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Candidates interviewed in psychology department

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Over the past few weeks, the psychology department at Thiel has evaluated four candidates, one of which will be hired to teach during the fall of 2017.

All of the candidates either already have PhDs or will be completing their coursework this summer. Several of the candidates also have previous teaching experience.

Originally, the faculty search committee reviewed 60 applications. Phone interviews were conducted with the top nine applicants, of which four were chosen to complete interviews and demonstrate lessons on campus. These four candidates have been ranked and will be called within the upcoming weeks.

Part of the interview process for the four top candidates included lunches without the faculty search committee. These lunches were held exclusively with students.

"The student lunches were a fantastic addition to this search that we had not done in previous years," Dr. Laura Pickens, Chair of the Search Committee, said. "This gave the students in the major time alone with each candidate to talk about research, teaching, advising and mentoring roles, without the pressure of the other faculty present. The student feedback from this experience was phenomenal. Students felt like they were better able to connect with some candidates over others, and really dig into conversation better than one can in a classroom."

The teaching demonstrations also helped guide the search committee when making a decision. These experiences were specifically designed to help faculty members experience the candidates' pedagogy knowledge in practice.

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TCTV celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr. and future events

by Corey Lang, CLang984@thiel.edu

TCTV, Thiel's student-run television station, is back in action with a new semester ahead. Members of TCTV have several new ideas that they hope to fulfill this semester, ranging from a sports talk show to a Madden tournament.

When the students returned back to campus, the first assignment TCTV had was to create a video to remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. TCTV staff members Timothy Jackson and E.J. King took the lead on the project. Jackson and King traveled around campus, asking 12 different students from a variety of ethnic backgrounds to say 12 different parts of Martin Luther King's famous "I Have A Dream Speech." The final

video was released to the campus on Jan. 16 as a part of the campus-wide MLK Day celebration.

Two communication major students, Corey Lang and Robert Thompson, are in the process of starting a sports show. Their aim is to inform students and keep them updated on both national sports and Thiel College athletics.

"I want to gain experience and get the feel of what it is like to be a sports commentator," Thompson said.

The sports show will air once a week and cover a variety of sports. The staff would like to add a "Top 10 and Best and Worst Plays of the Week" to the show. The first episode

of the show is scheduled to air on Feb. 2.

TCTV is also holding a Madden Tournament for the first time on Friday, Feb. 10. The tournament will be a 16 player single-elimination-style event with an undetermined prize for the winner.

"This is a great way for students who are not very interested in greek life or other clubs to get out and interact with new people and have a good time," Ciaron Skolnekovich, a new member of the TCTV staff, said.

Finally, at the end of February, TCTV will be covering the Second Annual Music Festival hosted by WXTC, the radio station on Thiel's campus. They



Events such as Martin Luther King, Jr. are documented by TCTV.

Photo credit: Allen Morrill

plan to film each act and get interviews with each of the acts after their performances. As the semester goes on, TCTV will

continue to keep getting content out for the students of Thiel College by using new ideas.

Strategic Management Class presents to Bail USA

by Kyley Raskob, KRask490@thiel.edu

In Stamm Lecture Hall on Monday, Dec. 12, 2016, students in Prof. Angelo Giannini's Strategic Management class presented their strategic plan to Brett Smith '14, Director of Bail Agent Relations, and several Vice Presidents of Bail USA. The plan covers four areas of interest as indicated by Cheryl Burns, President and CEO of Bail USA.

The students worked throughout the semester with Brett Smith developing a plan covering marketing, technology, accounts receivable, and the sales force. The class took turns presenting on different areas of the plan with each student focusing on a specific area. The overall student Project Manager was Daniel Wiegmann. He began the presentation by discussing the process and structure of their management plan.

"I think we really realized how much more of an organization you are that helps the community," Wiegmann said. He then turned the presentation over to the marketing group.

Sara Matczak was in charge of the technology group with Julia Fink, Stephane Fornichella, Regan Hess, Seonyoo Joo, and Yueqi Lang. They addressed the demographics of Bail USA and some of the best ways to reach those demographics through social media. Email communication and changes to their website were also suggested as ways



Professor Giannini and his Strategic Management Class after the student strategic marketing presentations.

Photo credit: Kyley Raskob

to bring in more customers and make communication fast and simple. "I think it can be hard with the negative connotation in the media... It can be hard to think of that as a career... With these suggestions, I think you can make it a more plausible career for anybody," Matczak said.

Eugene King led the sales force group consisting of Brant Dencher, Pat Fitzpatrick, Nic Meighan, and So Young Bae. They discussed how Bail USA could utilize the use of brochures and cater them to particular areas. They also took a look at future projections of the company to track future sales.

Joshua Nichols led the marketing group with Cody Patterson, Bill Malady, Tevor Cope, and Seyeon Yun. They focused

on addressing issues that Bail USA had and the easiest ways to fix them. This included adding more technology to the company, utilizing surveys for consumer interaction, and offering incentive programs.

Jaclym Kuzma directed the accounts receivable group with Brittany Bates, Carly Romano, Alyssa Mondl, and Jack Middleton. They focused on how Bail USA could gain competitive advantage and how to utilize different programs and strategies to maximize company efficiency. Finally, Wiegman wrapped up the presentation and answered a few final questions from Smith and Burns.

The purpose of the Strategic Management course is to enable students to understand the functions of strategic man-

agement for the 21st century as a basic ingredient for the continued survival of an organization. The class also provides practical experience to those entering the business world by studying how companies plan for the future.

The students worked extensively with Smith throughout the fifteen weeks of the fall 2016 semester gathering data, developing suggestions for the new website and new sales brochures, investigating and providing Health Reimbursement Accounts, and a marketing survey for updated information regarding the industry.

"I want to thank Bret for being so available to our students," Giannini said. "I'm very happy with the final result."

Rich and Sandy Parker return to Thiel to speak at Business Seminar

by Hunter Michaelis, HMichaelis@thiel.edu

The Business Senior Seminar hosted Thiel alums Rich and Sandy Parker in the Sawhill-Georgian Room over two separate weeks. Mr. Parker spoke Jan. 11 and Mrs. Parker spoke Jan. 25. The Seminar, which is open to all majors, features former graduates discussing their experiences in their field to students.

This 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.

The Parkers went to Thiel in the early eighties. Mr. Parker graduated in 1982, with Mrs. Parker graduating one year ahead of him in 1981. He retired from a job in pharmaceuticals after she was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis.

"I have so much respect for them," David Miller said, Professor of Business, of the Parkers. Miller is in charge of the class. "Here's someone who came down with a debilitating illness, but I've never seen her down. That's impressive. Then there's Rich. Sometimes, when a husband or wife falls on hard times, the spouse hits the road. Rich didn't. That's love on the deepest level."

Mr. Parker came to Thiel for football; playing on the offensive line. He learned all of the jobs on the team in case someone went down with an injury. He didn't start initially, so he went to his coaches to ask how he could get better.

"That wouldn't have happened if I didn't ask," Mr. Parker said. "Thiel gives you the tools to succeed. What

you do with those tools is up to you. Use your professors, and I promise they'll help you." He started his career at Thiel as an accounting major, but chose to focus more on football than academics. He ended the semester with a 1.63 GPA at one point, which helped to bring academics back to the forefront. After calling Mr. Parker to his office to discuss his grades, Miller decided to assign him a tutor, who was the future Mrs. Parker.

The two worked together through accounting, but he decided that wasn't where he wanted to spend his career. He earned a starting position in football while he focused on his career path, but it wasn't simple to figure out.

"My first job after graduation was working at a car deal-



Senior students and guest speakers, the Parkers (front, center) at the Business Senior Seminar

Photo credit: Michael McElroy

ership. I didn't love it," he said. "That's when I figured out that if you find a job you love, it isn't work. It's like a vaca-

tion. I learned that if you don't love a job or position you're in, change it."

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Weyers hosts new art exhibit

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On Jan. 17 a new art exhibit opening in the Weyers Sampson Art Gallery. This new series, titled "Scouts and Nomads," features the artwork of local Pittsburgh artist, Benedict "Ben" Oddi.

The "Scouts and Nomads" series contain a number of expressive, hybrid pieces done with ballpoint pen. The drawings depict a utopia made up of various signs and symbols in the style of parallel realism.

Oddi began working on the series in 2010 and completed the last piece at the end of 2014. The series actually began as two separate series, but the two started to blend together and complement one another, so Oddi decided to combine them.

"I really like the series, especially the fact that he used basic office tools to create such vivid imagery on paper," Joseph Pouliot said, a student worker in the art gallery.

"The idea for the drawings started as a pragmatic approach — a series of work that I could take with me anywhere. Thematically, I relied on personal experiences and current societal advances in the fields of politics, science and literature. The mass of symbolism allows for the viewer to have their own interpretation," Oddi said.

Oddi received a bachelor's degree from Edinboro University in fine arts and continued his education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he received a masters of fine arts. Despite his extensive background in the field, his art career did not reach full momentum until his high school years.

His trip to Thiel for the opening of his show was Oddi's first visit to the campus. He is connected to the college through his sister, Tressa Snyder. Snyder is Thiel's Reference Librarian at the Langenheim Memorial Library.

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Thiel Happenings
 compiled by Liz Carlson,
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Saturday, Feb. 4

Thiel Players Reunion and Performance
 3-5 p.m. in the Theater
 A unique Thiel Players production to celebrate the sesquicentennial!

Thursday, Feb. 9

Con Spirito Concert Series – VOCESS
 7-9 p.m. in the Chapel

Thursday, Feb. 16

Thiel Forum:
 4-5 p.m. in Stamm Lecture Hall
 Presenters include Dr. Delbert Abi Abdallah and Chris Fonner and Martin Black

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

Rings: Opening Feb. 3

First, you watch it, and then you die. A young woman finds herself the target of a curse threatening to take her life seven days after watching a horrifying video.

Fist Fight: Opening Feb. 17

Charlie Day and Ice cube star in this comedy about two school teachers who challenge one another to an after-school fist fight. High school English teacher Andy Campbell's last day of school goes from bad to worse when he crosses paths with his much feared colleague Ron Strickland. Amidst other setbacks including budget cuts and senior pranks, Campbell must now face his worst fears in classic school yard showdown.

Stay tuned for the latest box-office shows and movies!

Thiel College Police Blotter

Jan. 12
 Group of underage students in Flo West; one non-student.

Jan. 13
 Student walking outside under the influence tried to hide the alcohol in their pocket.

Jan. 18
 During a game, student was causing trouble for the visiting team.

Jan. 22
 An ex-student brought people to campus to "beat up" a current student.

Jan 27
 Student's friends received texts from ex-boyfriend, checking to see what the student is up to. Fake social media accounts were also established.

Jan 29
 Officers were called for a noise complaint by an RD that turned into finding underage violations.



Thiel Forum recognizes Rydberg, Amar and Mele

by Nate Flory, NFlory@thiel.edu

On Jan. 12, 2017, the first Thiel Forum of the semester was held in Stamm Lecture Hall in the Pedas Administration Center at 4:00p.m.

Dr. Mary Theresa Hall led the event; she introduced the three presentations: Dr. Pete Rydberg's "Jousting with Shakespeare," Professor Jesse Amar's "Two Swarthmore Bronze Casts," and Madison Mele's "Tutto Bene en Italia."

Rydberg began the forum with some audience participation by asking Prof. Ross Nugent to grab sophomore student Tina Kramer by the hair and throw her across the room. They refused to do this, though, on account of their lack of training in stage combat. Rydberg, however, had recently applied for and received a faculty development grant to attend an intensive stage combat training program.

For three weeks during summer 2016, Rydberg trained with other conference attendees for nearly 18 hours per day. During

the time there, Rydberg was trained in many types of fighting, including hand-to-hand, archery, spears, knives, and swords. No matter the kind of combat, the safety of all participants was stressed above all else.

The immediate reason for Rydberg's training was the fall 2016 production of the Thiel theatre, Shakespeare's MacBeth. The play features numerous combat scenes, and Rydberg showed a clip from the conclusion of Thiel's production of MacBeth to illustrate how he was able to put his training to use. He concluded his presentation by bringing Professor Nugent and Kramer back out of the audience and taught Nugent how to violently shake Kramer's head while being both safe and convincing.

Prof. Jesse Amar presented next about his sabbatical experience in fall 2015. Amar's specialty is casting bronze statues, and he showed us pictures of works from his past based on mythology. However, he went on to explain that he has a passion for the outdoors, hunting, and fishing. He recently began experimenting with casting bronze deer, and after showing them to a former professor of his at Swarthmore College in eastern Pennsylvania, he was commissioned to create two deer for the college.

By showing pictures, Amar walked us through his artistic process, including the creation of wax molds, the pouring of metals, and the final coloring process. Amar's finished products were successfully created and are now on display at Swarthmore College, along with other alumni artwork.

The title of Mele's presentation translates to "It's all good in Italy," which she shared as the first statement she heard from her host mother and the last statement she said back to her. Mele was able to travel to Italy during the summer of 2016 as a member of the Vira I. Heinz Scholarship program, which made this opportunity an actuality for her. While in Italy,

Mele spent the majority of her time in Florence. She stayed with a host family while taking an art course through the University of Virginia at Florence. Mele's host family spoke almost no English, so she said it was an exciting immersion experience just in her communications with them. Her class made the most of their setting by practicing painting surrounding landscapes and flower gardens. Mele also took some time to explore parts of Italy outside of Florence before returning to America.

Hall concluded the forum by thanking everyone for attending and announcing the upcoming forums. The next Thiel Forum will be held on February 16 at 4:00p.m. in Stamm Hall. Presenters include Dr. Delbert Abi Abdallah, Dr. Chris Fonner, and Martin Black.

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TCTV holding Madden 17 Tournament!

Come for a Madden NFL 17 Tournament on Friday,

February 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Pedas Center.

- Prizes for top finalists!

- Food and drinks will be provided

- 16-player, single-elimination w/ random drawing

of the top 16 teams

Note: will be played on PlayStation4



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							
9pm			Metal Boarder (Bella)				
10pm				Metal Boarder (Bella)			
11pm			Vibing w/ Alice (Kourtney)				
12am							

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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,

Sup, bruh. So I'm taking one of these SEMS classes where I'm expected to participate in discussion; whatever that means. I love my dip and it inhibits my ability to speak up in class. It's not that I don't have good stuff to say, I do. But do I ditch my chew and get the grade or just miss out on these points?

- Chewing All Day Long

Hey, Chewing All Day Long,
 Going to class and having stuff to say is already way more

work than I would ever put in. I think you should be getting the good grades just for that. Hey man, seriously though, if chewing is your thing I wouldn't give it up! Don't let anyone tell you that you shouldn't do what you love, man.

- Dirk

Dear Dirk,

I'm in a bit of a pickle. Over the summer, I did something I'm not proud of to get a good grade. Now that the class is over, I want to break things off with the guy who helped me

out. What should I do?

- NerdDebr

Hey, Nerd Debr,

Break ups are pretty easy. I mean you could always just be blunt and let them know you were totally just using them. If that doesn't suit your needs, you could always shack up with someone else. That usually sends the message across without you having to put in much effort.

- Dirk

Dear Dirk,

I need your help. I'm failing my social science class. On the first exam, I wrote a tremendous essay, all the best arguments, huge arguments! Most of the alternative facts I put in the paper were snatched down by my communist professor. What should I do?

- Alt-Facts

I've been feeling really lonely lately. My boyfriend just dumped me for no reason. My grades are suffering for it and I know that my other friends and I are growing even more distant because of it. How can I stop feeling so lonely and get back to my life?

Dear Dirk,

The only way to get an A with a communist professor is to plagiarize. There are plenty of speeches out there that I'm sure can lead you some good

information. At the end of the day, when you're making six figures while they barely hang above the poverty line, you'll have the last laugh.

- Dirk

Dear Dirk,

Who cares if some guy dumped you? There are plenty of fish in the sea and I think you just need to find a new guy and move on. Clearly, you are just way too caught up in this ex of yours. I mean, if you really want I could probably take some time out of my busy schedule to hang out with you.

Up to you, babe.

- Dirk


-Miss Lonely

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- Dirk

Photo of the Edition



Thiel Player members Brant Miller and Keenan Weimer stage a fight from Macbeth at the Fourth Annual Shakespeare Festival on Jan. 26.

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

Dak Prescott or Tony Romo?

by Alec Hoffman, AHoff936@thiel.edu

The question that continually arose when Romo returned in Week 11 - who will the Dallas Cowboys start, the on-fire rookie Dak Prescott? Or the lately inconsistent veteran Tony Romo?

This debate is such a troubled situation because the Cowboys are did great without Romo, both passing the ball with 1486 yards and rushing with 967 yards. Also the Cowboys only threw one interception and two lost fumbles during the season.

Tony Romo was an undrafted free agent from Eastern Illinois University. Romo came into the league off a bad combine performance. Romo even said, "I did a very poor job at the combine. I wasn't a very good thrower of the football back then" (espn.com). Tony Romo, currently at age 36, has been the starter for the Dallas Cowboys since 2006. However, due to Romo's back injury early this season, Dak Prescott the Mississippi State Quarterback drafted 135th overall in the 2016 NFL draft, has been running the show with his impressive 5-1 record start to the season. Prescott is only 23 years old and is playing like a great NFL-caliber quarterback. The only way to compare the stats of these two are to take the stats from Prescott's first 6 games and Romo's 16 games during his 2006 season.

To figure out which quarterback should start, the Cowboys should analyze and break down the statistics between the two quarterbacks and look at the most beneficial stats. Looking at the difference in

interceptions, Prescott threw 12 less interceptions in only 6 games. Meanwhile, Romo threw for a total of 13 interceptions in a whole season. People will be skeptical about this statistic and say that Prescott is only on a hot streak and his stats will decline eventually. Looking at this argument, in my opinion, it is wrong because Prescott has proven that he can control the offense and pick defenses apart not only with his arms, but also with his scrambling attribute.

The focus that must come after the show of statistics is the style of play between the two quarterbacks. Tony Romo is more of the traditional pocket passer, whereas Dak Prescott is known for his balanced style of play. The two differences between the styles are that with the pocket passer, the quarterback is known to stay within the pocket and pick up yards passing and rarely scrambling unless needed be.

With the balanced style, the quarterback can stay within the pocket or roll out, and can even pick up yards tucking the ball and running.

Both styles of play are effective, and it comes down to different aspects of the game. For example, if a quarterback is known for his balanced style of play such as Prescott, it may concern the opponent and force them to respect not only the pass, but make sure to cover the chance of the quarterback scramble. Lastly, the pocket passer style can be effective depending on the caliber of the quarterback and the offensive line the team

has. However, it comes down to one disadvantage, which is if the pocket continues to collapse, the quarterback may have trouble throwing the ball at a high percentage.

The big decision of who will start falls under the coaching staff and ownership of the Cowboys. The fans have no say and neither do the players. Jerry Jones, the owner of the Dallas Cowboys is a known Romo supporter, and understands that even though Romo has been a consistent option for the Cowboys, he released a statement saying, "My opinion is that we would want him to have more strength and work done" (Dixon). With this statement, you can tell Jerry Jones understands that it is a smarter option to let Prescott continue to play while Romo gets back in game form.

Overall, in my opinion, growing up watching Tony Romo play and seeing the good as well as the bad, I believe the Cowboys should start Prescott from here on out.

However, if Romo disagrees with the backup position role, the Cowboys should be respectful to someone who has been loyal to the organization and release him. Lastly, look at the impressive stats Prescott has brought to Dallas with the explosive running back Ezekiel Elliot. The Cowboys need to stay young and keep building on their explosive offensive, and with this, I personally believe they can continue to be a serious playoff contender.

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Racing is a legitimate sport

by Colton Amolsch, CAmol766@thiel.edu

Quite possibly one of the most infuriating things a motor sports fan can hear from fans of other sports is that somehow racing 'doesn't count as a real sport'. Somewhere along the line, the definition of sports widely accepted by the public has come to ignore the similarities between major sports and racing.

One of the most widely cited reasons to disqualify racing as a sport is the physical aspect, versus other sports. What many fail to recognize is the top physical condition required by many auto-racing divisions. Throughout the course of a race, many drivers lose somewhere around four to seven pounds as a result of losing water through sweating. How many other sports can claim the same? In addition, even with the advent of power-steering within all major automotive designs, there are still numerous cases of this advantage going out within a race. What do many drivers do? They continue on, muscling cars around the track at excesses of hundred-and-ninety miles per hour. This is, needless to say, easier said than done. Anyone who has actually driven a vehicle without power-steering can

vouch for this.

Widely known throughout the world of auto-racing is the kind of dedication many drivers commit to in order to stay in top physical shape. During his thirty plus years of driving at professional levels of racing, Mark Martin, even despite his small stature, was known for his committed physical workout, which enabled him to race successfully into his early fifties, considered a feat within auto-racing. Not to be out-done, Red Farmer, a legend within auto-racing circles, has continued to race into the present day, all at the ripe age of eighty-eight. How many players in other sports, such as Football or Baseball can say the same?

Cited by many of those who refuse to classify auto-racing as a sport is how much of racing is merely 'turning left'. What they ignore is the high amount of a strategy and engineering that goes into each and every race. Much like a football coach would choose a play based on what the situation required, crew chiefs are constantly thinking about what could bring them, their crews, and their drivers to victory. In contrast to football, however,

rather than two coaches facing one another one-on-one, at any given race, there are close to 43 different crew chiefs constantly trying to outdo the other, with the winner being the one who, obviously, was able to execute their strategy the best.

With the above examples in mind, I ask you; what is it that causes some to set other sports aside from racing? Much like football, baseball, and soccer, auto-racing requires equal, if not greater, amounts of strategy, physical-fitness, and alertness. The only difference between them all appears to be that the former mentioned sports are centered squarely around a ball, and the latter around the automobile.

This hardly seems enough of a reason to discriminate against racing, and perhaps, instead of sports fans alike criticizing one another for their chosen sport, we should look upon all sports as being equal places for athletes to perform at their very best, and enjoy them all for what they provide.



Geramita earns Special Honors at graduation

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Michael P. Geramita, Thiel College Class of 2017. Received Special Honors at 154th Commencement Exercises of Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science



Geramita after graduating from PIMS on Jan. 20.

Photo credit: Martin Black

On Jan. 20, 2017, in the course of being awarded the Thiel College Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration along with the Associate in Specialized Technology Degree, Funeral Service Arts & Sciences, from the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science (PIMS), Geramita was honored with the Eugene C. Ogrodnik Entrepreneurial Award. Named for the current President of PIMS, "this award is presented to the student who, as recognized by the core business faculty of the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science, is deemed to best exemplify the entrepreneurial spirit and the greatest potential

to impact the funeral services industry at large."

The award carries a prize of \$1000 -- \$500 from the PIMS Board of Directors, and \$500 from President Ogrodnik.

Established over 30 years ago by David M. Miller, Professor of Economics & Business Administration and Norman P.

Mortensen Chair of Economics, Thiel College has had a cooperative partnership with the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science, whereby students attend Thiel College for three years and the Institute for 12 months, after which time they receive the Thiel Bachelor of Arts and the PIMS certificate.

New art exhibited in Weyers Lounge

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"I most admire Ben's creative process. His love of creating is always with him and part of his life. I had never heard him speak in depth about his art until this recent show. His artwork is very personal to him and he is very passionate about it. Ben is extremely talented and creative and I am very proud of him." Snyder said.

When he is not working on his art, Oddi enjoys woodworking and hiking. He spends a lot of time outdoors because the calmness helps him to think and generate ideas for his work.

"It is a different kind of experience than being indoors and drawn to an electronic device," Oddi said.

The Weyers Sampson Gallery host 2-3 shows per semester. The final show of this semester will feature work from student artists here at Thiel.

The gallery is free and open to the public to help connect the Thiel Community with art that they might not get the chance to experience otherwise.

Psychology Department seeks addition to staff

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Teaching demonstrations gave candidates the opportunities to show their abilities in a normal classroom setting. Students that observed these demonstrations were able to give feedback to the faculty search committee and guide their decision during this part of the hiring process.

Hiring a new faculty member may be very beneficial to

the psychology department.

"The arrival of this new faculty member will mean the arrival of a new, focused area of research specialization for our students in the area of Cognitive Psychology and Development," Pickens said. "Our students in the cognitive track will have a primary advisor that can once again cater to their academic and career

goals with a higher degree of specialization."

A new faculty member will also mean new Special Topics courses, interest areas, research opportunities and cognitive development expertise.

The hiring process should be completed prior to the end of the semester.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker speak to seniors

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Mr. Parker sold suits, but was fired from that, too. Even though he didn't smoke, he went on to selling cigarettes but was laid off. He spent years working sales and survived several rounds of layoffs, before finally receiving the call around Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Parker majored in Accounting and Business and went on to work for PNC Bank. She eventually became manager and earned the distinction of having the number one bank, as well as a performance award.

She had a reputation of being difficult to work with because of a game she created called "Sandy Land" as a spoof of the old family game. While this game's purpose was comedic in nature, the rumor spread and she carried that reputation with her until people got to know her. She had a manager for 10 years whom she described as being "difficult" to work under.

"He never made me feel valued as an employee," she said. "You're going to have bad managers. It's important to work through it. When you're a manager yourself, the simplest way to gain the respect of your employees is to stand behind them." The Jan. 11 class was also the etiquette dinner, with the Jan. 24 dinner offering a smaller

setting for six students. Several other alums and members of the board were in attendance, along

with Prof. and Mrs. Miller. Mrs. Parker, who regularly works with Thiel students to improve their interview skills, explained etiquette for professional functions at the Jan. 11 dinner.

The second course, French Onion soup, illustrated her point. "French Onion soup is difficult to eat," she said. "The cheese certainly doesn't help. In situations like these, it's best not to order it at all, or push the cheese to the side."

Thiel Women's Bowling competes in invitational

by Justin Felgar, Jfelgar@thiel.edu

The Thiel colleges women's bowling team competed in the Saint Francis University Red Flash Invitational on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at Holiday Bowl in Altoona.

Despite a combined score of 2,885, Thiel lost Baker games on Friday to St. Peter's, Kutztown, Mount Aloysius, and Medaille.

Thiel also fell on Saturday in several traditional games and put up a combined score of 5,810 pins.

Brianna Gibbs was the Tomcat leader on Saturday in traditional games, putting up a score of 562 and a 140.5 average.

Kayla Doran bowled a score of 484 and put up an average of 121.25.

Sara Matczak and Saman-



Thiel WB put up 2,885 points on Friday in the Red Flash Invitational at Saint Francis University.

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tha Friedl both bowled 118.75 and 18.60 per game, respectively.

The Tomcats finished the Red Flash Invitational on Sunday, falling in a Baker game to Penn State Altoona 854-728.

The Tomcats pulled out two

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 160 Gen 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 125 Quantitative Reasoning (Hecking/Richens) Terri Eddy	7-8:30 pm (Hecking) AC 138		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 230 Law 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 141 Macrosociology (Hunchuk) Libby Grasso				8-9:30 pm AC 108	
SOC 233 Statistics for Social Sciences (Hanneman) Victoria Hermann		7-8 pm AC 137	8-9 pm AC 137		
SOC 251 Minorities (Sutton) Kayla Bean	4-5 pm S 211	7-8 pm S 211		7-8 pm S 211	
Walk In Tutoring Service					
MATH 211 Elementary Statistics Minis (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.

Thiel goes 2-1 in a tri-match in Huntingdon

by Hunter Michaelis, HMichaelis@thiel.edu

The Men's Volleyball team improved their record to 2-3 after two wins on Jan. 28 against Wells College (1-5) and Wittenberg University (3-4). The Tomcats were shutout 0-3 in a match Friday against New Paltz University (5-2). All matches were played in Huntingdon, PA.

Against the Wells Express, Thiel lost the first set 16-25, but didn't look back after, going on to win in four sets (25-16, 25-18, 25-21). The Tigers tried playing a closer match in the first set with a score of 20-25, but failed to capitalize after that. The Tomcats won that match 25-16, 25-14, and 25-15.

The Friday match against the New Paltz Hawks wasn't as close with scores of 17-25, 18-25, and 12-25. The Hawks finished the 2016 season with a 33-2 record and rarely went to a fifth set to decide matches.

The freshmen showed up to play in both matches. Mitch Patterson put up 10 kills and a block against the Express, while Jacob DeRue killed seven, blocked an additional four and aced three others. Seniors Regan Hess and Cody Patterson also added to the team's performance. Hess' 12 kills and four blocks were second



Regan Hess goes up for the kill. He had 26 kills through both match.

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only to Mitch Patterson's. He also added three aces to the team's performance. Cody Patterson put up six kills in the match.

Zach Rombach, senior, earned 40 of the team's 49 assists for the match, with 15 digs and one kill.

Seniors Thad Paunovich and Duane Emanuel helped the team in the win against the Express. Paunovich had nine assists through both matches (5, 4) and Emanuel had three kills with deuces in assists and digs.

Hess led the match against Wittenberg with 14 kills and five blocks. Cody Patterson was right behind him with 13 kills, two aces, and a block.

Mitch Patterson notched 12 kills and a block, while DeRue put up seven kills, five blocks, and four aces. Rombach added 37 assists in the match, out of the team's 44.

Additional support against the Tigers came from Paunovich's four assists and freshman Jacob Burkley's three kills. Burkley also put up an assist and a dig in the win.

The Tomcats' next home match is against Marymount University on Feb. 17. They will then play their next seven matches over 11 days in the Beeghly Gymnasium.