



## Greenville: Investing in the Future

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In terms of new opportunities, Greenville area has just created a chance for a community recreational center. Thiel College's strategic management class has joined efforts with Greenville's Chambers of Commerce to help the Northern Mercer County Community Foundation recognize demographically what projects will benefit the local community.

Both the class and the Chambers of Commerce has partnered up with Strategy Solutions Inc, a company who specializes in nonprofit and community services.

The class is working as partners in aims to come up with what type and where a recreational center should be built. The goals of this recreational facility are to offer new athletic opportunities and health wellness to the surrounding communities, as well as Thiel College.

For information and data, the class has been split up into specific teams. These teams are broken up into a data collection team, a best practice research team, a demographic team, and a formal financial plan team. Each team focuses on the centers probable location, feasible lifting equipment rates, potential new jobs to be created, and to be able to ensure investors the centers' revenue will be sustainable to operate, pay bills, and grow.

"An indoor and year-round recreational center in this area would benefit not only sport teams such as a swimming, but also promote health and wellness to the young and elderly community," the project manager, Nicco Russo said. "I'm very excited to be working with our partners for this project and look forward to the noticeable effects this project may have on this community."

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## Thiel's Academic Dean launches new project

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Thiel College's ability to work together is a constantly evolving phenomenon, with each group working on a different, unique project. Even at the highest level, people are working to improve the College, and this goes down to the newest professor.

"We're starting a new enrollment initiative," Dr. Lynn Franken, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College, said. "It's been really successful so far."

This project involves all of the department heads at Thiel in a coordinated effort to boost declining admissions numbers. The College has employed an independent consultant, John Dysart, who specializes in marketing and improving an institution's overall appeal package. Each department head works

with their fellow professors, and in some cases, their students, to create a presentation based on what makes their department stand out from the rest. Then, they present each of them to admissions counselors for 60-90 minutes, where a question and answer session can take place afterward.

In addition to Dysart, Franken is working with Bob Schmoll, the Vice President for Finance and Management at Thiel. "This project has been very, very good so far," Schmoll said, "The faculty has been exceptional, and the counselors have been very attentive by asking lots of questions."

Tri Beta, Thiel's Biology honorary, has helped with the Biology department's presentation by answering questions related to their department, and



Dr. Hecking talks with the Admissions staff during his presentation time.

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Dr. Laura Pickens, Psychology, and her students are planning something, as well.

"This has happened before," Schmoll said, "It just hasn't been as structured." Admissions reports to him, and they

work with Dysart very closely to get the job done.

"We had a bit of a drop in the new class," Franken said, "We'd really like to make enrollment the very best we're capable of. Admissions coun-

selors are like our ambassadors to our prospective students, and there's a lot to go through in one-on-one time with students."

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## Thiel strives to improve over the summer

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Sidewalks going down the length of Amelia Earhart Drive.

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While students were off of school for the summer, vacationing with their families and soaking up the sun at the beach, Thiel College was working hard to make improvements across the campus.

Thiel underwent a number of renovations, such as breaking ground for the final installment of a building project which began with the construction of Alumni Stadium and Tomcat Park, current home of the college's baseball and softball facilities respectively. The most notable renovation took place in the student dining hall located in the basement of the HMSC.

The student dining hall got a complete

face-lift. The entire room was gutted, completely transformed, and updated with new appliances. Students were welcomed back in August to a fresh and modern dining experience.

The food stations were more spread out to make the dining experience easier and less chaotic for both students and workers during the dining hall's peak hours of operation. Students can discard their dirty dishes on a running conveyor belt that takes the dishes directly to the dishwasher, a luxury that students have not had access to in several years. Three HD-TVs can also now be found in the cafeteria, allowing students to enjoy their meals while staying up-to-date on sports and world news.

"I like the new cafeteria," junior Amber Martin said. "It is cleaner and more efficient. I especially like the setup of the food stations. Overall, the room is brighter and more inviting."

On May 30, President Troy D. VanAken, Ph.D and members of the 35th Annual Athletics Hall of Fame induction class officially broke ground on a new track and field complex that will be located at the southwestern end of campus. The track and field facility will be near the baseball and softball fields and will complete the Tomcat Park complex. Leveling and site preparation will take place over the summer with work on the project continuing through next summer.

"The completion of this project will bring all our current teams back on campus and provide valuable competition and training space. But the track and field com-

plex is about much more than just athletics; it will also serve as a connection to the community and strengthen Thiel College's ability to serve as a regional resource for recreation," President Troy VanAken said ([www.thiel.edu](http://www.thiel.edu)).

Media Production Engineer Mike McElroy and senior media communications major Trent Keisling produced a video featuring Tommy the Tomcat, entitled "Tommy's Dream Sequence" that highlighted the numerous summer projects that took place over the summer in an effort to improve campus.

The video showed that Tommy is not afraid to get his hands dirty when it comes to improving our campus. The video featured Tommy hammering nails into new walls that went up in the gym laundry room, remodeling classrooms, setting up for freshman orientation, and preparing to replace seats in the Passavant Center. The video can be viewed on Thiel's website under the tab 'T-Notes.'

The Paul Bush '66 Memorial Fitness Center also received new floors, and a new sidewalk was added along Amelia Earhart Drive so that students can safely walk to and from class from down campus housing.

Each and everyday Thiel College brainstorm ideas to improve campus with most students being generally unaware of what is happening. Based on the number and types of renovations that took place this past summer, the future is looking even more optimistic for Thiel and its students.

## Thiel adds new professor to Psychology Department

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Dr. Deets giving a lecture to her students.

Photo credit: Tina Kramer

Dr. Shannon Deets, professor of psychology, became an official member of Thiel College's faculty this fall. Though many students may have seen her last year while she was a visiting professor, this semester she is a more permanent part of the psychology department.

Deets came to Thiel to pursue her passion for teaching, psychology, and the understanding

course entitled Depth Psychology and Dancing Mindfulness, which combines the teachings of Jung with research on altered consciousness as a result of dancing.

Outside of teaching, Deets conducts research on dancing and altered consciousness. This summer senior Kourtney Polvinale and Deets traveled to various locations to interview and observe different types of dancing, including the fiery music festival, a pagan music festival and dancing mindfulness events focused on wellness.

Sophomore Kelsey Meyer serves as an interdisciplinary reviewer of the project, researching religion, anthropology, music, psychology and neuropsychology as it relates to their observation and research.

"[Deets] is very loving, understanding, open, and in-

telligent. She is curious about consciousness and using it therapeutically. She's awesome," Polvinale said.

Research will continue, which now will include participants wearing EEG caps to show the electrical processes taking place in the brain while people dance. This new research will require a new research assistant for Deets after Polvinale graduates.

"Any students interested in helping me with my research should come talk to me," Deets said.

Deets' academic journey to Thiel started as an undergrad at Allegheny College earning a bachelor's degree in biology.

"My original plan was to become a medical doctor, but my heart did not lie in biology. I became very interested in psychology after taking a psychology of consciousness class,"

Deets said.

That interest flourished at Gannon University, where she was trained in counseling psychology. Deets later taught as an adjunct at Gannon University, which also included a semester of teaching at Corey High School to students taking psychology for college credit during the school year. After ten years of counseling experience and 15,000 hours of supervised counseling, Deets has earned a license as a professional counselor in Pennsylvania. She is also currently studying to take her exam to become licensed as a psychologist in Pennsylvania.

"I love Thiel. I love the students; I like meeting new students and getting to know them. I also love researching," Deets said.

At Thiel Deets will continue to meet students, teach, and research.

## New Professor Spotlight: Ross Nugent

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Prof. Ross Nugent

Photo credit:

Hunter Michaelis

If you have been in the Pedas Center recently, there is no doubt that you have seen an array of new faces, including that of Professor Ross Nugent. Nugent is one of two new hires in the communication department. He is teaching Intro to Communication, Television News Production, Announcing, and Public Relations this semester, as well as serving as an advisor for TCTV.

Professor Nugent received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh and went on to complete his graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, where he later taught at. He was also previously employed by the Pittsburgh Filmmakers Media Arts Center.

Nugent recently arrived at Thiel and is very excited to be here. Having grown up just down the road in Transfer, PA, he views this new opportunity as a bit of a homecoming.

"I grew up in the area, and have always been interested in moving back. I feel as though I can really relate to the challenges that college students from this region face," Nugent said.

Nugent is very familiar with Thiel, as he recalls attending swimming lessons, basketball camps, special events, guest speakers, and a variety of other events at the institution as a child.

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## Thiel Happenings

compiled by Liz Carlson, [ecarlson@thiel.edu](mailto:ecarlson@thiel.edu)

### Saturday, Sept. 19

**Bistro Blowout:**  
at 8 p.m.

\* Multiple activities/game show/open mic/novelties and more!

### Wednesday, Sept. 23

**SGA Blood Drive:**  
in the LHR, 12-5:30 p.m.

### Thursday, Sept. 24

**Band in the Bistro – Nevada Color:**  
at 9 p.m.

\* Stop by to enjoy some jams from this 5-man indie rock group!

### Saturday, Sept. 26

**Gigantic Foam Party:**  
in the Quad at 8 p.m.

### Oct. 1-4

**21st Annual Kappa Sigma See-Saw-a-Thon:**  
in the HMSC Lawn all day

Wanna see a movie?

## BLY HALL MOVIE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS...

compiled by Liz Carlson

\*Movies show at 8 p.m. on Fridays and 2 p.m. on Sundays

### Mad Max: Fury Road: Sept. 18 & 20

Based in the distant future after civilization has collapsed and the world has become a desert wasteland, this is the fourth film in the Mad Max Franchise. A survivor in Australia is captured a tyrannically cult-led army. He soon emerges as a leader, guiding the depot's five wives to safety and establishing a key alliance, all while trying to outrun a ruthless warlord in a deadly chase through the wasteland.

### Jurassic World: Sept. 25 & 27

This much anticipated film takes place off the coast of Costa Rica at the Jurassic World Luxury Resort, which houses a variety of genetically engineered dinosaurs. When the most dangerous of the ancient reptiles escapes, it causes a life-threatening chain reaction. A formal military and animal expert steps up to the plate to attempt to save the lives of the terrified tourists.

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## Greenville continues to grow

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The indoor recreational center has the potential to house an Olympic sized lane pool for swim meets, water polo games and other various water sports. With the games and meets being held inside the center, the organization would be able to fund itself and pay its bills and employees.

Also, a facility with a pool would be able to offer water classes to promote health while also creating new jobs within the community, providing another source of revenue. The center would add lifeguards, staff and managers to the list of required new jobs that would be created.

The recreational center has the potential to house a weight

room and exercise facility for all members. The center would be able to offer Thiel College students and athletes a private place to exercise by incorporating the possibility of an additional cost in the semester's dues. By charging students this additional cost, students would be able to use their Thiel College student ID card to check in to the recreational center. The college would gain a potential market asset with this new center. Likewise, Thiel College would be able to add swimming, water polo and other water sports to the programs list. The potential addition programs list which could be created may be focused on a new group of student athletes,

precisely here for water sports.

The recreation center may provide the opportunity needed to stimulate health wellness as well as simply supplying a facility for athletes and gym members. "Our interest in our community here and having good youthful activities is good for all ages, but to offer healthier off campus activities to Thiel College students," Rita Clemente, the Director of Colony Living and Community Outreach at Saint Paul's, said.

## First Annual HPI Meeting deemed a Success

by Angela Lipani, alipa436@thiel.edu

This year has been a special one for Thiel College students and faculty for many reasons. One of these reasons has to do with the Health Professions Institute or HPI. This is the first year for students to take part in HPI. The meeting that took place on Sept 1st was to inform students about this new program. Dr. Sarah Swerdlow, Assistant Professor of Biology, and the Department Chair conducted this meeting.

There were other members of the HPI advisory committee present at this meeting as well. HPI was formed to help notify students on how to get into graduate or professional school after graduation.

Some of the programs that most students were interested in that are offered through the HPI include: pre-physical therapy, pre-medical, and pre-physician's assistant. Some of the

other programs offered include: pre-optometry, pre-pharmacy, pre-podiatry, pre-veterinary, pre-dentistry, pre-occupational therapy, pre-chiropractic, medical technology, and Cytotechnology. In order to be a part of the HPI, a student must register every semester into a course called HPI 100. This can be found under the Thiel Self Service Center on Thiel's web site.

Any level of student is eligible for registering, all the way from freshman year to senior year. Once a person is enrolled into HPI, there are some requirements that need to be followed in order to successfully prepare the student for further education. There is a minimum of five events that a student must attend each semester. Before the student can attend these events, they need to take an online quiz as well. It is a good way for the faculty involved in HPI to get to

know the students a little better and find out their interests. "We have affiliation agreements, so if a student is interested, they should find an advisor to help them get an interview," Dr. Swerdlow said at this meeting.

There are ways that Thiel prepares students for the work world. Both mock interviews and internships are required to make a student competitive for graduate or professional school. It is recommended that each student participates in at least three internships before their career at Thiel comes to an end.

"Any person, any major: if you are interested in a health related profession, even if it's not listed, sign up for HPI 100" Dr. Swerdlow said at the close of the meeting. She made it clear that this is a wonderful opportunity for students who want to be in a health related profession someday.

## Poker night in the Bistro

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The chips that the Phis would use during their poker night would allow students to meet new students and have fun.

Photo credit: Mike Boratyn

On Friday September 11, 2015, Phi Theta Phi and TAB worked together to create a night of poker games and fun. There were winners and losers, but all who were there have to say it was full of fun laughs and good times. Tables with both black jack and texas holden allowed people to come together and see if lady luck was on their side.

There were no real prizes to win, aside from the sweet taste of victory that comes with having the winning hand and maybe bragging rights. The event was supposed to have pizza, but due to different communication errors, it never arrived, causing a few participants to become disgruntled.

"Despite not having prizes, it was still a good way to meet new people and make new friends" Anthony Donnorumo said.

"I was very upset because there was no pizza. I mainly came for that but it wasn't that bad of a time to just test my luck at a few hands," Robert Driscoll said.

Due to the lack of pizza, many cycled in and out from the bistro line, so many got a greater chance to interact with those who did not feel like playing cards. All in all, it was a good night for everyone on campus to meet those that may not necessarily be in their classes, or even their majors, for that matter.

"Because of this night, I was able to meet people that I previously had no prior contact with. We bonded over the fact that there was no free food and we felt ripped off. Therefore, we had to buy our own, but were still upset about it. In the end I made a friend over food, a personal best I must say," Driscoll said.

Although the lack of pizza and prizes changed the dynamics of the evening, people were still satisfied with the poker night as a late night event. It is uncertain if this event should be held again or if more events like this will occur on weekends.

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| Naughty Bingo<br>8 p.m., LHR                        |  | 9/18 | Bid Day: Men<br>4 p.m., Greenville Hall     |
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| Hangout with the Greeks<br>S'mores and Snacks       |  | 9/19 | Bistro Blowout<br>8 p.m., Bistro            |
| 8 p.m., HMSC Lawn                                   |  | 9/24 | Coffeehouse: Nevada Color<br>9 p.m., Bistro |
| Greek Wing Off<br>5 p.m., Galleria                  |  | 9/25 | Movie: Jurassic World<br>8 p.m., Bly Hall   |
| Movie: Pitch Perfect 2<br>8 p.m., Bly Hall          |  | 9/26 | Gigantic Foam Party<br>8 p.m., Campus Quad  |
| Recruitment Begins<br>8 p.m., LHR (Women)           |  |      |   |
| 8 p.m., Pedas 121 (Men)                             |  |      |   |

## Professor Nugent comes to the Communication Department

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In addition to his excitement of returning to the area he grew up in, Nugent is also grateful to have the opportunity to work in the Pedas Center. "Professionally, this is a fantastic facility. I am excited to be working to utilize the space alongside the other members of the communication department and to find new ways to take advantage of the facilities here and encourage students to do the same," Nugent said.

"So far Thiel has been great. The students have been wonderful, and I feel that although it is only the third week of classes, I have been able to get a good sense of what their goals and interests are. My co-workers have also been very supportive and welcoming across the board," Nugent said. Having previously taught at much larger institutions, he is impressed with the close-knit

sense of community that exists at Thiel College.

Professor Nugent has many goals for his first semester here. First and foremost he plans to continue to build relationships with his students, both in and outside of the classroom. He is also hoping to be able to incorporate his vast background and passion for film into his production classes. "I am looking forward to helping to build students' skills in the field and encourage them to use their progressing talents to provide useful content for TCTV. I want them to feel confident in their abilities and utilize them beyond the classroom," he said. His final goal of the semester is to, as he jokes, "decorate the office."

Outside of his teaching career, Nugent enjoys bicycling, staying active with his wife and two Australian cattle dogs,

and cheering on the Pittsburgh Pirates. He also has a well-established personal career in film producing non-traditional documentaries, which he describes as "observational films that feature less talking heads and more distant visuals and internal dialogue, which creates an open space for viewers to think about the topics at hand in a more entertaining way than with traditional documentaries."

His four most recent films have been rooted in Western Pennsylvania, featuring the blue-collar at work and the activities that they enjoy in their free time. "While in Wisconsin, I learned what is important to me, how I view the world, and what I can do to offer change and insight into these things," Nugent said. As he often tells his students, "Do what you know, film what you know."

## Thiel's Academic Dean launches new project

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The Dean calls the presentations "mini-TED" talks for how much there is about one subject. Part of Dysart's assistance comes from what they call a direct mail campaign, which utilizes postcards with the student's name on them, as well as something special about an area of study they're interested in.

"That's where these presentations come in. They say what makes their department so special. These presentations are very big, interesting projects themselves," Franken said. "We had clues things weren't going to go as well last year. There's a lot of competition, so we knew we had to step up our message."

Alumni have even stepped up their involvement in the solution by offering personally signed letters explaining what they enjoyed about their experience at Thiel. There has to be a new way to get students' attention.

They are also planning a new academic plan called Thiel 2020. This is basically where they want the school to be in that area by that year. They had one for 2016, but under the circumstances, it was revised to 2020:

"We had a retreat to discuss it in greater detail in August. We're asking questions like what majors we want, do we want to combine any? We know the Haller Institute is just one center for excellence. What about other areas? We want to make sure it's the best it can be, and one way that happens is a heavier emphasis on seminar classes."

Seminar classes involve more student-driven discussion. They have become more widespread in the last academic year, and some have become requirements for certain majors.

The classes get away from teacher-driven lectures, allowing students for greater oppor-

tunities to present themselves. "This is a little broader [than before]," Schmall said, "Admissions is trying to sell the product (Thiel), so we're trying to get a little bit of everything."

This project is not just academic department heads getting involved, but athletics and student life, too. The Performing Arts, such as band, choir, and the theater group have plans for presentations.

"We want to create a winning formula," Franken said, "We want students to have the best education, be the best thinkers, so they can get the best jobs. We're learning how to give better education. Dr. Hall mentors new faculty, for example."

"I've not only learned about our department's programs, but I've seen how talented our faculty is," Franken said. "I've really just been experiencing the love they have for their disciplines."

## TLC announces first Extraordinary Effort Award recipients

by Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu

The TLC Extraordinary Effort Award honors two students each month, and is awarded by the Thiel Learning Commons (TLC), based on a nomination by a TLC staff member. The September 2015 honorees are seniors Loyal Jasper and Ivey Shorts.

"I thought it was a great honor. I never expected to be rewarded for doing my job," Jasper said, "It's nice to be noticed."

In order to be nominated, a student must work within at least one of the programs offered by the TLC. Supplemental Instruction (SI), the Writing Lab, and Group Peer Study are a few examples.

Once a student is nominated, his or her name is brought before a staff discussion. At this discussion, two students are chosen who demonstrates positive qualifications.

"We are extremely proud of our students, and we wanted to recognize those who are



Ivey Shorts, the first Extraordinary Effort Award recipient of the 2015-16 school year.

Photo credit: Prof. Noel Stanger

making the extra effort to better themselves and the Thiel community. I can't say enough good things about Loyal and Ivey," Professor Noel Stanger, an Academic Coach at Commons, "I chose them because they consistently impress me."

Jasper, who is a tutor in the

Writing Lab, is a member of the Thiel Players and Alpha Psi Omega, the Theater honorary here at Thiel. He hopes to do anything related to legal psychology after graduation. The Writing Lab is a program offered by the TLC to students who need help with essay writ-



Loyal Jasper, the second recipient, who is planning a career in legal psychology after graduation.

Photo credit: Prof. Noel Stanger

ing or want to improve their writing skills.

Jasper is President of Pi Nu Epsilon, Thiel's music honorary society, and Thiel Choir, which gives regular performances, such as at the Honor Convocation. He is also a member of Les Lauriers, which is Thiel's

senior honorary, and Sigma Alpha Phi, which is called the National Society of Leadership and Success.

"We're in school to learn," Jasper, "I think you should get the help you need. Why would you not use the resources you have available to you?"

Shorts is planning on being an art therapist with plans to go on to a master's program after graduation. She is the Vice President of Active Minds, an organization focused on mental health awareness, a fellow member of Alpha Psi Omega and the Thiel Players, and a sister of sorority Zeta Tau Alpha, where she is the recruitment chair.

"I was really surprised," Shorts said, "I was honored. I didn't know how much people noticed."

She is part of the Act 101 program through the TLC, which involves talking with Stanger about career plans. In addition to her other activities, she is also a member of Les Lauriers. "TLC is definitely beneficial," Shorts said, "You can always improve. The people in the TLC are very well trained to help. They're also great conversationalists."

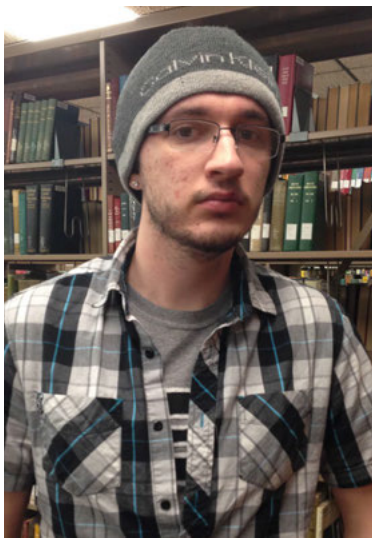
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| Accounting I (Oakes/Witosky)<br>Kelly Thompson          |                             | ACCT 113<br>9-10pm<br>AC 40 |                               | ACCT 113<br>9-10pm<br>AC 40   | ACCT 113<br>9-10pm<br>AC 40  |
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| Calculus (Richins)<br>June Longbine                     |                             | MATH 181<br>8-9pm<br>AC 4   |                               | MATH 181<br>7-8pm<br>AC 4     | MATH 181<br>8-9pm<br>AC 4    |
| Data Structures (Anderson)<br>Dan McFetridge            | CSCI 169<br>6-7pm<br>AC 35  | CSCI 169<br>8-9pm<br>AC 35  |                               |                               | CSCI 169<br>8-9pm<br>AC 35   |
| Elementary Statistics (Kim/Shellenbarger)<br>Julia Fink |                             | MATH 211<br>7-8pm<br>AC 34  |                               | MATH 211<br>8-9pm<br>AC 34    | MATH 211<br>9-10pm<br>AC 34  |
| Gen Chem I (Khalsa)<br>Derek Runge                      |                             |                             | CHEM 140<br>8-9:30pm<br>S 210 | CHEM 140<br>8-9:30pm<br>S 210 |                              |
| Gen Chem II (Stanisky)<br>Cheyanne Fedder               | CHEM 160<br>3-4pm<br>AC 108 |                             | CHEM 160<br>9-10pm<br>AC 108  |                               | CHEM 160<br>9-10pm<br>AC 108 |
| Neuropsychology (Pickens)<br>Nick McNutt                | PSY 270<br>5-6pm<br>S 211   |                             | PSY 270<br>8-9pm<br>S 211     |                               | PSY 270<br>8-9pm<br>S 211    |
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## Controversy Continues to Surround the Patriots

by Chris Kafka, CKafka549@thiel.edu



Chris Kafka, staff writer  
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It is almost laughable when watching the New England Patriots these days. Everything they do is being observed under a microscope, and fans are just tearing into them for every mistake. Right on cue after "DeflateGate", a new scandal I dub as "HeadsetGate" has taken hold of the media.

For those who did not watch the game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and Patriots, players and coaches on the Steelers were complaining that broadcasts from Gillette Stadium were playing through their

headsets. The rule for this situation (failure of headset communication) is for both teams to stop using the headsets to avoid giving one team an advantage.

However, when the Steelers took the headsets over to be examined, they magically started working again. For even more laughs, they began having the same problem as soon as the players and coaches tried using them again.

For clarification, the headsets and radio are handled by the NFL, not the home team's employees. Even so, this does

not make any fans outside of New England less skeptical.

Probably the most hilarious issue that fans have is when the play clock got bumped up from around 12 seconds to 40. Fans of the Steelers were in uproar because it appeared that the Patriots were going to commit a delay of game penalty, but after Tom Brady motioned to the sidelines, the clock was reset.

What most fans do not realize is that if the administrators of the game have to do things such as move the yard markers or move the ball that will waste

time on the clock. Therefore, it is the referee's decision if he or she believes that the clock should be reset to give the team on offense the adequate time to prepare a play to run.

Granted, there have been teams that got hosed for the referee not resetting the clock and costing them five yards. New England will continue to be under the scrutiny of the fans and NFL as well, so we will continue to see these things pop up in the media from time to time, but it is the Patriots' job to ignore the distractions if they want to

have another good season. All I know is, never give a team reasons to have more motivation, because it never ends up well for the opposing squad.

## Cosmetic Close Up

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Summer is ending and soon the time of pumpkin spice everything will be upon us. With the change in seasons also come a change in what make up brands and colors are considered all the rage. Many of the ones I will mention briefly are both name brand as well as indie brands, each one has their highs and lows.

Being as this is a new column in the paper, it will be done differently. Every other edition will either be focusing on new products or new ideas and colors to try and pair into your look.

The first one, both will be touched on since a lot of new things have occurred in the makeup world.

First let's talk about colors for the fall season. Many different cosmetic companies such as Anastasia Beverly Hills, Urban Decay, Colour Pop and more

are taking the approach of fall in different ways, but the same overarching color scheme are berry and brown tones. How can you use these in your look without spending a fortune? There are a few brands that use can buy a few things here and there to get the look you want that will last through out fall!

One eye shadow palette you can purchase is from Morphe, which is better known for their makeup brushes. The palette is 350, which feature oranges and browns that have a creamy/velvety texture when applied, making blending much easier, this will cost you about \$23.

Another company you can look at to get a berry or orange color is Nyx. They are a cruelty free brand that is priced the same as most drugstore cosmetics but has a higher end payoff. I would suggest their soft matte lip cream in the shade "Prague"

which costs \$6.

Now the berry color does not have to be specifically for a lipstick, just like the orange and brown don't have to be just for your eyes. An Indie brand called Jeffrey Star Cosmetics, which sells Vegan and Cruelty free liquid to matte lipstick, has multiple shades for whatever mood you are in from a neon pastel to a nude. In September/October the company will be releasing Dominatrix which is a rich chocolatey brown color and Masochist, which is a pink apple red. Both are liquid to matte, highly pigmented, and are smudge proof allowing you to eat and not worry about it fading away.

I hope these ideas of different colors help you get ready for a killer fall!

## The Inevitable Process: Game of Life

by Ryan Hart, rhart@thiel.edu



Ryan Hart poses in front of the Leuven Town Hall, Belgium.

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the burst and the fall, a true test of will. Through it all, I learned to rage. Against the dying of the light it became. I'd need this trial, for the immanent storm a pulsating malignancy, gradually beginning to form. Then the aftermath, I laid back, healing All the while imagining a return, dreaming:

a thrill so appealing; Relay began and love I was feeling. But time brought pain again and now it's back to this place. To cut through the evil, sneaky, enemy growing in my face. But dream I continued, which the spirit of Aphrodite ignited. We could talk about symbols in common, may be get excited. But you already know; you've seen them before. Representing many intuitions, so real to my core: from the bell to the maple-lined walk. Imagination and reality, parted by a slide on the hill; Toward the loft'n the trees, about it we didn't talk. A rare books gaze, and the world stood still, an edifying flame to blaze a path to Leuven. Where I'll be, just enjoying my tea with a squeeze of lemon or ten; it's up to you now, until we meet again.

## Why your favorite movie is awful...

featuring Disney Animated Movies

by Andrew Denson, adenson@thiel.edu

\*\*\*\*WARNING: This opinion piece is meant to be offensive and is based off the offensive online blog, "Why your favorite team sucks," on Deadspin. Please do not read if you become easily offended.

### The Movie:

Every little girls basis for how her life will end up despite the talking animals, questionable morals of characters, and sometimes gruesome deaths (aka. Animated Disney Movies). Now it would have been easy to write about just one movie for this edition, but it's the first article of the year so I have to upset as many people as I can.

First off I would just like to say this, if you think that movies like Shrek, Wallace and Gromit, and Space Jam are Disney movies just because they are animated...you are the worst type of person.

Those movies creators can at least be proud of the fact that they are not a part of the tainted history of those awful movies from everyone's favorite alleged Nazi supporter, Walt Disney.

Here is a brief history of questionable things that have occurred in some of these movies.

**Jungle Book** - Look up Rudyard Kipling for details

**Dumbo** - Literally had a jive talking bird named "Jim Crow"

**Songs of The South** - Yeah, it's

as bad as it sounds

**Lion King** - Try to tell me that underlying incest plot line is not true, because you would be wrong.

I would go on, but word limits and all that.

**Character Everyone Loves To Hate:**

Since we are covering all of the Disney animated universe, it would be really hard to figure out one character that is more annoying than all the rest, but then I remembered that a good few of the Disney movies are based on overly exaggerated love stories centered around princesses that give little girls this warped sense of romance. You have Belle who literally suffers from a bad case of Stockholm Syndrome, Ariel literally changes herself to gain favor with a guy(a belief that any true feminist should find 100 percent degrading), and don't get me started on how Pocahontas learned English through song. Oh and I hate the cute animal sidekicks that Disney feels obligated to put into the movies.

**Why the Movies Are Awful:** Imagine the authors of most of the books these movies are

based off of going to the theater and seeing these travesties. They basically take all of the good things out of the stories(how the wicked mother really died in Snow White, what really happened to Aurora from Sleeping Beauty, questionable goals of all those involved in the Little Mermaid).

If I were an author and saw how tarnished my works had become, I would blow up Disney World as a form of Social Justice. Also, there is nothing worse in this entire world(including assault, terrorism, Steeler fans) than a Disney Fangirl.

If I have to hear one more time why Frozen is the greatest Disney movie of all time or why every girl deserves their "Prince Charming", I may go on a rampage of Genie Jafar proportions. Disney fangirls suck.

**Why The Movies Are Not Awful:**

If you grew up without Disney in your life, you are a horrible person. The End.

## Photo of the Edition



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## Online Classes: the key to schedule cramming

by David DeVivo, jdevi871@thiel.edu

If you put Thiel College under a microscope, there would be a solid organization under the scope. One would see all the prestigious programs and classes the institution has to offer, but typically anything under a scope, brightens up the areas in which could use improving. As Thiel College continues to try to update the institution to that of standards times, the college still has yet to identify its online course policy.

In today's world, most colleges offer online courses during fall and springs

semesters, for a multiple of reasons. A few reasons of why online courses have become valuable, are an online class allows students to work ahead on credits needed to graduate. Or simply having no restrictions on which semester the course would be offered.

Currently, Thiel College does not offer online courses in either the fall or spring. Hopefully the college is not waiting for the online classes market to deplete, before they consider the marketability of adding online classes to the course schedule.

Say what you want, but a college or university of any type is simply a business aiming to survive and outlast their competitors by its unique edge.

By not offering online courses during the fall and spring semesters, Thiel College has to offer overpriced credits to accommodate. Forcing students into looking elsewhere for their classes. Also due to Thiel being a liberal arts college, the students must take all the required core curriculum courses.

Students can end up behind for

graduation and since there are no online courses offered, students are stuck in coming back as super seniors to complete what could have already been completed.

Lately one of the discussion topics during the faculty meetings has been the professors sharing their worry on online classes being offered at Thiel. Their argument is that students will no longer have the incentive to attend class if the class would be offered online.

True, but then why is that not the

case for the colleges and universities who are offering online classes in fall and spring semesters. Online courses might create more work for professors here at Thiel, but it would make the process of achieving the required credits to graduate more logical for incoming freshmen undecided or decided, the whole way up to super seniors.

## The Denver Broncos Hold Firm; Beat the Baltimore Ravens

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Baltimore Raven's linebacker Terrell Suggs is helped off the field after tearing his Achilles during the game.

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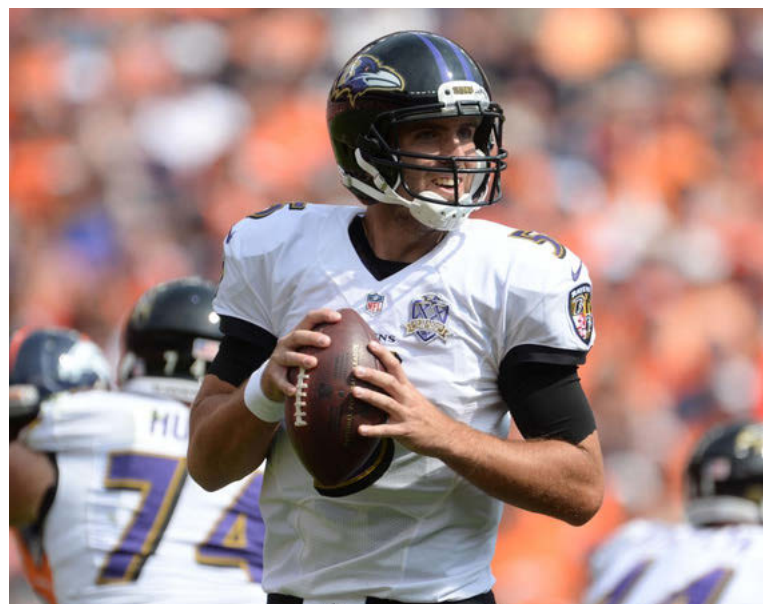
Week one of the NFL season featured a great game involving two teams who were in the playoffs last season with the Baltimore Ravens and Denver Broncos. Both teams were facing questions from the offseason and were trying to eliminate concerns. For the Broncos, many wonder if quarterback

er Steve Smith Sr. but punted after the next few plays. The Broncos were the first on the board with a field goal on the next possession, but that was the last bit of efficiency that would occur for either team.

The Ravens offense was non-existent, earning less than 40 yards in the first half. Flacco

or run the ball consistently. Corner Aquib Talib made the play of the game by intercepting a pass from Flacco for a touchdown in the third quarter as well to retake the lead 16-13. The Broncos managed to make a field goal, giving the Ravens one more chance to try and win the game, down 19-13. The offense finally moved the ball, with Flacco making tough throws off-balance and Forsett almost doubling his previous total yards with a 21 yard scamper down the right sideline. In almost theatrical fashion, Smith Sr. dropped a touchdown that would have won the game, and tight end Crockett Gillmore had a pass ripped out of his hands for an interception that sealed the Ravens' fate. It was an ugly finish, as Flacco finished with only 117 yards passing and the running backs barely averaged over three yards a carry. Manning ended the game with a mere 175 yards passing and the running backs finished in a similar fashion as Baltimore's did.

The Ravens found out after the game that star player Terrell Suggs will miss the year with a torn Achilles. Manning has been placed on the injury report with a back issue, and while it is uncertain if he will miss time, this cannot bode well for an offense that struggled as much as it did. Both teams left with more questions than they began with, but they will have to stay strong persevere to make a run this season.



Joe Flacco smiles during a pass attempt, despite the loss.

Photo credit: ebonybird.com

Peyton Manning would finally show decline as father time is approaching. For the Ravens, wide receiver Torrey Smith left via free agency and Breshad Perriman who they drafted as his replacement has not practiced since July 30th. The hope was that other receivers could step up and get production in his absence. After the game, both teams must be worried about their season outlook.

The opening drive looked promising, as quarterback Joe Flacco of the Ravens got a first down by throwing to receiv-

was under pressure consistently and never had time to set his feet. Manning did not fare much better, as he was sacked three times and looked undisciplined in his throwing mechanics. Cue the second half, where neither team scored an offensive touchdown. Down 9-3 in the third quarter, cornerback Jimmy Smith of the Ravens intercepted an ill-advised pass from Manning and returned it for a touchdown to take the lead 10-9, and add a field goal later in the quarter. However, neither team was able to throw



Manning tries to escape from a Baltimore defender during the Broncos 19-13 win on Sunday.

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## Men's Soccer Team Prevails to Earn First Win

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Thiel's Jordan Lilley netted a goal in the Tomcats 7-1 win over the Hawks.

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Thiel College's men's soccer team have finally recorded their first win of the season on Tuesday when they beat the Hilbert Hawks 7-1.

Dominic Walker led your Tomcats by scoring three goals to help secure the win. Jordan Lilley scored the first goal of the game on a penalty kick and Zackary Hershberger added another goal just before halftime

to make it 2-0.

Walker added to the lead when he recorded his hat trick in the second half for the Tomcats. Jon Fennick and Zachary Oliver each had a goal each. For the Hawks, Ryan Schupp was the only player to find the back of the net for Hilbert. Freshman, Trey Roller earned his first win at goalkeeper and also made two saves for the Tom-

cats.

Your Tomcats will be in action again on Saturday when they head to Cresson, PA to take on the Mount Aloysius Mounties. The women's soccer team will be there as well to square off against the Mounties as well. The men are scheduled to start at noon and the women at 2 p.m.



Tomcats celebrating after a goal on Tuesday in their first win of the season.

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### CHEER ON YOUR TOMCATS!

9/22

Women's Soccer vs. Medaille College @ 5 p.m.

Men's Soccer vs. Medaille College @ 7 p.m.

9/26

WVB vs W&J @ 11 a.m.

Football vs Case Western Reserve @ 1 p.m.

WVB vs Saint Vincent @ 3 p.m.

9/29

Men's Soccer vs Mount Union @ 7 p.m.

10/1

Women's Tennis vs Westminster @ 3:30 p.m.

WVB vs Grove City @ 7 p.m.

10/2

Women's Soccer vs Westminster @ 6 p.m.

Men's Soccer vs Westminster @ 8 p.m.