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## Thiel Football Victorious for Homecoming

By: Jacob Walsh

On September 30th, The Thiel College football team hosted PAC rival Waynesburg Yellowjackets for Thiel's Homecoming game. The Tomcat's fought hard and came out victorious with the final score of 15-14. This game marked many firsts and seconds for Thiel as it was their first multi-win season since 2016, their first homecoming win since 2014, and their first consecutive home win since 2009. The Waynesburg game was also Thiel's second win of the PAC season and second home win of the season. The first quarter ended scoreless with the first points coming from a 25-yard Lefkowitz field goal early in the second quarter. The next points came on the board at the end of the second when Waynesburg's Brandon Tyson found

the endzone after catching an interception with 36 seconds left. The Yellowjackets led the Tomcats 7-3 at half. Thiel came out of the gates to start the third quarter when quarterback Joey Fell ran for a 52-yard score, Thiel did not convert on the two-point attempt (THI 9 - 7 WAY). Once again, Waynesburg fired back late in the quarter with their own long run. The Yellowjackets Zayne Cawley ran 72 yards to score, putting Waynesburg up 14-9 at the end of the third quarter.

Just like Thiel's last win, the fourth quarter seemed to be a stalemate. Finally, the Waynesburg lead was broken when Fell scored his second touchdown of the day off a 6-yard run. Thiel once again did not convert and went up 15-14. That touchdown would be the game-winner as Thiel held on to beat

the Yellowjackets and capture their second win of the season. On offense, Thiel's quarterback, Joey Fell, completed 13 passes on 28 attempts for 141 yards with one interception. Fell also rushed for 122 yards and both of Thiel's touchdowns. Receiver Chase Lawler caught four passes for 50 yards. Defensively, Jared Curcio led with nine total tackles, two for loss of yards. Curcio also broke up a pass and registered a quarterback hurry. Caleb Shuler came away with three tackles and an interception while Jaellen Rose had three tackles and a sack.

Thiel comes off this victory with a 2-3 PAC record. The Tomcats travel to Carnegie Mellon next to face the PAC opponent Tartans on October 7th at 7 p.m.

## A Homecoming Recap!

By: Colin Schroyer

Spanning from Sept. 28 to Oct. 1, Thiel College celebrated an incredible homecoming weekend, reuniting with alumni, walking in the local parade, and winning the homecoming football game.

Many of the festivities occurred on Saturday, Sept. 30, as tailgates and reun-

ions speckled Thiel College's campus. The Alumni Stadium parking lot hosted a plethora of tailgates and reunions for alumni and members of various clubs, including Thiel's fraternities and sororities. At 6 p.m., the Class of 1983 hosted an All-Alumni Social in Weyer's lounge. Alumni were also welcomed home in a variety of other events,



Pictured: #31 Ryan Selig

. By Mei Williams

Including the Joining Generations Cookout at St. Paul's on Thursday, an Alumni Lacrosse match on Sunday... (2)

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...and many formal and informal reunions all weekend long.

Arguably the highlight of the weekend was the Tomcats' victory over the Waynesburg Yellow Jackets on Saturday, Sept. 30. The Tomcats won the game 15-14. Thiel College also celebrated homecoming with its annual parade through Greenville. The parade began at the Greenville Moose Family Center and went down Eagle Street before turning onto College Avenue. Many collegiate and local organizations participated in the parade for members of the Greenville community. Thiel's organizations, including fraternities, sororities, and clubs, all had decorated floats and acted in the parade while the Thiel College and Greenville High School marching bands performed. Alumni and area locals alike were able to enjoy this assembly of the community to celebrate homecoming.

Another important homecoming event was the announcement of the 2023

Homecoming Court. This year, the winners were announced at 8 p.m. during the Women's volleyball game against Westminster. Thiel College welcomed King Austin Krieger, Queen Mikayla Wyss, Prince Evan Cessna, Princess Maria Torres, Duke James Cromwell Young, Dutchess Mila Brdar, Lord Rowan Thomas, and Lady Lauren Taylor into the homecoming court.

A variety of other events were held as well. On Thursday, a Thiel Spirit Day commemorative photo was taken outside of the Howard Miller Student Center in conjunction with the Student and Alumni Networking Reception in the Lutheran Heritage Room.

On Friday, women's volleyball played against both Carlow and Westminster, winning 3-0 to Carlow but losing 1-3 against Westminster. Also on Friday, the John Hauser Archives were opened in the Langenheim Memorial Library for public viewing. The Alumni and Friends Wine Tasting also occurred on

this day in the Science Connector. Finally, WXTC's twenty-four-hour broadcast began at 6 p.m. and did not conclude until 6 p.m. the following day.

Saturday, the morning began with a Worldwide Zoom call and an All Class Reunion Breakfast in the Sawhill-Georgian Room of the HMSC. In the evening, the Class of 2013 hosted "Pints at Padrones," located at Padrone's Pizza in Greenville.

Finally, on Sunday, there was a Service of Remembrance in the David Johnson Memorial Chapel.

Homecoming serves as an opportunity to welcome alumni back and for students past and present to meet and celebrate the Thiel College community.



Photograph by Colin Schroyer

## NFL for Swifties

By: Nick Koorsen

Unless you were living under a rock, you knew immediately when news broke out that Travis Kelce had invited Taylor Swift, via letter, to his game at Kansas City against the Chicago Bears. Although Travis was not expecting an answer, Swift quickly accepted the invi-

tation and appeared at the game. After the game, the two were seen leaving the stadium together and their new 'relationship' was talked about on every social media page and every news outlet. Could this be the next power couple?

Since there is an apparent dichotomy

between Travis and Taylor's respective fanbases, it would be imperative to inform the "Swifties" how the NFL works and also provide a brief background of Travis Kelce's role in the league. The National Football League (NFL) is a professional football league with 32 different teams, and it exists as the... (3)

# NFL for Swifties

pinnacle of American football. If someone wants to reach this level of play, they have to be amongst some of the most skilled and athletic football players in the world. Once a player is 3 years removed from High School, they can enter the NFL through a drafting process, usually occurring after a collegiate career. The NFL draft contains 7 rounds in which each team has an opportunity to choose players that they feel fit their culture and system. If a player declares for the draft and is not selected, they are considered “free agents” and any team can then either invite them to a workout or sign them as an undrafted free agent.

The league has two conferences, the American Football Conference (AFC) and the National Football Conference (NFC), and each conference contains 4 divisions (North, East, South, and West). All divisions contain 4 teams, which means that there are 16 teams in each conference. An NFL season has 18 weeks in which a team plays each team in their division twice a season and ultimately has to play 15 other games with one bye. A “bye week”, occurs at some point during the season, where a team does not play a game and gets to rest. Now, Travis Kelce plays for a team in Kansas City and their team’s name is the Chiefs. The Chiefs wear red, yellow, and white uniforms and have been one

of the top teams in the league for the last couple of years. The Chiefs have been dominating their division, the AFC West, for a number of years and continue to silence the doubters time and time again. The Chiefs have been to the last 3 of the 4 Super Bowls and have won two of them. The Super Bowl is the championship game played at the end of every NFL season to decide the best team. One team from the AFC and NFC plays each other in this game. There have been 57 Super Bowls to date. Travis plays the Tight End position on offense. Tight End is typically a bigger player who can catch and block for his team. He has been considered the best in the league at his position for a while, and some may even recognize him as the best Tight End in NFL history. Kelce and his quarterback, Patrick Mahomes, have been one of the best offensive duos in the NFL for years and have been together for almost 6 and a half seasons.

It should be noted as well that Travis has an older brother, Jason, who plays Center for the Philadelphia Eagles. Travis and Jason are very close, and both attended the University of Cincinnati, where they both played football. Jason has been a Philadelphia Eagle for 13 years and

has appeared in two Super Bowls, winning his first in 2017. The second Super Bowl was dubbed ‘The Kelce Bowl’ because Travis’s Chiefs faced off against Jason’s Eagles. That game took place last season when the Chiefs knocked off the Eagles. Travis and Jason also have a weekly podcast called ‘New Hights’ where they discuss their football lives and experiences. This podcast is where the origin of Kelce x Swift began.

Kelce, who is currently in his 11th season wearing the red and yellow, does not seem to have retirement floating anywhere in his mind and has failed to show regression in his ability to play the game of football. Kelce’s value was portrayed earlier this season when the team struggled without him on the field. As the Chiefs chase their 3rd Super Bowl in the last 5 years, Kelce will continue to prove why he is the greatest Tight End ever to play the game.



Left: Taylor Swift  
Right: Travis Kelce

# Sharpsville Nurse Steals Narcotics

By: Anna Boyd

Nurses stealing narcotics is a common occurrence in the field. Thousands of articles depict stories of nurses either stealing from the hospital they work at or from specific patients. In most cases, these healthcare workers are stealing for their own use. There are some cases of nurses stealing to sell or give to others, but it is more common for it to be for themselves. Nurses usually do this by volunteering to give the medications to the patients. These nurses look out for narcotics that is due to be given, or if they know what a specific patient is taking.

Drug diversion is the specific title given for the act of stealing a drug and using it not for its intended purpose. This problem is severely underestimated and underreported. Drug diversion is a felony and is grounds for a healthcare provider to lose their license. When nurses are stealing these drugs from patients, it

can cause a lot of harm. Nurses take an oath to care and help others, and when patients are not receiving their medications, it only causes them to be in more pain. The best ways to avoid diversion would be to know the signs and to complete the medication waste in a group or with a partner. The signs of diversion are, stealing syringes, under-dosing patients, failing to document waste, and creating false verbal orders. Awareness and recognition are the first steps of prevention.

In Pennsylvania and Ohio, there have been over 20 cases in the past year. More recently in Ohio, a nurse was charged with stealing narcotics from her job in Cortland.

Krista Oltmann was a nurse from Sharpsville, PA working in Youngstown, OH. Oltmann has just been charged with two counts of theft of drugs and one count of tampering with records. Mahoning County grand jury

indicted her on September 30th with the charges listed above.

She stole oxycodone in November of 2021 and Lorazepam the following September. The Ohio Board of Nursing has indefinitely suspended her license after it was determined she is the one who stole the oxycodone from Concord Care Center in Cortland, Ohio. The victims have been redacted from the indictment. After a drug test was done Oltmann tested positive for oxycodone and oxymorphone, she does not have a prescription for either of these drugs. Oxycodone and Lorazepam are both considered narcotics. This means that they are highly addictive and potentially life-threatening if not taken as prescribed. Lorazepam is a strong sedative used to relieve anxiety. Oxycodone is used to treat moderate to severe pain. Both of these meds have multiple negative side effects and are very dangerous.

# Tensions Rise Between India and Canada

By: Jason Jewett

Tensions between India and Canada are rising after a Sikh-Canadian in Canada was murdered. Canadian officials believe India is responsible for the murder based on foreign intelligence.

The allegations from Canada are based on intelligence shared with them from a major ally, in which Indian diplomats in

Canada were under surveillance. The ally country that released the intelligence has not officially been announced, however, Canadian officials said that some intelligence has been shared by a member of 'Five Eyes.' 'Five Eyes' is an intelligence-sharing agency with member countries Australia, Britain, Canada, New Zealand and

the U.S. Ties between the two countries are now at the lowest point in years, and this came to light when India stopped issuing Visas to Canadian citizens and when India told Canada to reduce its diplomatic staff. The reasoning for this is because Canada has more diplomats in India than India has in Canada... (5)

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...stated the Associated Press. Hardeep Singh Nijjar is the person who was killed, allegedly by India. Nijjar was born in the Indian state of Punjab. Nijjar moved to Canada in the mid-1990s after the Indian government started opposing the Sikh separatist movement. Nijjar worked as a plumber in Canada. In 2015 Nijjar became a Canadian citizen.

In 2020 Nijjar became the president of the Sikh temple, Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara, in Surrey, British Columbia. In the New York Times article “What We Know About Canada’s Claims Against India About a Sikh’s Killing”, it was stated that Nijjar proclaimed him-

self to be a “Sikh nationalist who believes in and supports Sikhs’ right to self-determination and independence of Indian-occupied Punjab through a future referendum.” Nijjar was pivotal in rallying votes for a referendum in Canada that supported the establishment of the nation Khalistan. The proposed Khalistan would be made from part of the Punjab State.

In 2020 Nijjar was declared a terrorist by the Indian Government. The article from the New York Times says that India “accused him of plotting a violent attack in India and leading a terrorist group called the Khalistan Tiger Force. In Punjab, however, politicians and

journalists asserted that despite such charges against him, many locals had never heard of him or his movement.

In June of 2023, Nijjar was shot near the Sikh temple that he was president of. Investigators said he had been ambushed by masked men; however, Royal Canadian Mounted Police did not say whether the attack had been politically motivated.

Indian/Canadian Flag mashup



## October Astrological Events

By: Savannah Adams

This October, there are many astrological events occurring. Between October 6th and 10th, the Draconids Meteor Shower, also known as the Giacobinids, will be visible from campus starting from around 7 p.m. The peak days to view this meteor shower are October 8th and 9th. This meteor shower earned its name through the constellation Draco the Dragon. They are a product of when the Earth travels through dust and debris left by the comet Giacobini-Zinner. This meteor shower happens once every 6.6 years and is most recently known as one of the less interesting.

Throughout the entire month of October and the first week of November, another meteor shower, the Orionids, will be visible. The peak days to view this meteor shower will be October 20th and 21st where up to 20 meteors are visible every hour. This meteor shower gets its name from the comet Orion. It occurs when the Earth passes through the debris, ice, and dust left by Comet 1P/Halley which is better known as Halley’s Comet.

In the middle of the month, the annular solar eclipse, also known as the ring of fire, will occur. Although it is not very visible from campus, it will be visible

across Western America, as well as Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama. In Greenville, viewers will possibly see up to 30% obscuration of the Sun during the eclipse on October 14th. Towards the end of the month, October 28th and 29th, a partial lunar eclipse will be visible throughout Europe, Africa, and Asia.

Finally, the Hunter’s Moon will be visible on October 28th. This full moon earned its name by being a sign that it was time to start preparing for the coming winter. Deer were hunted throughout the autumn moonlight to prepare for the coming season... (6)

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...With its brilliant orange color, this to finish their work. a blanket if you wish to view any meteor shower will be bright enough to make When viewing any of these astrological or showers. As with most astrological stargazing difficult. This moon will rise events, it is important to dress warm events, the meteor showers will 30 minutes later than previous nights. and bring something hot to drink. Alt- be best visible in a secluded spot away This means that the sunset and moon- hough days have been on the warmer from city lights. Even after leaving rise will not be far apart. Since the side recently, the nights during these brightly lit areas, it will take about 15 to moon will be rising earlier, this creates events will be much colder. It is also 20 minutes until the human eye will be an opportunity for hunters and farmers recommended to bring a deck chair and adjusted to the dark.

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