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Jack Martin speaks at Senior Seminar

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The Business Senior Seminar hosted Thiel alum Jack Martin in the Sawhill-Georgian Room on Feb. 1. The Seminar, which is open to all majors, features former graduates discussing their experiences in their field to students.

The class offers students the opportunity to network and interview, while testing the job market with Business professors. Students have been hired from the class in the past.

Martin graduated from Thiel in 1975, four years after his brother in 1971. The 2012 National Funeral Director of the Year, Martin receives 700-800 calls a year. Martin, who does standup in his spare time in Erie, presented his experiences to the students with a mix of comedy and facts about being a mortician.

"I originally got my teaching degree in Math, but I couldn't find a job here," Martin said. "So before moving to Pittsburgh, I got a job selling bleu cheese."

Originally from Erie, PA, Martin attended McDowell High School and graduated in 1971. He didn't return there to teach until he found a job by chance, which he went and asked for. He taught there for 11.5 years. He was also head of the JV football team for five of those years, despite not having a football background. To compensate, he went to the library and checked out every book they had on how to be a football coach. He only lost three games in his career.

Although a mortician by trade, Martin still teaches a class called "Death and Dying," which focuses on what happens to the body when someone does drugs and overdoses.

"Basically, I try to scare them," Martin said.

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TCTV holds first-ever Madden tournament in Pedas

by Corey Lang, CLang984@thiel.edu

After a long night of gaming and students facing off head-to-head against one another, TCTV declared Marko Bakovic as the champion of their first Madden Tournament. A total of sixteen teams participated in the event and they had a large turnout of spectators.

The members of TCTV setup the tournament by having the AFC and NFC go up against each other just as the leagues compete in real life. The bracket was set up to have the AFC teams face each other first and the same for the NFC side. The tournament was played as double elimination.

"It was a great way for all kinds of students to connect on a competitive level," Wesley



Some of the students gathered to watch and participate in the TCTV Madden Tournament.

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Corey Lang

Kinzer said.

Kinzer participated in the tournament, but was knocked out in the first round.

The final championship round was played between Marko Bakovic and Marcus Dowell. Bakovic played as the Green Bay Packers (NFC) and Dowell as the Oakland Raiders (AFC).

"It was a fun night. A lot of people think they are good at Madden, so to come out and to compete and be crowned the champion was awesome. TCTV did a great job with the event, and I hope they do it again another time," Bakovic said.

During the whole tournament, TCTV went around getting full coverage of the game

play and reactions of the players during their games. After the first two rounds, they moved the semi-finals and championship into Stamm Lecture Hall. While the games were being played in Stamm members of TCTV, Corey Lang and CJ Skolnekovich commentated the final three games live from inside the studio.

The event allowed the staff of TCTV to learn new production techniques, all while having a great time with their friends.

TCTV plans to continue to have more events like the Madden tournament in the future to get more students involved and come out interact with one another.

Thiel takes part in annual Night to Shine event

by Liz Carlson, ECarlson@thiel.edu

On Friday, Feb. 10, Thiel College, in partnership with Bethel Life Church of Greenville, hosted the annual Night to Shine Event for local special needs individuals.

Students, faculty and staff, volunteers and family members filled the Howard Student Miller Center to celebrate with the participants. This is the second year that Thiel has hosted the event on their campus.

A Night to Shine is an annual prom night experience sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. On one night, churches across the globe host the annual prom night experience for special needs individuals aged fourteen years and older. The event is centered sharing god's love for people with special needs.

This year, Thiel hosted the event for 121 participants, about 20 more than last year's

attendance. The participants started their night at Bethel Life Church. While there, girls got their hair and make-up done and the guys got suited up for the night ahead of them. From Bethel Life, the participants were shuttled to Thiel via limousines. Upon arrival, they got to experience walking down the red carpet, which covered the length of the main hallway in the HMSC into the Bistro area.

Thiel students were encouraged to volunteer their time to serve as paparazzi for the event. They lined the entire hallway of the HMSC on both sides of the red carpet and cheered on the participants as they made their way to the party that awaited them in the Lutheran Heritage Room.

"I loved seeing how happy everyone attending the dance felt when we all cheered for



Thiel always participates in Night to Shine, an event sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation.

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Liz Carlson

them. The whole thing is just an amazing idea," senior Codi Snyder said.

Snyder volunteered for the

"Accidents because of texting and driving are the number-one cause of death for people in your age group. I remind them through this interactive approach that it could be one of them on that table."

However, he became tired of teaching, which led to finding a copy of The Bell, Thiel's magazine for student and alumni. He noticed a position available as the Alumni Services Director, which he applied for and received.

event as a member of Women Inspiring the Next Generation.

"Night to Shine is an amazing event in which our campus comes to together to help out the community. Seeing a wide range of students volunteer for such a great cause is very empowering. The joy in the faces of the participants let everyone know and understand how meaningful this night is for them. I look forward to a continued partnership with Night to Shine and Thiel College," Daniel Weigmann said, senior. Weigmann serves the student body as the President of the Student Government Association, who helped to coordinate the event with Bethel Life.

Bethel Life and Thiel College plan to continue to host the event in years to come as long as the Tim Tebow foundation continues to provide funding.

He moved to Greenville with his wife and son. "My wife didn't like Greenville. She was happy to re-pack the house after I was offered a job at Gannon, which is where I earned my Masters in Counseling from," he said.

They subsequently moved back to Erie. The Martins have another son, both of whom are fully grown now.

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Jack Martin (front row, center), returned to speak to students about the ups and downs of his career.

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Ultimate Frisbee team attends annual tournament

by Nate Flory, NFlory@thiel.edu

The Thiel Ultimate Frisbee team began its spring semester by attending the fourth annual Huck through the Heart tournament at the Family First Sports Complex in Erie, PA. The event was held overnight, beginning at 10:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 10 and ending around 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11.

Thiel was one of twelve teams at the tournament, which also included other local schools such as Allegheny College, Grove City College, and Westminster College, in addition to club ultimate frisbee teams from the Pittsburgh and Erie areas.

Throughout the night, senior Dan Wiegmann led the team in scoring, amassing a total of 16 points. Senior Nate Flory was at the top of the assists column, with 17 on the night.

Five of Wiegmann's points came in a game against Gannon University, in which Thiel jumped out to an early 3-0 lead. Senior Dan Forringer and sophomore Josh Evjene led Thiel on the defensive front, though Gannon stormed back to take a 6-4 lead. Sophomore Nick Romano scored one of his two points on the night on an assist from Forringer to bring the game closer, but Gannon's offense refused to be stopped. Wiegmann connected with sophomore Evan Youker to score late in the game, but there was not enough time to mount a comeback. Gannon won by a score of 17-13.

In a game against rival Westminster, sophomore Zack Sumner emerged into the spotlight. He scored 6 points, which was over half of the team's

total in the game. Although Sumner's efforts kept the game close early, Westminster's offense, led by senior Austin Ruediger, began to pull away. Thiel eventually fell to Westminster by a score of 18-11.

"It was a tough loss for us to take," Sumner said. "We got off to a strong start and I got to benefit from our offensive movement. We just couldn't sustain that pressure throughout the game."

Senior Amanda Zimmerman and freshman Maddie Sollers made their ultimate frisbee debuts in the tournament. Zimmerman scored a point in a loss against Allegheny and Sollers provided consistent swing-pass options for the offense.

The team looks to build on their chemistry and get back into the win column later in



Thiel Ultimate Frisbee Club competes in Huck Through the Heart Tournament.

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Colby Howe

the spring with opportunities for scrimmages and a tournament at Westminster College in April.

Ultimate frisbee practices are held on Tuesday, Thurs-

day, and Sunday evenings and new members are welcome to attend. If interested, contact Nate Flory or Evan Youker at EYouk947@thiel.edu.

Hausers honored at Founder's Day

by Hunter Michaelis,
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John and Nancy Hauser were selected to receive Thiel's Louis and Barbara Thiel Distinguished Service Award during the annual Founder's Day celebration on Feb. 2. Mr. and Mrs. Hauser both attended Thiel; Mr. Hauser is a 1971 graduate, with his wife following four years later in 1975.

The award comes from the namesake for Thiel's founders, who helped to form the college among several donations 150 years ago.

"I was very surprised," Mr. Hauser said. "We were very humbled. We didn't do the things we do to be recognized, because we owe Thiel a great deal of debt."

Originally from Pittsburgh, he majored in psychology and pledged to the Phi Theta Phi fraternity. He currently serves as the Archivist, a volunteer position that houses old versions of The Thiel-ension, Endymion, and other documents, some of which go back to the late-1800s.

He took over the position in 2007 after the current Archivist, Dr. Robert Olson, was called on to be the acting President of the College.

Before that, he worked as Thiel's Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, and then proceeded on to lead the Alumni Affairs office. After leaving Thiel, he was The University of Pittsburgh's Director of Development in the College of Art and Sciences. He then worked for Franklin College out of Franklin, Indiana as the Vice President of Development and Public Affairs. His final position returned him to his alma mater in 1996 as Executive of Development. He retired in 2007, remaining there until he was asked to return for the Archives.

"There are many ways to serve," Hauser said. "Working in the Archives is mine. I get to get to know the students and alumni now."

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Thiel Happenings

compiled by Liz Carlson,
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Friday, Feb. 17:

Hypnotist Show:
7-11 p.m. in the LHR
Joshua Seth makes his return to Thiel to try hypnotizing students.

Saturday, Feb. 18:

Black and White Winter Formal:
8 p.m. – midnight in LHR and Bistro

Friday, Feb. 24:

WXTC Music Festival:
5 p.m. – midnight in the LHR
This 2nd annual event benefits VHI's Save the Music.

Saturday, Feb. 25:

Laser Tag:
6 p.m. – midnight in the LHR

Sunday, Feb. 26:

OBC's 17th Annual Soul Food Feast:
4-7 p.m. in the LHR

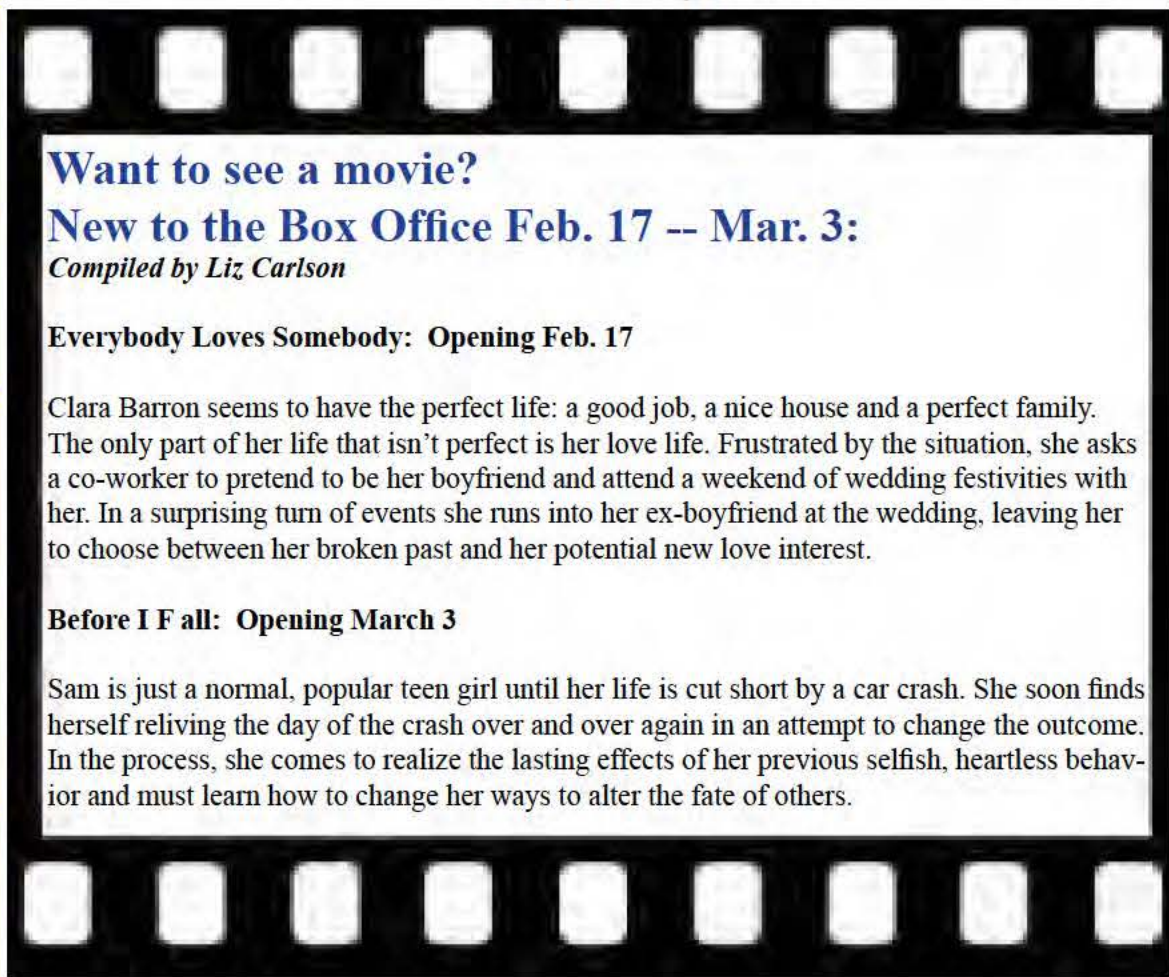
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Thiel Players Host Shakespeare Festival

by Austin Hall, ahall194@thiel.edu

On Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017, the Thiel Players hosted a number of area High Schools in their fourth annual production of the Shakespeare Festival.

Included in the attending school districts was the Greenville High School, just a few miles from Thiel College. Performances abounded as each school had their chance to strut their stuff on stage in either an adaptation or a strict performance of some Shakespearean production.

The event was hosted by a number of Thiel students and was organized by the Assistant Professor of Performing Arts and Director of Theatre at Thiel, Dr. Pete Rydberg.

"This has been a long and fun process getting all of these schools here," Rydberg said. "Many of our students here at

Thiel were wonderful during the day as they helped out in any way that was needed. That's what theater is all about."

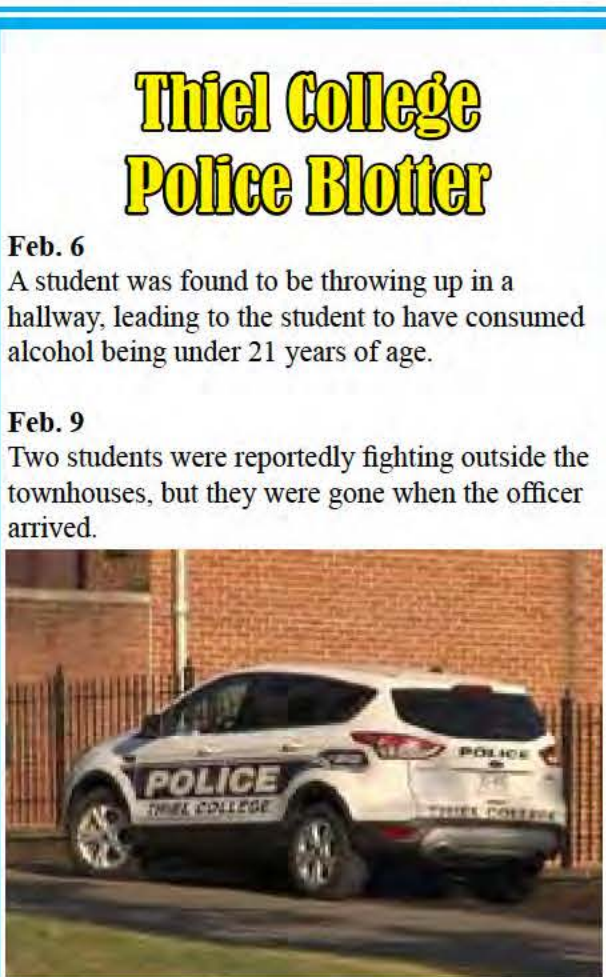
As each high school needed time to prepare, different performances/speakers from Thiel or the Greenville area would hit the stage in order to keep the fun and enthusiasm going. Senior Austin Hall and freshman Laura Hardner began their day by discussing what it means to be a Thiel Player and about the opportunities each have had in the theater after coming on campus.

Some other performances included Hall and Hardner doing a live reading of Shakespeare's Hamlet while sophomores Keenan Weimar and Brant Miller took the stage to perform a sword fight which was featured in the Thiel Players' production

of Macbeth in the Fall of 2016.

At the end of the day, many high school students were able to participate in workshops and gain critical feedback on their works. Finally, it was time for the moment that every student had longed for: the awards ceremony. Every school district went home with some award, whether it was individual or cast-wide along with some critical feedback from the panel of judges which included Dr. Jared Johnson, Mrs. Heather Balas, Dr. Mike Balas, and Mr. Allen Morrill.

Overall, the experience has always been a positive one with fun to be had for all students and faculty involved. The festival has become a great marketing piece for Thiel and will continue to be so throughout the years to come.



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Important update for Black and White weekend

by Tina Kramer, TKram138@thiel.edu

For the first time since its beginning, the Black and White Ball, scheduled for Feb. 18, will be held on a different weekend from the Alumni weekend, which occurred Feb. 3 and 4. This change has greatly concerned a number of Thiel students, though the reason for this change may be much simpler than the student body anticipates.

Though the Black and White Ball has been moved from its normal alumni weekend, the event will remain an opportunity for alumni to return to campus. Than Oo, director of student activities and involvement, explained that scheduling conflicts were the main reason for the change of date, especially the Night to

Shine, an event to benefit disabled children in the local community, which had been planned long before the date of the Black and White Ball was set.

"We are not sure if Black and White will be paired with the Alumni weekend next year or not. Our primary concern is finding a time that works for everyone," Oo said.

Though pairing the events usually makes the promotion of the Black and White Ball more pronounced, little will change when it comes to the dance itself. Students should also anticipate the continuation of the Black and White Ball in future years. It is not being cancelled.

The change of date has the opportunity to be a positive change in several instances. This year, the new date allowed accommodation for student schedules and in student activities programming. Close to the same amount of alumni participated in the alumni weekend activities on Feb. 3 and 4, including student networking activities, Thiel Players alumni performances, and the celebrating of Founder's Day on Feb. 2. The same amount of students and alumni are expected to participate in the Black and White Ball this year as they have in years past.

"Students that come to Black and White this year can expect the same type of party feel, while also interacting with faculty and

staff in a casual setting. I hope to see everyone Saturday night in formal attire," Oo said.

The only possible change that has been suggested to the Black and White Ball is its tradition of required black and white formal attire. Many students have suggested changing this tradition to allow students to wear whatever color they wish. The name of the Black and White Ball suggests that all who come must wear either of these colors, though that tradition is already starting to fade. Students are technically able to wear whatever color they like, as long as their attire remains formal in nature.

also interacting with faculty and

WXTC 88.1FM Show Schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12pm					The Island (Trey)		
1pm		Limitless (Aelita)				Limitless (Aelita)	
2pm							
3pm							
4pm							
5pm		Mediascapes (Thiel Professors)		Road To Nowhere (Peg)	Backroads (Elijah)	Teamwork (Dan & Aelita)	
6pm					Deltawaves (Jake)		
7pm				Modern Ground (John)		Revolution Radio (Kira & Dan)	Revolution Radio (Kira & Dan)
8pm			Metal Boarder (Bella)				
9pm				Metal Boarder (Bella)			
10pm			Vibing w/ Alice (Kourtney)				
11pm							
12am							

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Check out the newest pictures from around campus over the last couple of weeks. All photos are courtesy of Allen Morrill, unless otherwise noted.



The Thiel Players held their reunion, which featured actors and actresses from past and present. The Players typically put on two major productions in an academic year.



Mike Geramita (left) graduated from the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science on Jan. 20. This picture printed too dark in the last edition. Photo credit: Martin Black



Dr. Franken, Dean of the College, speaks during the Founder's Day ceremony that would honor the Distinguished Service recipients.



President Susan Traverso, others were present for the Thiel 2021 Plan. Photo credit: Thiel.edu



Nancy and John Hauser (center and right) were honored as the Distinguished Service recipients for 2017.



The room was full at the Founder's Day ceremony, which celebrated the founding of the college 150 years ago.



Marko Bakovic won the Madden Tournament, TCTV's first attempt with the popular football video game. Photo credit: Corey Lang



Dr. Michael Bray conducts the choir during the Founder's Day ceremony. Bray will retire at the end of the semester.

Dear Dirk: The Worst Advice on Campus

If you would like to send a message to Dirk for the next edition, please email the Thielensian Staff at thielensian@thiel.edu.

Dear Dirk,
I tried to pull out all the stops for my girl on Valentine's Day. I bought her flowers, chocolates, took her out to dinner, and got her one of those giant stuffed animals. It seemed like she was having a good time at first, but since then she's been acting annoyed and distant. Where did I go wrong? - Sooo Confused

Hey, Sooo Confused,
Sounds like you treat your girl pretty well. If she doesn't appreciate the ridiculous lengths that you went for her, maybe you should dump her. Clearly, she can take every-

thing you give to her, but she isn't even trying to reciprocate. I wouldn't even talk to her about it or a make it a big deal. Just dump her.
- Dirk

Dear Dirk,
I love my boyfriend. I really do. But lately, I've been making excuses to spend more and more time with my Lord and Savior, and I think I'm falling for Him. Do I tell my boyfriend about Jesus or just keep living this lie?
- Cheating with Jesus

Hey, Cheating with Jesus,
This is one I've never heard

before. I mean you should probably tell your boyfriend and just let him do whatever he thinks is correct at that point. I don't know what else to tell you, dude. This might be beyond me.
- Dirk

Dear Dirk,
My kind-of boyfriend wouldn't spend Valentine's Day with me. Now we aren't really putting a label on our relationship, but I still think he might be cheating on me with someone he thinks is more important. Why else would he go off on Valentine's Day and not spend time with me? What do

you think I should do? I need to know if he's cheating.
- Cheated?

Dear Cheated?,
Now cheating is definitely a possibility and you'll want to figure that out. Other than the typical tactics, like checking his phone and social media, you could try figuring out exactly what he did on Valentine's Day? There is always the possibility he just hates the holiday. Look for some receipts or something.
Still, you should really get a label on that relationship. Without one, you're just leaving the guy to do whatever he

wants. If you have him under the label, he can't get away with nearly as much. Honestly, is it really cheating if he's not actually your boyfriend?
- Dirk

Dear Dirk,
This past holiday has me realizing how alone I am. I can never catch a break with women and I don't know what to do. You're a smooth guy, right? I was thinking maybe you could give a loser like me some pointers in getting chicks to go out with you. Come on, dude, help out the rest of us. Please?
- Losing Streak

Dear Losing Streak,
Well, dude, I'm not really sure what to say. For most of us, this kind of thing just comes naturally. There is only so much I can do to help out guys who just can't make it happen.
Sometimes all you can do is let them come to you. Try throwing out a smile and dress nice. Don't hide in your room all depressed and lonely, 'cause girls don't dig the smell, trust me. Do that, and maybe you'll start to improve a little. It's a practiced art, man.
- Dirk

Reflecting on Dr. D

by Justin Felgar, jfelgar@thiel.edu

Like many students, I am feeling heavy hearted at the loss of Dr. Mark DelMaramo. Dr. D was one of the best professors I have had at Thiel and I am proud to say that he was my friend. There are so many memories of the good times with Dr. D in my head, and I will treasure each and every one of them.
Being a new college student can be a frightening prospect. A few months before you were a senior in high school and now you are in the world of college, with due dates and much harder assignments, and everything going on can overwhelm you. Like many Thiel freshman, I walked into the required Western Humanities course not knowing what to expect and more than a little nervous. That all changed once Dr. D started to teach. His vast knowledge of the subjects he spoke on and his

child like sense of enthusiasm and wonder melted any fear or apprehension I had and made Western my favorite class of freshman year.
Dr. D was also my Western Humanities discussion leader, which may have even been better than his lectures. All of the pop culture references and fun, corny jokes made the hour and a half fly by two days a week. I remember picking up Dr. D's appreciation for Monty Python after many brief but meaningful discussions after class.
I had Dr. D two more times after Western. OWE II two was fun, especially with Dr. D's personal brand of humor but the class that will always be with me will be his Travel Literature class. Dr. D taught the class after his semester long sabbatical, where he walked the Camino Del Santiago. To many who were on the outside

looking in, this class might have been an excuse for Dr. D to talk about his trip. They may have been right, but for the five or six of us who were in his class, we didn't care. To hear Dr. D talk about his trip or other far off places immediately took you on a journey to far off places and exotic locales. It was one of the best classes I have ever taken.
Besides classes, I remember many good conversations with Dr. D in his office. We would talk about the semester, but mostly, we talked about the latest Marvel movie or cool TV show coming out. Dr. D will always hold a special place in my heart. The knowledge that he imparted will never be lost. He was a wise mentor, and a true friend. I will miss him.

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Some words of thought for seniors

by Hunter Michaelis, HMMichaelis@thiel.edu

If you're lucky enough to give it to your senior year, make yourself a pat on the back. It's not always easy to make it through four years of college.
There are tests, first jobs, interviews, internships, social dilemmas, and many other firsts that these four years provide.
So, spring break is about two weeks away. After that, my brothers- and sisters-in-arms will have around half a semester left in our career.
People keep telling me to "keep your eyes on the prize." I know what means, but maybe I'm the weird one here.
I'm looking forward to graduating and getting on to the next chapter in my life, but I've enjoyed my time here. I look back to the people I know in my class and where they are

now; we've all grown so much in four years. It sucks that I won't see many of these people every day anymore.
They say that "all good things must come to an end." I kind of wish it wasn't, but I understand it's time for us to head off quietly into the night.
So, we just keep our eyes on the prize and keep going until that awesome day in early May.



Another cold, muggy day signals the extended stay of winter.
Photo credit: Hunter Michaelis

Dr. DelMaramo remembered by students

by Kley Raskob, KRask490@thiel.edu

Dr. Mark James DelMaramo, 57, passed away in early Feb. at UPMC Hospital in Greenville, Pennsylvania. He began teaching at Thiel in 1989 and has been a beloved professor and colleague for many over the last twenty-seven years.
Mark DelMaramo was born on July 15, 1959 in Kentucky. He graduated from Cathedral Preparatory School in Erie in 1977. He earned his bachelor's degree from Clarion University of Pennsylvania, his master's degree from Gannon University, and his Ph.D. from Bowling Green State University. He loved the Baltimore Orioles

baseball team and he was an active member of St. Michael Catholic Church of Greenville.
After his first recovery from his cancer treatments in 2014, Mark DelMaramo took a sabbatical pilgrimage to Spain to walk five hundred miles on the Camino de Santiago, known also as the Way of Saint James. Upon his return, he spoke many times about his trip, including showing pictures and sharing his experiences during the monthly Thiel forum. Dr. DelMaramo was always inviting students to come speak with him if they had any interest in hearing more about his trip.

by Hans G. Myers,

When I came to Thiel nearly five years ago now, Dr. Mark DelMaramo was among the first people I met on campus. He chaired the committee of us freshmen charged to write the class resolution. I was immediately taken with his charm and his enthusiasm; his zeal for Thiel College and its students was infectious, and his demeanor was wholly welcoming – a balm for my anxieties as a homesick first semester freshman.
That evening, at the picnic dinner, he and I struck up a conversation on a mutual passion: detective fiction, in particular the Sherlock Holmes stories of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
We debated the merits of various adaptations and portrayals of Holmes – from Rathbone to Cushing, Wontner, Brett, and Downey Junior – before coming to the conclusion that both of our personal favorite was Benedict Cumberbatch, the English actor who stars the current BBC series *Sherlock*, a modern-day adaptation of the Conan Doyle stories which he once proclaimed to me was "the most faithful adaptation I've ever seen." This conversation carried us through dinner, long after other freshmen had begun going back to their dorms. It also ensured that when I picked up my English major at the end of my freshman year, I chose "Doc" – as he was lovingly called by his students – as my advisor.
Everyone I have spoken to since his unexpected death on Fri, Feb. 3, has recalled a man who seemed to be made of sunshine. They have commented on the warmth he brought to rooms, his bright smile, his indefatigable optimism even in the face of the extreme adversity he had faced in recent years.
A story I had not heard before – of a rare display of his frustration – made me love

him more, as I learned how he had gone and confronted Dr. VanAken over the working conditions of the housekeepers during an incredibly hot summer, when they were being forced to work in sweltering buildings with the air conditioning turned off. Through this rare display of irritation, he ensured that the air conditioning was turned on for the housekeeping staff for the remainder of the summer.
I regret deeply that I was never able to take a class with one of the most illuminating men I have ever met. He began his struggle with cancer during my freshman year, and through it all he never lost hope. I still distinctly remember the joy we all felt when he beat his cancer initially, and departed on his pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago in Spain, inspired – he told me – in large part by the Emilio Estevez directed film *The Way*, in which a father makes the pilgrimage in memory of his dead son. Though his illness returned, he never lost his optimism: every time I saw him, he would smile broadly and tell me how he was feeling that week, and that he would be back teaching as soon as he was able. And then – inexorably – our conversation would turn to that enigmatic literary detective, Holmes.
We compared theories and ideas for the BBC series *Sherlock*, and shared glowing reviews of the episodes with one another when new seasons aired (we were able to compare notes on two seasons and a feature-length special during my friendship with him). He proclaimed this most recent season, which finished airing just over a month ago, "the best to date" when I spoke with him last. When a film released – based on the unofficial sequel novel *A Slight Trick of the Mind* –

starring Sir Ian McKellen as an elderly retires Sherlock Holmes (2015's Mr. Holmes), we both thought the film a poignant examination on the effects of aging: seeing the brilliant detective afflicted with the early stages of dementia long after the death of Dr. John Watson struck a chord with us both.
To me – as to so many of his former students – Dr. DelMaramo was more than just a professor or an advisor, he was a dear friend. My heart breaks for his family – and for Thiel students who will never know the joy of this man's company. Conan Doyle once wrote – in his 1895 novel *The Stark Munro Letters*, that: "I should dearly love that the world should be ever so little better for my presence. Even on this small stage we have our two sides, and something might be done by throwing all one's weight on the scale of breadth, tolerance, charity, temperance, peace, and kindness. The world is a brighter and better place because he lived, and because he touched our lives so wonderfully. In all my conversations with many disparate people who knew him, I have come across no one with a single negative memory of this wonderful man, whom I know in my heart is now hearing new stories of Holmes direct from the lips of Conan Doyle himself.
Rest in Peace, Doc. We love and miss you.

by Bess Onegow

With his infectious laugh and smile, Dr. Mark J. DelMaramo quickly ingratiated himself with incoming students. After a few classes with him, I asked if we could call him "Doc," to which he agreed to with a chuckle.
A more cheery and easy-going professor could not be found. He did not rule the classroom with an iron fist, but with a patiently firm hand. Doc showed us how to find passion in what we do and how to live it out beyond being students. He loved to teach, to pass knowledge on to his students while also learning from us. The questions we asked would be answered after a moment's consideration, which included a thoughtful stroking of his pride-and-joy—his beloved, bushy, blond mustache. While we could tell which of his subjects were his

favorites (Western Humanities and Advanced Composition) and which he was not so fond of (Business and Technical Writing), he started each class with a smile and modest laugh that stilled the classroom into readiness.
He joked with us throughout classes, all the while instilling us with knowledge that has lasted beyond Thiel's borders.
His laid-back nature invited office visits—both academic and social. Though we often had trouble finding a seat amidst the organized clutter in his office, he always kept the door open and cheerily greeted whoever turned up. I spent many a morning or afternoon talking with Doc there, catching up after a holiday break, discussing the latest episodes of BBC's *Sherlock* series, or bemoaning the lack of curl-

ing, preceding the burial. A vigil prayer service and calling hours were held also at Thiel College David Johnson Memorial Chapel the day before.
While many of the students who knew Dr. DelMaramo have moved on from Thiel, there are still a few students left who remember him dearly. Many of the English students who were taught by him at Thiel affectionately called him "Doc." Students outside of the English department still enjoyed Dr. DelMaramo's teaching through his favorite class, Western Humanities.
"Dr. DelMaramo was an

inspiration—not a man of self-grandeur or egoism, but one whose genuine and heartfelt interest in and compassion for others lifted them up and encouraged them to reach higher and live courageously." Sean Oros, '16 said. "He was a paragon of courage and compassion who will be greatly missed."
"I think Doc was one of those professors you realize are great, but you don't realize how great until later on, when you've seen how they impacted your life, and not just your GPA. Without him I probably wouldn't have joined

the newspaper, and I definitely wouldn't have become the writer I am today" Katie Allgeier, '16 said. "I saw how much he had impacted so many people, and how eager he was to hear about what anyone was doing with their lives after college. Between class and work, I know Doc (and his mustache) won't soon be forgotten, both in Greenville Hall and everywhere else."

by Hunter Michaelis, HMMichaelis@thiel.edu

When I was a freshman, I was assigned in a class called Western Humanities with a professor who was adored by everyone I talked with in my first semester. Everyone said how lucky I was to have him, even if it was just for Western and not a higher-level class.
His name was Dr. DelMaramo, or "Dr. D," as he was called by students. I've heard various words thrown around about him this week – legend, tender-hearted, and warm, just to name a few. I never had the privilege of having him after the great year that was Western Humanities, but I stayed in touch with him throughout my career. This is what he means to me.
Dr. D was an example of what makes Thiel so special. He took the time to get to know me and make me feel welcome. I remember him saying that he "loves" freshmen because he had the opportunity to teach them first. He loved seeing them come in as freshmen and watch them grow through four years.
I was quiet, awkward, and really nervous when I came here as a freshman. I sat right up front, hoping he didn't call on me. First day, he calls on me, looking for an answer. I didn't know it, so he comes over and asks for my name. He shakes my hand and says, "I'm glad you're here. You're in for a real treat." He showed me one of his famous smiles and that was it. I knew that I chose the right college.
They say that that's all it takes – one professor to make you want to stay at a college.
I can't speak for other

media, but Dr. D was an avid supporter of the paper. When I took over *The Thielensian* as a sophomore, he wished me luck and told me he knew I would do a good job. He laughed about the April Fool's Editions we did every year and even pulled me aside for one edition and said, "Hunter, that last edition you did was one of the best I've seen from the paper. I knew you could do it." My mouth was on the floor, to say the least.
I have a few professors whom I'll really miss now that I'm in my final semester, but both of them have said I could always come back and visit. I can't do that with Dr. D now, but at least he's always someone we'll look back on fondly and remember the good times about.
The only thing now I can do is wish his family well and let them know that they're in my prayers. I can't speak for everyone, but I think the same applies to a lot of his students, both current and former. God received one of the finest angels He'll ever see. He'll be dearly missed.
I can only hope that I leave such a profound impact on people's lives in the way that Dr. D did. If I get anywhere close to his level, that'd be a huge blessing in disguise.
From that awkward little freshman you took under your wing in his first year, farewell. You earned it, sir.
of all odds, and his beaming smile were all elements of man beloved by students and colleagues alike. My heart goes out to the entire family in this difficult time of grief—losing close family is one of the hardest griefs humanity can face, but it is all the harder when the one lost is such a stalwartly good being. Dr. DelMaramo was certainly this: kind, compassionate, committed, always with a beaming smile, crowned by his famous golden mustache, and a greeting to make anyone and everyone feel welcomed.
I had the good fortune to take and enjoy many of Dr. DelMaramo's classes alongside my English peers. His superb Western Humanities section was exceptionally formative for those of us lucky enough to take it in our first days at Thiel, welcoming us into the Thiel family while teaching us a wealth of knowledge.
For those who took Advanced Composition and Research or Business and Technical writing, we will always

Balancing the abortion debate

by Tina Kramer, TKram138@thiel.edu

I am not pro-life or pro-choice. You read it right; just as everyone has a right to their opinion, I have a right not to form a final choice in the abortion debate. However, there is some evidence that both sides often neglect. As academics, we are expected to consider every viewpoint, gather evidence, and form compassion to our fellow human beings. When we ignore one another and focus on ourselves, we lose the point.
In the abortion debate, people fail to use compassion in several ways. However, the most striking, I think, is the thoughts of those immediately affected by this event.
Firstly, the pro-life side or, much more appropriately coined "pro-birth" individuals, believe that everyone has the right to be born. My retort is what happens after these babies are born? Pro-life supporters, in the name of structuring their argument affectively, must consider this fact. I would be glad to see a rebuttal in the form of a support system for those who choose not to get an abortion.
For example, let's say a young woman in high school becomes unexpectedly pregnant. Her name is Jane. She talks to the father, and he re-

fuses to help her or even admit that it is his child. When she talks to her parents she discovers that they will not care for the child. She comes from a low-income family that can barely provide for themselves. Her only option is to drop out of school and raise a child by herself while somehow managing to pay bills or end it all in one procedure. What would you choose?
This would not be a fair fight, though, if we did not consider the pro-choice individuals or, more accurately "pro-abortion" people who believe that every woman has the right to choose. But is it this woman's right to choose? The choice of ending the life of the child or fetus, depending on which side of the debate information is found, is determined by someone other than the being whose life is in question. Pro-choice supporters, like those belonging to the opposite party, must make their belief a little more structured and clear.
Let's consider another scenario. Two women go to the same OB/GYN and discover they are pregnant. The one is the young woman from the first scenario, Jane, and the other is named Sally. Sally has already had one child and is

thrilled to tell her husband and daughter about her new baby. A few weeks go by, and some complication arises. She goes home, in tears, to tell her five year old daughter that her little brother died in mommy's tummy.
Her husband goes with her to the appointment to have her medical issue solved, just in time for her to overhear Jane talking to her mother on the phone. She is glad to be rid of this "thing" ruining her life. I'm sure you can imagine how Sally feels hearing this.
So what is the right answer—I guess that's just for the individual to decide. In arguments that are as sensitive as abortion, it is important to consider every viewpoint, to not judge one another too harshly, and to respect one another's differences. The beauty of our society is having the option to stand up for one side, the other, or neither side.
On social media and beyond, it is easy to find people on both sides of every argument attacking opposite views and using bias media sources. No matter what side, use logic, compassion, and a variety of sources to form a well-developed and rounded opinion backed by facts, evidence, and human understanding.



Hausers receive special honor

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My wife works with Chi Omega. We were always taught to give back from an early age. When you believe in something you want to see succeed, if we don't help out, it won't get done."

Mrs. Hauser became a sister of the sorority during her time at Thiel. Mr. Hauser also serves as the advisor to Lambda Sigma, the sophomore honorary.

He explained that only Florence West, Roth Hall, and the Pedas Center carry the name-sake of alumni. The other buildings and residence halls on campus resulted from alumni's donations that saw something in the college.

"It's a wonderful cycle of philanthropy," Hauser said. "Thiel thrives. The alums see it, and then they donate more money. The college then thrives even more, which produces better-educated and successful students. I don't think any institution can survive without the generosity of others."

Both Hausers have a familial history at Thiel. Mr. Hauser is one of 12 to attend, while Mrs. Hauser had a similar connection.

"It was natural for us to come here," he said. "They all had great experiences. My younger brothers and sisters ended up coming here."

His first job on campus was in the Admissions office, which was across the office from the Records office. They met when she started working as the receptionist, but they didn't reconnect until 30 years later when he was working with Alumni Relations to find donations. They don't have any children, but have a large family of nieces and nephews.

"Thiel's a great place," he said. "It'll be 50 years this fall since I stepped on the campus for the first time as a student. It's always been a great place."

Thiel brings back Jack Martin

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He served as Director of Development for five years and traveled, seeing every state. Martin raised \$19 million in donations over the course of his stint at Gannon. He left Gannon after earning his Doctorate in Professional Management from Akron. It wasn't long after this time that he was in an auto accident that left him seriously hurt for a year.

Working for Edinboro University and Virginia Tech as a Vice President, Martin began earning six-figures. He had earned \$7,300 when he started teaching. "I first learned how to become a mortician, after all of this, when my wife's family business was in danger of sale," he said. "Her uncle began it, so I decided to get my license and take it over. I've always found the mortician business fascinating."

He entered mortician school at age 42 after having 20 years of mortician experience on the side. During this time, Martin had no income, so a friend, who was "like a brother" to him, paid for the mortgage on his house.

While in school, he helped three students who were in danger of failing. He set up a studying regimen with them, which included studying every night for several hours. The students ended up graduating with honors.

Martin explained the mortician business covers three areas – business, counseling and medical. One needs to know how to run a business in order to keep a funeral home open, which is why Thiel students spend three years here earning a BADM degree and then attend the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science, PIMS, for their final year. Students will earn two degrees when they graduate.

Counseling involves supporting the family, who just lost a loved one. Part of becoming a mortician is studying human anatomy and knowing everything from bones to muscles, which entails the medical aspect. "It may surprise you that Erie has 19 funeral homes," he said. "How do you stand out in such a competitive market?"

With the rise of cremation and

funeral costs – around \$7,000 – Martin tried to cut costs in several ways. He bought several motorcycles and used those as an escort instead of having to employee an outside party. He installed an \$180,000 crematorium, which cuts out the middle man. He used \$750,000 to purchase a building with seven lots, which he used to expand his business further.

Aside from cosmetic and professional attempts, he focused on social media and maintaining a website. He estimated that he gets 10-12 funerals from Facebook annually, and he sponsors the Erie Otters, a hockey team based in the Ontario Hockey League, OHL. He has \$15 million in future business from people putting money down for funerals.

"You really can't work too hard," he said. "You have to have fun it. Remember the good times. I have a really warm place in my heart for Thiel. It's always been a great place."

Nuss and Miller win at wrestling championships

by Justin Felgar, jfelgar@thiel.edu

Senior Chris Nuss and junior Jason Miller both won individual titles at the President's Athletic Conference Championships at Washington and Jefferson.

Nuss won his second conference crown in a row, beating Waynesburg's Dan Verhovsek and pinning Washington and Jefferson's Jakob Kielb.

Miller won over Waynesburg's Filippo Crivelli in a

141 pound championship match and beat Washington and Jefferson's Michael Heintl by decision.

Thiel finished the tournament in third place, with Waynesburg and Washington and Jefferson coming in first and second, respectively.

Two Thiel Tomcat wrestler finished in second place at the tournament. Walter defeated Washington and Jefferson's Michael Smith

but was defeated by Thomas More's John Shirkey. Austin Bonacci won over Thomas More's Tristin Badida but lost to Washington and Jefferson's Hunter Neely.

The Thiel Tomcats will compete in the NCAA Division III Mideast Regional Championships at York College of Pennsylvania on Feb. 25-26.

Course/Instructor/Peer Leader	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS
Supplemental Instruction Sessions					
ACCT 123 Accounting II (Oakes) Julia Fink	4-5 pm AC 40	9-10 pm AC 40			9-10 pm AC 40
CHEM 160Gen Chem II (Khalsa) Chandler Daugherty	3-4 pm S 100		9-10 pm S 100		9-10 pm S 100
CHEM 210 Organic Chem II (Franz) Alexi Mowris		8-9 pm S 211	8-9 pm S 211	8-9 pm S 211	
MATH 125Quantitative Reasoning (Hecking/Richens) Terri Eddy	6-7 pm (Hecking) AC 137		7-8 pm (Richens) AC 138		7-8 pm (Richens) AC 138
MATH 182 Calculus II (Wu) Sara Matczak	6-7 pm AC 138		8-9 pm AC 138		8-9 pm AC 138
NSCI 202. Intro to Neuroscience (Butcher) Nick McNutt		7-8 pm AC 201		7-8 pm AC 201	
Group Peer Study Sessions					
CJS 230Law Enforcement (Hanneman) Jon Oden		9-10 pm S 200			9-10 pm S 200
PSY 150 Gen Pysch (Gallagher) Mandy Slupek	8-9 pm AC 233	9-10 pm AC 233		7-8 pm AC 233	
PHYS 184 Physics II (Torigoe) Mike Long	4-5 pm S 1	9-10 pm S 1			9-10 pm S 1
SOC 141Macrosociology (Hunchuk) Libby Grasso				8-9:30 pm AC 108	
SOC 233 Statistics for Social Sciences (Hanneman) Victoria Hermann	8-9 pm AC 137		8-9 pm AC 137		
SOC 251 Minorities (Sutton) Kayla Bean				7-8 pm S 211	
Walk In Tutoring Service					
MATH 211 Elementary Statistics Minitabs (Wu) Jesse Sealand			10-11 am TLC LIB	10-11 am TLC LIB	
Test Review Sessions: (Dates and times will be announced in class and sent via email.)					
ECON 221 Microeconomics (Giannini) Katherine Orzeck	HIST 102 US History since 1877 (Koshan) Nick Sarratori		SPAN 151 Spanish II (Carlson) Dana DePaulo		

Supplemental Instruction (SI) and GPS (Group Peer Study) are a series of weekly review or study sessions for students enrolled in historically difficult classes. These sessions are voluntary, free, and facilitated by a trained peer leader who has successfully completed the course. All students who want to improve their understanding of course material and improve their grades are encouraged to attend sessions for classes in which they are enrolled.

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McNutt and Arnold earn Extraordinary Effort Award

by Hunter Michaelis, hnmichaelis@thiel.edu

The TLC Extraordinary Effort Award is given to two students by the Learning Commons, TLC, based on a nomination by a TLC staff member. The first winners of the semester are seniors Nick McNutt and Candi Arnold.



Nick McNutt, one of the last Extraordinary Effort Award winners for February.
Photo credit: Prof. Noel Stanger

McNutt is double majoring in Neuroscience and Psychology, while Arnold is a Psychology major.

"I was kind of surprised," McNutt said, about being selected for the award. "I wasn't aware of it, but it's nice to get recognized when you're putting effort into something you enjoy."

McNutt is a Supplemental Instruction, SI, leader for Neuropsychology and Introduction to

Neuroscience. In his spare time, he chairs the Relay for Life, which is his "pride and joy," and is active in the Neuroscience, Psychology and Cycling Clubs.

"Nick was nominated and selected for the TLC Extraordinary Effort Award for February because of his outstanding service to students as the Supplemental Instruction leader for several neuroscience courses," Nancy Katz said, Professor of English and SI Coordinator. "He has led SI for Intro. to Neuroscience and Neuropsychology using innovative group activities that have helped many students pass these challenging courses. He is an enthusiastic leader among the SI student staff, always setting a great example for other leaders and willing to go several extra miles to assure the SI program at Thiel remains strong."

After graduation, McNutt will attend the University of Pittsburgh to study for his Masters in Public Health.

"I feel very honored and accomplished to have received the TLC Extraordinary Effort Award," Arnold said.

On campus, she participates in the Organization of Black Collegiates, OBC, and enjoys hiking, kayaking, and photography. She started working for TLC in her freshman year and currently works as an administrative assistant.

"The Thiel Learning Commons staff nominated and selected Candice Arnold as a February recipient of the TLC Extraordinary Effort Award because



Candi Arnold, one of the last Extraordinary Effort Award winners for February.
Photo credit: Prof. Noel Stanger

of how she has demonstrated perseverance and motivation in achieving her academic goals," Diane Donnelly said, Director of The Learning Commons and Academic Advisor. "Candi is a strong young woman who faces her challenges head on and does not allow obstacles to affect her success. She is very driven and is setting new goals to attend graduate school after her graduation from Thiel."

After graduation, Arnold plans on attending Kent State Ashtabula to pursue a career as a Physical Therapy Assistant.

Patterson named CVC Player of the Week

by Justin Felgar, jfelgar@thiel.edu

Freshman Mitchell Patterson was named CVC Player of the Week on Monday after leading the Tomcats to a 1-1 record in the Continental Volleyball Conference last weekend.

The Tomcats were off to a great start to the conference in a dynamite 3-0 win of the Cairn Highlanders. The Tomcats slowed that Saturday with a three and one loss to Rutgers-Newark. Patterson put up 20 kills in the game on Friday and 15 kills in the game on Saturday.

Patterson ended the week by recording 35 kills and putting up 36.5 points in seven sets. Patterson also leads the Tomcats this season in kills, scoring 96. In ad-



Mitchell Patterson was named CVC Player of the Week in last week's tournament.
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dition, Patterson also has recorded 38 digs, two service aces and nine blocks for Thiel.

The Tomcats will face Mary-

mount University on Friday at 7:00 in the Beeghley Gym.