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Due to a lack of content and student participation, this paper is only four pages. Anyone not on the staff contributed their piece and gave their permission.
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Annual Medical Debate in LHR

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On Wednesday, Oct. 11, students had the opportunity to attend a medical debate that was held in the LHR titled, "Vaccinations: The Reality Behind The Debate" which discussed the ethical issues of using vaccinations.

Two sessions were available, one that was held from 1 – 3 p.m. and another that was held from 6 – 8 p.m. Presenting the two sides of the argument were Professor of Philosophy, Arthur White Jr., Ph.D., and Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Matthew Morgan, Ph.D, while Deborah Snyder, DO and David Hefner, Pediatrician, DO acted as panel members.



Rev. Martin Roth continues his effort to spread the knowledge of vaccinations to urban areas

Photo credit: David Dye

When asked what got him involved with the debate, Prof. Morgan said, "The first class I ever taught was Medical Ethics, and ever since, it has been a favorite of mine."

Prof. Morgan's side of the debate was in favor of vaccinations, and argued that it was safer for both adults and their children to vaccinate themselves just as doctors recommend, since it helps to prevent diseases. If people began to voluntarily reject certain vaccinations for non-medical reasons, then it could possibly lead to a resurgence in diseases that are still active in less-developed countries.

The debate, which is a part of the Community Medical Ethics Project, is aimed at helping people make informed decisions when it comes to their own healthcare by helping them understand issues of medical ethics. Such debates have been going on annually at Thiel College since 2004.

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This year's seventh annual Library Awards honors research efforts

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On Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 4 p.m., the Seventh Annual Library Awards were held, awarding select students for their research efforts.

This year, unlike previous years, the date was arranged around the birth of Thiel College Langenheim Memorial Library, which is identified as Nov. 5th.

"The Awards were getting lost during Founder's Day. The change to November 5th recognizes the anniversary of the Langenheim Library and gives us an opportunity to celebrate student achievement," Director

of the Library, Allen Morrill, said.

Nominees and those who made nominations were awarded certificates, and select top winners received gift cards in an effort to reinforce student studies, specifically by purchasing books online from Amazon.

Austin Hall, Kiley Raskob, Josephina Whiteman, Nicole Richins and Kathleen Kent were given top research awards and presented their papers to those gathered in Stamm Hall for the event.

"This opportunity allowed me to inform my peers on a top-

ic I really enjoy, as well as get a real life experience presenting my research in a professional environment," Whiteman said.

The Library Awards have slowly developed over the past seven years, originating as a recognition of papers solely based on student bibliographies to the current list of criteria. They now evaluate the research paper as a whole in addition to papers graded exclusively on writing ability and effectiveness.

The Library Staff hope that the awards further inspire students to reach researching ex-



The library award nominees all pose in Stamm Hall for a picture after the event.

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cellence.

"Recently, Former President Robert Olson told his class, 'There is no substitute for reading'. Our award winners know this already, but far too many

students try to avoid doing research. Many avoid the library and use only free online sources. Student tuition supports the library.

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The Entrepreneur of the Year Dinner

by Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu

Professor David Miller's Entrepreneurship class witnessed Dr. James Parker, a 1964 Thiel graduate, earn the honor of Haller Institute's 2015 Entrepreneur of the Year. The dinner, which included three courses, was held in the Sawhill-Georgian Room on Nov. 4.

The Haller Institute is a program started at Thiel in 1983. The Lutheran Brotherhood gave Thiel a \$2500 grant for the advancement of business. "I wasn't involved the first year," Miller said. "The basketball coach, of all people, headed it up, but they asked me to step in. In 1995, Henry Haller gave us a \$1 million endowment."

The ambitious Institute held its first dinner that same year. "The then-President Carlyle Haaland suggested it'd be a nice thing to do," Miller said. "We were looking for someone who would inspire our students. We've been doing it ever since, and everyone has told an interesting story."

The Institute pays for the scholarships that select accepted students receive every semester, this dinner, other



Professor David Miller and President Troy VanAken stand beside the Entrepreneur of the Year recipient, Dr. James Parker.

Photo credit: Edward Mailliard

"They're carefully crafted so students make the most of each one. You're there to network and benefit from board members' interaction. Every table had one board member and one faculty."

Parker, who is a veteran, is an attorney whose concentration is food and drug law. He has spent his career bouncing around different interests, finally landing ownership of his own company, Strategic Bioscience Corporation, in 1994.

His expertise is unique – he has handled pre-clinical research all the way to post-marketing trials of drugs and importing and exporting operations. He has studied how to keep a working relationship with the Food and Drug Administration.

"We prefer Thiel grads," Miller said, on Parker's selection; "His life story is truly one of the greatest I've ever heard. He did it all himself. I've never heard one like it."

He left home as a teen and went from job to job, includ-

ing a stay in the military. After hearing about Thiel from a friend, he graduated with a degree in biology, moving on to Duquesne in Pittsburgh for his M.S. in pharmacology and toxicology. His Ph.D came in pharmaceutical chemistry.

Around the same time, he entered law school at Duquesne and finished at the New England School of Law.

Parker worked with Telor Ophthalmic Research and several other companies in pharmaceuticals for 12 years, eventually landing at Fisons PLC, a company that specialized in pharmaceutical chemicals. He headed up International Regulatory Affairs, even living in the United Kingdom for the company.

Aside from teaching as an adjunct professor at Boston College's School of Law, with tenure going back 18 yrs, he has maintained a private law practice since 1989. He currently lives in Stow, Massachusetts with his wife Linda.



Will Malady, a current student, introduces himself to Dr. James Parker and his wife, Linda Parker.

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The Murder Mystery Company kicks off the Honors Convocation with a bang

by Mary Dougherty, mdougherty@thiel.edu

The weekend of Nov. 6-8 was Family Weekend at Thiel. The weekend was kicked off with the perennial Honors Convocation, which took place in the newly re-modeled Passavant Center.

The itinerary for the weekend was jam-packed with family activities, one of which was a Murder Mystery Dinner that took place on Saturday in the Lutheran Heritage Room in the Howard Miller Student Center.

Dozens of Thiel students and their families turned out for the occasion, which was an RSVP only event. The Murder Mystery Company, who hosted the dinner, is a dinner theater company operating nationwide, hosting private dinners and

performing public shows. The Murder Mystery Company is largely known as the experts in mystery entertainment. At their events these mystery experts engage guests in a comedic murder show while guests simultaneously enjoy a nice dinner.

On this particular night guests watched the Great Scott, a famous magician, die while performing a new magic trick. The audience was in disbelief in what they witnessed. How could the Great Scott mess up on a trick? He was an expert.

It turns out that the Great Scott was poisoned with chloroform that was placed on a handkerchief that he was using for this specific trick.

Things got even stranger when the last will and testament of the Great Scott was read aloud following his death. In his will, the Great Scott failed to give his life savings to his son, Lancaster Hamilton, a local financier, and instead gave all his money to a no-name plumber who claimed to never have met the Great Scott. This added to the mystery: who killed the Great Scott and why; and who changed his will?

Thiel students and their families were given quite the challenge in solving this murder, but nonetheless took on the challenge as if they were professionals.

The detective on call then presented the dinner guests



Thiel students and families enjoyed a themed dinner as part of Family Weekend activities.

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with evidence. They were introduced to twelve suspects, all with ties to the Great Scott. For the next two and half hours or so, Thiel students and their families worked diligently to solve the murder, collecting evidence and hearing testimonies from the suspects.

At the end of the night, the murder was successfully solved. Four groups correct-

ly solved the murder, but only one group could be named the official winner. The winner was decided on the best team name, and that honor was given to the "Who Dunnit's."

The Murder Mystery dinner was filled with a lot of laughs, but overall, everyone was happy to find out "Who Dunnit" to the Great Scott.

Pedas Fellows: New and Improved

by Liz Carlson,

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With the construction of the James Pedas Communication center in 2014, new opportunities became possible for students interested in learning more about media, communications, and new technologies.

Now, a year later, the Pedas Fellows program is continuing to expand, introducing new Fellows as well as new events, in efforts to meet their goal of helping students get the best experience possible from the technologies and programs within the Pedas Center.

The Pedas Fellows, under new leadership of Dane Claussen, recently held an event on Wednesday, Nov. 11. Peg Watts, a communications professor at Thiel and the advisor to WXTG, gave a presentation in Stamm Lecture Hall highlighting the uses and benefits of broadcast radio. Watt's presentation was the third installment of several events planned and executed entirely by the Pedas Fellows and Claussen.

"It is really nice to see the Pedas Fellows doing more than just sitting at the tables in Pedas waiting to help people. The events are very beneficial, because they give students the opportunity to learn about all of the technologies that are available for their use in the Pedas Center," said Pedas Fellow, Trey Vaughn.

The Pedas Fellows have several ideas for additional events throughout the year, including an app night and a night designated to watch and reflect on the Democratic primary debate.

"Attendance has been a bit sparse at our last few events, but I really hope that as the Pedas Fellows continue to establish a presence on campus, more and more people will realize how beneficial they really are," Pedas Fellow, Lora Rutherford said.

As the semester nears its end, the Pedas Fellows are anxiously awaiting their busiest time of the year, helping students to add the finishing touches on their final projects. Although their workloads are increasing, the Pedas Fellows have no intentions of slacking off on their efforts to help other students get the most out of the Pedas Center and all that it has to offer.



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TAB Game Show: Fear Factor:
Friday, Nov. 20
* 9 p.m. in the Bistro

Wings N’ Sings:
Saturday, Nov. 21
* 9 p.m. in the Bistro

Dome Opener:
Friday, Dec. 4
* 5-8 p.m.in the Dome
* Food, Novelties, Bubble Soccer, and more!

Holiday Bingo:
Saturday, Dec. 5
* 9 p.m. in the LHR

Late Night Breakfast:
Monday, Dec. 7
* 10 p.m. in the TC Café

Sip N’ Paint:
Tuesday, Dec. 8
* Times and Sign-ups TBA

Wanna see a movie?

BLY HALL MOVIE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS...

compiled by Liz Carlson

Ant Man: Friday, Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 21 at 2 p.m.

After being exiled from his own company, Dr. Hank Pym recruits the talents of a master thief fresh out of prison, Scott Lang. With training from Pym, Lang becomes Ant Man, dressed up in a suit that allows him to shrink in size, possess human strength, and control an army of ants. His duty as ant man is to prevent an evil yellow jacket from perfecting the same technology for evil purposes.

Minions: Friday, Dec. 4 at 8 pm. And Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m.

Your favorite little yellow dudes are back again, this time starring in their own film! With no master to guide them, the minions become extremely depressed. One minion, Kevin, steps up to save the day! With Stuart and by his side, Kevin sets out to find a new evil leader to give the minions a purpose. If you loved the minions in the Despicable Me movies, you will definitely not want to miss this one!

Thiel College Police Blotter

November 1, 2015 2:00 a.m.
- Three students were involved in a fight at the Halloween dance.

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Local Radio: Why it is Important

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Radio is not the first place people usually think of when they consider media outlets. However, it is an important piece of media and self-expression. Have you ever stopped to think about how often you actually hear the radio in a given day? Most retail businesses have the radio playing over their loud speakers. Also, when you are in a vehicle, chances are you are listening to it as well. Here at Thiel College, we are provided with the opportunity to take part in broadcasting on our own station, and even have our own weekly radio shows.

“Instead of being a source of entertainment like it used to be in the 40’s and 50’s, its a place to stay local and connect,” Peg Watts said, Adjunct Professor of Communication. “For so many different majors, college radio still very much applies. Take Dan Wagner for instance; he is WX-TC’s Production manager, and is also a computer science major. He is working with technology in a way he never thought of before, and now it looks like this is the direction he wants to go with his career, and he’ll make a good living at it too,” Watts said.

“Local radio is something that sort of relates you to your geographic area. It almost gives you part of your identity; you are not

just going to say something like, ‘My name’s Courtney and I love CNN,’ but if you’re telling somebody about yourself in your home town, and you say, ‘Yeah, I love to listen to 3WS,’ which is a local oldies station; that tells you something about yourself. That’s something that you can relate to, and it’s part of your geographic area that people can also relate to you with. I also think that radio is a really great communication method, because it is technology, but it is a little more personal, in that you’re listening to someone’s voice. It’s like a phone call rather than a text message,” Kourtney Polvinale said.

“Having a radio show is like owning a gun; I feel like I have so much ability. Of course, there are some rules that you have to follow, but really, I can say whatever I want. You have the power; 25 miles in any direction, I can tell anybody anything that I want to, and it’s amazing that I have the ability to reach that many people. Being on the radio gives you the ability to get what’s important to you and music that’s important to you out,” Polvinale said.

If people want to get involved with Thiel’s local radio station, they need to get in contact with Peg Watts (WXTC’s Advisor), Mike Boratyn, (WXTC’s Station Manager), or Kourtney Polvinale



Kourtney Polvinale, WXTC assistant manager, broadcasting her show “Vibing with Alice”
Photo credit: Mike Boratyn

le (WXTC’s Assistant Manager). There is a some training necessary to be able to get on air, but that is not the only way to get involved. For example, people can get involved with the technical aspects of radio, or promotions and public relations. “There is no one major

that the Radio is for; it’s for everyone,” Watts said.

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Potential Third Installment of Patriots vs Giants

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Chris Kafka, staff writer
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It is getting to be that time of year, where the contenders are separated from the pretenders.

Previous popular picks for the big dance, such as the Baltimore Ravens and Seattle Seahawks, look like impossibilities at this point in the season. The Pittsburgh Steelers have lost Le’Veon Bell, and it is difficult to see them going deep into the playoffs without him.

The Denver Broncos have benched Peyton Manning, which I never saw coming, and the Cincinnati Bengals have been vulnerable all season, which finally damaged them, causing them a loss to the

Houston Texans. This leaves the New England Patriots as the last undefeated team in the AFC, and they appear to be operating on cruise control since the beginning of the season. It would seem that the undefeated Carolina Panthers in the NFC would be set to be the opponent of the Patriots in the Super Bowl, but I think another twist will take place.

Out of the Patriots’ nine victories, the narrowest was against the New York Giants, who currently stand at 5-4 and first place in the NFC East. Is it really that far fetched to believe that this season could be

reminiscent of 2007, when the Patriots went undefeated before losing to the Giants in the Super Bowl? There are still many games left, but it is still very possible that the Patriots could finish 16-0. Last time that happened, the Giants were a wild card team that caught fire in the playoffs.

While the Giants look set to win the division, since the rest of the teams are riddled with ineptitudes and injuries, they look primed to become a wild card team once more. This team showed in the 27-26 loss against New England that they definitely have the personnel to

go against them. Looking at the NFC, Carolina does not have many play-makers on offense besides tight end Greg Olsen and quarterback Cam Newton.

Newton has showed that when he plays poorly, it could cost the team multiple games, if not for a stout defense. However, the Giants have an offense led by play-maker Odell Beckham, Jr. that can expose them. The Green Bay Packers have an inefficient offense without Jordy Nelson and a porous run game, while the Atlanta Falcon’s secondary can be shredded when going against top offenses. There are truly no teams

in the NFC that can match up well against the Giants, and I believe that they can win on the road against these squads with their talented run game as well.

As Atlanta fans should recall, the Giants running game has led them to postseason and Super Bowl victories in the past. However, the Giants’ pass rush is lackluster and was their catalyst on defense in the past.

While this could be the vulnerability that New England could expose if they met in the big game, it is not unlikely to envision them facing off against one another in February.

Photo of the Edition



Students of Prof. David Miller’s Entrepreneurship class pose for a photo following the dinner on Nov. 4. Entrepreneur of the Year Dr. James Parker is pictured front center.
Photo credit: Edward Mailliard

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

Information Technology gives thanks to Maintenance and Housekeeping

“We would like to thank the Maintenance and Housekeeping departments for moving the Information Technology offices located in the HMSC to our new location in the Academic Center.

Job well Done!

Thank you all.”

- Harold Bloom
Director of Administrative Computing

The price of procrastinating

by Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu

For you summer lovers out there, the fall leaves are coming off the trees, and finals are brewing like the morning coffee.

The difference: one gives you energy for a short time, while the other takes it away.

It’s no lie that finals, and the period before and after Thanksgiving, aren’t very fun. In fact, they’re downright terrible.

I’ve seen people throw their heads into walls with the stress of being a college student, especially when you have ten things to do and about a half-hour to do all of them.

So... what do you do? Well, you make a plan and stick to it. You don’t procrastinate. You don’t fall behind.

Personally, I’m in the middle of a whirlpool of work, but that isn’t complaining. I’m stressed. I’m wondering how it will all get done. I’m concerned my GPA will tank after this latest final binge.

Still, you have to breathe. You have to remember that everything will get done. You create that plan based on what absolutely must be done first, and then check them off one at a time. From there, it’s easy.

Well, it’s not easy. It’s simpler than it would be if you didn’t have this plan. You’re stress levels will be much lower than all of our colleagues.

Stress and procrastinating are like showing up thirty minutes late to a first date. It won’t go very well, and words won’t get you out of the storm you’re about to receive from said date.

You have to treat your plan and what you have to do like that man/woman you’re going to see on that date. You wouldn’t turn in a term paper three hours late because you overslept that day, would you?

No. You just work through the stress, the lack of sleep, and the endless hours of studying and preparation to get it done.

It may not seem like it, but everything will be all right.

I’ve completed this newspaper during finals preparation and finals week as your Editor in Chief several times. It isn’t easy. Like it or not, I still have to bring this paper out when I said it will go out.

Not because I’m being paid (even though it helps). Not because I get to see my name on the top of the staff list.

No, it’s because I promised my bosses that I would get it done. We’ve made a promise to our professors to get this work done, not because we don’t have anything better to do.

It’s because we’re at college to learn, and like it or not, stress is a part of life. Sure, you can stress out and procrastinate, but what will that get you?

I can tell you one thing: it’ll make your life a lot harder than it needs to be. Just plan it out and breathe. You’ll be surprised.

Finally found my favorite place on this planet

by David DeVivo, jdevi871@thiel.edu

Waking up to the sound of waves crashing on the beach off in the distance is one of the most soothing sounds that exists. Growing up near Virginia Beach and living around other bodies of water throughout my existence, I have come to an executive decision that there is no sound quite like the sound of an ocean wave crashing and ripping back into the sea.

Recently, when talking with one of my little brothers, he asked me what my favorite place was; I, of course, told him anywhere with him. But his question really got me thinking: where was my truly favorite place I have ever been, and how was I going to filter through all the possible options to make a decision?

So, I got to thinking, and my favorite place on the planet Earth is anywhere south of Pennsylvania along the coast of the ocean. Through personal experiences of times spent on Maryland’s, Virginia’s, North Carolina’s, South Carolina’s, and Florida’s coasts compared to my time spent in Virginia by marshes and Pennsylvania by the river, I realized I was more cut out for living where the smell of ocean was always present in the air.

Obviously the eastern coast below Pennsylvania, all the way down to Florida, covers a vast amount of land and living possibilities. So when deciding on my favorite place, I could not disregard the whole eastern coast.

So when starting the process of narrowing down to one specific place, I decided to start somewhere I know the most about.

Virginia Beach was my home for five years; I spent most of my time skin boarding along the shores, roller blading on the board walk, or bargaining the ice cream vendor for a better deal on my favorite ice cream treat, Choco Tacos. While this may seem like it fulfilled a young lad’s every wish, I could not stand the summer seasons because of the increase of tourism and rude people. Out of all the seasons, summer is by far my favorite time of the year. This is why Virginia Beach is not my favorite place to live.

While vacationing all along the outer banks and flying to Kitty Hawk with my father in his Cessna plane, I fell in love with the Carolina’s beautiful oceans and the extensive history present throughout both states.

The atmosphere of the public and vacationers was more relaxed and easy going than Virginia Beach in Kitty Hawk, Myrtle Beach, Duck, Ocracoke and Surf City. While each of these towns has their cons and pros, they are all beautiful and amazing places to visit. The key word there is ‘visit.’ Even though I fell in love with these towns, I still felt there was a town more suited for myself somewhere else along the outer banks; I just had not been to it yet.

Recently, I had the pleasure of vacationing with my Uncle Bob in Key West, Florida. Upon arriving at Ocean Key, which was our resort, I realized there was a ton of small boats and yachts. With over a hundred bars and other attractions, my uncle was able to keep us busy for most of the day.

While on a tour of the town, I realized something magical about the island. There was a natural phenomenon created by a coral reef that surrounds the whole island; there were no waves. I was waking up in the morning to what I thought was the sound of the ocean, but in reality, the wave sounds were being created by the boats. This, for sure, was the deal breaker, making it not be my favorite place.

However, the people and friends I met in the short time I spent on the island proved to be more meaningful than the noise of waves. We were on the far end of Duval Street, a street known for its night life and tons of attractions. Although we were close enough to the happening street, we were off in a quiet and relaxing area. I woke up to room service that came with my favorite type of coffee, and was able to enjoy the food on a patio connected to our room overlooking the ocean and sunrise.

So somewhere in between the room service and the lively respectful atmosphere, I realized Key West was my favorite place on Earth.

The Community Medical Ethics Project’s debate

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Since 2004, the debate has been sponsored by four organizations including Thiel College, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Paul’s, and UPMC Horizon. This all came together to be presented at Thiel College because of the efforts of Reverend Martin Roth.

“I used to attend these debates in Pittsburgh, and I thought they were fascinating,” Rev. Roth said, remarking how intrigued he was by the intelligent speakers and the topics of

discussion, Rev. Roth believed that it would be very good to help spread the information from urban areas such as the city of Pittsburgh to smaller communities such as Greenville.

Since then, the debates have been held at Thiel College, and usually focus on topics that are being discussed in the media. For example, Rev. Roth stated that child vaccines and adult vaccines are part of what led to vaccinations being picked,

since there is much controversy over whether or not children should be given mandated vaccinations despite possible objections from their parents.

Regardless of what someone’s personal thoughts on the debate over vaccinations are, it is a great benefit to the community to be able to discuss such important topics in a place where anyone can attend and educate themselves.

The Library award ceremony’s development

cont. from front page

A student choosing to skip the library and research on their own is similar to someone dining at a five star restaurant, ordering the chef’s specialty, and then leaving without eating the food,” Morrill said.

The Library Awards have slowly become a tradition for academic writers, professors, and faculty members of Thiel College.

As the Awards begin to gear students and professors to-

wards using the Library to find and use sources, the academic integrity of Thiel students will continue to improve and thrive across campus.

Ultimate Frisbee team wins first home scrimmage

by Nate Flory, NFlory@thiel.edu

On Sunday November 8th, the Thiel College Ultimate Frisbee team defeated the Westminster College Ultimate Frisbee team 15-13 at Alumni Stadium in the first ultimate frisbee game ever hosted at Thiel College. The game was tied 12-12 late in the second half when Thiel scored back-to-back points on catches by Colby Howe and John Thiel to take a 14-12 lead. Westminster answered back by way of a point scored by Austin Reudiger.

With the game on the line, Thiel received the disc and worked it up the field only to turn it over near the goal-line. However, their defense was able to force a turnover on Westminster’s part, and after quickly putting the disc into play, Steve Formichella sent a deep huck towards the back of the end-zone, which Kelly Thompson chased down and caught for the game-winning point. It was an excellent way to finish an overall successful day for Thiel.

The team was effective using its short-game between its handlers and in-cutters early in the game. Dan Forringer scored the opening point of the game for Thiel and from there on, they managed to never relinquish the lead. The game stayed close, however, as their largest lead was only by three points and Westminster was able to tie the game on two occasions, but Thiel never let them get ahead. The two teams traded points back and forth for a while, though Thiel was able to hold the lead at halftime by a score



Nick McNutt sets a defensive mark on Westminster captain Austin Reudiger.

Photo Credit: Tina Kramer

of 8-6.

Westminster received the disc to start the second half and scored the opening point to narrow the lead to one. Once more, the teams exchanged a few points before Thiel established a 12-9 lead. Westminster stormed back with a three point tie, though Thiel pulled off the win in the end.

Thiel’s offense was boosted by Sophomore John Thiel, who scored four points, mostly off speedy deep cuts, in his first competitive game of ultimate frisbee at the college level. Juniors Dan Forringer, Dan Wiegmann, and Nick McNutt each recorded a pair of points, with McNutt adding an assist of his own. Colby Howe scored one point and assisted on six, while junior captain Nate Flory scored three points and assisted on five.

Wiegmann said: “Westminster put up a tough fight, but we stayed ahead of them all game long. Our guys and girls worked hard together the whole time to continually push themselves and hold onto the lead.” About playing at Alumni Stadium, sophomore Tina Kramer said, “It was really great to be able to win on our own turf. I hope everyone who had the chance to come out and see us had as much fun watching as we had playing.”

The team was immensely appreciative of the support they received from fans, both family and friends alike, who cheered them on throughout the afternoon; they would like to thank everyone who made it to the scrimmage and look forward to playing more games at Thiel in the future.

The beginning of Winter sports

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November is here. That means it is the time for basketball and wrestling to take over Thiel College.

Thiel Wrestling opened up their season by going 3-1 at the John Carroll Duals on Nov. 7. Head Coach, Craig Thurbur, is in his thirteenth season leading the Tomcats, who are chasing a PAC championship. Thiel is relying on experience this season with seniors, Jake Lowry, Marco Crivelli, and Blake Heim to lead the Tomcats to victory. Along with the seniors, the Tomcats have juniors, Vince Vahaly, Rob Ritschard, Nick Sutton, and Chris Nuss to help pave the way for Thiel. The Tomcats placed 6th in the Washington

and Jefferson Invitational on Saturday. Crivelli was able to capture an individual title at 174 pounds. Nuss (165) and Sutton (149) both were able to place second at the invitational. Thiel Wrestling will be in action on Nov. 21 at the Mount Union Duals.

Thiel Women’s Basketball team opened up their season on Tuesday night, but was unable to come away with a win against the Oberlin Yeowomen. Sophomore Taylor Duchon led the Tomcats with 13 points and 7 rebounds. Junior Erin DiFalco and freshman Jess Vormelker each added 9 points for the Tomcats. Thiel hopes to bounce back as they take on the Hiram Terriers on Wednesday

and participate in the Betty Abgott Invitational this weekend.

Thiel Men’s Basketball was in action last Friday as they were able to hang on to a 70-62 road win against the Allegheny Gators to start their season with a win. Sophomore Tyreik Burton, coming off the bench, scored a game high of 18 points in the win. Seniors Luke Kochka and Khari Bess both added 15 points for the Tomcats. Thiel is looking to keep the winning coming as they take on Penn State-Behrend in their home opener Wednesday. The Tomcats will also be in action this weekend at the Buzz Ridl Classic hosted by Westminster.

Show Your Tomcat Pride!

11/23
Men’s Basketball vs La Roche @ 7 p.m.

11/24
Women’s Basketball vs Penn State-Behrend @ 7 p.m.

12/2
Women’s Basketball vs Geneva @ 530 p.m.
Men’s Basketball vs Geneva @ 530 p.m.

Course/Leader	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Supplemental Instruction Sessions					
Accounting I (Oakes/ Witosky) Kelly Thompson Greg Galbo, asst.	ACCT 113 4-5pm AC 40	ACCT 113 9-10pm AC 40		ACCT 113 9-10pm AC 40	ACCT 113 9-10pm AC 40
Intermed. Accounting (Witosky) Brittany Bates	ACCT 213 8-9pm AC 33		ACCT 213 7-8pm AC 33		ACCT 213 7-8pm AC 33
Calculus (Richins) June Longbine		MATH 181 8-9pm AC 4		MATH 181 7-8pm AC 4	MATH 181 8-9pm AC 4
Data Structures (Anderson) Dan McFetridge	CSCI 169 6-7pm AC 35	CSCI 169 8-9pm AC 35			CSCI 169 8-9pm AC 35
Elementary Statistics (Kim/Shellenbarger) Julia Fink		MATH 211 7-8pm AC 34		MATH 211 8-9pm AC 34	MATH 211 9-10pm AC 34
Gen Chem I (Khalsa) Derek Runge	CHEM 140 6-7pm S 210		CHEM 140 8-9:30pm S 210	CHEM 140 8-9:30pm S 210	
Gen Chem II (Stanisky) Cheyanne Fedder	CHEM 160 3-4pm AC 108		CHEM 160 9-10pm AC 108		CHEM 160 9-10pm AC 108
Neuropsychology (Pickens) Nick McNutt	PSY 270 5-6pm S 211		PSY 270 8-9pm S 211		PSY 270 8-9pm S 211
Physics I (Torigoe) Dom Licata			PHY 174 8-9:30pm S - I		PHY 174 8:30-10pm S - I
Group Peer Study Sessions					
Gen Pysch (Pickens) Sam Raymond	PSY 150 7-8 pm PC 100			PSY 150 8-9 pm PC 100	
Spanish I (Carlson) Dana DePaulo		SPAN 150 8-9 pm AC 233		SPAN 150 8-9 pm AC 233	
Macroeconomics (Shaffer) Katherine Orczeck	ECON 211 5-6pm S 200			ECON 211 9-10pm S 200	