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Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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It is a widely known fact that October is breast cancer awareness month, but what you may not know is that one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. If that statistic is not shocking enough, breast cancer is also the most common cancer among women worldwide. These are just a few of the many reasons that the deadly disease has an entire month dedicated to education about and the fight against it.

October is a busy month for the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha, as breast cancer education and awareness is their national philanthropy. The sisters of ZTA kicked off their celebration of breast cancer awareness month a little early this year with their annual pink out football game, which was held at the Sept 28 varsity game against Case Western Reserve. The girls handed out their "Think Pink" ribbons to spectators and raised money with a basket raffle, bake sale, and pink lemonade sale. They raised a total of \$535.69, all of which went to the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation to benefit their fight against breast cancer.

Sophomores Hillary Leipold and Kayla Henry organized the event as the chapter's co-philanthropy chairs. "Being philanthropy chair is important to me because I personally know several people who have been affected by breast cancer, an important person being my grandma who was diagnosed this past spring," said Leipold.

The pink out football game is not the only thing that the Sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha do during the month of October to promote breast cancer education and awareness.

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Breaking down the Mental Health and Wellness of the campus

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A new school year has begun, and the student population has experienced many changes.

A new freshman class has arrived, and many faces graduated in the spring. While names and faces have changed, so has the mental health at Thiel.

The purpose of this article is not to be taken as an insult. That is to say, claiming that there are students with mental ailments does not mean they are abnormal. The purpose is to explain what Thiel College is doing to help students with their mental health, no matter the situation.

On the staff at Thiel there is a counselor to help students going through rough times. Her name is Melanie Broadwater. In an interview, a reporter asked



School nurse Christine Cianci. Photo credit: Robert Driscoll

what Thiel College is doing to help with the mental status of the students on campus.

"Due to the need for coun-

seling services on campus, The Counseling Center has expanded to include a part-time counselor and a graduate-level intern in addition to my full-time position as the Director of the Counseling Center," Broadwater said.

It is often emphasized that the Counseling Center is available for a wide range of needs. A student need not be in a state of psychological distress to utilize the Counseling Center. It is completely acceptable to utilize counseling as a support in accomplishing personal goals or addressing specific stressors.

"Anxiety and depression are the two most common reasons students seek treatment," Broadwater said.



Counselor Melanie Broadwater

Photo credit: Robert Driscoll

The Counseling Center may be found in a small hallway on the first floor of the HMSC. The

staff in this center are there to help students, whether they are suffering from anxiety, homesickness, grief/loss issues, family or relationship stressors, or a history of a traumatic event.

The staff will work with each student to help them through each situation they are faced with.

"There are circumstances in which the Counseling Center refers to various specialists within the community. For example, if a student requests medication to address a psychiatric issue, I will refer to a physician to determine if medication is warranted." Broadwater said.

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The current Vira I. Heinz Endowment recipients

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Ivey Shorts, a recent Vira I. Heinz recipient, shown with a member of her host family.

Photo credit: Family member of host family in India

On Thursday, Sept. 24, the Vira I. Heinz Endowment interest dinner for eligible candidates was held in the Sawhill-Georgian Room. To be considered for the scholarship, a student must be female, meet GPA requirements, and have never previously travelled abroad. If a female student

meets these criteria, she is able to apply for the experience of a lifetime. The dinner included additional information on the organization's vision to turn women into global leaders. The goal of the program is to empower women to better their local communities by traveling, learning lead-

ership skills, and using these skills and knowledge to improve the world around them.

"My dream destination was originally Italy," previous scholarship recipient, Ivey Shorts said. "But when I asked some of my professors, they said, 'You like yoga, go to India.' I started looking more into it, and that's where I decided to go."

Shorts described her journey as life-changing. Her trip included studying Indian medicine techniques and yoga, along with living and exploring with a host family and local people who she is now able to call her friends.

"There was a moment by this waterfall that I found myself," Shorts said. "I just felt at peace; I cannot even describe it."

Katie Allgeier, fellow 2014 Vira Heinz Endowment recipient, also shared her study abroad experience. Her destination was Dublin and Galway, Ireland. There she studied literature, the Irish language, and genealogy.

"I have always wanted to go to Ireland, since my family is actually from Ireland," All-

geier said. "My first consideration was literature, but I also got to take genealogy. I actually got to track down my family the whole way back to Ireland. It was fabulous," Allgeier said.

Allgeier also explained the specific part of the trip that impacted her the most.

"We were about to reach our destination, when my phone showed the dreaded twenty percent battery warning," Allgeier said. "By the time we climbed to the top of the cliff, my phone was completely dead. I was so disappointed—how would I remember everything that I was seeing? I realized that my phone dying gave me the opportunity to experience it for myself, not behind a lens, and I'm glad for that."

The Vira I. Heinz Endowment continues to shape and help female college students develop into globally aware leaders. The trips funded by the Vira Heinz Program empower select young women and give them the opportunity to improve their lives and appreciate the world, allowing them to go beyond the confines of their typical local studies.

Guest Speaker Reaches out

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Shapiro's LinkedIn photo.

Photo credit: LinkedIn

The college recently had the chance to offer students a free tutorial on creating a thorough LinkedIn profile. To do so, the college held a video discussion with Chaim Shapiro, a Career Services LinkedIn Leader based out of New York City. Mr. Shapiro offers LinkedIn Workshops & Staff Training for anyone looking for an expert's advice on setting up a profile.

Mr. Shapiro started his presentation by discussing his extensive background with LinkedIn.

"In today's world, these profiles are supposed to be an over detailed version of a resume. Students resumes should be short and direct," Chaim Shapiro said.

He went on to add that he urges students in attaching one's resume on to their profile page to allow any employer the chance to directly view their expertise. The website is free, which is why Mr. Shapiro urges students to create one. LinkedIn allows its members to customize their profile, right down to personalizing their background photo.

"One of the best ways to acquire resourceful and useful connections is by adding Thiel College alumni." Sam Passafiume, a fellow tomcat student, said.

Mr. Shapiro went on to close his tutorial with the suggestion that LinkedIn is the new way for employers to get an extensive inside look on a possible employee. The resume will not show the individuals personal interests, lengthy sets of skills processed, and/or also a profile picture.

"LinkedIn will be where employers are going to look to do more background information to ensure a probable fit within that specific company or organization." Shapiro said.

Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders Clash Over Education

by Mary Dougherty, mdougherty@thiel.edu



Democratic Presidential candidates Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton each propose a new way for students to afford college.

Photo credit: Boston Herald

Campaigning for the 2016 Presidential Election has officially begun, and the candidates have had no problem supplying drama at the debates and creating headlines in the media.

The two leading Democratic presidential hopefuls, Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, are attracting the attention of college students with their pro-

posals to make college more affordable, a major problem for middle-class families across the country.

The Clinton plan would offer \$17.5 billion per year in federal funds for states to reinvest in public higher education. It would consolidate and simplify Income-Based Repayment programs, strengthen regulato-

ry oversight of student loans, simplify the loan application process, and expand programs to help low-income, first-generation college students. For those who are already burdened with student debt, the Clinton plan would allow them to refinance at today's low interest rates, and would eliminate today's profits for the federal government from the student loan program. It would cap loan payments to ten percent of income and would provide total forgiveness after 20 years.

Families would still be required to pay tuition, according to a formula which determines how much they can afford to pay. With this plan, Clinton promises that students would "never have to borrow to pay for tuition, books and fees to attend a 4-year public college in their state." Clinton also believes that students need to do their part in paying for tuition, and her plan would require students to work a minimum of ten hours per week, an incentive for

students to buy in to her plan.

In contrast to Clinton's plan, Presidential Candidate Bernie Sanders' plan has been described as "revolutionary," because it would make all public colleges and universities tuition-free.

It would eliminate the federal profit from student debt and would allow students to refinance at significantly more favorable rates. Under current conditions, the undergraduate student loan rate would drop from 4.29 percent to 2.37 percent. Students would be able to use federal, state and institutional need-based aid to cover room and board, books and living expenses.

In a recent trip to New Hampshire, Clinton argued against Bernie Sanders' plan. "I believe that my plan is more comprehensive, because I am aiming at getting the costs down, not putting more money in the system so that the costs keep rising," said Clinton (www.daileycaller.com).

Days later, Sanders fired back, saying that the assertion Clinton made is not true. "My plan says that every kid in America ... you are going to be able to make it into the middle class, you are going to be able to get a college education, regardless of the income of your family," said Sanders (www.cnn.com).

Clinton and Sanders' plans only speak of the benefits it would provide to state colleges and universities. If either one of their proposals gets pushed into action, what does this mean for private colleges and universities, a more expensive option for higher education? Will private colleges and universities be able to compete and survive against these numbers, or will they also find a way to be included in Clinton and Sanders' affordability plans? The first Tuesday in November of 2016 can't seem to come soon enough.

Thiel Happenings

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Thursday, Oct. 1-Sunday, Oct. 4
21st Annual Kappa Sigma
See-Saw-A-Thon

Wednesday Oct. 14
Stress Less Day:
All Day *Free Massages, Yum Berry Frozen Yogurt Station, Therapy Dogs*

Wednesday, Oct. 14
Coffeeshow Show: The Billes [Acoustic Performers]:
@ 9 p.m. in the Bistro

Friday, Oct. 23
Candy Bingo:
@ 9 p.m. in the LHR

Saturday, Oct. 24
Wings N' Sings:
@ 9 p.m. in the Bistro

Wanna see a movie?

BLY HALL MOVIE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS...

compiled by Liz Carlson

Ted 2: Friday, Oct. 2 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 4 at 2 p.m.

In this sequel to the original comedy, Ted is now married to the woman of his dreams while his best friend and thunder buddy John remains a bachelor. Everything in their marriage seems perfect until Ted and his new wife try to adopt a baby and are unable to because Ted is determined by the courts to be property not a person. The hilarious shenanigans continue as Ted tries to get the justice he deserves.

Inside Out: Saturday, Oct. 9 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 10 at 2 p.m.

Riley's eleven year old life is turned upside down when she moves from the Midwest to San Francisco. Her emotions take it upon themselves to help guide her through the transition, but when sadness from the move becomes dominant, anger, fear, and disgust rise to the forefront.

Thiel College Police Blotter

August 24, 6:37 p.m.

Marijuana pipe and grinder were confiscated from a student.

August 28, 9:00 p.m.

Confiscated (3) pipes, (1) grinder, (1) bong, and a small amount of marijuana from a student.

August 29, 9:30 p.m.

Theft of wooden cut-out sorority letters from 66 College ave.

August 29, 6:30 p.m.

A student was reported to be disorderly in cafe.

August 30, 10:00 p.m.

Student was found drinking a beer outside Frat house.

September 5, 3:10 a.m.

An underage student was taken to UPMC ER for intoxication.

September 11, 11:20 p.m.

Two students found drinking underage.

September 13, 1:00 a.m.

Two students found drinking underage in public.

September 13, 1:20 a.m.

A female student was found in possession of a marijuana glass pipe.

September 13, 1:30 a.m.

Student(s) did damage to a fire extinguisher outside of a Frat house.

September 13, 4:00 p.m.

Unknown individuals spray painted words inside of baseball dugout.

September 19, 11:55 p.m.

Five students found to be drinking underage.



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Breaking down Mental Health and Wellness on campus

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“No prescribing of medications is done through the Counseling Center. In addition, when a student presents with a substance abuse concern, the Counseling Center refers to a substance abuse treatment program to provide specialized care. This often involves a combination of individual counseling and group therapy.” Broadwater said.

If you, a student, is sent to a specialist in the community and they are given a prescription, they should go and talk to Chris Cianci, the campus nurse and the keeper of medical files.

It is a good idea to give Cianci the name of the medication you are now on for filing purposes, but also in case you need help getting in contact with a doctor about the medication you are on.

In an interview, Cianci was asked the same question and her response was very comforting in regards to student wellness.

Typically students that suffer from mental health disorders are seen in the counseling center by Melanie Broadwater or Tami Misky.

This is a free and voluntary service that Thiel provides. If our counselors feel they need additional care, they will help the student by setting up an appointment with the most appropriate person to address their problem.” Cianci said.

Both Cianci and Broadwater work in the Counseling Center, though they will help take care of a student’s health in different ways. Both agree that this is a service that should not be overlooked. These staff members are trained to help make sure the student population at Thiel are not ailing.

“As the Counseling Center personnel has grown, we have been able to provide counseling for more students, and we have been able to get students scheduled for their initial appointment often within a few days of requesting counseling. Primarily, the counselors conduct individual sessions; however, group counseling and drug and alcohol education classes are also periodically offered through the Counseling Center. Beginning

in November, a grief management group will be offered once weekly and run for five consecutive weeks.” Broadwater said.

“On October 14th, the Counseling Center and Student Activities will be offering a ‘Stress-Less Day’ available to interested students to promote healthy means of coping with stress. This will involve bringing a therapy dog to campus, having a massage therapist available, and having a ‘Yumberries’ frozen yogurt bar. All ‘Stress-Less Day’ events will be held in the Bistro.” Broadwater said.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events, which will help all students in different areas of life and also help them de-stress.

Each student should look at the many benefits that Thiel has offered to help students cope with the many stressors in their lives. Remember, they are not just there for those with anxiety or depression, but also for the pain of grief and homesickness.

Nevada Color Coffee House Performance



Nevada Color and Trent Kesiling in the WXTC radio station after the live interview before their performance

Photo credit: Kourtney Polvinale

by Michael Boratyn, mbora280@thiel.edu

Nevada Color were the Coffee House performers on Sept. 24 in the Bistro. This is a band that started in Point Park University. The members were in various majors, ranging from entertainment management to cinema. There is no real significance to their name. They got the name from a race horse name generator. Their influences include, but are not limited to, barbershop quartets, a capella singers, Motown and the Killers. They were interviewed by Kourtney Polvinale and Trent Kesiling of WXTC radio before their performance.

Prior to the concert, Kesiling and Polvinale sat down and did an interview with

them and got an inside look at how the band functions as a group. The interview lasted for about an hour, after which, they prepared for the following concert, which was also broadcast by WXTC radio. They told everyone that they may be recording an 8 track EP soon.

They had a full house at their performance in the Bistro Thursday night of last week. They were on stage from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m., and played several songs that truly impressed the crowd. Thiel Activities Board also provided snacks. “The concert was killer and the mini-tacos were on point too.” Lauren Valdez said

This group of artists does not let anyone tell them how to write their songs. Instead, they prefer to write their own songs, because they prefer to hone only the sound they want.

“The music was phenomenal, the food was good, I got to hangout with my friends, and the performance was free.” Marissa Dahlkemper said.

In all, it was a great experience for everyone involved. Thiel was graced by this band, and many people from the local community and Thiel students got to hear a band that they might never have heard of before. You can find more of their music of Spotify!

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha at the pink out game
Photo Credit: Liz Carlson

They will be joining other ZTA chapters from nearby in Pittsburgh on Oct. 1 to hand out pink ribbons at the Steelers game. They will also be wearing pink

every Wednesday this month. “Breast cancer affects so many families, and I am extremely proud to be a member of a sorority that does so much work to

combat such a deadly disease. It warms my heart to know that the money we raise is going to such a great cause,” Zeta Tau Alpha sister, Tatyana Godfrey, said.



Homecoming Football Game
Thiel vs. Westminster
Saturday October 10th
3:00pm - 6:00pm
At the TC Football Field

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TLC announces October's Extraordinary Effort Award Recipients

by Hunter Michaelis, hmichaelis@thiel.edu



Jacob Patterson, October's first Extraordinary Effort Award recipient of the 2015-16 school year.

Photo credit: Dianne Donnelly

Jacob Patterson and Courtney Gibson are The Learning Commons (TLC) Extraordinary Effort Award October recipients, the second set of winners for the year.

Every month, the TLC gives the award to two students who are thought to excel in their duties to the center,

and students need not be involved for an extended period of time in order to win the award.

"Jacob and Courtney have been chosen as recipients for this award due to their going above and beyond what is necessary to enhance their academic experience at Thiel," said Diane Don-

nelly, Director of the TLC.

Patterson, a senior who participates on Thiel's Rugby team, is also a member of the Lutheran Student Movement, or LSM, which is a Christian organization, one of many on Thiel's campus.

"I was actually pretty shocked," Patterson said. "I didn't know we had it, or I could even get it."

Patterson finds tutors through the TLC with Donnelly's help. In addition to his other activities, he plays music and writes his own lyrics, which he calls "Christian rap," and also works with Thiel's Student Support Network.

After graduation, he hopes to work with troubled youth: "I've always had a passion for it, and it just feels like it's where I'm supposed to be."

Of Patterson, Donnelly only had positive words: "Jacob is one of the hardest working and positive students I know. He is willing to push himself to achieve his goals, both academically and personally."

Gibson, also a senior, started as a Supplemental Instruction (SI) and Group Peer Study (GPS) leader, but now peer tutors for the Business Law and Principles of Accounting classes.

"It feels good to be looked upon in a positive way for my efforts," she said.

"Courtney has worked as a tutor and student employee for The Learning



Courtney Gibson, October's second Extraordinary Effort Award recipient of the 2015-16 school year.

Photo credit: Dianne Donnelly

Commons since her sophomore year," Donnelly said, "Her dedication to the tutoring program has had a great impact on the students she has assisted."

Gibson is a sister of Zeta Tau Alpha, one of the four sororities on the campus, serves as the secretary for the Student Government Association (SGA) and works with Than Oo, who

is the Director of Student Activities and Involvement, known for planning service events and various activities seen around campus.

"[After graduation,] I plan on moving to Washington D.C. with my mom to plan events and then pay off my student loans," she says.

Reminder for Graduating Seniors

All seniors are required to schedule an appointment with the Registrar, Denise Urey, to review your college core requirements. If you have not met with the Registrar, appointments can be made at the Records Office or by calling extension 2110. Seniors who desire to participate in commencement exercises in May 2016, who will complete graduation requirements in summer school 2015, must petition the Academic Standing Committee by April 1, 2015 for approval to participate in the May ceremony. The academic petition form can be obtained in the Records Office.



Course/Leader	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Accounting I (Oakes/Witosky) Kelly Thompson		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 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 6-7pm S - I		PHY 174 8-9pm S - I		PHY 174 9-10pm S - I

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.



Pittsburgh Steelers in Trouble

by Chris Kafka, CKafka549@thiel.edu



Chris Kafka, staff writer
Photo Credit: Keeley Criswell

The Pittsburgh Steelers were winning against the St. Louis Rams last week before the worst possible thing happened. After being on the ground, safety Mark Barron of the Rams appeared to lunge at quarterback Ben Roethlisberger's knee. After hitting the ground, it was easy to see the pain that he felt. The all-pro was carted off the field with heavy emotion in his eyes.

In stepped Mike Vick, who has not been playing better than average since his astounding comeback year with the Phil-

adelphia Eagles in 2010. Vick managed the game well, and the Steelers won this game 12-6. However, I have serious doubts about the Steelers' Super Bowl hopes after seeing Big Ben go down with a knee injury.

The diagnosis is an MCL sprain that could keep him off the field for 4 to 6 weeks. It is a saddening situation, considering that Ben had played all 16 games as a starter back-to-back years for the first time in his career before this season. Let's look at this more in-depth. Ben has always been an amaz-

ingly tough player, perhaps the toughest quarterback to ever play the game.

The problem, however, is that he is 33 years old, and his age is going to take its toll on the recovery from the injury. We all know that he will probably try to return as quickly as possible to help his team, but I doubt he will be able to take those shots. Coach Mike Tomlin knows it, and he will probably keep him out until he is completely healed.

Looking at the schedule, the games Ben might miss due to

injury are against the San Diego Chargers, Arizona Cardinals, Kansas City Chiefs, Cincinnati Bengals, and Oakland Raiders.

None of those games are easy wins, as all the teams have talent at the skill positions and will be looking to exploit the Steelers' defense, which has not been nearly as good as they used to be.

Also, it is difficult to see Vick orchestrating the offense to win a shootout if necessary. He has not had a completion percentage over sixty percent for the whole year since that 2010 sea-

son, and that was his only time ever crossing that threshold in his career. Most importantly, Ben will experience mobility problems when he returns due to that knee. He is someone who relies on that knee at times to make the huge play.

This will have an influence on his game, and I doubt he will be as efficient when he returns. I believe the Steelers have a shot to make the playoffs, but with the Bengals obviously being the better overall team, the loss of Ben will prove too costly in winning the division.

Will Marvel Lose Its Momentum?

by David Dye, ddye@thiel.edu

As most people can easily tell, Marvel has been on a winning streak in Hollywood since Iron Man debuted back in 2008 and kicked off the Marvel Cinematic Universe. So far each movie has generally gotten great reviews, and even Guardians of the Galaxy, the movie which many predicted would signal the end of Marvel's success, especially because of the character Rocket Raccoon who is, in fact, a gun toting anthropomorphic raccoon, ended up becoming one of Marvel's highest grossing films.

The only thing is Marvel has their film universe lined up until 2019 with two television series and five Netflix series. And the main complaint of one of the latest films, Avengers: Age of Ultron, was that, while it was largely successful, it was deemed too complicated. As of now, Marvel is roughly halfway through its planned movie universe, and Avengers: Age of Ultron already showed signs of cracking under the weight.

Ant-Man, the most recent movie to be released by Marvel, was a huge success as well. Much like Guardians of the Galaxy, Ant-Man was an unexpected success because the characters and source material was largely unknown to current audiences, let alone comic book fans. However, part of what fueled both films' successes was

that they were movies which introduced new heroes and followed a very typical superhero movie formula, while connections to the overall Marvel universe were generally in the background.

The next Marvel film, Captain America: Civil War, will basically be another Avengers film, from the huge number of characters involved, and aside from three more films which will each introduce a new character, there is also a Spider-Man movie, sequels to Thor and Guardians of the Galaxy, and a third Avengers film titled Avengers: Infinity War, which has been split into two parts. It's not the quality of the Marvel movies that is at doubt; Disney has more than enough money to throw at Marvel to ensure the best actors, writers and effects. It's the complexity of just a sheer amount of characters and interwoven plots and subplots that should be concerning for Marvel.

On the other hand, DC is finally getting its own film universe after The Dark Knight trilogy renewed everyone's love of Batman, and Man of Steel kicked things off for the DC Extended Universe, as their film universe is called. Unlike Marvel, which took its time making films that introduced almost each of the main Avengers one by one, DC is getting

ready to release Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice, a film that will not merely introduce Batman to the DCEU, but pit him against Superman while also introducing Wonder Woman. At the same time, DC also has the film Suicide Squad on the way which depicts a team of villains brought together by the U.S. government to fight the Joker. Rather than take the villains from each super hero movie and then bring them together, DC is doing exactly the reverse and introducing them all at once.

Plus, Marvel's two TV series, Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. and Agent Carter, have been doing so-so since their first airings, whereas DC's series, Arrow, was so popular it spawned a spinoff called The Flash, which itself has become just as popular, leading to another upcoming spinoff entitled Legends of Tomorrow. Granted, the DC TV shows aren't connected to the films, but it seems DC already has the upper hand on television. Add that to the number of films that jump straight into the DC world, rather than introducing one major hero per film.

How long will it be until Marvel loses its momentum and DC moves in to fill the gap?

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Just a little reminder... in case you weren't listening to what I said before

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When I was back in high school, one of my teachers reminded us about the pitfalls of technology.

She cautioned us to be completely without technology for one day, and proceeded to bet us we wouldn't be able to do it.

I know what you're thinking. This teacher is just old school, which plenty of people are. Hey, I'm old school about some things, too. It's not the worst thing in the world.

"I can't survive without my phone. What am I going to do, now?"

Yes, what *are* you going to do? When I was in high school, I did the same thing that many of us do: I never got off my phone (even sometimes using it in class when the teacher wasn't looking).

Not only do I realize now that this is incredibly disrespectful to the professor, especially in a class you're paying

to be in, but I realized just how much you miss when you're on your phone, computer, or whatever technology you have all of the time.

When I look around the cafeteria on a daily basis, sure, I see people talking and laughing with friends. I do, however, also see people sitting at a table where they're all on their phones.

This struck me as odd - we don't have much time to spend

with each other with our busy schedules, and you're sitting there on your phone?

My friends used to joke, "And we have anti-social over here," and then we would all laugh and go back to what we were doing.

Still, have you ever thought of what you could be missing? After these four years are up, odds are you won't see these people very much, if at all. If you are the kind of person who

doesn't get along with others, then this message will probably fall on deaf ears. However, if you're someone who knows a lot of people, or even has a lot of friends, will you be feeling the same way?

You'd be surprised how much people don't realize just how much they're relying on their technology for information, entertainment, or even a way to pass the time. It's a lot like washing your hands. Do you

really know how many people rely on technology?

It's a lot, which shows how many folks are missing plenty of opportunities. These are things we used to value, but are now seen as silly, like common human interaction, learning and using social skills, or even a real, genuine, good laugh; not one from behind a tiny screen.

Just something to think about in between your 4 tests this week and numerous clubs.

Cosmetic Close Up

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This time around, I will focus on different "indie" brands. First, let me explain what I label as an indie brand. I say anything from a brand that cannot be purchased either in an Ulta, Sephora, or drugstore setting. That being said, most indie brands do have a few issues about them, and I will briefly touch on them as well.

The brand I would like to talk about the most is Jeffree Star Cosmetics, also known as JSC (mentioned in the last issue). I personally adore their

products for many reasons, one being the fact that they are all vegan and are cruelty-free testing.

To me, that is a big seller, because I personally feel that I better know what is in the product as compared to others. This is seen when it comes to brands like Maybelline, Almay, Revlon, etc.

Though they may say what is in their product, that does not mean that it is completely true, since they may try to hide the truth, such as whether they are or are not vegan.

The main way to tell if a product is or is not vegan is if any of the products contain "carmines." Carmines are insects that are crushed and used for pigmentation.

With that small tangent aside, I will turn back to the brand JSC. I personally have three out of the current fifteen shades of the velour liquid lip-



stick. I own shades Redrum (the perfect cool toned red), Celebrity Skin (a soft-brown nude with a peachy undertone), and Weirdo (the blackest black matte lipstick).

I love all of them for different reasons, but the easiest is way to compare is the pigmentation. Both Redrum

and Weirdo only need one coat for a perfect and even lip color, while the Celebrity Skin that I own is the first formulation which has a lighter color and may need two or three coats to achieve a darker color. However, you can create the same look with any nude or brown lip liner.

Each lipstick takes anywhere from thirty seconds to two minutes to dry completely matte, but once it dries, it will not budge, allowing you to continue with your day without worrying about retouching your lipstick. You can eat, drink, and kiss your date; there will be no color transfer. Each lipstick has a doe foot applicator that is slightly flexible, allowing for easy coverage.

Also, since the lipstick is liquid to matte, you can take an angled makeup brush and use it as an eye liner if you want a bold eye color to match your

lip, or just a little bit of an accent to tie the whole look together. They are safe to apply around the eye since they are vegan and hypo-allergenic.

This brand is made for everyone, and they do listen to your input and will make a color for everyone.

The website link is: <http://www.jeffreestarcosmetics.com> and on Sept. 30 the online store released three new shades, Dominatrix (a chocolate brown), Masochist (a red apple color), and Dirty Money (a light gray with a slight green undertone).

All are limited edition and will end at 12 p.m. PST or 3 p.m. EST.

If you want to get these new colors, I would recommend signing up for the email alerts because you will be notified once the new colors are released and that is very helpful since it is done according to PST rather than our time zone.



NFL Football Frenzy 2015 hits America

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Tony Romo stands on the sidelines during Sunday's loss to the Atlanta Falcons. Romo is not going to be in action for at least 8 weeks. Photo credit: espn.go.com

This fall season brings more than colorful leaves, cool weather, and Halloween – it brings out the trash-talking, screaming, overly excited, faithful football fans.

The NFL season began Thursday, Sept. 10 at Gillette Stadium with the rivalry of the Pittsburgh Steelers and New England Patriots. Although the Pittsburgh Steelers did well at moving the ball, it was not enough to keep up with the Patriot's offense. Tom Brady was in his prime, throwing four touchdown passes and leading the team to a 28-21 victory.

However, some technical difficulties did occur during the season opener. During the first half of the game, Pittsburgh's headsets were malfunctioning and they could only hear the Patriot's radiobroadcast.

Pittsburgh's head coach, Mike Tomlin, was very upset about the headset issues and made the comment that "that's always the case;" meaning playing at Gillette Stadium always comes with difficulties of some kind.

By Monday, Sept. 14, all teams played, adding either a victory or loss to the beginning of their season. Many players have come away with injuries, including Tony Romo, Dallas Cowboys quarterback, Drew Brees, New Orleans Saints quarterback, and many other players. Romo is out for a shoulder injury and will not need surgery; however, he is still expected to miss about eight weeks of the season. He did not play in their week 3 loss to the Atlanta Falcons. Even with Brees out for the New Orleans Saints, Luke McCown held his own and threw for

310 yards. However, it wasn't enough to hold off the Carolina Panthers in a 27-22 loss.

Going into week 4, many teams are suffering a loss from injured players. The Cleveland Browns have three players who did not play in Sunday's loss against the Oakland Raiders, including defensive end Desmond Bryant. The Seattle Seahawks had at least five players that were questionable, but that did not stop them from showing their dominance in the Seahawks rout of the Chicago Bears. One of their players that was questionable was Marshawn Lynch, aka Beast Mode. In Sunday's blowout against the Bears, it showed that Lynch wasn't his normal self by only racking up 14 rushing yards on five carries.

Another big blow in week 3 was when Pittsburgh Steelers Ben Roethlisberger went down with a knee injury in the second half. Michael Vick was able to step in to replace Big Ben, and the Steelers were able to come away with a win against the impressive Saint Louis Rams. Roethlisberger was diagnosed with a MCL sprain is expected to miss 4 to 6 weeks. Big Ben underwent a MRI on Monday, and luckily there was not any damage to his ACL. The Steelers are hoping that Vick still has some left in the tank to help lead them until Roethlisberger is healthy.

The schedule for the rest of the NFL season can be found at nfl.com. You can find highlights, scores and updates from week 2 and week 3 there, as well as a preview for week 4.

Cincinnati Bengals Dominate Once Again

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There is an AFC team that looks like it can compete with the defending Super Bowl Champions, the New England Patriots. It is not the Denver Broncos or Pittsburgh Steelers; it is the Cincinnati Bengals. The Bengals continued their dominance by beating the Baltimore Ravens 28-24. It may have been a close game, but the Bengals have gotten the non-clutch monkey off their back with amazing fourth quarter play. Andy Dalton threw his first interception but countered with three touchdown passes and 383 yards passing. Wide receiver A.J. Green came up with ten catches for 227 yards and two touchdowns, showing why he is an all-pro player. Amazingly, Dalton was only sacked one time against the

Ravens, and it was the first time he has been sacked all season.

So is this squad a true contender? Most people disagree because of their terrible performances in playoffs since Dalton has entered the league. However, no one denies the talent and depth that the Bengals have, and it looks like they are starting to prove doubters wrong with their play towards the end of games. The most refreshing part of this team is their improved defense, which let them down in the past. The emergence of corners Adam Jones and Dre Kirkpatrick has helped this defense in ranking seventh best in points allowed. The front seven has gotten a big boost with Geno Atkins playing at one hundred per-

cent and dominating the line of scrimmage. Perhaps the biggest question is Andy Dalton's mental toughness in the playoffs. While that will take a few months of waiting to see if that has improved, the three game sample size he has given so far looks promising. He has been especially sharp this season, completing 66.3% of his passes and throwing for eight touchdowns and only one interception so far. The biggest knock on Dalton has been turning the ball over in key situations in games, but he has avoided that so far. Get ready for the Bengals to make a big push in the playoffs, because it's hard to see them being one-and-done again.



A.J. Green had a huge day on Sunday against the Ravens. He totaled 227 yards on 10 catches including the game winning touchdown. Photo credit: bleacherreport.com

Ultimate Frisbee team begins new season

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The Thiel College Ultimate Frisbee team played its first scrimmage of the year on Sunday September 27th against Westminster College in Buhl Park, Hermitage. Thiel fell by a score of 15-12. Junior Dan Wiegmann led the offensive push by scoring 6 points and assisting on 2; junior Nate Flory scored 2 points and recorded 6 assists.

The game got off to a quick start as Westminster scored just a few seconds into the first point, and Thiel came right back to tie it with a score from sophomore Jaime Montalvo. The teams traded points back and forth for a long time in the first half, keeping the score at 6-6. This was a rare exchange of twelve consecutive points without a single break-point (when the team who starts the point on defense scores). Thiel finally scored the first break-point of the game off of a defense play by junior Nick McNutt, who forced 5 defensive turnovers on the day, to take a 7-6 lead. The teams exchanged points once more to result in an 8-7 lead for Thiel at halftime.

Wiegmann scored the first point of the second half to put Thiel up by a score of 9-7, but Westminster captains senior Tim Romecki and junior Austin Ruediger helped their team come back. The two connected on a couple deep plays to tie the score, and then Westminster scored a break-point to take the lead, 10-9.



Senior Mike Lehman prepares to pass the disc to junior Dan Wiegmann. Photo credit: Tina Kramer

The score reached 11-9 before Thiel was finally able to answer back, but the 4-point run by Westminster was enough to get them the victory. This scrimmage was the first competitive ultimate game for a few of this year's rookies, including junior Kayla O'Kresik and freshmen Tyler VanDyke and Matt Tiefel. O'Kresik comments, "We may have lost, but for our first scrimmage, we already have a solid understanding of each other's playing styles. We can only improve."

Constant improvement is the goal for the ultimate frisbee team, which is entering just its third year at Thiel College and has its best numbers yet. Membership is pushing over two-dozen students, and more are always welcome. The

team practices three times per week and has a light-hearted atmosphere when off the field. Sophomore member Tina Kramer says that "win or lose, we'll always be a team that cares about each other. Everyone there pushed themselves, had good plays, and helped us do well. The end score isn't what's important; what's important is teamwork and the fun of the game."

The team does not yet currently have any more events scheduled this fall, though they will likely attend a November tournament at Westminster College and scrimmage other teams, including Mercyhurst and Allegheny Colleges, and more tournaments will take place in the spring semester.

SHOW OFF YOUR TOMCAT PRIDE!

10/2

Women's Soccer vs Westminster @ 6 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs Westminster @ 8 p.m.

10/7

WVB vs Bethany @ 7 p.m.

10/10

Football vs Westminster @ 3 p.m. (Homecoming)

10/12

Women's Soccer vs Thomas Moore @ 2 p.m.
Women's Tennis vs Waynesburg @ 3 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs Thomas Moore @ 4 p.m.

10/13

WVB vs Chatham @ 7 p.m.

Thiel Tomcats Men and Women Team Records (As of September 29)

Football 1-3
Men's Soccer 2-7
Women's Soccer 0-6-1
WVB 2-15
Women's Tennis 1-6