm going to have to steal a suit of armor and pretend I'm a samurai. Not quite my style, but still really cool," Oros said.

The adviser for the trip, Dr. Morgan was also rather angry at first.

"I had called the company many times to discuss the trip, and no one caught this gaff. I am also frustrated that I have organized presentations about British life and culture all semester. Well, sayonara London! It's very upsetting," Morgan said.

However, like the students, he is beginning to like the idea of the change.

"Japan has a very interesting culture as well. It is very different from that of London and very rich in many different ways. I think the students will learn quite a lot about being global citizens while in Tokyo," Morgan said.

Students will still depart for the trip on May 11, as was planned. However, the new



Students, such as Keeley Criswell, pictured above, on the faculty-lead trip this summer will no longer be able to explore London and Paris. Instead, they will be sent to Tokyo, Japan.

Photo Credit: Keeley Criswell

itinerary has them returning on May 25, 5 days later than was originally planned. Dr. Morgan has decided to switch the topic of the weekly cultural presentations to the culture of Japan to better prepare students for the culture shock of visiting a country with such a different

culture and language than that in the United States.

"I had been excited that I was finally visiting a country that I, as a typical American, could understand the language of. Now... well, I might be a little out of my element. But hopefully things will work out."

Happy April 1 2015

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-- Hunter Michaelis, Editor in Chief