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A New Display Cabinet for the LRC

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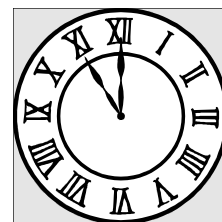
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When Dr. Griscom emailed the campus community that there was a display cabinet up for grabs, the library was the first to respond. A glass display cabinet was already on the library's "wish list" so the LRC staff was very excited to take ownership. But...how to get it up to the mezzanine level, the desired location for the new cabinet? Measurements were taken and the maintenance staff was consulted. It looked like an impossible task until Diane Ambruso asked Ray Murry if the top could be temporarily removed. Once Ray had the top removed, he and his assistant were able to maneuver the cabinet to its permanent location on the mezzanine.



Library Hours

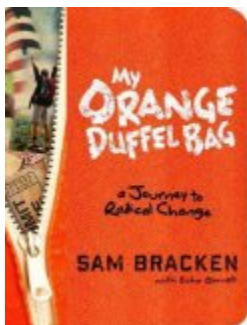
Sunday 2:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Monday 7:00 am - 10:00 pm
Tuesday 7:00 am - 10:00 pm
Wednesday 7:00 am - 10:00 pm
Thursday 7:00 am - 10:00 pm
Friday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday Closed

You Can Like Us on Facebook



The Thaddeus Stevens College Learning Resources Center has been on Facebook since December 2012. The Office of Marketing and Public Information administers and oversees content on all of the college's Facebook pages. Chad Baker, Director of Marketing, created the library's page and acts as one of the administrators. Chad also created a Social Media Guidelines document for the campus community to follow when creating their own social media pages. The document states that while Thaddeus Stevens College respects First Amendment rights and embraces free speech values, users should also be aware that "Thaddeus Stevens College reserves the right to block or remove the content of any post....without prior notice for any reason deemed to be in the College's best interest." Specifically posts will be removed that violate campus policies, including but not limited to "harassing, threatening, or profane language aimed at creating a hostile intimidating environment." The guidelines also describe "best practices" for posting on social media. These include think twice before posting, strive for accuracy, be respectful, obtain written consent from individuals identifiable in photographs, and consider using a watermark on photographs.

Book Club News



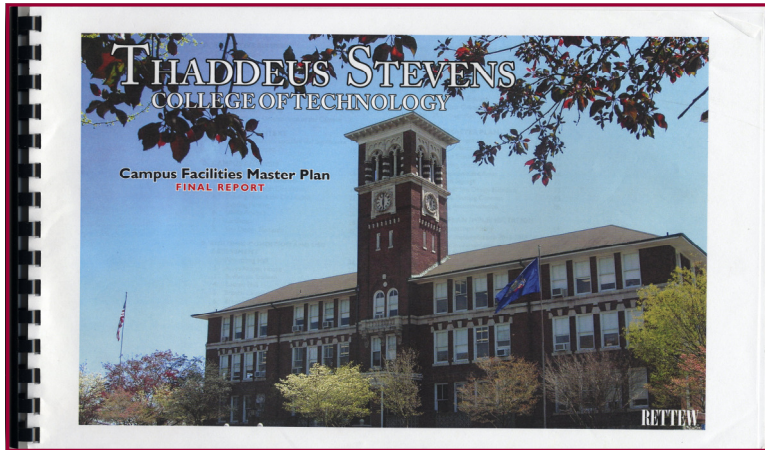
Click on the book cover to
access the YouTube video

The Mezzanine Mavens met in October to discuss Tina Fey's autobiography, *Bossy pants*. Unfortunately, attendance at this meeting was low due to scheduling conflicts with other meetings on campus. However, retired faculty member Linda McCulley came back to campus to join in the discussion.

Next on the list for the book club is the campus's common read selection, *My Orange Duffel Bag: A Journey to Radical Change* by Sam Bracken. In this inspirational tale of courage, the author describes how he battled poverty, homelessness, and abuse; yet he ended up earning a football scholarship to the Georgia Institute of Technology. When he left for college, everything he owned fit into his orange duffel bag.

Then next meeting for the book club will be on **December 4, 2013**, at **4:30 pm**. Please note that this is a time change from the usual mid-day meeting time.

The Master Plan is Here



If you haven't yet taken a look at the Campus Facilities Master Plan and would like to see what the future holds for the college, copies of the final report are available in the library. The Master Plan is an extraordinary document that attempts to guide campus development for the next 10 years.

The plan outlines the current use, existing conditions, and required upgrades of each building on campus, including Branch and the Greiner campus. It then focuses on areas for improvement including gathering spaces, signage, lighting, parking, and pedestrian walkways.

New Chairs Arrive

The new chairs that the library ordered have finally arrived and are now being used by our students in the computer lab. The old chairs were on wheels and had adjustable seats, which meant there was a lot more opportunity for breakage. The new chairs not only look nice and improve the appearance of the lab, but they are a lot more sturdy and should last for a much longer period of time.



Librarian's Peanut Butter Pie

...makes a great holiday dessert

- 1 oz. cream cheese.
- 1/2 box confectioner sugar
- 4 tbsp. heaping peanut butter
- 1 container cool whip
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla

Mix together. Pour into ready-made crust.
Allow to stand in refrigerator 2-3 hrs.



The Kauffman House

Tarique Godson
Jared Weathers



The Jahn House

Brandon Becker
Travis Duncker
Verónica Thomas



The East Wing National Art Gallery

Eli Villalobos
Jeremy Kurtz



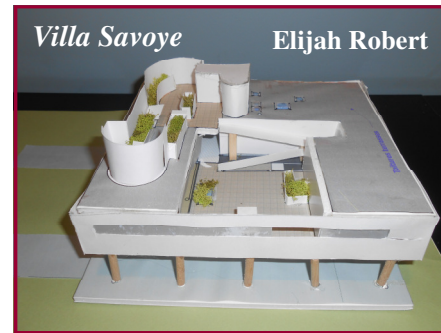
The Smith House

Jonathan Ortiz
Devin Wiley



Villa Savoye

Elijah Robert



The Mouse House Project

Contrary to popular belief, the mouse house project is not “designed” to build living quarters for a rodent. The mouse here is actually a computer mouse which will be able to reside in the students’ scale models that have an approximate maximum size of one cubic foot.

Students began by choosing a building by a well-known architect and then they researched the building’s history, materials, and structure. After studying floor plans, elevations, and photos of their building, they were ready to build their scale model. Students also had to write a report, create a professional PowerPoint presentation, and then present an oral report on their architect and building to their class.

Temple Beth Zion

Kyle Crills
Wayne Miller



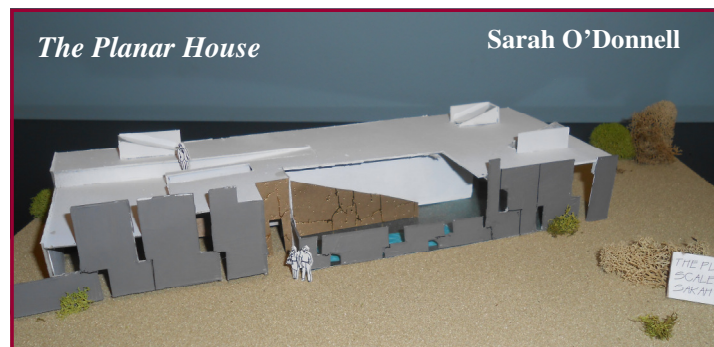
The Glass House

Matt Haldeman
Dylan Hrubochak



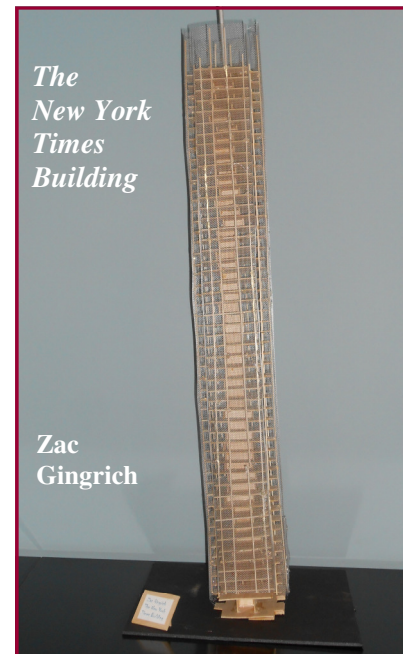
The Planar House

Sarah O'Donnell



The New York Times Building

Zac
Gingrich



Furniture on Display



*Michael Cardinal
East Greenville, PA
Cherry with minwax cherry stain
Queen Anne Chest on frame*



*Brendan Buttillo
Bethlehem, PA
Mahogany/ Teak Natural
Kneehole Writing Desk*



*John Goodwin
Bensalem, PA
Cherry Wood
Massachusetts Block Front Chest*

Happy Holidays

from the staff @ the LRC



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Learning Resources Center



Our goal is to help you find the information you need at a time and place that's convenient for you. Our promise is to help you understand when information is needed, recognize where it is, and master methods to retrieve it.

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Featured Web Site - Airbnb

<http://www.airbnb.com>

National Public Radio recently aired a story about a relatively new trend in the marketplace: the sharing or peer-to-peer economy. More and more people are deciding to sell their unused personal assets and increasingly they are turning to the Internet to do it. The idea of using the Internet to sell unwanted items is not new (see eBay and Craigslist), but the collapsing economy of a few years back opened up a whole new sector to the online marketplace. One of these - Airbnb - lets people rent out their unused homes, apartments, or even rooms.

Airbnb was founded in 2008, when two of its co-founders were struggling to pay their rent on a loft in San Francisco. That's when Brian Chesky and Joe Gebbia converted their living room into a bed and break-

fast and the idea for a company was born. Five years later (in September 2013), the company had over 500,000 listings in 33,000 cities and 192 countries.

It might seem like a crazy way to do business - renting out your personal space to strangers. But as one person, who commented on the NPR story, said, "The cool thing about web-based services, like eBay and Airbnb is the feedback system. If you ever want to do business again within the system, you'd better behave well, otherwise you get a bad reputation."

Other popular peer-to-peer businesses are Relay Rides (rent cars or make money renting your car), Task Rabbit (rejoice as your to-do list disappears), and Feastly (authentic food with real people). The holidays just got a little bit more interesting.

