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## Clark forms business ahead of graduation

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Thiel senior John Clark has established John Clark Web Development, a business with the aim of helping businesses design effective websites. The business focuses on web design, social media management, and graphic design. Clark created a full business plan as well as the foundation.

A Web Development and Integrative Media major, Clark also carries a minor in Computer Science.

"I was able to get experience that a lot of people don't have," Clark said. "Thiel is one of the only schools in the state that offer Web Design as a major. It shows you're very serious to potential clients."

Clark first experimented with web design as a freshman in high school. He taught himself the HTML language and began creating websites as a hobby. HyperText Markup Language, HTML, is how web pages are designed and utilized with their applications.

A website is the first thing potential customers will see with regard to a business. In the age of the Internet and Google, a website serves as the first impression that they receive. A strong website is needed to make a positive impact.

"If a business is missing one of those things, it could hurt the others and the business itself," Clark said. "Missing a social media presence could mean a website is harder to find or promote. Missing good graphics can make the website look cheap and unprofessional. Finally, missing a website in general can hurt a business entirely as someone would move on to find another business with a website."

The social media aspect entails running the accounts that a business has, or establishing them if none exist.

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## Sigma Tau Delta inducts new members in SGR ceremony

By Tina Kramer, TKram138@thiel.edu

On Sunday, Feb. 19, the Alpha Iota Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the Thiel College chapter of the international honors society, inducted six new members and installed new officers for the upcoming academic year.

The new members included Colton Amolsch, Justin Felgar, Cassandra LaGrange, Taylor McKelvey, Joseph Pouliot and Vincent Vahaly, of which the last mentioned was absent from the ceremony. The keynote speaker was Dr. Chris Moinet, who will be retiring at the end of this academic year. His speech was titled "The Celebration of the Reader," and featured anecdotal tales from Moinet's childhood, as well as humorous and sincere comments on the world and the importance of reading in creating empathy between



The new inductees of the Sigma Tau Delta honorary at the induction ceremony.

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people.

"I thought the induction ceremony was great. Dr. Moinet's speech really made the gathering light-hearted and welcoming. Also, I am very honored to be this year's vice president, but extremely nervous to create the next edition of the Pheo-

nix," McKelvey said.

The chapter officers for this year will include Tina Kramer as president, Taylor McKelvey as vice president, Alison Schemrich as secretary, and Cassandra LaGrange as treasurer and SGA representative. The event was hosted by the

chapter's now previous president, senior Amanda Zimmerman. Other previous students in office included Nathan Flory as SGA representative, Kyley Raskob as secretary, Madison Mele as treasurer, and Kramer as vice president. Zimmerman, Flory, Raskob, Kramer and Dr. Jared Johnson instated the new officers.

"Amanda Zimmerman did an excellent job of hosting the event and welcoming new members. I'm going to miss the out-going officers, who—with the exception of Tina Kramer—are all graduating seniors. The newly inducted members and recently installed officers are all strong students and leaders, so the organization will be in good hands. I'm honored to be their sponsor," Johnson said.

The induction also included a video tribute to Dr. Mark DelMaramo, which featured photos from his time at Thiel and during his sabbatical. This video was created by newly inducted member, Pouliot, and is available online for students and others who wish to view it. New members were also given a copy of the *Phoenix*, which will be unveiled to the entire campus March 16 at 8 p.m. in the library. This year's *Phoenix* will be dedicated to Moinet in his final year at Thiel College.

Members of Sigma Tau Delta must uphold a strict GPA requirement, take a sufficient number of English courses, and prove a dedication to the organization's motto: sincerity, truth, and design.

## Dave Johnston speaks at Senior Seminar

By Hunter Michaelis, HMichaelis@thiel.edu

The Business Senior Seminar hosted Thiel alum Dave Johnston in the Sawhill-Georgian Room on Feb. 15. The Seminar, which is open to all majors, features former graduates discussing their experiences in their fields to current Thiel students.

The class offers students the opportunity to network and interview, while testing the job market with Business professors. Students have even been hired as a result of this class in the past.

Johnston graduated from Thiel in 1971 and currently serves on its Board of Trustees. Originally from McKeesport, PA, he currently heads up non-profit Exterior Insulation/Finish Systems in Washington, D.C.

He had his draft physical right after graduation, but received the 1-Y classification. This exempted him from service in Vietnam, unless in the event of national emergency. He interviewed with Pittsburgh-based Mellon Financial and a graduate who earned his MBA. The job was given to the MBA.

"I went for my own MBA from Ohio State, but I let it go after 30 hours," he said. "I really wish I got it, though. I was taught well here. I was instilled the values of success, but an MBA gives you just a little bit extra."

With no job or real career path



The students who attended the dinner with Johnston (front row, second from right).

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for his Business Administration degree, Johnston followed a few of his fraternity brothers to the nation's capital, where the job market there was more active. He landed a job with the Association of General Contractors, AGC, an Arlington, VA-based company, as an Administrative Assistant. According to its website, the AGC has representatives from 26,000 firms across the country.

He drove high-ranking officials to their destinations and learned lessons about being a young professional.

"You need to find a job you're going to enjoy for a while. You may not like it from the start, and then what? It's estimated that you'll have five jobs in your

career. Always keep your eyes open for opportunities."

After the AGC, he went on to the American Institute of Architects, another Washington, D.C.-based company with over 90,000 members, according to its website.

Johnston discussed what he called the "foundation for a successful career." His reasons for wanting a well-paying, successful career that one enjoys is self-esteem, peer and family admiration, and for the simple reason that people want to emulate wealth.

"You have to determine your own level of success," Johnston said. "Life is a competition, and you're going to make enemies on the way, so don't worry about

them. You should never exclude risks; you manage them."

Part of his foundation was integrity, trustworthiness, character, past accomplishments and behavior, and knowing oneself well.

According to him, someone who possesses a thorough understanding of these traits will seek an interview with the mentality of being hired to solve a problem. A candidate has to add some value to the company.

"You don't want to become a problem," he said. "Arrive early and stay late; show you're invested in the job. This foundation makes up who we are and it shapes our decisions."

## Kramer and Wiegmann earn Student of the Month honors

By Kyley Raskob, KRask490@thiel.edu

Two seniors were awarded Student of the Month for the month of February 2017: Daniel Wiegmann and Tina Kramer.

Daniel Wiegmann will be graduating in May 2017 and plans on moving to Pittsburgh to start his new job at an accounting firm. Tina Kramer will be returning to Thiel for another year before continuing her education in graduate school.

Daniel Wiegmann is an Accounting and Business Administration-Finance major. His current work on campus includes his position as President of the Student Government Association, a paid position he takes very seriously.

"I really enjoyed my time at Thiel, it has allowed me to learn and mature holistically,"

Wiegmann said. "Additionally, Thiel has given me all of the tools I need for present and future success professionally and personally." After graduating, Wiegmann plans to move to Pittsburgh to start his new position as an audit associate at the accounting firm Grossman Yanak & Ford. He received the job offer after interning there the summer before his senior year.

Wiegmann is originally from McMurray, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Peters Township High School in 2013. When he is not living at Thiel, Wiegmann stays at home with his parents. Over the summer, he enjoys spending his time outdoors camping, hiking, and cycling. Wiegmann is also devoted to his presidential position of the Greenville Area



Tina Kramer (left) and Daniel Wiegmann (right) were named Students of the Month for February.

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Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is an active member in the Lambda Sigma honor society, Thiel Tomcat Marching Pride, Cycling Club and Frisbee Club. He served as the student representative for the Student Success Strategic Planning Committee for the College. He

has received the Departmental Scholarship and Dean's List many times.

"I was very honored because there is such a small number of students that get selected," Wiegmann said. "I feel recognized for the work I put in at Thiel, which is always a good

feeling."

Tina Kramer is a Psychology and English Secondary Education major. Kramer works on campus as a Resident Assistant in Hodge Hall and in the library as a book processor. She is also the Co-Editor in Chief of the *Thielensian*. Kramer is a senior by credits and will be returning to Thiel before graduating in May 2018.

She is planning to apply to graduate schools for counseling and will possibly continue into a Ph.D. or Psy.D. program. She has received the Presidential Scholarship and Dean's List for every semester she's been at Thiel. Next year she will serve as the President of Alpha Chi, the highest honor of academic excellence.

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## WXTC teams up with Save the Music

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Thiel College's student-run radio station, WXTC, held their second annual music festival on Friday, Feb. 24. There were a total of seven acts that came to perform all different genres of music.

All proceeds collected at the event were donated to the VHI Save the Music Foundation to help fund music programs in schools across the nation.

The event was free to all Thiel students that attended and a ten dollar donation was suggested at the door for the members of the public that came out. The event was held in the Lutheran Heritage Room. It began at 5 p.m. and wrapped up a little after 11 p.m.

"This year's WXTC music festival went great thanks to all the great performers and a wonderful TCTV and WXTC staff. We were able to record a great production that can be streamed online for anyone that could not attend to check online in the future" Michael Battisti, Media Production Engineer, said.

The TCTV staff members attended and got full coverage of the entire event. They recorded the performances and caught up with each of the acts after their show for a quick interview. This year TCTV brought out the Tri-Caster to get different angled views of the action.

Staff members of WXTC sold tickets for a Chinese auction and collected donations at the door. They also had a table setup for their station 88.1 FM and broadcasted the performances and live interviews on the radio.

A lot of students came out to support their peers and the other performers. The show opened with freshman Ellsworth Reese, who sang a collection of gospel songs.

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**Thiel Happenings**  
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**March 4-12:**  
Spring Break

**Thurs., March 16:**  
Thiel Forum  
4-5:00 p.m. in Stamm Lecture Hall.  
Presenters include Dr. Michael Bray and Dr. Sheila Nowinski

**Sun., March 19:**  
Thiel Choir Spring Concert  
3-4:00 p.m. in the Chapel

**Sat., March 25 :**  
Zeta Tau Alpha's Annual Food for the Fight Spaghetti Dinner  
3-7:00 p.m. at the Greenville Moose Lodge  
All you can eat spaghetti, basket raffles, bake sale and more! All proceeds benefit breast cancer education and awareness.

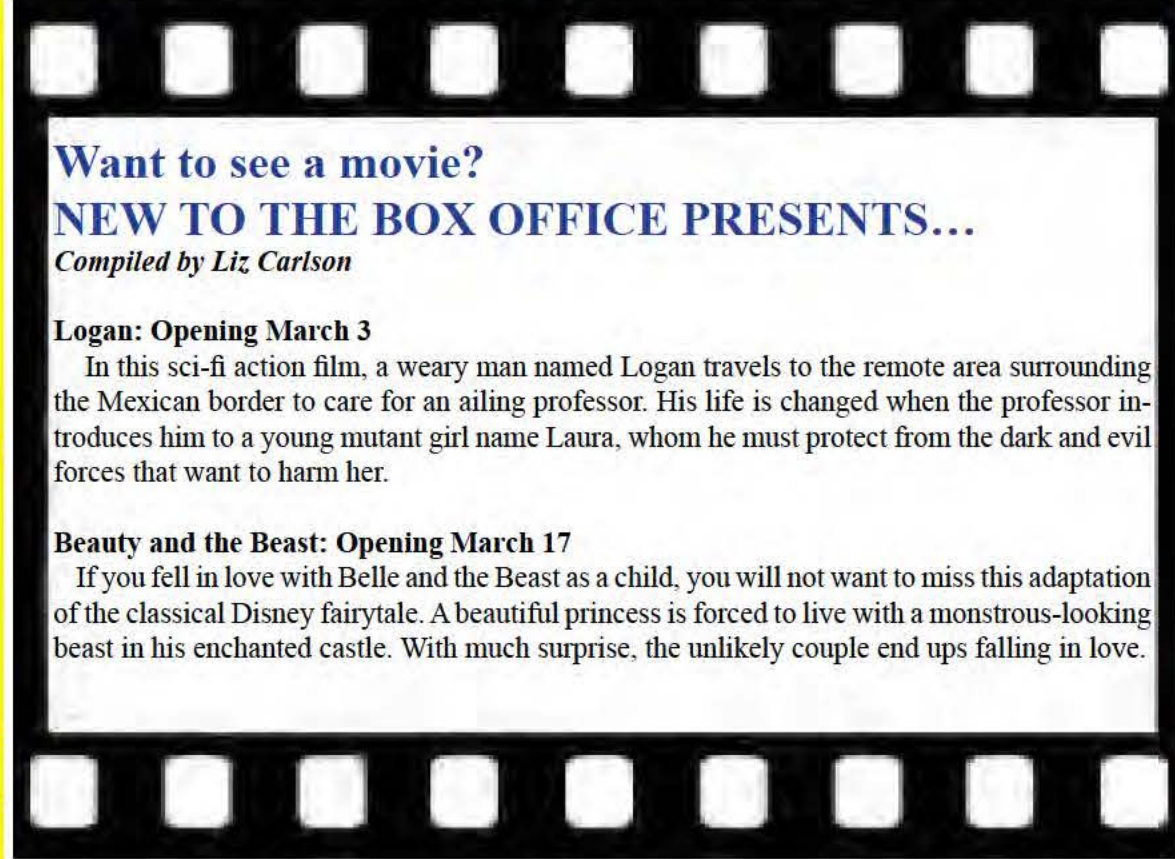
**Worship on Wednesday**  
Every Wed., 4-5:00 p.m. in the Chapel

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- Layout and Design
- Copy Editor
- Sports and Academics
- Student Life and Events
- Business Manager

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Staff Writers are always in demand, so inquire within!



**Want to see a movie?**  
**NEW TO THE BOX OFFICE PRESENTS...**  
*Compiled by Liz Carlson*

**Logan: Opening March 3**  
In this sci-fi action film, a weary man named Logan travels to the remote area surrounding the Mexican border to care for an ailing professor. His life is changed when the professor introduces him to a young mutant girl name Laura, whom he must protect from the dark and evil forces that want to harm her.

**Beauty and the Beast: Opening March 17**  
If you fell in love with Belle and the Beast as a child, you will not want to miss this adaptation of the classical Disney fairytale. A beautiful princess is forced to live with a monstrous-looking beast in his enchanted castle. With much surprise, the unlikely couple end ups falling in love.

### Clark's new web development business

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Social media is the cheapest form of advertising because of its application to youth as a media platform. Clark can maintain these accounts on his own, which cuts down on hiring more than one person with expertise in a different social media area.

Graphic designs include a logo, brochure, or anything physical that help with identifying the business. He has several packages that a customer can choose from based on their needs.

"I hope that this is successful enough that I don't need to focus on doing it on the side," Clark said. "I want it to become a full-time position. I want it to become all that I do."

On campus, Clark serves as the Programming Director of WXTC. Thiel's radio station,




John Clark recently started his web development business with this logo.

*Photo credit: John Clark*

and is active on the Track and Cross Country teams. He was the captain in the past and previously worked as a Supplemental Instruction, or SI, leader for Data Structures. This allowed him to work-on-one with his peers.

"If you're a younger student, you definitely want to get your



**Feb. 18-Black and White Ball**  
A student entered the HMSC intoxicated and was escorted back to their residence.

A student at the dance was observed to be intoxicated and was escorted back their residence.


A male student was found to be trying to fight another male student at the dance while being intoxicated.

Two students were found to be underage while drinking at the dance.

**Feb. 19**  
An odor of marijuana was coming from a room. No students from that room were in the building. The room was unoccupied.

Officers received a call from an RA regarding a strong odor of marijuana. Investigation proved the odor to be incense.

**Feb. 26**  
A stolen iPhone was tracked back to Thiel from a party where it went missing at Slippery Rock.



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## Dear Dirk: The Worst Advice on Campus

*Questions for Dirk? Please email thielensian@thiel.edu*

*Dear Dirk,*  
My therapist says it might be a good idea to get a therapy pet to help with my anxiety. However, being a college student with little time and money to care for a pet, I wasn't sure what to do. I thought since we have so many groundhogs around campus, I could keep one as a therapy pet.  
- 2Birds 1Stone

Hey, 2Birds 1Stone,  
That is probably more work than you want. You would have to make the pet comfortable, which would probably

mean covering your floor in dirt so it can dig. This would piss off your roommate and housekeeping. Isn't the point to help with your anxiety not drive it through the roof?  
- Dirk

*Dear Dirk,*  
I sleep on the first floor of my dorm, which is pretty great. However, when the people above me decide to 'get together,' I have to hear it. It keeps me up at night and makes it hard to study. I don't want to confront them if I don't have to.

- Disturbed

Hey, Disturbed,  
That sucks. I would try the typical old lady approach and beat on the ceiling with a broom when they are being loud. After a time or two they might be quiet. Otherwise confrontation may be the only option. I would just bang on the door and tell them you'll go to the RD. Scaring them could be the quickest way to fix it.  
- Dirk



**Photo of the Edition**

A therapy dog visited Dr. Gallagher's class on Feb. 27.  
*Photo credit: Dr. Kristel Gallagher*

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

## President Trump's speech to Congress

*Justin Felgar, Jfelgar@thiel.edu*

One of the greatest criticisms of Donald Trump is that he is not presidential. During the primary, the presidential campaign and throughout President Trump's first days in office, he has been lambasted as a buffoon at best, and a fascist dictator at worst. Everyone, from has-been presidential nominees, to Hollywood celebrity hacks, to everyday people, has castigated Trump for his brash attitude, his Twitter habits, and his attacks on the press.

The chorus rings out that he just doesn't have the temperament. That argument was blown out of the water on Tuesday night when President Trump gave his first speech to the joint session of Congress.

President Trump took a different tone in his speech than he did with his inaugural address. Gone was the gloom and doom of an America in trouble, rife with crime and economic malaise. Instead, President Trump gave examples of what America could be, encouraging the American people to come together for what seems to me, would be an American Renaissance.

President Trump laid down his agenda clearly and succinctly, and extolled Congress to reach across the aisle to get things done. Many of President Trumps campaign promises recurred in his speech. One of the biggest was the promise to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare. While the response from the Democratic side of the room was silent, with a few lawmakers throwing up thumbs down at the idea, a loud, victorious shout was heard from the Republican side. Lawmakers who have waited eight long years to take the hacksaw to Obamacare

shouted their agreement to gut the program that has been a burden on many Americans.

President Trump also renewed his promises for national and border security. The wall is still going to be built and will be built very soon. President Trump also announced, to the moans and groans of many, a new program called "VOICE" or "Victims of Immigrant Crime Engagement" designed to publish a list of illegal activity perpetrated by immigrants.

Those who supported Trump, while treated to an impressive speech, were not surprised at what they heard last night. This was the President Trump we knew we were going to get. Those who hate Trump should be very afraid, however. The goofy buffoon you want to portray Trump as? Gone.

President Trump showed up in that speech. He showed America what presidential looks like. It was so refreshing to hear what President Trump is going to do. I jumped for joy when he announced the end of the defense sequester and getting money to the veterans of United States. Infrastructure, education, and peace in the inner cities were also things President Trump promised to accomplish in his tenure as commander in chief. President Trump asked us to believe in America again.

The big moment of the night was when Trump did something unexpected, to the shock and praise from both sides of the aisle. President Trump took the time to honor Carryn Owens, widow of William "Ryan" Owens, the U.S. Navy SEAL who recently sacrificed his life for his country in a raid in Yemen. President Trump praised Owens for his sacrifice and his service to his country and let Mrs. Owens know that her husband was a hero. Mrs. Owens then received a standing ovation from most of the lawmakers in the room, both on the Left and Right.

President Trump's speech was not warmly received by all. Many Democratic lawmakers, such as Nancy Pelosi, Chuck

Schumer, Bernie Sander, and Tom Perez criticized President Trump's speech as not being representative of reality. The response from the celebrities in Hollywood, or "Hollywood-weird" as it should be called, was even worse. However, some of President Trump's most ardent critics, such as Rachel Maddow, Van Jones, and Chris Wallace admitted that parts of the speech, specifically the honoring of Carryn Owens, were successful.

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It was also so unbelievably good to see a president who genuinely loves our armed forces, and is not afraid to show it. That is something that has been seriously lacking the last eight years. Bottom line? If Trump continues to strike this tone with America, and continues to keep his promises, President Donald J. Trump is a name that will be on our tongues for the next eight years, like it or not.

## Pokemon Go receives important update

*By Nathan Flory, NFlory@thiel.edu*

The once-popular smartphone app has regained its status with many players after releasing new features on Thursday, Feb. 16.

This update came shortly after a Valentine's Day promotional event and surprised some players with its sudden release. The most prominent feature of the update was that the second generation of Pokémon, which originally debuted in 1999 with the Game Boy games Pokémon Gold and Silver, became available for capture in Pokémon GO.

Other significant features of the update included rare "evolutionary items," which are used to evolve specific Pokémon, as well as on-screen Poké Ball and berry carousels, which simplify the Pokémon-catching process.

The change has been noticeable here on Thiel's campus. The campus features Pokémon Gyms at Roth Hall and the HMSC Post Office. Players from the three different teams (Instinct, Mystic, and Valor) may compete for possession of these gyms at any time. Campus was rather stagnant before the latest update, but since then, the HMSC Post Office gym typically changes

fore the release of the second generation were rewarded with smaller Christmas and New Year's events. Such events did not necessarily draw any people back to the game, but they were enough to keep many players interested through the holidays.

Anticipating a post-Valentine's Day event lull, Niantic probably saw it as an opportunity time to release the new Pokémon. With at least several weeks until the next potential holiday event (for St. Patrick's Day or Easter), more players may have abandoned the game. However, with this latest update, those who had played the game throughout were rejuvenated, and many who had abandoned it in previous months decided to give it another chance.

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teams at least twice per day, though Roth Hall is usually more consistent.

One would imagine that Niantic will likely ride the success of this update for at least a few weeks, but it is exciting to think about what may be next. Consistent players may only have a few holes in their Pokémon collections at this point, three of which are region-exclusive Pokémon only available on other continents. Perhaps a world-trading feature may be added, as it was for the Nintendo DS Pokémon games.

Additionally, players are thus far unable to obtain any legendary Pokémon in Pokémon GO. It would make sense for Niantic to hold some sort of event for the legendary birds Articuno, Moltres, and Zapdos, whose silhouettes serve as the emblems of the three teams in the game. It may be that players will only be able to capture the Pokémon that correlates to their respective team, but that is for the developers to decide. Until then, what harm is there in being overly optimistic and hoping for Mewtwo and Mew, too?

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Do you have a voice you're dying to practice through writing?

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## Remembering Dale Earnhardt

*by Colton Amolsch, CAmol766@thiel.edu*

February 18th, 2001 began as any normal day in the world of NASCAR. It marked the running of the Daytona 500, the sport's Super Bowl. It also marked the first race to be broadcast by FOX, which had signed on to broadcast half of the season, placing the sport further into the spotlight alongside the NFL or MLB.

As if knowing an entirely new audience was watching, the drivers did not disappoint.

The Budweiser Shootout and the Gatorade Twin 125s each drew large numbers of viewers, with the 500 expected to draw even more. No-one was thinking of how the race could go wrong. In the end, it would, and the sport would be changed forever.

The race featured more than its fair share of crashes,

including the infamous 'Big One', the large wreck that always seems to happen at Daytona and Talladega. The 'Big One' is not a question of 'if', but rather of 'when'. In 2001, that crash happened on Lap 175, involving nineteen of the cars. Avoiding that wreck were the two cars of Dale Earnhardt, Incorporated (Dale Earnhardt, Jr. and Michael Waltrip), and their owner, Dale Earnhardt.

Throughout the weekend, speeds had reached unseen levels since the induction of a speed-reducing restrictor plate in the late 1980s. The previous year, three drivers had died in separate racing accidents; Adam Petty, Kenny Irwin, and Tony Roper. After the large crash in the 500, concerns were again raised.

As the remaining cars sat on the front-stretch of the track under a red flag (which halts the race in the case of a large accident), Dale Earnhardt re-

marked over the radio to longtime car owner Richard Childress, "Richard, if they don't do something about these cars, someone is gonna end up getting killed."

When the race resumed, Earnhardt, Dale Jr., and Waltrip assumed the lead. The competition in the field grew vicious as the race continued to wind down. Behind Waltrip and Dale Jr., the elder Earnhardt continued to run black, shutting down any of the drivers behind him. As the final lap began, it seemed all but certain that DEI would finish one-two-three. That all changed as the cars entered the back-stretch for the final time.

Making one last attempt to pass Earnhardt, Sterling Marlin dove underneath his fellow driver, while veteran Ken Schrader went to Earnhardt's outside. Using all of his experience with Daytona, Earnhardt edged out ahead of the other two drivers going into turn three. Marlin stuck the nose of his car just underneath the quarter-panel of Earnhardt's car. It fish-tailed, and sent the car up the track, hitting the wall at excess of a 180 MPH.

Ahead of the wreck, Waltrip and Dale Jr. finished the race in the top two positions. Behind them, the elder Earnhardt's car and that of Schrader's came to rest in the infield. Getting out of his car, Schrader came around to check on his friend. As he lowered the window-net, he frantically called for the emergency crews. Over the radio, Richard Childress continued to call Earnhardt on the radio, but received only silence.

In Victory Lane, Michael Waltrip celebrated his first win

in over a decade of racing. Absent from the celebration was Dale Jr. and his father. Within the next few hours, Waltrip would realize why. At 5:16 PM, Dale Earnhardt, Sr. was pronounced dead at Halifax Medical Center in Daytona, Florida, of a basilar skull fracture. He had died instantly in the wreck. The entire NASCAR community mourned.

At age five, I was one of those mourners. Growing up, Earnhardt had been my favorite driver. My favorite toys had been those patterned after his cars. In fact, as unbelievable as it may seem, my first word as a child was "Earnhardt." In a household where the only sport we watched was NASCAR, he was larger than life. His death hit my family particularly hard. Even to this day, footage of his final race is hard for me to watch.

It has been sixteen years since that fateful day in 2001. Despite the way time has continued to move forward, Dale Earnhardt has remained my hero. In some way, he always will. Not merely because of what he accomplished in the world of racing. But because of what he symbolized. That through determination and drive, one can accomplish anything, provided you never give up on what you're trying to achieve. And that is perhaps his greatest legacy. Not as a driver, but as a role model.

To quote Brian Williams' speech in 2001 at the annual NASCAR awards banquet in New York, "To all of those who loved him, to all of us who still look for the black number three in the field, they say if you look real hard...you can still see him there."

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Other performers included Sarah Brooks, Jay La'Mont and the Genius Society and Freshman Brant Miller.

"A few of my friends performed at the festival so I came out to support them and the other acts. There was a good variety of music and all of it was really great. My favorite performance of the night, though, was Jay La'Mont and the Genius Society. They were really energetic and fun to listen to," freshman Shyann Foreman said.

The festival concluded with Nevada Color, a favorite among Thiel students. They got the crowd on their feet.



One of the numerous performers for the night.  
*Photo credit: Corey Lang*



Students Brant Miller and Keenan Weimer perform at the WXTC Festival.  
*Photo credit: Allen Morrill*

## 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							
7pm					Deltawaves (Jake)		
8pm				Modern Ground (John)		Revolution Radio (Kira & Dan)	Revolution Radio (Kira & Dan)
9pm			Metal Boarder (Bella)				
10pm				Metal Boarder (Bella)			
11pm			Vibing w/ Alice (Kourtney)				
12am							



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Poetry!  
Pizza!





Polvinale, Eppley lead second Thiel Forum of the semester

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The second Thiel Forum of the semester was held on Thursday Feb. 16 at 4:00p.m. in the Stamm Lecture Hall of the Pedas Center. Kourtney Polvinale, a graduate of the class of 2016 who currently serves as the Dietrich Honors Institute assistant and as an admissions recruiter, started the forum with her presentation “Thou art That” on non-duality and reality. Her work stems from Hindu philosophy. Polvinale’s background

includes extensive personal and academic research on Hinduism, including working together with Dr. Dan Eppley to design a Hinduism course last year. Polvinale’s presentation urged listeners to question Western dualism, not in favor of oneness but instead of the non-dual. Non-dual does not mean one because in non-duality, there is no such thing as secondary. In this philosophy, each individual is the whole experience of the universe. This means that one should take life sincerely but not seriously. Dr. Delbert Abi Abdallah, assistant professor of Biology, presented on research he is currently doing on immune system defenses against health issues caused by a pathogen and a parasite. His research is sponsored by the Greenville Neuromodulation Center (GNC). In Feb. 2016, Abdallah was named the Director of the GNC Faculty/Student Research Institute; his

own research is one of many projects made possible by this partnership. Dr. Chris Fonner, also an assistant professor of Biology, presented research about the effects of sex hormones on vulnerability to a deadly fungal pathogen in amphibians. He and his student assistants are working with red-backed salamanders to determine the relationship between sex hormones and a disease which has been one cause leading to

population decline among amphibians. This research is also being done through the GNC Faculty/Student Research Institute. Since the projects of Abi Abdallah and Fonner are still in progress, their findings are neither conclusive nor ready for publication. However, it seems that their work is successful thus far, and that both the Thiel campus and the Greenville community will continue to benefit from the fruits of the GNC Research Institute. The next Thiel Forum will be held on Thurs. March 16 at 4:00p.m. in the Stamm Lecture Hall. Currently, the schedule features Dr. Sheila Nowinski presenting historical research and Dr. Michael Bray discussing both Johann Sebastian Bach and the Thiel Choir’s tour to Ireland in May 2016. Anyone interested in participating in a future forum is encouraged to speak with Dr. Mary Theresa Hall.

Newest Students of the Month

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Kramer is originally from Butler, Pennsylvania where she graduated from Butler Area Senior High School. When she isn’t at Thiel, Kramer stays at home with her father back in Butler and works seasonally at Sheetz. “My local newspaper, the *Butler Eagle*, had an article about me being Student of the Month recently. It was cool to get phone calls from home about a Thiel-related event,” Kramer said. She enjoys her classes at Thiel, going for walks, reading, watching movies, and visiting her fiancé, Michael. She is an active member of Sigma Alpha Pi, Pi Nu Epsilon, Kappa Delta Pi, Psi Chi, Frisbee Club, and English Club. She is also the newly elected President of Sigma Tau Delta and the Thiel College Choir Vice President.

“I was extremely honored. I couldn’t believe that I was chosen as a Student of the Month, especially since I’m a senior by credits and a junior by year,” Kramer said. “So many of my idols have been given this honor. It was incredible to think that I ranked among these monumental Thiel students.”

Message from the Co-Editor in Chief

Please stay tuned for all the latest news on campus. Until then, we all hope you have a safe, relaxing break. We’ll see you soon.

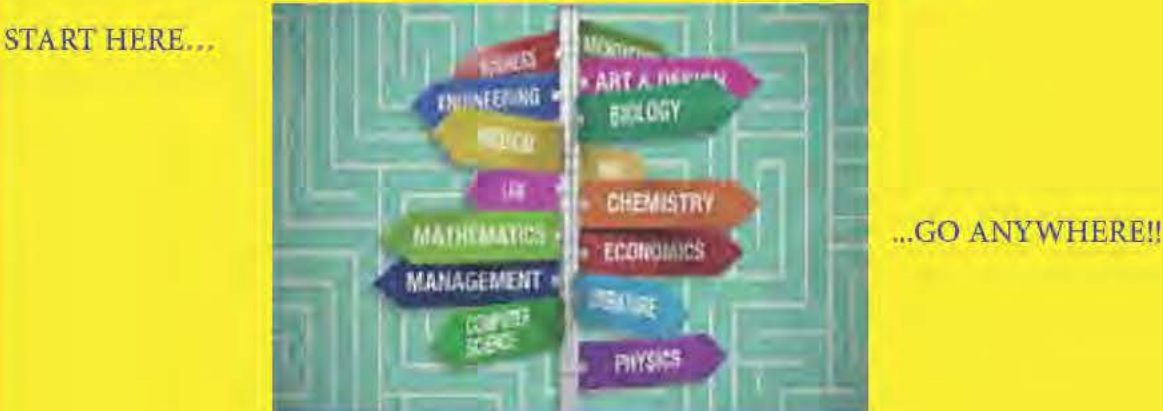
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Co-Editor in Chief

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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Men’s basketball finishes season

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The Thiel Men’s Basketball team fell to the Thomas More Saints 73-53 in the semi final match of the President’s Athletic Conference. The Tomcats started strong, quickly securing a eight nothing lead over Thomas More, before the Saints came back to tie it up 23-23 shortly before the end of the first half. Clandell Cetoute paced the Tomcats with 12 points and nine rebounds in the game. Alonzo

Brown put up nine points for the Thiel effort and snagged 11 rebounds in the game. Nyric Gosley put up for Thiek and Le-Andre Jackson recorded eight points off of the bench. The Tomcats concluded their season in the third seed of the Presidents Athletic Conference Championship, with an overall record of 16-9 and a 11-7 record in the PAC. With the conclusion of the season, junior Tyreik Burton

was named the PAC Player of the Year. Burton lead the way in scoring with an average record of 18 points per game. Burton was third in the PAC for steals. Burton joined Tomcats Rich Williamson, Erik Hemsing, and Blair Rozenblade as Thiel’s fourth PAC Player of the Week.

Men’s Lacrosse earns a win over Laroche

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The Tomcats bat the air out of the LaRoche Redhawks with a 23-4 non-conference win at the Rissel-Schreyer Dome, bumping them up to a 2-0 record on the season. Junior Brennan O’Shea was the leader in points for the Tomcats, scoring six points for Thiel. Tomcats Liam Stickle, Jared Saffer, and Edward Kargbo all earned five points for the Thiel effort. Both Mike Bryant and John Smiley scored three goals apiece and each had an assist. Cole O’Connor made five saves for Thiel in the last 45 minutes of play, while Charles



Men’s Lacrosse defeats the Laroche Redhawks  
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Wistner had a save in the first period. The Tomcats will host the

Houghton Highlander on Saturday in the Rissel-Schreyer Dome. The game begins at 4:00.

Gladysz qualifies for wrestling championships

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Freshman Gage Gladysz has qualified to go to the NCAA Division III Championships in March. Gladysz was vying with senior Chris Nuss for third place in the Mideast Division III Regional Championships hosted by York College. Nuss began the match by defeating T.J. Pashinski from Keystone before falling 16-3 to Larry Cannon from Messiah. Nuss then went 4-2 Waynesburg’s Dan Verhovsek in the consolation bracket. Gladysz was able to pin Antonio Zapata from Muskingum before losing to Kyle Koser in overtime. Gladysz then overcame Heidleberg’s Gage Finnigan by decision in the consolation bracket.



Gage Gladysz qualifies for the Division III Championships, which will be held in March.  
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The next day, Gladysz went three and zero to advance to the Championships, defeating Lycoming’s Travis Ogden, John Shorter from York, and Waynesburg’s Kenneth Burrs for Third place. Gladysz holds a 24-6 record this season and will compete in the 2017 NCAA Championships March 10-11 at the La crosse Center in La Crosse, Wisconsin.