



Dome Sweet Dome

On Nov. 15, the Rissell-Schreyer Dome began its journey toward the sky in the cold morning air. Frost and ice fell away from the durable vinyl structure as it filled with air and the Thiel community felt excitement as a two-year-long planning process and many months of preparation finally came to fruition. Thiel College has its dome!

The Rissell-Schreyer Dome is a seasonal air-supported structure that covers the College's multi-use athletic field from November to March each year. This facility adds six times more usable recreational space to Thiel's current available indoor athletic space during winter months and offers flexibility to configure the space for a variety of activities. The dome also provides the Greenville community with a new venue for walkers, indoor soccer leagues and other activities during inclement weather.

"The Rissell-Schreyer Dome has been a priority because of the profound impact it will have on Thiel's athletic program and campus life as well as the benefits it will deliver to the local community," said Dr. Troy D. VanAken, Thiel president.

The dome is named in honor of Dr. William A. Schreyer H'90, chairman emeritus of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., and his great-uncle, Charles D. "Tod" Rissell 1900, who is known as the "Father of Thiel Athletics."

The new dome was officially unveiled on Dec. 3 at a grand opening celebration for the Thiel, Greenville and Mercer County communities.



Pictured from top: The Rissell-Schreyer Dome towers over the First National Bank Hospitality Building at Alumni Stadium; the dome rises off the field on Nov. 15; Junior David Mossa, President Troy VanAken and Director of Athletics Jack Leipheimer help "flip the switch" and put the inflation in motion.

