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New programs to be offered Fall 2016

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Due to popular demand, Thiel College will now feature a variety of graduate school programs in Fall 2016.

It is predicted that this will double the enrollment of students. Tuition will be lowered, and additional housing conditions are being created to attract new grad students to Thiel's campus.

"I think the new students will really add a lot to the school. I really didn't want to graduate next year anyway, so now I can just stay here. I already arranged to take out another loan and start my master's degree," business student Patricia Renting said.

In addition to the new housing, Thiel will also feature additional food options. A new Food Center will be built down campus for upper classmen's convenience. Swipes will work at Sheetz next semester as well and students paying with their student ID will receive a 5% discount.

"I can't wait to have Sheetz whenever I want. I eat there all the time anyway, so now that I can use my swipes, I know I can get the exact food I want for every meal," freshman Francis Akeman said.

Within the next five years, grad programs will be designed for every bachelor's degree program that is currently being offered. The first set that will be offered next year is physics, English, and business. Other students that would like to take different master's programs are encouraged to take a year or two off to wait for Thiel to develop a program suitable for them. Thiel students will also have prioritized placement over students with an undergrad from another university.

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Students Against Unfair Practices to hosts conference on campus

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Roth Hall, the building synonymous on Thiel's campus for the red doors, is receiving the honor of hosting the Students Against Unfair Practices Conference on the weekend of April 1 to April 3, 2016. This is the first time Thiel has received this honor from the organization.

The Students Against Unfair Practices, or SAUP, is an organization formed in 1981 that fights against unethical business decisions among institutions, such as universities, businesses, and organizations in the private sector.

The organization is headquartered in Pittsburgh and currently serves all of the United States, the United Kingdom, and some other countries in the European Union.

"Thiel College is an institution that has stood out as a positive source for outstanding business practices for the last five years. Other businesses

should look up to Thiel, and we can't think of another place to have our conference this year," Merv Simmons, the Vice President of Selection at SAUP, said.

The Conference, which will cover the entire weekend, will have campus activities that students can attend to learn how to promote ethical business choices. Workshops, Q&A, and guest lectures are just a few of the events planned, the first of which will be the Leadership and Development workshop, headed up by Simmons himself.

"We'll have some of the best from the industry here this weekend," Simmons said. "Xander Thomas, Olivia Newark, and Bob Thompson are our guest lecturers. Name a big press-scaling business scandal. These folks were working with the government to clean up the damage."

Each guest lecturer will be speaking on something differ-



Roth Hall is one of Thiel's oldest buildings; it will serve as the SAUP's venue for the conference.

Photo credit: Tina Kramer

ent. For example, Thompson will be focusing on what to do

when unethical practices come to light, and Newark will touch on the benefits and drawbacks of whistle-blowing. Thomas plans on discussing the economic effects of unethical business decisions. The Q&A will follow each lecture and allow students to learn more about each subject.

"I think it's important that people know this conference isn't closed to non-SAUP members; any student can attend," Simmons said. "Whether one student attends or 500 over the weekend, we'll make sure their voices are heard."

Students have already expressed their thoughts for the conference, despite it starting this afternoon:

"I think it's a really big honor," Billy Weston, a freshman in Business Administration and a SAUP member at Thiel, said. "It's a great way to put Thiel on the map."

"I'm not really familiar with SAUP," Francine Arbogast, senior and non-SAUP student, said. "I'm graduating in less than two months and I've never heard of them. It must be fake if I don't know anything about it."

Despite this skepticism, SAUP is accredited and well-known in the field, with credentials available to anyone who asks for them upon request.

"The last thing we want is to make people nervous about whom we are. Are we a smaller organization? Of course we are. Does that mean we're the definition of hypocrisy? No. We've been gunning for Thiel for years," Simmons said. "We're happy we've finally been given the chance to show the welcoming students of Thiel what we can do."

The Pedas Center falls victim to robbery over spring break

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A robbery occurred in Pedas Center late at night on Tuesday, March 16. As of yet, no one has been detained and the exact goal of the robber is unclear.

On the morning of Wednesday, March 17, staff and students entering the Pedas Cen-

men's bathroom, which allowed the suspects to enter Pedas from the roof into the men's bathroom. In particular, the hole was cut above the handicapped stall, although the rest of the facilities were relatively untouched.

"We believe that the suspects



The Pedas Communication Center was robbed March 16. No suspects have been apprehended.

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ter were surprised to find that someone had managed to enter the building while it was closed and stole numerous items. The robbers managed to enter the building through a hole that was found cut in the ceiling of the

chose the handicapped stall because of its increased size compared to the other stalls, allowing the suspects maximum freedom of movement as they entered the building," a detective on the scene stated.

Despite the number of expensive electronic equipment stored in Pedas, such as computers and Thiel TV or Thiel Radio equipment, no technology has been reported missing. However, the printer in the main computer lab was found to have been forcibly opened with a crowbar in order for the robbers to access the ink and printer paper.

"I can't believe what they've done," an anonymous staff member told investigators. "This horrendous crime has literally rendered the printer useless."

Apart from the printer supplies, a large number of pens has also been reported missing, which aside from being extremely inconvenient for people who do not carry around pens of their own, has totally prevented the staff in Pedas from signing important forms and documents.

After stealing the supplies mentioned above, it is believed that the suspects then entered Stamm Hall by picking the lock with a paper clip, then pirated Star Wars: The Force Awakens on the computer console and

watched it on the big screen. This is further corroborated by the fact that numerous crumbs, believed to be popcorn, were discovered all across the floor of Stamm Hall.

Once the robbers were finished, they exited the building through the same hole they had cut in the ceiling, and attempted to seal the hole with a combination of staples, duct tape, scotch tape, rubber cement and Elmer's glue.

"You've got to hand it to these guys, they really thought of everything," an officer investigating the building said.

Although the suspects who committed the robbery have yet to be uncovered, staff members state that they are doing everything in their power to find the suspects responsible and bring them to justice. So far, Thiel has announced a survey which will be emailed to all students on campus asking if anyone has information or knows any students who may have committed the crime.

Thiel recycles in a responsible, economic way

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With the year winding down, *The Thielensian* has been searching for a creative way to use extra paper products on the campus.

With most of the planning under its belt, *The Thielensian* is to host the 21st National Paper Mache Competition



The Thielensian will be participating in the competition. Photo credit: Hunter Michaelis

sponsored by Elmer's Glue. Participants will be judged on creativity, structure and stability of the sculpture, as well as the methods used to build it.

The event is expected to draw in people from across the country to watch the participants doing what they do best. The previous year's winner wowed the judges with her one tenth scale model of the golden gate bridge. With an expected turnout of 600 people, the competition will take place in Passavant.

Alongside the competition will be previous works of the finalists as well as other abstract forms of art and design. The event will also have concessions, including tacos, chicken wings, and some form of edible paste.

Full-bodied apparition spotted in Academic Center

by Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu

A quiet, uneventful evening was tarnished on campus yesterday evening. A full-bodied apparition was spotted outside SC-200, the largest lecture hall on Thiel's campus.

A ghost-hunting team has been brought in to confirm or deny students' fears that the campus may be haunted. The organization is local to Greenville and is donating their time in order to find out the truth.

"I was coming out of my night class, History and You, when I saw this man wearing a cap and uniform," Jim Weston, a sophomore who reported the man to campus authorities, said. "He looked like he belongs from World War I, maybe the years in-between. I wasn't sure if it was someone playing a trick on me or not, but I could see through him."

Authorities conducted a full search of the Academic Center, but couldn't find anybody fit-

ting that description. Attempts to get a comment on the situation went unanswered.

After eight more students saw the figure, who quickly earned the nickname of "The Nightly Trench Crawler," a play on soldiers' need to fight in massive trenches during World War I, Olde County Ghost Hunting was called.

"I think there was some skepticism involved with us being called in," Simon Reynolds, founder and team leader of OCGH, said. "I can understand, sure. Most people believe ghosts and spirits are just made up stories. Most folks are skeptical. That's why we look for hard proof."

OCGH was founded in 2001 by Reynolds, who is himself an alum of Thiel. He founded the organization with his two friends, who have since the left the business to raise capital after their startup capital ran out.

They currently serve the state of Pennsylvania, and Reynolds has no plans to travel outside the state, thanks to the above capital problem.

"Yeah, we need the money," Reynolds said, "but I went to school here for five years pursuing my two degrees and a minor. I have a lot of great memories from Thiel. Charging my alma mater anything more than nothing just feels like going up to someone's mother and smacking her to me. It just isn't right."

Their investigation, which will cover the Academic Center, is taking place tomorrow night at 8:00 p.m., the same time Weston spotted the Trench Crawler. They will stay in the Center until the early hours of the morning to ensure proper time for cleanup before classes on Monday.

Reynolds and his team plan to reveal the results to Thiel



The hallway where "The Nightly Trench Crawler," as he's being called, was spotted in the Academic Center.

Photo credit: Tina Kramer

publicly on Apr. 8, which will be behind closed doors: "The last thing we need is to cause a commotion around Thiel. Everyone's days are already busy enough," he said.

Despite OCGH's claim of

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Thiel Happenings

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Saturday, April 2:
Comedian Kevin Barnett:
9 p.m. in Passavant

Tuesday, April 5:
Pedas Presents – An Inside Look at Donald Trump:
7 p.m. in Stamm Lecture Hall

* Join the Pedas Fellows for an in-depth discussion of the Republican party front runner Donald Trump

Friday, April 10:
Sip and Paint:
7 p.m. in the SGR

Saturday, April 9:
Chicago Road Trip:

* Sign up in the TAB office, limited seats available

Monday, April 10:
Thiel Choir: Trap Music Edition:
9 p.m. in Passavant

* A special Thiel College Choir performance featuring your favorite Petty Wap, DJ Snake, and other Modern Trap Music!

Thiel Kegger



Where: Down Campus Quad

When: April 9th

Time: 10pm-2am

Students Must Be 21 Years of Age or Older

Ghost in the AC

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"I think Jim's telling the truth," Kimmy Jilians said, a junior and personal friend of Weston, "I've never known him to lie. He lives a straight-edge life. If he says he saw the Trench Crawler, then that's what he saw."

Weston disagrees with the criticism against him and his classmates: "We know what we saw. People can deny it all they want. He not only looked amazingly real, he felt real. I'm not going to deny what I saw. That's just stupid. This isn't a lie."

"This is a bunch of nonsense," a student majoring in "some kind of science" said, who prefers to remain anonymous, "The only reason the higher-ups are letting this happen is because it concerns a Thiel alum. Nobody else would have a prayer. As for Weston, maybe he should get his eyes checked."

Want to see a movie?

BLY HALL MOVIE PRODUCTION PRESENTS...

Compiled by Liz Carlson

Fridays and Saturday showings are at 8 p.m., and Sunday showings are at 2 p.m. All shows will feature an open concession stand and free admission.

Sat/Sun, April 2 and 3: **Darcy's Revenge**

Fri/Sat, April 8 and 10: **The Invasion of the Archdukes**

Fri/Sat, April 15 and 17: **Punches Like My Ex Wife**

Fri/Sat, April 22 and 24: **Time in a Bottle**

Location decided for new Bar and Grill

by Mike Boratyn, mbora280@thiel.edu

Thiel College is scheduled to begin construction of the new TC Bar and Grill over summer break. It will be located where Hunton Hall currently stands. This project is going to cost around one million dollars, and because of this tuition is expected to rise another six percent over the next four years.

The construction of this new establishment on campus creates a number of opportunities for the students as well as

providing safe rides for people to get back to their dorm buildings at the end of their night. It also provides a safe place on campus for those of legal age to consume alcoholic beverages and for musicians to showcase their talents.

"I think it's an amazing idea because it will finally give us a place to go on campus that we can party and not have to worry about how we are going to get home," Cynthia Rose said.



The brand new TC Bar and Grill will be headquartered in Hunton Hall.
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increased revenue. It creates a number of jobs for students in different majors like business, accounting, culinary, and commercial art. It could also provide numerous jobs to those in other majors doing things like bussing tables, bar tending, and

Thiel grad school coming soon

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"I love traveling. Taking a year off will give me the chance to visit all the places that I always wanted without the fear of not getting until grad school. I know the professors at Thiel will remember me, and if Thiel students will be a priority, I don't see why I wouldn't get in," Larry Ying said.

"I think that my dad, the inventor of Toasters Strudel, would be pleased with the plans for the TC Bar and Grill. It also gives business minded people like me a chance to shine without other people getting so jealous of me because I'm so popular"

Thiel and the paper mache competition

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The judges this year will include a faculty and student from the art department of Thiel as well as the design ambassador of the Paper Mache Society. This year's theme is "Presidential Campaign or Bust," a theme in which all participants must make a lifelike bust of their favorite presidential candidate in 2016.

There has been rumor that some candidates may make an appearance at the competition, but the no official confirmation has been made.



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Thiel College Police Blotter

3-25-16 10:30 p.m.
Two students were found raising a unicorn in their room.

3-26-16 1:25 a.m.
Three students were arrested for having a cookout in a dorm.

3-28-16 3:30 a.m.
A car was stolen from lower campus with the license plate I'M FAKE.

3-29-16 2:21 a.m.
A pack of wild wolves was spotted running through the pool construction project.

3-31-16 1:18 a.m.
Police were called when the Science Center turned into a gas and floated away.

3-31-16: 5:55 a.m.
A Public Safety car was stolen, used by two unknown students for an ice cream run.



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NEW MASCOT WANTED



Along with searching for a new president, Thiel College has begun the search for a new mascot and they need your help!

Send your suggestions of what the new mascot should be to notmc@thiel.edu

by David Dye, ddye@thiel.edu

As I probably mentioned in previous articles, I watch a lot of Netflix in my downtime. My friends have recommended numerous shows that are on Netflix, and it's what we have on TV just about every night when we go to sleep.

In fact, the majority of the time I watch actual TV is when I go home to catch new episodes of Star Wars: Rebels. And even then my family also has Netflix which we watch plenty of. It begs the question: has Netflix become better than actually watching TV?


Don't get me wrong, Netflix doesn't have everything. As I stated earlier, Star Wars: Rebels is only available on the Disney Channel. SpongeBob SquarePants isn't available for whatever reason, and Netflix recently removed both the old and new iterations of Dr. Who, a crime so heinous I'm surprised it didn't make the news. Basically, Netflix doesn't have ALL the shows I'd enjoy watching, but wow, does it have plenty to choose from anyway.

Some of Netflix's appeal is the convenience. It's so easy for my friends to watch every episode of How I Met Your Mother or The Office chronologically whenever they feel like it, especially since there's no need for disks like a DVD or catching it at the right time on TV. Another part of the appeal is the nostalgia. At one point, I hadn't watched Courage the Cowardly Dog for about ten years, but as soon as Netflix

added all four seasons, I knew I needed to watch them. My father has probably watched just about every episode of Colombo that's available, and my mother has enjoyed the many Universal horror films Netflix has rotated over the years. It's one thing for a service like Netflix to be convenient, but it really hits a nerve with people when they can suddenly watch a show or movie that they haven't seen in years.

And then there's TV. There's no debating that TV is still huge, but how many people are now watching their favorite shows over the Internet? The big thing is probably commercials, because people have complained about them ever since the invention of TV, but

Photo of the Edition



The building site for Thiel's newest pool - something the College has been missing for years - broke ground just a few weeks ago.
Photo credit: Hunter Michaelis

If you have a photo you would like to see as the Photo of the Edition, submit it to thielensian@thiel.edu

Mechanical pencils to go extinct

by David DeVivo, ddevivo@thiel.edu

On March 30, the National Pencil Board Committee met in Honolulu, Hawaii to discuss the future of the writing instrument.

The board committee met due to the recent allegations that mechanical pencils are made of non-eco-friendly materials. Although the claims that came with the allegation were a tad extreme, the message was clear. The plastics that make up mechanical pencils are not deteriorating when people throw them away or litter. Another reason these are not eco-friendly is that researchers have found that due to the exotic colors, some animals are mistaking the pencils for food, resulting in death. So the committee met in aims of fixing the problem in any demeanor that made logical sense.

"Mechanical pencils do not take up much volume alone, however in piles of thousands upon thousands, these pencils do become a real life Dr. Seuss styled hillside, which is full of vibrant colors." Chip Ripper, a local landfill worker said.

The National Pencil Board Committee stated that they started using the plastics in the

pencils to reduce manufacturing costs. The cost of manufacturing the pencils with only metal was so much, that at first it made it easy for the manufacturers to switch to plastic. At first using plastic was the smart choice, and the pencils could even be offered in various colors because of ability to modify the plastics color makeup. But because of a recent use of plastics that were produced in Brazil, the new plastic mechanical pencils were rubbing harmful irritants onto the writers' hand.

"The problem occurred whenever the plastic manufacturing plant down there started using any additives they could find when creating the plastics makeup. That is no Bueno in any ethical mind." Kalvin Coleman, the President of the National Pencil Board Committee said.


The National Pencil Board Committee during the meeting decided to part ways with the plastic manufacturing plant in Brazil they were using. The committee also publicly announced they found a solution the common misplacement of a mechanical pencil. They argue that by using their new app,

you will be able to trace your pencils because of the new concept of a microchip being implanted in the plastic of the pencil. This new concept will hopefully reduce the littering of pencils in the environment, the committee stated after their meeting. Also the committee asked for a global fine for all individuals found to be guilty of littering with mechanical pencils, but were declined by the National Board of Complaints Committee.

"If the National Pencil Board Committee truly thinks that by trying to scare people in to not littering they are sadly mistaken, we have been trying to do that for years." The Alternative Energy Group said.

The National Pencil Board Committee announced that they will continue its' fight in saving the mechanical pencil, but with the pressure of converting to eco-friendly materials is starting to put a damper on their effort. If things do not turn around soon, the committee came to the conclusion on Wednesday that the mechanical pencil within the next five years will not be able to be bought in any store worldwide.

Is Netflix Better Than TV?



David Dye, staff writer:
Photo credit: David Dye

whenever you get home from work, or being able to watch that movie or entire season on your day off?

I could be a bit premature in this (although my father thinks this as well) but it seems as if the shows and movies people watch are eventually going to be totally online. TV currently still has the advantage of being able to broadcast new episodes of certain shows long before being made available online or on DVD. Then again, Netflix has actually started to make their own shows, ranging from Orange is the New Black, Daredevil, or House of Cards, which I would personally recommend.

Overall, I think the major factor in why Netflix is now

bigger than simply sitting in front of the TV to see what's on is convenience. Me and my friends are currently watching House, and is it ever easy to watch when we're done with class, before supper, at night before going to sleep, etc., not to mention the many other series we can access should the mood strike us.

That's not to say TV is dead. There are some shows I can only watch on TV, and I have plenty of movies on DVD. But when you are with friends, or are a fan of watching movies/TV shows on their own time, then Netflix is it just what you are looking for.

Why you should not vote

by Tina Kramer, TKram138@thiel.edu

Oftentimes, older individuals, or even young adults, believe that voting is important. However, these people fail to realize how useless voting really is.

Though our country is founded on this principle, times have changed. When the options you have to choose from are limited to the current presidential candidates, it is pretty clear that voting would be a waste of time.

Why would someone take a few hours to vote when they could watch TV instead? The influence TV has on the American culture is a vital part of everyday life, not who is making and approving laws.

In addition, the checks and balances system our government offers provides more than enough reassurance that no unjust law would be passed. Our laws rarely mix personal beliefs, such as what constitutes as a sin in the Bible, to

justify the passing of certain laws. Our government is practically self-sufficient without our input or ideas.

The leader of this system has always managed to make the best decisions. Part of the job description is to make the best laws that everyone agrees with, so no matter who becomes president, America will still be the best nation in the world.

My recommendation, if you do choose to waste your time with voting, is to vote for a noble candidate, such as a talking mouse from a cartoon series, rather than one of the qualified people that have been planning their campaigns, cabinets, and advisors for years prior to running for a presidential position.

Unfortunately, many people will still feel it is necessary to vote for one of the candidates on the ballot. If you are foolish enough to do this, make sure you do proper research before

making your decision.

Watch bias news programs or, better yet, judge them from the memes that are currently floating around the Internet. Nothing is more dangerous than a well-educated voter that fully knows the background and policies that each candidate supports. Make sure you are one of these properly educated voters.

The best thing to do when it comes time for the presidential election is to sit back and watch TV. If you really feel it is necessary to enter the voting booth, write-in a fictional character or, better yet, choose one of the candidates listed on the ballot based on Internet memes.

There is only one way to make America great again, and that is by doing nothing. Surely someone more important will step forward to make a decision.

Aztec Remains Found on Campus

by David DeVivo, ddevivo@thiel.edu

As far back as I can remember, I have always been an adventurous individual. I used to go explore through the woods out behind my house. I would even go explore for hidden treasure, by using a treasure map that my mother had more than likely created.

I even used to ride my YZ125 as quickly as I could through the woods, just in the hope that I might of stumble upon something mysterious or profound. And it amazes me that with all the exploring and adventuring I did as a kid, that I never ran in to an actual hidden treasure.

In some ways I see a little Indiana Jones in myself, however we have one very distinct difference. His kryptonite or biggest fear, is that of snakes. I do not love snakes, but I personally do not mind them. I can not, I repeat can not deal with spiders. I am extremely scared of spiders, for so many personal reasons. Although we have different kryptonites, Indiana Jones and I both love to explore in places most people will not go near. And because exploring typically entitles being around nature, there is always the chance that I might run into my arch nemesis, the Spider. But the chance that I might run into my arch nemesis, is also what makes every exploration different than the next. You never know what you will find or come across.

Last fall, I started exploring the old Native American Caves that were built into the hillside of Kittanning, Pennsylvania. The caves were so cool, and it is amazing how some caves even have holes in the ceilings that were created to allow the fires smokes to escape. There is so much history that has been lost or is still waiting to be discovered. Just like these caves, exploring allows one to possibly make the discovery of a lifetime, but also the chance to learn more about humankind's history.

More recently, my good friend Mr. Braun and I have teamed up in uncovering any mysteries or hidden treasure at Thiel College. By visiting the Greenville local library we were able to learn more about Greenville's past and the types of people who came here to live. What we found in the library was truly amazing.

What we learned was that not only was Greenville a booming town during the time it had a Railroad Steel Car manufacturer in its' town. But the town was booming in the 12th and 13th century with Native American's that had strong ties to the Aztecs. This Native American tribe primarily lived and settled where Thiel's campus is located today, stretching all the way down to the Greenville Park.

So, Mr. Braun and I searched the library until we found a book titled Greenville's Lost Civilization. In the book we found that it mapped out where these people would have lived. We were curious to find that instead

of building caves or building into the face of the hillsides. This tribe actually built houses, a time square within the community, and even a pyramid.

The pyramid was ninety-foot tall, and the architecture of the pyramid encoded precise information regarding the Mayan calendar. Meaning that the pyramids purpose was assist the Aztecs on how and when to mark the solstices and equinoxes. Each face of the four-sided structure had a stairway with ninety-one steps, which together with the shared step of the platform at the top, add up to 365. Ironically this is the exact number of days in a year.

So Mr. Braun and I came to the conclusion that this tribe was indeed advanced for their time. The early Spaniards called this pyramid, El Castillo, meaning the Castle. The pyramid, however, bears no resemblance to a castle and was instead used for religious and astronomical observation purposes.

Mr. Braun and I set out to see if we could locate any signs of the tribe or the pyramid that is shown to be somewhere on Thiels property. However, what we found was that when Thiel became an institution. The college tore down the Aztec city, to build their own buildings on top the ancient ruins.



Amateur boxer wins hearts and minds at Thiel

by Justin Felgar, jfelgar@thiel.edu

Everyone loves a Cinderella story. We bet on the long shot, the underdog. We love to hear stories where the hero faces down long odds against him or her and comes out on top. It appears that Thiel College is warming up to its own underdog. Sophomore Connor Flynn has been coming up in many people's conversations because of his amateur boxing career in Pennsylvania.

"He is just amazing. That fact that someone can do what he does with such odds against him is astonishing," Thiel student Ashley Barnes said.

Connor's story begins far away from Thiel Dublin, Ireland. He was born to a father who was an accountant and a

mother who was a lawyer at a high paying firm. Academics were pushed strongly in his family, but Connor Flynn was born to box.

"I have always loved fighting. Ever since I was a kid I loved the sport. I saw my first fight when I was three and I fell in love with the sport," said Connor Flynn, "I knew in my heart that i didn't want to be anything else."

The Flynns moved from Dublin to Pittsburgh when Connor's mother received a position teaching English Pitt. That was when Connor's boxing career started to truly take shape.

Things never came easy for Connor. He may have loved

boxing, but boxing never loved him. Connor Flynn stands five foot three and weighs barely 150 pounds. Many people, doctors and trainers alike, told him it would be difficult to follow a career in boxing. Flynn begged to differ.

He began to train everyday after school, learned the ins and outs of proper dieting in his spare time, and read every book he could find on boxing. At the age of 15, he entered his first fight. He lost terribly. He was knocked out by TKO in the first round. That didnt stop him, however.

Flynn kept up his boxing career in his spare time, entering matches here and there, supervised by his father. When it

was time to enroll in a college, Flynn chose Thiel for its small classes and tight knit community feel. He never forgot his love for boxing though. Flynn began to search out local fights in the Greenville area and began to fight regularly. Eventually, his classmates began to notice and take an interest.

"I was in Sheetz one day and I happened to notice an ad for a fight on the bulletin board," Jim Grant said, senior, and I realized I knew one of the fighters. He was in my class!"

Word began to spread throughout the Thiel community that one of their own was doing something completely unorthodox while attending college, and soon Connor had

a following. Students began to show to support him when he fought, and slowly but surely, he became a sort of folk hero among the student body.

"This guy is awesome," Brian Markham said, "This guy is waking up for eight a.m.s and going to class all day, and at night he's in there battling it out like he was born to do it. Who knows? Maybe he was."

The stunning reception was far from Flynn's expectations and seemed to have really shocked him. He never would have believed that he would get such support.

"It's unreal, to tell the truth. This was always a private thing that i had no idea would go anywhere. I never thought

anyone would be interested. Then all of a sudden I'm getting students and even the odd professor or two showing up to watch me fight. Its absolutely stunning", Flynn said.

The reception to Flynn's boxing has gone beyond the campus and he has attracted the attention of local residents as well.

Flynn has kept up his boxing career and has taken the campus by storm. Be sure to keep an ear open for the next performance by Connor "The Hammer" Flynn in the near future. By all accounts, it is something that shouldn't be missed.

Thiel to host next U.S. Open

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In a stunning turn of events, Thiel College has been selected as the alternate host to the 2016 U.S. Open.

The previous host, Oakmont Country Club, had to give up the honor after the borough encountered an unprecedented scheduling conflict with a project under construction within the town.

Oakmont had been building a new bridge over the Allegheny River, and plans anticipated that it would be completed by the start of summer. This was a condition for the Open to be hosted in Oakmont, but to due to scheduling conflicts with the bridge's completion, the selection committee had no choice but to choose an alternate.

"Oakmont has a storied history with the U.S. Open," Dick Beech said, VP of Selection, "However, we have a schedule to keep. There's a lot involved with getting a country club ready to host an event as prestigious as the Open."

The event will be hosted at Thiel's personal golf course, which has been a host to players young and old at the college since the early 1900s. This will be the first time it has hosted a U.S. Open, however.

"I think this is a big deal," Gavin Ians said, sophomore and avid golfer, "I always wanted to be a professional golfer growing up. Since that didn't happen and I can't afford to play at Oakmont Country Club; it'll be a huge honor to play on the same course that the pros played on."

The competition will still be hosted June 13-19, 2016. Tee time is set to begin at 1:00 p.m.

"It's regrettable that Oakmont wasn't able to finish in time," Beech said, "It's no lie that the Open is a generator of income for the town. I personally think it's a huge shame they couldn't hold up their end of the bargain. The event is expected to bring the biggest golfers in the game with

record attendances, which will be well tended for at the College," Beech said.

Despite the sentiment of hosting a major league event on a relatively unknown golf course, the College has plans to host a variety of events to keep the public entertained. Dorm units will be utilized to allow easy walking access to the course, which is just off campus.

These events include cookouts with live bands, corn hole tournaments, and screenings of films in the freshman quad. The college had previously employed this last method for their students in the 2015-16 academic year.

"I think this is a little bit of wasted potential," Anna Vermiles said, junior, "I'm from Oakmont. The last thing my hometown needs is this kind of stiff-arm. It's a huge money-maker that brings a lot of people into the town. I wonder what we'll do from here."

Thiel Pool team advances to championship

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The Thiel College Men's Pool team will advance to the National Collegiate Billiard Sports Championship held in Las Vegas, Nevada. Thiel's stellar win over the Arthursburg Sharks on Friday put the team in the running for the championship.

The team's success comes as a surprising breathe of fresh air for a team that many said was destined to have a horrific season. The Tomcat's suffered tragedy early in the season when their main pool table and training facility suffered water damage early in the season.

"It was a serious blow to the team that cost us not only in morale but also in the fact that we didnt have a training facility to practice, let alone a decent table." Dirk Carson said, head coach of the team.

"One day we could come in and practice whenever we wanted, and the next we couldn't even play" player Miles Johnson said.

Despite the team's misfortune, hope survived. The team was able to make arrangements to use a table for practice.

Their first win came against the Hardwick University Racers early in February. The team played three sets consisting of three games each against Hardwick. Samuel Lenelli, a senior led Thiel in most of the match ups, winning three of his four games. Lenelli sunk a total of 12 balls off of the break, including the eight ball.

In banks he was 28 for 32 and made zero fouls.

Juniors Marcus Davis and Jordan Lyson both won two games apiece, each gaining a 42.8 shot percentage.

Freshman Brody Thorpe won his game against James Badge of Hardwick in the first set, sinking the winning shot off of a difficult cut.

The team has had failure and success all season, gamering a 15-10 record. They never expected to advance so far in the regional finals, let alone be traveling to Las Vegas in a couple months.

The teams big break came when they faced off against the regional champion Arthursburg University on Friday.

Arthursburg had an impressive 20-5 record this season and were considered the toughest team in the league. In the games that they won, they almost always won by shutout and the games they lost were always close, decided by a one game margin.

Marcus Davis played the first set against senior Patrick Maxwell. Maxwell took the first game early by scoring four striped balls off of the break. He sunk the next two balls with ease and set himself up for a nice bank into the left center pocket. Davis took the next two games, going 30-45 in shots made.

Brody Thorpe was shut out early of the next set by sophomore Brian Ulson, who put

the first two games away with expert speed, winning the first off the break.

The last set was a battle of wills against Samuel Lenelli and Jackson Conaway. Conaway ran away with the first game, sinking all of his shots in three minutes.

Lenelli then took the next game, making the six ball off of the break. He made a combination shot off of the two into the five then sunk the four and the one ball off cuts. He sunk the rest of his object balls and made a hairy bank off the top bumper to make the eight ball in the bottom left pocket. The audience held their breathe as the cue ball teetered for a moment at the edge of the pocket, but it did not waver and stayed on the table.

It looked like it might have been over for the Tomcats as Conaway decimated the table in three minutes but in a bizarre twist of fate made a judgment error and failed to sink his last ball. This gave Lenelli enough time to work his magic and sink his side in record time and win the set, and the match.

The Tomcats will compete in Vegas in what may be the biggest tournament of their lives in August. The tournament will be broadcast live on TV that night.

Women's Fencing Falls to Elm Ridge

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The Thiel women's fencing team fell to Elm Ridge university Friday night in a three bout contest.

Emily Kerrier, a senior, faced off against Marcee Hudgeins of Elm Ridge.

Kerrier began with a strong attack, keeping Hudgeins on the defensive.

She attempted to feint right and proceeded to attack high and left. Hudgeins immediately parried and counter-attacked with force, scoring a touch Kerrier's left shoulder.

Hudgeins went on the offensive in turn, pushing back Kerriers. Kerriers parried an attack at her midsection, fended off Hudgeins riposte, and executed a successful feint which resulted in her scoring a touch on Hudgeins.

Both fencers adopted a more cautious approach in the last round, skirmishing warily until Hudgeins once again went on the offensive. She executed

several feints and barely landed a touch on Kerriers right arm to end the match.

Junior Nancy Costo had a successful bout in the match, keeping Aubrey Carter of Elm Ridge on defense for the whole bout. Costo scored two touches early in the bout and ended the match quickly.

Hannah Berton fought a heated fought with Leslie Winters on Friday.

Berton adopted a defensive stance, and approached Winters cautiously. The conversation of the blades was light the first round but Winters had a trick or two up her sleeve. She feinted right, then left and proceeded with a flurry, hoping to catch Berton off guard. Berton was startled but ready and defended herself skillfully, scoring a touch off of a counter parry and riposte.

Winters was more aggressive in the second round, initiating the round with a lunge and flur-

ry, pushing Berton back. Winters fended off several counter attacks from Berton and landed a touch on Berton's right shoulder.

The last round was a whirlwind between the two fencers who attacked and parried with blinding speed. It was Berton's turn to attack with a lunge and proceeded to force Winters back with a strong flurry. Winters came back with a flurry of her own and a compound attack hoping to finish off the match.

Berton defended herself and continued to be the aggressor, trying to land a touch on Winters.

Winters came back with an envelopment of Berton's blade to the right and was able to land a touch on Berton's left arm.

The Tomcats will face Esther hills next Thursday at 3:00.

Thiel Jousting defeats Grove City

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Thiel's mixed gender jousting team overtook the Grove City team on March 30.

Junior Dean Singer lead with a 14 points in his first three matches. Later in the evening he scored an additional nine points for winning the sudden death showdown.

Freshman Robert Winchester suffered heavy losses, losing his lance during his first match. His score ended at five points.

"It's impossible to joust when you drop your lance. As soon as I lost that, I knew I was done. I should have just jumped off my horse," Winchester said.

Grove City returned by scoring 10 points, immediately taking the lead.

The team recovered with senior Sam Crowley's 15 point steal in his three matches. This was the first perfect score any Thiel player has received this year.

"You do the best you can for your team. I would have been

just as happy to get 13 points. It's pretty awesome to leave with a perfect score, though," Crowley said.

Grove City recovered easily, scoring 10 points the following round, tying the game at 20 all.

Ashely Wilson won 12 points from her three matches, receiving a penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct during her final match for starting before the buzzer.

The penalty allowed Grove City to once again take the lead with a total of 46 points.

Season rookie Barbara Walker surprised teammates and audience members with a 13 point score in her three matches.

"I was really shocked that I did so well in my first game," Walker said. "I was benched for the first two months for my leg injury, but I always came to practices. I had been doing well during practice, but I never thought I'd get over a 10."

With the final match approaching, Grove City fell be-

hind, scoring only nine points during that round.

Senior Thomas Carter scored 10 points during his matches. Grove City returned with a 14, tying the game at 69.

Singer faced Grove City in a sudden death showdown, scoring the victory for Thiel with the final nine points of the game.

"I love being a part of this team. We've had the best season we've ever had, and that's because we all care about this sport. It's not for everyone, but we have a great time and we do really well," Singer said.

The next jousting game will be scheduled after Westminster takes on Waynesburg.



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