

Celebrating Women’s History Month

By: Kaden Drew

Mar. 2025: March is recognized as Women’s History Month, highlighting all the achievements made throughout history by



women and recognizing women in the current day.

What initially started as a week of celebration in 1989 quickly grew into a nationally recognized event. By 1980, President Jimmy Carter officially made the week of March 8th National Women’s History Week.

In 1987, Congress expanded the recognition to the entire month of March, and it is still a widely celebrated time to this day. Throughout history, many women’s achievements were either undermined or outright ignored by the majority of the public. Her refusal to give up a bus seat in 1955 sparked a huge change in civil rights and she is often referred to as “the mother of the Civil Rights Movement” because of it. Her actions caused the amazing scientific discoveries, Montgomery Bus Boycott, which lasted around a year and led to the development of X-ray machines and advanced cancer treatment. She also found-

ed the Radium Institute, which still contributes to medical research to this day. Another very notable woman that most learned about in grade school would be Rosa Parks and her contributions to the Civil Rights Movement. Her refusal to give up a bus seat in 1955 sparked a huge change in civil rights and she is often referred to as “the mother of the Civil Rights Movement” because of it. Her actions caused the amazing scientific discoveries, Montgomery Bus Boycott, which lasted around a year and led to the development of the Supreme Court...

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Man Caught Grave Robbing from Shenango Valley Cemetery

By: Mason F. Adams

Mar. 5, 2025: Cody Brown, 36, of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, charged with theft of bronze markers.

Brown has been accused of stealing over \$16,000 worth of vases and bronze markers from the Shenango Valley Cemetery, right next to Thiel College. According to a criminal complaint, Greenville police were dispatched on November 25, 2024, to the cemetery for reports of theft. A cemetery operator said a visitor notified them that their loved one’s bronze flower memorial vase was missing.

After surveying the entire cemetery, the operator told police he determined 54 vases were missing, each valued at about \$300, totaling \$16,200.

As part of the investigation, police went to the Greenville Recycling Center on Mercer Street with a photo of the vases, to which the employee recognized them. After reviewing security footage, police found a male turning in a five-gallon bucket of materials. Police say inside the bucket were pieces of those bronze vases that appeared to have been cut with a grinder, as well as pieces of bronze veteran’s markers that were brought in by the same person.

Recycling center employees notified police that the same man had returned to the facility on...

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Senior Spotlight: Jacob Walsh

By: Colin Schroyer

Mar. 2025: To continue our recognition of the Thielensian’s hardworking seniors, it is time to acknowledge one of our Co-Editors-in-Chief and Copy Editor, Jacob Walsh!

Jacob, like his twin brother Jason, is a Criminal Justice and Political Science double major from Monongahela, Pennsylvania. Jacob Walsh is the Co-Editors-in-Chief and Copy Editor for the Thielensian.

Jacob stepped foot in the world of journalism in high school, where he first got a taste of sports media by occasionally writing articles for his school’s newspaper, but that paper “didn’t do too much,” according to Walsh. During his first year at Thiel College, a housemate of his sister, Madison Walsh ’23, worked for the Thielensian at the time when they hunted for a new copy editor and sportswriter, which was right up Jacob’s alley. “I get paid to write about sports?” Walsh recounted thinking back then, “I

was like, ‘Yeah, I’ll definitely do that!’” Since then, Jacob has written a plethora of articles, predominantly focusing on Thiel athletics and sports in general, including national hockey and football.

However, whether it is related to his major or a subject far outside of it, he is not afraid to get his hands dirty and dig deep into other topics. After Jacob graduates from Thiel, he plans to attend Ohio Northern University Law School with his brother Jason and become a lawyer.

Jacob appreciates the people he’s come to know during his time at the Thielensian, and the memories he’s made along the way, recalling a moment of sword fighting between him and fellow Co-Editors-in-Chief Hannah Stoughton ’25 using the newspaper’s Halloween decorations. “The Thielensian has really grown with me throughout my



years at Thiel and furthered my relationships.... I mean, one of them is my brother, but at the same time, we’ve really built this thing from the ground up... and it’s been really fun working with everybody here.”

Outside of the Thielensian, Walsh has a hand in graphic design, in which he used his skills to develop a new logo for the Thielensian during his first semester with the newspaper. But when not creating for the newspaper, Walsh enjoys creating miscellaneous sports graphics and having fun with design.

We congratulate Jacob Walsh and wish him the best in all his future endeavors!

DOGE and Trump Administration’s Financial Fiasco

By: Robert Doyle

Feb-Mar. 2025: DOGE leader Elon Musk claims his employees work 120 hours a week, U.S. District Judge Theodore Chuang orders DOGE to reinstate USAID employees’ services, Tesla’s stock continues to slide, and Trump’s tariffs could ignite a

trade war DOGE, employees to do the same. Later in the post, Musk states, “Our bureaucratic... throughout the United States.

On February 2nd, 2025, Elon Musk posted on his social media platform X that he works 120 hours a week, and expects his Department of Government Efficiency,



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NFL Offseason and Free Agency

By: Ben Collins

Mar. 2025: The NFL offseason is a time for teams to consider how they can improve and add to their teams. free agency and trades make General Managers like stockbrokers on Wall Street, making deals and trades to improve their teams. Free Agency is a time when players' contracts are up, and they can re-sign with their current team or sign a new and possibly bigger contract with another team. Teams will also often cut players

Mason Rudolph.



under Cleveland, the Browns signed Steelers signed former backup contract returning Defensive End Myles Mason Rudolph to a two-year to make Garrett to a 4-year deal worth 40 million dollars and 124 million of running back Najee Harris to guaranteed. Garrett had requested the Los Angeles Chargers is a big a trade in February and had previously closed negotiations with the blow, but the Steelers might be Browns on a new contract. The to pair up with Jalen Warren. Browns also made a trade for Eagles backup Quarterback Kenny Pickett, sending their now-former backup Dorian Thompson-Robinson to Philadelphia. The Indianapolis Colts, Vikings quarterback Sam Darnold signed a 3-year contract with the Seattle Seahawks worth 100 million dollars, Seahawks quarterback Geno Smith was traded to the Las Vegas Raiders, 49ers wide receiver Debo Samuel was traded to the Washington Commanders, Texans offensive tackle Laremy Tunsil was also traded to Washington making the Commanders a very scary team heading into next season. Eagles' Defensive Player of the Year Finalist Zach Baun re-signed with the New York Jets, and Russell Wilson signed to a 3-year deal, and... currently being a free agent. The

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Thiel College Lacrosse:
Polar Opposites

By: Jacob Walsh

Mar. 23, 2025: The Women's and Men's Thiel College Lacrosse seasons have begun, and the two teams sit at different ends of success thus far. Women's Lacrosse is 6-0, while Men's Lacrosse is 1-6. Last season, the Thiel Women's Lacrosse program ended bittersweet, with a playoff berth but also a first-round exit after a loss to the Chatham Cougars. Now, in 2025, Women's Lacrosse has gotten off to a fast start and broke multiple records to begin their new campaign. The success started by beating Keuka in New York 9-8 in their season opener. The women then ripped apart Alfred State in their first home game 16-3. They then traveled across the Northeast of the country, hammering three different opponents in three separate states: West Virginia Wesleyan at W.V. (20-9), Notre Dame [M.D.] at M.D. (22-3), Hilbert at N.Y. (15-3). The Women's Lacrosse team then returned from their road trip to travel in-state to Latrobe to face their first PAC opponent in conference play, the

Washington, Pennsylvania.

One thing that has not changed for the Women's Lacrosse team is leading goal scorer and offensive powerhouse Ashlyn Wightman. In only six games, Wightman has recorded a team-leading 53 goals and 60 points. Against WV-Wesleyan, Wightman recorded her 300th career goal, becoming the first player in program history to reach the 300 mark. Wightman also broke two more school records, scoring 14 goals in the win, breaking the previous record of 13 held by Mackenzie Quinn, and recording 15 points, breaking the previous record of 14, also held by Quinn.

Goalkeeper Madison Liggett has also had a great start to the season, facing 116 shots in 6 games while only giving up 31. Liggett currently has a .635 save percentage and, with her first save against Keuka, set the all-time career saves record in program history with 356.

Saint Vincent Bearcats. The Tomcats So far, Thiel has outscored opponents 97-31, made short work of SVC, trouncing and three players have made PAC Weekly them 15-5. The Women's team will Honors (Wightman, Liggett, and Garlick). In next take on W&J on March 26th in the PAC Preseason Poll, Thiel was ranked

6th, however, they currently are on their best start in program history. For Men's Lacrosse, the 2024 ended with a 3-11 record, reflecting a 2025 PAC preseason ranking of 8th place. Unfortunately for the Men's team, that ranking is slowly coming to fruition with a 1-6 record to start the 2025 season. To be clear, the Men's team has not faced a PAC opponent yet and has ample time to turn their season around. The first conference meeting is against the Bethany Bison on Saturday, March 29th. However, the odds do seem to be stacked against the program...

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Ashlyn Wightman.



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NFL Offseason and Free Agency

(cont. from pg. 2) ...Paulson Adebo signed a 3-year deal with the New York Giants. The Chicago Bears had quite a busy offseason as well, trading for Chiefs tackle Joe Thuney to bolster their struggling offensive line. The New York Jets have moved on from Aaron Rodgers and signed Steelers quarterback Justin Fields to a 2-year, 40-million-dollar contract, and the Atlanta Falcons resigned Kirk Cousins teams this offseason are former Jets quarterback Aaron Rodgers, former Steelers quarterback Russell Wilson, and former Chiefs backup quarterback Carson Wentz. Overall, the NFL landscape looks much different this offseason, and teams are looking to get better and better. With the draft coming up in April, the NFL could see some new teams rise to the ranks of contenders and one proud organization fall off in 2025. Some big-name players still looking for

Israel Breaks Ceasefire

By: Hannah Stoughton Hamas when the March 18th, 2025: Israel has broken the ceasefire agreement officials confirmed for NPR that deception was intentional and made under the Biden administration. a long-planned attack. At 2:10a.m., Israel launched strikes from navel ships and warplanes for about ten minutes in an offensive that had been planned for weeks. Mediators had been in the middle of ceasefire talks with Hamas when the strikes hit. Israeli officials confirmed for NPR that deception was intentional and made under the Biden administration. a long-planned attack. Over 400 people were killed in the airstrikes, including five Hamas officials. The deal made under the Biden administration asserted that both sides were to enter peace talks

fire talks with



Gaza, Jan. 2025

DOGE and Trump Administration’s Financial Fiasco

(cont. from pg. 1) ...opponents optimistically work 40 hours a week. That is why they are losing so fast.” Musk is firmly against remote work, stating in a 2023 interview, “I think that the whole notion of work from home is a bit like the fake Marie Antoinette quote, ‘Let them eat cake,’ ... It’s not just a productivity thing... I think it’s morally wrong.” Musk has a history of being a workaholic, as in a 2022 interview, Musk stated that he had been “Living in the factory in Fremont, and the one in Nevada, for three years straight. That was my primary residence.” Musk also claims to have been sleeping under his desk, saying, “It was damn uncomfortable sleeping on that floor.” There are 168 hours in a week, which means DOGE employees would have 48 hours a week outside of work to do whatever they need to. Dr. Maria Neira, the World Health Organization’s director of the Department of Public Health and Environment, said, “Working 55 hours or more per week is a serious health hazard.” U.S. District Judge Theodore Chuang ruled in favor of twenty-six plaintiffs who mounted a case against DOGE’s efforts to fire USAID workers and cut funding from the department. Chuang ordered that DOGE reinstate all current USAID employees' email access, pay, and other electronic services. Chuang also said that USAID was prohibited from taking any action that included the shutdown of USAID, including not only firing USAID employees but also closing down buildings, bureaus, or offices. Tesla’s stock has been falling for eight consecutive weeks, and a potential to make it nine this week. In December 2024, the stock was valued at \$490 and had experienced a surge following President Trump’s election victory. The stock now stands at a value of \$235.86, lower than it was before its surge before the presidential election. Mizuho analysts, led by Vijay Rakesh, cite Musk’s actions as the leader of DOGE as a reason why the stock has taken a hit, claiming that Tesla has suffered a weakened brand perception since Musk was assigned as the leader of the department. President Trump imposed a 25% tariff on all steel and aluminum imported into the United States. The White House issued a statement on March 4th that says that Canada and Mexico were given, “Ample opportunity to curb the dangerous cartel activity and influx of lethal drugs flowing into our country, they have failed to adequately address the situation.” Trump claims that the tariffs will cease when, “Drugs, in particular Fentanyl, and all Illegal Aliens stop this Invasion of our Country!” On March 6th, The White House released another fact sheet that stated that modified the tariffs to limit the effects on the auto industry, including removing tariffs on items that do not satisfy the U.S.-Canada-Mexico Agreement, USMCA. In February 2025, President Trump threatened to enact tariffs

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(cont. from pg. 1) ...January 30, 2025. Employee records state that the man was paid \$27.90 for three vases. The employee told police that the same person came in on November 14. Reports state Brown returned to the facility later in the day to recycle another vase but left the scene after he saw the three vases, he turned in earlier still intact. Brown was arraigned on Friday for one felony count of receiving stolen property, one count of intentionally disposing of a veteran marker and criminal mischief, three counts of driving under a suspended license, two counts of suspended vehicle registration, and two counts of driving an unregistered vehicle. Brown has a preliminary hearing scheduled for March 19.

on Canada and Mexico if the countries did not make efforts to secure the border and reduce the influx of drugs flowing into the United States. Both countries negotiated with Trump, and the tariffs were delayed. On March 4th, they went into effect, with Canada and the EU announcing retaliatory tariffs. The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, OECD, has forecasted that there will be a 3.8% increase in inflation, which is .3% higher than its previous prediction. It also warns that “Higher and broader increases in trade barriers would hit growth around the world and add to inflation.” When asked if he would reconsider imposing tariffs on other countries, President Trump said, “I’m not going to bend at all... We’ve been ripped off for years, and we’re not going to be ripped off anymore.” President Trump has also threatened a 200% tariff on European wine, Champagne, and spirits if the European Union goes forward with a planned tariff on American whiskey.

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against Narby has faced 451 shots, giving Marietta up 144 and saving 118. Narby sits (HOME, 28 at a .450 save percentage. Through-4), Mount out the season so far, Thadd Bell Union (HOME, 32-1), Muskingum has tied his career-high with 4 (AWAY, 26-4), Keuka (AWAY, 17 points in an individual game, Ethan -4), Hilbert (HOME, 14-4), Heidel- Narby saved a career-high of 22 berg (AWAY, 18-1). Finally, their shots in an individual game, and Thiel Men’s Lacrosse started 0-6, first win of the season came in Zach Melin notched his 100th ca- with losses coming game #7, at home against La reer point.

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Roche. The Tomcats While the Women’s team looks to drummed the Redhawks continue their success into PAC 25-9. play, and the Men’s team looks to Zach Melin leads the turn a new leaf, both programs still Men’s program in goals have a lot of lacrosse left to play. and points with 19G and Both Women’s and Men’s seasons 22PTS. Goalkeeper Ethan end on April 26th.

Israel Breaks
Ceasefire

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...remained in control of the Gaza strip.

The Trump administra- tion, which helped achieve the first ceasefire deal despite it being signed under the Biden administration, has pre- sented a proposal for new ceasefire terms, where more hostages would be released prior to end-of- war discussions. Israel has claimed that it has violat- ed the ceasefire in an at- tempt to pressure Hamas into accepting the new terms from the Trump ad- ministration. After being allowed to have a surge in supplies and resources for Palestinians in Gaza, Isra- el began a blockade of supplies earlier in the month, just before resum- ing the bombing of the area, to persuade Hamas into accepting new deal agreements.

Another ceasefire pro- posal has been presented by Egypt, where they want to have Hamas re- lease hostages and Israel allow for aid and supplies to be given to Palestinians as well as the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the Gaza-Egypt border.

The conflict in the Gaza strip could have signifi- cant impact on tensions across the Middle East. The Houthis in Yemen fired missiles at Israel up- on the resumption of war against Hamas, to which the United States respond- ed with its own bombing of Houthi targets. Presi- dent Trump has said that Iran could face dire conse- quences if the Houthi at- tacks on Israel do not stop.

The conflicts in the Mid- dle East continue to grow tenser each day, and U.S. involvement is becoming more likely with each de- velopment . It is uncertain how the ceasefire deals will continue.

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...ruling that segregation on public buses was unconstitutional.

While these women certainly have done so much to further our society with their achievements, unfortu- nately, there are so many other women who do not get the recogni- tion they deserve. For example, Ada Lovelace wrote an algorithm for Charles Babbage’s Analytical Engine in the 19th century, when computers were in their in- fancy. Her work on the Analytical Engine laid the foundation for modern-day computers and is seen as a pioneer in computer science. She is considered to be one of the first computer programmers.

Another even less well-known but equally as important woman would be Lise Meitner. She was a scientist who was integral to the discovery of nuclear fission. She was born in Austria in 1878 and was one of the first-ever women in Germany to earn a doctorate in physics. She had worked alongside Otto Hahn in their discoveries of splitting atoms, which later led to the discovery and development of nuclear energy. Despite her contributions, Hahn had received the Nobel Prize and Engine in the Meitner was largely left out of the 19th century, history books.

One final case of overlooked achievement would be Rosalind Franklin, who assisted heavily in the discovery of the structure of DNA. She was a chemist and X-ray crystallographer, and her research gave important insights that led James Watson and Francis Crick to their famous double-helix model. Her contributions were overlooked during her lifetime, so she never got the recognition she deserved. It was not until many years after her death that she was recognized.

Women’s History Month reminds us of women's resilience, brilliance, and strength over the years. By fully recognizing the important contri- butions and values that women have made to the human race, we can truly reach our full potential.

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