OISHEI FOUNDATION GIVES AWARD TO SUPPORT ST. BONAVENTURE/ HILBERT STUDY

The John R. Oishei Foundation has awarded St. Bonaventure University and Hilbert College $250,000 to support the two schools’ efforts to create a strategic alliance. “We found the proposal from presidents Carney and Zane to articulate a vision that is exactly what Western New York needs in the realm of higher education: more collaboration, a greater sense of entrepreneurship, and better, more affordable opportunities for students,” said Oishei Foundation president Robert Gioia. While the John R. Oishei Foundation strives to be a catalyst for economic vitality and entrepreneurial thinking, the two Franciscan institutions are working building. The grant will enable the schools to make progress in their analysis of the strategic alliance alternatives.

“Through the generosity of the Oishei Foundation, we now have the resources necessary to hire a project coordinator with experience in this kind of a process. It will keep us on track and position us for the best possible outcomes,” Dr. Cynthia Zane, O.S.F., said the hard work is before them.

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**SAVE THE DATE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., COMMEMORATION LECTURE**

Lawyer Turned Filmmaker, Dawn Porter, to Be Featured MLK Speaker

Lawyer turned filmmaker Dawn Porter will present “Public Defenders: The Keepers of Civil Rights” as the keynote speaker during the Fifth Annual Commemoration Celebration in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to be held on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2014, at 4 p.m. in Hilbert’s William E. Swan Auditorium. A reception will follow the lecture. Porter’s presentation will be preceded by two screenings of her HBO documentary—Gideon’s Army—on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 12:25 p.m., and Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. Both screenings will take place in the Palisano Lecture Room of Bogel Hall (Room 101). As the founder of Tricool Productions, Porter became the director and producer of Gideon’s Army, which premiered at the 2013 Sundance Film Festival and debuted on HBO Documentary Films in July, 2013. Gideon’s Army follows three young public defenders in the Deep South during their daily mission to counsel hundreds of defendants through the strained criminal justice system. As an alumna of the Tribeca All Access program, Porter won the 2011 juried Creative Promise Award for Gideon’s Army. Re-screened named Porter one of its 2012 Doc Hot

**SEEING CYRANO**

The Buffalo Laboratory Theatre and Shea’s Performing Arts Center presents Cyrano, adapted from the play by Edmond Rostand, starring Ray Boucher, Morgan Chard, Taylor Doherty, and Katie White, and featuring music by David Wasik and Allison Dulanski, with aerial dance by Kathleen Golde, and directed by Taylor Doherty. Performances will be held at Shea’s Performing Arts Center at 710 Main Street, from February 6-23.

The Story: In Paris, in the year 1640, a brilliant poet and swordsman named Cyrano de Bergerac finds himself deeply in love with his beautiful, intellectual cousin Roxanne. Despite Cyrano’s brilliance and charisma, a shockingly large nose afflicts his appearance, and he considers himself too ugly even to risk telling Roxanne his feelings. The Buffalo Laboratory Theatre’s adaptation of Edmund Rostand’s classic tale of romance and to enjoy their college experience. This is done mostly through programming. The number of activities these offices plan and execute has nearly tripled since 2010, but the quality of the programs has not suffered. The attendance at programs between the two offices has seen a great increase. Students have been coming out and engaging in these activities and the retention rate, especially in the residence halls, has reflected the positive attribute of student engagement. Planning activities is not always an easy task, especially when two offices aim to put on successful programs. A large factor in programming concerns scheduling. The time and date of a program can greatly impact who might attend and how many.”

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**H-FILES’ PHOTO CONTEST**

For the twelfth year in a row, The H-Files is sponsoring a photo contest. Currently enrolled full-or part-time Hilbert students are encouraged to submit up to four photos—any subject—for the contest. Submit photos in an envelope with your name to Dr. Ernst, Room 105A, Bogel Hall. You may also send photos electronically as attachments to this e-mail address: ernst@hilbert.edu.

Deadline for submission: Friday, Feb. 8, 2014.

During the week of Feb. 11, 2014, a panel of judges will convene to review the entries. The top four winning photos, will appear on the front page of the second spring issue of The H-Files (Feb. 28), with the first-prize winner receiving a $50 cash award and the second-prize winner receiving a $25 prize.

In addition, attempts will be made to see whether photo contest entries can temporarily be placed in a suitable environment at Hilbert’s website for inspection at the contest’s conclusion.

Happy photo-shooting!

**BIRTH LOTTO**

Birth Lotto is a game in which a student’s birthday is selected at random to determine each issue’s prize-winner.

All student birthdays (month and day) for December/January were obtained to create a list, with each student in the list assigned a number. The guest editor for the issue in question has randomly selected one of the numbers to determine the issue’s prize-winner.

The prize for this issue is $5.00, to be collected (with suitable picture ID) from Dr. Ernst (Room 105A, Bogel Hall, 649-7900, ext. 315).

And the winner is Cynthia Schoelles!

Reminders:
- Entries can temporarily be placed in a suitable environment at Hilbert’s website for inspection at the contest’s conclusion.
- Happy photo-shooting!
APRECIATION FOR THE LITTLE THINGS
by Angela Borkowski

As life becomes busier and busier, it is easier to let happiness pass us by. We get sucked into the constant vortex that is reality. We are on the move constantly. The days go by fast and the nights are barely even there, especially when you have to balance school, work, family, and friends.

Have you ever caught yourself, or even a friend, speeding up just to get to a red light? What about eating a whole meal in five minutes at a restaurant? Do you find that you are always doing three things at once? Taking a few moments to stop and recognize the little things around you will help you appreciate all that life has to offer and is guaranteed to improve your mood and the quality of your day.

When was the last time you stopped moving, thinking, or doing, and just felt completely happy, and at peace? I cannot tell you what moments will make you feel this way, but I can tell you some of the things that help me slow down and find happiness.

Happiness to me is the raindrops that tap on your window during the springtime. The music the rain creates acts as a lullaby that puts you to rest. When you wake up you feel refreshed and you notice the flowers that have sprouted and will soon bloom in full. It is the lady bug that you spot crawling on your arm. It is the summer sun that lights up the day and warms your body with its touch on a relaxing day at the beach.

It is the tingling sensation you experience when you stop in the middle of the parking lot on a breezy fall day. You hear the wind whirl and the fallen leaves, still red and orange, rustle against the pavement.

It is the smile that creeps upon your face as you watch the first snowfall gently descend from the sky. In the artificial light above the campus building’s entrance you can see the white snow against the dark blue canvas that is night. Nearest to the ground the snow is so pure and fluffy and perfect that it lights up the entire campus by lining the volleyball court, the buildings, and the trees in glistening, fresh, white powder.

These are little moments in life that we too frequently allow to pass at least once every season. If you stop for just a few seconds, you too can embrace these moments and find the happiness that these little things bring.

The boards of trustees for the schools, holding their regular December meetings, voted to continue with a second phase of feasibility study, while also creating opportunities for the boards to interact directly with each other.

The schools’ ad hoc strategic alliance board committees and administrative teams will continue to investigate initiatives designed to improve student success and learning outcomes, realize synergies, address cost increases, and foster growth with the goal of presenting additional information to the boards for consideration at their respective March meetings in 2014.

SNOWBOUND REFLECTION
by Sean Lynch

With the recent blizzard that put the area in a state of emergency, I cannot help but thinking how lucky my own circumstances were. Many people may have found themselves stranded away from home due to the conditions, but I had been fortunate enough to make it back just in time.

On the Monday when the polar vortex came to Western New York, my place of employment became a temporary shelter. The store, they resigned themselves to spending their night within the confines of the tail store. Owing to the complete whiteout and driving bans, these unfortunate employees ended up spending a total of twenty-six hours in the store. After the blizzard had passed, remnants of their makeshift beds littered the store’s offices, serving as ghosts of the draining hours of cleaning, playing Uno, and attempting to keep warm that the employes that engulfed the building. Thankfully, none of the tenants in the building were harmed, though the entire building had been rendered uninhabitable due to the damage. To drive past the building every day continues to leave me amazed at its condition, since such a fire had not been seen in this smaller neighborhood.

Though these are just a few examples of the chaos that ensued for some during the blizzard that ushered in the New Year, they both helped to open my eyes to how lucky my days were spent during this time. One can really take for granted the safety or shelter of one’s home, especially during times of such extreme weather. One small delay can completely strand you at work, or the airport, or another house. One small electrical burst can completely take away your home, your possessions, and your safety.

Suddenly, you can only hope for the peace and solitude of lying under a heated blanket and catching up on Game of Thrones. Winter is surely coming and we must keep those in much less fortunate circumstances in our thoughts, for it could just as easily have been me or you.

Oshel Foundation Continued from page 1 and information with each other to determine whether there are any ‘deal breakers’ to prevent us from moving forward. With that behind us, working through the blurry grit of a closer alliance might look like will require significant dedicated time, creativity, and persistence.”

HILBERT COLLEGE KENYA KREW SPAGHETTI DINNER

Hilbert College’s “Kenya Krew” held a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, Dec. 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. David’s Episcopal Church, 3951 Seneca Street, West Seneca, New York (behind the Southgate Plaza).

Hilbert College students and faculty will be traveling to Kenya in May, 2014, on a service trip and will be working on various projects in some of the poorest areas of Kenya. Money raised at the spaghetti dinner will go towards supplies for the projects and trip expenses.

Dinners included spaghetti, meatballs, bread, salad, and dessert.

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EDITORIAL

MY ENDURANCE TO SURVIVE

by Pat Topek

It takes memories of my childhood—I was lucky to have parents of great insight in educating their family at an early age. This healthy man, my father, who eventually raised thirteen children, had dreams and hopes of raising a large family as early as fifteen years of age, in the 1920s. He married his childhood sweetheart, who stubbornly and promptly by the care for her mother, who had several strokes. Being of European descent, she knew much about the benefits of organic foods. This led to proper nutrition for her family to produce healthy adults. The message was clear and was never deviated from. It was a life of routine, carried from generation to generation. My father was a marine, and exercise was an important part of our lives of good health. After rising each morning, we got dressed, brushed our teeth with salt and vinegar, and ate a balanced breakfast of meat, home-grown vegetables, and fruit. My mother had four acres of land, a cow for milk, cheese, and ice cream. They truly wanted good, healthy children.

There were many jobs for all of us, giving us much exercise in the winter we all had shovels to clear all the paths around the house and barn. After the work was done, we were allowed to have a wedding, skiing, building forts. We had healthy minds as well as bodies—no stress and, after a tiring day, proper sleep. Revelle began the next morning. It was breakfast, then lunch—which included organic peanuts, tuna, kidneys, homemade jelly, fresh fruit, and wheat, soybean, or buckwheat bread. We bundled up for the quarter-mile walk to school. Arriving home, we had dishes, other chores, and a quick run around the house, skiing, or skating in the farmer’s pond, then went directly to bed in a malted milk bed before bed.

Seeking to continue good health for life and jumping years ahead to the future past, I have no fear to be a part of the personal fitness program at Hilbert College, for I was not willing to succumb to the comfortable life of the couch and TV, which—in the intervening years—previously led me into shrinking into a personal mess. It had been my doomsday of laziness and discord, being careless, resulting in unhappiness. The feeling of lack of self-worth of drudgery, one day after another, delving into negative thinking, made me realize nothing was working for me. I became something I did not want. One day I looked at my dad’s picture of him and me. In that photo, I was forty years old and so happy then. But time had marched on. Instead, I had become angray and disappointed. I did not expect this type of life as a married woman. It was someone else’s lifestyle, not mine! So I made a decision to step outside this realm. I was not raised to be a quitter and decided I would do everything to get myself back on track as a person I could respect.

Hilbert College helped immensely to give me the drive to accomplish this. I dressed, got in my car, and with my dad’s words and Santana’s music throbbing in my brain, I decided to stop being confined to a house of depression and devoid of ambition. Arriving at Hilbert College, I found a vision of happiness emerging. “I’m back,” I said, knowing I had returned to a familiar path. In my physical education class, in meeting my teacher Erin Robson, I witnessed someone, even on that gray day, who had a smile, a positive attitude, and a welcoming hand. Surely, we are meant to meet the very person who can help to change our lives. In that class, music, a quick run around the house, skiing, or skating in the farmer’s pond, then went directly to bed in a malted milk bed before bed.

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Shots fifteen, executives directing to watch. Other Trilogy projects include Spies of Mississippi, ARTE, and the documentary about establishes a life of health that my dad initialed many years ago. I hear myself saying, “Let’s keep going, Pat.” My teacher had truly inspired me, given me strength, a new family, and a new outlook on life. Life and was never deviated from. It was a life of routine, carried from generation to generation. My father was a marine, and exercise was an important part of our lives of good health. After rising each morning, we got dressed, brushed our teeth with salt and vinegar, and ate a balanced breakfast of meat, home-grown vegetables, and fruit. My mother had four acres of land, a cow for milk, cheese, and ice cream. They truly wanted good, healthy children.

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On Nov. 25, 2013, I had the privilege of attending an event that ended up speaking rather deeply to me. I have always had the desire to help those who are living in poverty, but the Oxfam event, which I got to share with my fellow GS 101 classmates, really reinforced that in me. In short, members of Oxfam work together to try to find solutions to poverty and other injustices that people endure in the world. The very idea of this association appealed to me, and the way in which the event was conducted was eye-opening.

When I arrived, I had no idea what to expect, as I had never heard of Oxfam before, and I assumed that class day that would be like an ordinary seminar. As soon as I entered the basement of Trinity Hall, I was ushered to someone who was randomly handing out note cards. I proceeded to fill in mine and discovered that it labeled me as a lower-class farmer named Miguel from the Dominican Republic. Even so, I was still unaware of what to expect. The event then officially began, and all the members of the lower class were asked to take a seat on the floor, while the middle class would be allowed to sit on some folding chairs; those belonging to the upper class were seated at a dining table, which had been elegantly set for a meal. At this point, I had a hunch about what was going to happen next. I was beginning to understand the point of that class day.

Two GS 101 peer leaders then began to explain what Oxfam is and, as they did, the notecards we had been handed at the beginning of class began to make more sense. They used specific examples, even speaking about my own Miguel from the lower class and what every day life would be like for him. I learned that the poverty level in some countries is a yearly salary of less than $1,100. I have always known that there were people living in such dangerous conditions, but the seriousness of it all truly struck me as I witnessed the Oxfam event.

When one thinks about it, an average American can go and rummage through his refrigerator when he gets hungry or begins to crave a particular snack, while people living in poverty wake up every morning and hope that they will find enough food to keep their families alive another day. As Americans, we live in one of the wealthiest countries in the world and, at times, it is easy to overlook these issues. Toward the end of class, a meal was served; it was a meal for some, but not so much for others. The upper class got to enjoy a hearty breakfast of what appeared to be a croissant, sausage, eggs, and orange juice. The middle class received a less elaborate meal of rice and lentils (“daal bhat” from Conor Grennan’s book Little Princes that all GS 101 sections read), which was handed to them in a small plastic cup which also contained rice and lentils—the dietary staple of people in Nepal. It was a much more meager meal, much like the rationing those in poverty received. I did not speak up very much during the course of the event, but I listened as the great deal, and was moved by the message Oxfam tried to pass on to the GS 101 students. The session successfully portrayed the seriousness of world poverty, and allowed students to come up with some suggestions as to how one might solve the problem. Many students, including myself, were initially quiet, as it is a complicated issue and confusing question to be asked. How can we really help those who are suffering in poverty? How is it possible for an average American citizen to fix such a massive problem? Although we will be unable to put a stop to it in one try, we can donate food items to the cause, and that is exactly the opportunity that was presented to the class. Our peer leaders explained that we could donate food items and/or personal hygiene products to the cause.

In conclusion, I was impressed with how the event was conducted, and the point it was able to get across by simply serving two different meals and seating some of us on the floor. The question “How might we help the poor?” frequently arose, and at one point, a student explained, “Well, for starters, the rich over there can share a piece of their croissant!”

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Theutral—made oil—a known good cholesterol. If you are still leery of white flour, you can now order gluten-free. It is a top choice at my son’s pizza restaurant in Winter Park. They watch Dr. Oz down there as well. I would not miss Mrs. N’s birthday party for the world. Of course, they will be serving her favorite—pizza!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Jan.-Feb., 2014)

January

24 H-Files delivery

Community in Kevin Barnett, 8 p.m., Campus Center, upper level

27 Career Development Center—Résumé Writing, 2-3 p.m., Francisca Hall, Room 105 (Career Lab)

28 Drop-and-add period ends

Screening of Dawn Porter’s HBO documentary Gideon’s Army, 12:25 p.m., Bogel Hall auditorium, Room 101

Career Development Center—Job Searching, 2-3 p.m., Francisca Hall, Room 105 (Career Lab)

29 Campus Activities Advisory Board (CAAB), 3:15 p.m., Campus Center, lower level

Common Ground Club, 3 p.m., Francisca Hall, Conference Room A

Career Development Center—Meet, Greet, & Report, 5-7 p.m., Francisca Hall Atrium

Alumni Book Club, screening of film The Other Boleyn Girl by Philippa Gregory, 6:30 p.m., Donough Board Room

Screening of Dawn Porter’s HBO documentary Gideon’s Army, 7 p.m., Bogel Hall Auditorium, Room 101

Trivia & Taco Bar, 9:30 p.m., Campus Center, upper level

Career Development Center—CAREERS IN FILMMAKING & SCRIPT WRITING, 1:50-2:50 p.m., McGrath Library Conference Room

SGA Meeting, 3:15-4:15 p.m., Campus Center Conference Room, lower level


February

31 Hilbert Horizons meeting, Bogel Hall, Room 160, 12-2 p.m, pizza/pop included

Career Development Center—Mock Interviews & LinkedIn profile Photos, 1-4 p.m., Francisca Hall, Room 105 (Career Lab)

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4 Campus Activities Advisory Board (CAAB), 3:15 p.m., Campus Center, lower level

Common Ground Club, 3 p.m., Francisca Hall, Conference Room A

12 CAAB’s Picture Frame Making, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Bogel Hall, front foyer

20 ITA meeting, 3:15-4:15 p.m., Campus Center Conference Room, lower level

H-Files photo contest deadline

18 H-Files deadline

CAAB, 3:15 p.m., Campus Center, lower level

Ice Skating, 6-8 p.m., Rotary Rink, transportation provided, cost: $3

19 Buffalo Laboratory Theatre (BLT) & Shea’s Performing Arts Center presents Cyrano, adapted from Edmund Rostand’s play, directed by Taylor Doherty, Shea’s Performing Arts Theatre, 710 Main Street—tickets/performance information at www.sheas.org/710main or buffalolabtheatre.org or call 1-800-745-3000 (Shea’s ticket office, www.ticketmaster.com)

4 Campus Activities Advisory Board (CAAB), 3:15 p.m., Campus Center, lower level

13 Common Ground Club, 3 p.m., Francisca Hall, Conference Room A

27 SGA Meeting, 3:15-4:15 p.m., Campus Center Conference Room, lower level

Poetry Night, 7 p.m., Campus Center, upper level

28 CAAB, 3:15 p.m., Campus Center, lower level

Hilbert’s Got Talent, 7 p.m., Swan Auditorium

Common Ground Club, 3 p.m., Francisca Hall, Conference Room A

Alumni Book Club, discussing novel version of The Other Boleyn Girl by Philippa Gregory, 6:30 p.m., Donough Board Room, refreshments included

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SGA hosts Winter Ball at Brierwater Country Club, 8 p.m.-midnight

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**STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**Trivia & Taco Bar**
Wednesday, Jan. 29
9:30 p.m.
Campus Center, upper level
Do you know the capital of Zimbabwe? Do you know the jersey number of Cal Ripken, Jr.? What about the year Hilbert was founded?
Grab a team, grab a taco, and compete to win the trivia contest. The first-place team wins $150, second place wins $75, and third place wins $25!

**SGA All Club's Meeting**
Thursday, Feb. 6
3:15 p.m.
Bogel Hall, Room 101
All clubs recognized by the Student Government Association must have at least one student member to represent and attend this meeting.

This is also a great meeting to attend if you are interested in seeing what clubs are on campus for you to join or if you would like to start a new club.

If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail the SGA vice president, Mark Adelmann, at madelmann@hilbert.edu.

**Colden Tubing**
Friday, Feb. 7
5 p.m.-9 p.m.
Take a trip to Western New York’s largest downhill tubing park! Ride to the summit and slide to the valley floor some ten stories down. Enjoy the wonderful scenery we have while tubing.
Please sign up with Student Activities in the lower level of the Campus Center. Transportation will be provided. Tickets are discounted at a price of $5 for all Hilbert students.

**Swan Auditorium**
Do you like to sing, dance, do stand-up comedy, or have a talent that makes you shine like no one else? Now is your chance to show the rest of Hilbert what you are made of! Judges will consist of faculty and staff at Hilbert. The 1st-place prize is a $300 gift card for a flight to wherever you choose and the 2nd-place prize is a $100 gift card to Walmart.
Please sign up in advance with Student Activities in the lower level of the Campus Center.

**CAAB’s Picture Frame - Making**
Thursday, Feb. 13
10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Front Foyer, Bogel Hall
Have your picture taken under a balloon arch and decorate a picture frame!
All pictures will be printed on the spot and you can decorate your picture frame however you want.

This event is sponsored by the Campus Activities Advisory Board (CAAB)

**Winter Ball**
Thursday, Feb. 27
8 p.m.-12 midnight
Brierwood Country Club
Come and enjoy a wonderful dinner, music, and a great atmosphere with your friends. Enjoy the night with a cash bar for those who are 21+ as if you were really in the Roaring ’20s! Tickets can be purchased in the SGA office on the lower level of the Campus Center. Pre-sale tickets will be sold at a discounted price of $10 to all Hilbert students if they are purchased before Feb. 1. All tickets purchased after Feb. 1 will be $15. Non-Hilbert students are allowed to attend as well at a flat rate price of $15. Transportation will be provided to and from Brierwood.
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If you are interested in becoming a Student Ambassador, please contact Frank C. Castiglia, Admissions Counselor and alumni of Hilbert College, by phone: (716) 926-8783 or by e-mail <feastiglial@hilbert.edu> or simply stop by his office in Admissions.

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**SGA NEWS**

**SGA: WELCOME BACK!**

by Mark Adelmann,
SGA Vice President

I hope everybody had a great winter break and enough time to recover from last semester’s exam week. Our Student Government Association (SGA) has been working on reasons you should be excited to come back to classes!

Are you looking for something fun and fantastic to do? Have you heard about our annual Winter Ball?

This year the theme is the Roaring ’20s! We shall be featuring a new DJ, who is fun, fresh, and ready to party with us! This event will be located at Briwerood Country Club, 5324 Rogers Road, Hamburg, New York, on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 8 p.m. until 12 midnight. There will be a cash bar for persons twenty-one and up, with ID. Dinner will be served at 8:30 p.m. and is included in the ticket price of $10 for Hilbert students before Feb. 1. However, the price increases to $15 starting Feb. 2. For non-Hilbert students, the ticket price will be a flat rate of $15. Optional midnight bowling will be offered with an additional fee. A shuttle will be provided at the back of Trinity Hall.

Look out for other upcoming events throughout the spring semester, such as the Quad Party and the Awards Banquet in April.

Pertaining to SGA-sponsored clubs, the upcoming All Clubs Meeting will go over necessary information and budget meetings required for the end of the semester. More information as well as the All Club Meeting’s date and time will be e-mailed to club officers and advisors.

If you have wanted to be part of Hilbert’s Student Government Association, elections for several positions will take place in March.

Participating in this organization is a great way to help improve student life at the college, as well as getting to practice your administrative skills and show your creativity.

There are five executive board positions available, including president, vice-president, programming, secretary, and treasurer. Senate seats include two senior class representatives, two junior class representatives, and two sophomore class representatives.

If you are interested in running for election, stop by the SGA office located on the ground floor of the Campus Center building, or contact the SGA vice president through e-mail madelmann@hilbert.edu and I would be happy to send you more information.

Thank you and I hope everybody has a great semester!

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**Tommy Vane**
Student Activities Director

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WITH LISA LOGRASSO

MY TUTORING SESSION

by Christa Santa Maria

On Friday, Dec. 6, I was standing in academic services awaiting a math tutoring session. Since I am a criminal justice major, I look forward to taking the various civil service exams that are offered yearly, and sometimes every several months, by New York State and Erie Country. A number of police exams involve a bit of algebra, and since I am far from being a whiz in that subject, I figured that it might do me some good to brush up on it before being thrown into a state-administered test.

From grammar school through high school, I found myself completely lost when it came to mathematics, particularly algebra. When standardized testing for college rolled around in my junior year, I was panic-stricken, because I knew that my C grades in math simply would not cut it any longer.

Having said that and after amazingly receiving a better score than I initially thought, I was also not surprised when I was told that I would need to take a non-credit math class before I could move on to college-level algebra.

In my freshmen year of college, I was registered for Professor Mi- chelle “Mich” Sojda’s MA 099 class. It must have been through supernatural intervention and the attentiveness of Mich that got me through the semester with a passing grade of an A-. I then moved on to the second installment or continuation of the class (MA 100), which I completed with Professor Lisa Lograsso.

I was very pleasantly surprised when I dis- covered that the very same Professor Lograsso was the tutor I needed to gain credentials in mathematics. She instantly remembered me, and asked what needed help with in particular.

Having received an A in her thorough, and enthusiastic class, I was not sure what I needed to brush up on, and so I requested that we cover a little bit of everything. I explained that I was currently preparing for upcoming pa- tient exams, and I would like to cover anything that might appear on a civil service test.

At the suggestion of Mich, we headed to the computer lab where we searched for some sample test questions. They were few and far between, as most of the websites would only allow you access if you purchased its book, for merely $35.95!

After about twenty minutes, we found a website with a list of ten sample questions, which we figured would be a good start. Professor Lograsso was just as patient and clear in her explanations as she had been in the Spring, 2013 semester, and while it was obvious that I had forgotten a few things, they thankfully soon came back to me.

Right as we finished up the tenth and final question, Mich emerged with a large file and book, which were police exam preparation manuals. We soon had more than enough material with which we could work. Professor Lograsso opened them up, and we ended up breeze through the review work.

We reviewed the factoring of polynomials, a small bit of graphing, and the like, which might be seen in a state-administered exam.

Overall, the experience was very pleasant, and I was happy to see one of my favorite professors again. It is amazing to me that, less than three years ago, I was struggling to retain anything that was more advanced than addition and subtraction. Now, it does not take very long at all for me to remember the key formulas and to get back into good form. My success in math is not due to my own abilities, but instead to the attentiveness, enthu- siasm, and patience of professors who do not allow their students to give up. Not only did they help build in me a strong foundation in mathematics, but they also instilled in me an eagerness to learn more about the subject. At- tending a tutoring ses- sion was enjoyable, and did not feel at all time- consuming and uncomfort- able, as some may believe. It is well worth the experience, whether one needs in-depth assistance, or simply to brush up on math skills.

by Katelynn Bigham

The academic services room provides Hilbert College students a safe environment to study and receive help for the classes they are taking. Tutors even come on certain days at cer- tain times to help stu- dents in specific areas of study. On Friday, Nov. 8, 2013, I attend- ed a session between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. with Professor Lograsso on math. The one-on-one attention I received was extremely helpful to my understanding of the unit and made me glad that I had gone.

At first I had original- ly attended the session to retake a quiz I had failed in class. Once I was done with my quiz, I had plenty of time left over to work on homework assignments with Professor Lograsso. I spent about two hours working with Profes- sor Lograsso, and that is where I learned that she is truly willing to help her students as long as they are willing to put forth some effort. When working on my quiz with me, Profes- sor Lograsso had me practice similar problems before actually taking the test to en- sure I was clear on the steps I needed to take to get a passing grade.

She thoroughly went through the practice questions with me, and picked my brain to see how much I could fig- ure out on my own, and also stopped me if I got stuck. Hilbert College Math is not one of my strengths, so going too far or getting lost in a problem can happen often.

When I started working on my homework, Professor Lograsso was there to help me figure out what I had forgotten from class and to guide me to complete the math problems after she gave me the tools to do so. Since math is my greatest and least liked subject, I appreci- ated the lack of frustra- tion Professor Lograsso showed when I felt lost.

Math to me is like try- ing to interpret a fore- ign language I have never heard before.

Sometimes I pick up on some things, but the rest is just hard for me to understand. The patience and extra time I spent studying with Professor Lograsso gave me a confidence and ability boost in math. It was definitely time well spent.

Work for classes can sometimes be difficult for students to com- prehend on their own. A tutor is a great place for students to visit if they would like to improve their performance in the classroom.

If the other tutoring sessions are half as great as Lisa Lograsso’s between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. every Friday, then students are truly in good hands. I am thankful I attended, because I received something more than the utmost attention to my needs in mathemat- ics. For anyone who needs extra help, I sug- gest you do the same. It cannot hurt, but it can stimulate your confi- dence—and your brain.

HILBERT HORIZONS

The student staff of Hilbert Horizons, the student literary maga- zine, is scheduled to meet on Friday, Jan. 31, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in Bogel Hall, Room 160, under the leader- ship of Editor David Grapes, who has also undertaken to place selected materials into the magazine’s iNDe- sign template.

The ordering of the selections made at the staff’s December meet- ings will be confirmed and approved, along with appropriate art work to complement the literary selections.

While staff members deliberate in a relaxed setting, pizza and pop will be available.

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THE HUMAN SERVICES/REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION

The Human Services/Rehabilitation Association was developed to afford students the opportunity to socialize and begin networking with various present and future human services professionals.

Underlying the association’s activities is the spirit of fun and mutual collaboration, as students hold forums with guest speakers, attend conferences and workshops, explore issues relevant to the human services profession, and plan various service projects. Members are encouraged to engage in projects which enhance the Hilbert environment, the community surrounding it, and the professional and personal growth of students interested in the field. Students going into the field are strongly encouraged to participate in the organization. Officers for the association are elected once a year: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

For further information, contact the club advisor, Colleen Kumiega, at 926-8863 or e-mail ckumiega@hilbert.edu.

Colleen Kumiega
Assistant Professor
Human Services

THE ADVENTURE CLUB

Looking for adventure? Camping, rafting, riding, hiking, climbing, and more? Join the Adventure Club!

E-mail:

President Chris Fierle at cfierle@hilbert.edu or VP & Treasurer Chris Busch at cbusch@hilbert.edu or Advisor Jim Sturm at jsturm@hilbert.edu or Francisican Hall, Room 107.

THE MILITARY CLUB

Veteran? Prospect? Serving? Supporter? The Military Club provides a networking, support, discussion, and outreach group for the military—past, present, and future. Join now!

E-mail:

Joe Browning at jbrowning@hilbert.edu or Mark Davis at mdavis1@hilbert.edu or Denise Wilson at dwilson@hilbert.edu.

Inquire about our casual biweekly meetings and events!

TWO-PART BOOK CLUB MEETING

Alumni Book Club—Jan./Feb.

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Please RSVP to Tori Felser by email, vfelser@hilbert.edu, or by phone 716-926-8884, if you are interested in attending.

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LEAVING THE HAWK’S NEST: YOUR GUIDE TO EMPLOYMENT AFTER GRADUATION

The Career Development Center, under the direction of Katie Martoche, is offering job search sessions and much more during the last week of January!

Monday, Jan. 27
Résumé Writing, 2-3 p.m., Career Lab, Franciscan Hall, Room 105
Learn how to get noticed—and hired!

Tuesday, Jan. 28
Job Searching, 2-3 p.m., Career Lab, Franciscan Hall, Room 105
Master job searching techniques and land your dream job!

Wednesday, Jan. 29
Meet, Greet, & Repeat, 5-7 p.m., Franciscan Hall Atrium
Network with Hilbert alumni to learn how they landed after leaving the Hawk’s Nest.
Sign up in Career Development by Jan. 27.

Thursday, Jan. 30
Careers in Filmmaking & Script Writing, 1:50-2:50 p.m., McGrath Library Conference Room
An informal discussion with Gideon’s Army Filmmaker & MLK, Jr., Featured Speaker Dawn Porter

Friday, Jan. 31
Mock Interviews & LinkedIn Profile Photos, 1-4 p.m., Career Lab, Franciscan Hall, Room 105
• Practice your interview skills with professionals in the field.
• Dress for success and have a professional profile photo taken.
• Sign up in Career Development by Jan. 27.

For more information, please contact the Career Development Center at (716) 926-8819 or e-mail kmartoche@hilbert.edu.

by Angela Borkowski

Understanding a concept and applying it are two different things. In the classroom, we are exposed to new ideas and concepts, but I have come to know that these concepts are best learned through application. Sometimes the application comes later in life, but sometimes it comes much sooner.

For example, a few semesters ago I took the Junior Symposium course and a professor began to talk about things that start with an “F.” He said, “All good things in life start with an “F,”” and encouraged us to come up with a list: faith, family, friends, food, fun, finances, future. This statement intrigued and immediately caught my attention. Somehow the conversation turned into a discussion about financial planning and retirement. After exposure to this topic in other classes and at work, I began to realize that the statement the professor made was true and I applied what he said to the job force.

One major part of planning for the future is deciding what career path to choose and all the other things that come along with that career. Choosing a career path is important for all students, but it is especially important for seniors. Graduation is approaching fast. Some seniors may have a plan for what they will do, come graduation; however, many do not. The Career Development Center, located on the lower level of Franciscan Hall, is ready to guide those who may need assistance with anything from résumés and cover letters, to job searches, mock interviews, and skills assessment.

When searching for a job, one aspect that many people are sure to notice is the salary range. The conversation on salary is bound to come up at some point, but salary is not everything. There is one concern that job seekers often forget about: benefits. A good salary is appealing to the eye, but a good benefits package can be just as important. Employers must offer mandatory benefits such as disability insurance, overtime, and medical leave. However, benefits like vacation time, flexible spending accounts, holidays, and life insurance are left to the discretion of the employer. In some cases, an offer of a slightly lower salary and a good benefits package could turn out to be providing you with more financial security than an offer of a great salary and a poor benefits package. Take retirement plans and flexible spending accounts as examples of benefits that could increase the value of your paycheck and may be beneficial to you in the long run.

The most common type of retirement plan is a defined contribution plan. A defined contribution plan is one in which contributions are made through specified employer contributions, elected employer contributions, and gains and losses on investments. Contributions made to a defined contribution plan are transferrable. The benefit that the employee receives upon retirement is determined by the amount of the contributions and the gains and losses on the investments made through the plan. The benefit is not guaranteed and the retiree may only receive the benefits up until the account is depleted, or in accordance with his/her specific plan. A flexible spending account is a consumer-driven health care option that allows pre-tax contributions for eligible expenses. Health reform has changed the way the funds in these plans were previously administered.

FEDERAL WORK-STUDY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

To apply for a position with Hilbert’s Work-Study Community Service Program, please request an application from the Student Finance Office, Franciscan Hall, first floor.

For more info please contact:
Department: Student Finance Office
Campus Address: Franciscan Hall, First Floor
scombs@hilbert.edu

This program enables Hilbert College to become active in meeting community needs by providing classroom support to local preschoolers or elementary students, where reading and math support is needed for students. Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to their assigned school.

Students in the program are currently paid the minimum wage for this experience.

Suna Combs
Student Finance Counselor
Morgan Woodson, a current Hilbert graduate student pursuing her master’s degree in public administration, was named the recipient of the Hamburg Sunrise Rotary Scholarship Award. The scholarship was recently awarded by the Hamburg Rotary at the Veteran’s Day Dinner.

“What attracted me to Hilbert College was its solid reputation, student-to-faculty ratio, and the campus’s proximity to the city of Buffalo,” Woodson said. “I chose to get an MPA from Hilbert because I want to pursue a management career in the non-for-profit sector. Through volunteering I have come in contact with numerous non-for-profit agencies. Although my undergraduate degree is in business, I have realized that non-for-profits deal with unique circumstances and have to be managed differently. An MPA from Hilbert College will give me the skills I need to translate both my business and public administration background into a successful career.”

Morgan Woodson was born and raised in Buffalo, New York, and graduated from Seneca Vocational High School in 2004. In 2007 she enlisted in the United States Air Force. Stationed at Travis AFB, California, she served as a pharmacy technician at David Grant Medical Center. She was deployed to Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2010, where she operated a one-man pharmacy and assisted in the air evacuation of injured soldiers. During the deployment Morgan fell ill and was evacuated to a medical facility in Germany with the assistance of fellow members of the evacuation crew. In 2011 she received a medical retirement from the Air Force.

Morgan received her undergraduate degree in business administration from Medaille College in 2013 and, as noted, is currently pursuing her master’s degree in public administration from Hilbert College. After leaving the military, Morgan worked at the Buffalo Niagara International Airport as a supervisor. In September, 2012, Morgan was employed at the Financial Aid Department and the Office of Veterans and Military Affairs at Medaille College. While in this position she became an active volunteer in the veterans community. Morgan proudly served as the adjutant for the American Legion, Post 430, and is vice president of her local community block club. In addition, Morgan volunteers on the planning committee for the WNY Resources Summit for Female Veterans and Service Members and the planning committee for the Veterans Day Parade for the city of Buffalo. She has helped organize the discussion panel event: “Joining Forces in the Mental Health Community: What Civilian Practitioners Should Know About Serving Our Military Service Members, Veterans, and Families.”

Morgan Woodson Receiving Rotary Scholarship

Hilbert Students Attend the Penn-York Conference in Bradford, PA, to Present Their Research (Nov. 4, 2013) — From Left to Right: Lisa Gibson, Sarah Jentsch, Sarah Schmidt, Breana Cline, Joe Pernick, & Ailin Vega
PHOTO GALLERY

ANIMALS PHOTOGRAPHED
ON PREVIOUS TRIP TO KENYA BY HILBERT STUDENTS
FINANCIAL AID CORNER

January 24, 2014

***Announcements from the Student Finance Office, Franciscan Hall***

DROPP/ADD PERIOD ENDS 1/28/2014 – The last day to change your course schedule (drop or add classes) is Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014. Office Hours during the Drop/Add period (1/21–1/28) are 8 a.m.–6:30 p.m. (except for Friday, 1/24/14, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.).

BOOKSTORE CREDIT ENDS 1/31/2014 – The last day to utilize bookstore credit (charge your textbooks against your financial aid credit balance) is Friday, Jan. 31.

AVOID $50.00 LATE FEE – Tuition payment arrangements were due on Jan. 3, 2014; you are subject to a $50.00 late fee; please contact or visit the Student Finance Office TODAY to help avoid a $50.00 late fee on your account!

COMPLETED FINANCIAL AID FILE – Financial aid cannot be applied to your student account until your financial aid file is complete. Please check with the Student Finance Office staff if you are unsure whether or not you have any documentation to complete your file!

2014/2015 FAFSA – The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) should be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov by Hilbert College’s priority deadline of Apr. 1, 2014. Filing your application before the deadline date enables you to be considered for institutional aid that may not be available at a later filing date . . . SO BE SURE TO FILE YOUR FAFSA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR GREATER BUFFALO 2014/15 SCHOLARSHIP – Applications are currently available online at www.cfgb.org. The deadline for the scholarship application is Mar. 1, 2014 (see additional information online).

OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS – NEED MONEY $$$? Stop in periodically to the Student Finance Office and check out the availability of outside scholarships that may benefit YOU!

The Student Finance Office staff . . . is here for YOU!

Julie Banach, Student Finance Technician, ext. 223
Cindy Claar, Student Finance Technician, ext. 314
Kelly Canaski, Student Services Data Analyst, ext. 277
Suna Combs, Student Finance Counselor, ext. 249
Elaine Szczepanski, Student Finance Counselor, ext. 308
Beverly Chudy, Director of Financial Aid, ext. 207
Julie Lamski, Director of Student Financial Services, ext. 208

Regular Office Hours: Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Telephone: (716) 649-7900

OFFICES

FINANCIAL LITERACY— TIP OF THE MONTH

Financial literacy is defined as “the ability to use knowledge and skills to manage one’s financial resources effectively for lifetime financial security.” Jumpstart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy.

Hold that Card! 10 Things You Should Never Buy With Credit!

(1) Tuition

Many people have the mistaken notion that the credit card is designed specifically to enable purchases even without the necessary cash at hand—a “buy now, pay later” scheme, if you will. This simply cannot be further from the truth.

Do not try to afford college tuition by charging the amount to your credit card. Interest rates for credit cards are incredibly high, particularly when contrasted with those of student loans.

Look for other financing options. Fill up the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form and see if you are eligible for any scholarships and grants. Look for part-time jobs within your college or university.

(2) Wedding Expenses

Lavish weddings seem to be the trend right now, but do not be tempted to charge your expenses on the credit card. There are two reasons why this is a bad idea. First of all, it is very easy to lose track of how much you are spending if you use your credit card. This means you will never be able to budget property.

Second, do you really want to start your wedding with a hefty amount of debt? The better option is to save up money ahead of time. Set up a wedding fund in a savings account. When you hit your target budget, that is the time to tie the knot.

(3) Taxes

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) allows taxpayers to use their credit card for tax payments—for a price. The additional expense (approximately 2% to 3%) is the cost of convenience. Better cut out this expensive middleman! Also, the IRS does offer better payment plans, with lower interest rates than credit cards.

It is also important to note that paying for your taxes with a credit card can be a red flag. Some issuers might consider this a risky move, which in turn will harm your credit score.

Pay with cash; otherwise avail yourself of the easier payment plans offered by the IRS.

(4) Mortgages

Think hard about paying for mortgages with your credit cards; you are pretty much borrowing from one to pay another, and that is a terrible financial plan. Most mortgage providers will not allow their clients to pay with a credit card. Those who do, however, tend to charge extra.

Set aside a portion of your income to pay off mortgage payments regularly instead of using a credit card and incurring heavy fees.

(5) Vacation Expenses

Just as with weddings, using your credit card to pay off vacation expenses is not quite a good idea. Certainly, you can charge your hotel rooms and plane tickets with a credit card, but only if you have the funds to pay for them. Do not rack up a hefty vacation tab on your credit card without the money to back it up. This will only lead to disastrous debts post-vacation, causing even more stress.

Also, spending with a credit card overseas can be doubly problematic, owing to additional charges and currency conversion expenses.

Save up for your vacations, or be a thrifty jet-setter. Wait for airline discounts, travel off-season, etc.

(6) Medical Bills

Health care is very expensive, which is why you really should never use your credit card to pay for medical treatments. (Again, if you have the money to pay off the bills immediately, you can use the credit card for the sake of convenience. Do not use it as a “loan.”) The interest rate you accrue will only make your medical bills bigger.

Ask the hospital about their payment plans. Chances are, their plans are much less daunting where interest rates are concerned. If you can, it is also a good idea to set aside an emergency fund for unexpected expenses such as medical emergencies.

(7) “Secret” Purchases

Cash is the only way to stay anonymous. If you want to pay for “secret” purchases, or just want to keep your purchases off the radar, do not use your credit card. It is definitely going to show up on your bill, after all.

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TAX SAVINGS FOR STUDENTS

Hilbert students and/or their parents may be eligible to take advantage of federal tax credits when filing their 2013 tax returns. To be eligible, the taxpayer must file a return and owe taxes. As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), The Hope Scholarship Credit was expanded and renamed the American Opportunity Tax Credit. The Hope Credit and the Lifetime Learning Credit were part of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 and went into effect in 1998. The American Opportunity Tax Credit has a maximum value of $2,500 per student (100% of the first $2,000 of qualified tuition and fees paid and 25% of the next $2,000 of such payments in 2013). To be eligible for the credit, the student must be enrolled on at least a half-time basis (six credit hours) in at least one semester in 2013 and be in the first four years of post-secondary education in a program leading to a degree. The credit for each student is available for up to four tax years. The Lifetime Learning Credit is a tax credit with a maximum value of $2,000 (20% of the first $10,000 of qualified tuition and fee payments). There is no minimum course load requirement for the credit, nor is there a limit on the number of years in which the student may claim the credit; in fact, expenses for graduate work are eligible.

Another option is the tuition and fees deduction. This is an “above the line” deduction for the qualified tuition and related expenses of self, spouse, and/or dependents. The maximum deduction is $4,000. There are a couple other limitations on the credits/deduction—a student may claim only one of the credits/deduction in

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any year and eligibility to claim depends on the level of adjusted gross income. Also, scholarships and grants reduce the amount of qualified expenses. To determine the amount of your education credits, complete Form 8863—Part I is for the American Opportunity Credit and Part III is for the Lifetime Learning Credit—then attach Form 8863 to Form 1040 or 1040A. Students enrolled at Hilbert in 2013 will be sent a Form 1098-T in January. That form will identify whether the student was enrolled as at least a half-time student. There is also a refundable tax credit or itemized deduction available to New York State resident taxpayers. This credit or deduction is available to resident taxpayers who pay allowable college tuition expenses of up to $10,000 in 2013 and later years on behalf of self, spouse, or dependents for undergraduate study. For additional information about these tax savings, you should consult a tax advisor.

Julie Lancki
Student Financial Services

Financial Literacy—Tip of the Month
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(8) Cash Advance
Credit card companies often remind people that their cards can be used on ATMs. Do not be fooled, though. Cash advances are expensive and definitely never worth the trouble. You will be dealing with a mighty fine interest rate, for one—something you can avoid entirely by using either debit cards or withdrawing money from your bank account.

(9) Bar Tabs
It is very easy just to let the charges add up, especially when you know you will not have to pony up the cash at the end of the night. As always, a false sense of invincibility comes with credit cards; you are good to go as long as you have not (yet) shot through your credit limit.

When buying drinks, always use cash. This helps you keep track of your expenses and prevents overspending. You want to have a good time, not accumulate mindless debt.

(10) Luxury Goods
If you cannot pay for it, do not charge it. The main problem with credit card holders is that they can get carried away. You should never use the credit card to buy something you cannot afford. This is the mind-set that leads to debt.

Unnecessary luxury goods may seem “attainable” when you have a credit card, but this actually undermines your financial health. Do not buy anything you cannot afford to pay off in time.

Mackenzie Maher, Published November 05, 2013
www.igrad.com

DIVISION NEWS

CJ/FSI NEWS
Stacy Polek (2012 graduate of forensic science/crime scene investigation program) is currently attending a mortuary science program to obtain her funeral director license.

Jessie Roland (2012 graduate of forensic science/crime scene investigation program) and Shawn Crommiller (a senior in the criminal justice program) are currently attending the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision Training Academy in Albany, New York.

Raymond Ernst
Assistant Professor, FS/CSI

PRINT BYTES

Organizing Matter
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OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

Spring, 2014 Events

Cultural Awareness Week
The Cultural Awareness Week Committee is looking for new members. If you are interested in program planning or serving as a volunteer for our fantastic multicultural week in October, this is a great opportunity to network and gain valued experience.

The weeklong celebration provides Hilbert faculty, staff, and students an opportunity to interact with one another outside the classroom and to learn more about other cultures and diversity. Programming also provides students with a deepened understanding of social justice and human interactions and helps to inspire personal and professional growth. All faculty, staff, and students are welcome to serve on the Cultural Awareness Week Committee.

Next year’s program is scheduled for Oct. 20-24, 2014. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Dr. Tara Jabbaar-Gyambrah, Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs at tjabbaar-gyambrah@hilbert.edu.

Calling all Poets!
The Office of Multicultural Affairs and Common Ground Club will host Poetry Night on Feb. 20, 2014, at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center (upper level). And guess what, we need you to come perform for us! If you have a poem to read, please contact rfellinger@hilbert.edu or stop by the office at Bogel Hall, Room 103B.

Save the Date: 5th Annual SUNY Cortland Student Conference on Diversity, Equity, & Social Justice
Theme: “Speak Up, Speak Out” Apr. 12, 2014 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
SUNY Cortland, Corey Union Transportation, food, and registration fees will be covered for all students. A $10 deposit is required to hold your spot. If you are interested, please RSVP to the Office of Multicultural Affairs by Mar. 10, 2014. All participants will meet in the parking lot behind the McGrath Library at 5:45 a.m. for a departure time of 6 a.m. It is anticipated that the group will return around 9 p.m. If you are interested in attending this event, you must stop by Bogel Hall, Room 103B, and sign up.

Dr. Tara Jabbaar-Gyambrah
Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs

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by Megan Smith

For my personnel interview in GS 101 last fall I selected Ian Gattie. He is Hilbert's very own art director. His office is on the upper level in the Campus Center. I contacted Mr. Gattie via e-mail to set up an interview time at his earliest convenience. Given our schedules, we were able to set up a good time for both of us. I interviewed Mr. Gattie on a Tuesday, around 11 a.m.

The day of the interview I went to Mr. Gattie's office a little before 11 to make sure he was ready. I was welcomed into his office and we sat down and soon began to talk. He asked me how school was going, being a freshman, and how I was managing my time. I shared that I was looking to join some clubs and get involved in campus life. Mr. Gattie gave me some initial ideas for clubs to consider. He also mentioned the importance of being involved in extracurricular activities.

Mr. Gattie received his bachelor's degree in fine arts at Daemen College. Some of Mr. Gattie's background information that qualifies him for this job is that he worked and did freelance photography and videography for five years, before coming to Hilbert. He made most of his money doing his free-lance photography at weddings and fashion shows before working at Hilbert full-time. He began working at Hilbert part-time, so he could continue doing his free-lance work. However, Mr. Gattie knew he belonged at Hilbert full-time. So when the school offered him a full-time position in April of 2012 and it was something he loved doing, he knew that this was the right job for him.

Being a college art director comes with many responsibilities. Mr. Gattie is responsible for creating and maintaining the visual identity of the college. He is in charge of the literal image of the school. He is in charge of designing and putting together graphics for the school and sets up and designs brochures to send to high school students while they are looking for the right college. He is also in charge of the imagery and graphics for the Hilbert website.

One of the biggest projects he has been working on recently is the Hilbert Blueprint, which promotes a well-rounded college experience over four years through student involvement and experiential learning. Being at Hilbert, Mr. Gattie is definitely here to help the students. However, most of his help and contact with students occurs before they are even students at the college. He is the one designing all the brochures and packets one gets as a high school senior when starting to look at colleges. He is definitely helping and supporting Hilbert College by advertising the name of the school and giving it a good look. He gives Hilbert a good visual name. However, he does face some challenges on the job. One of the biggest is that he is a one-man team. He said "It’s almost easier not to take a vacation," later explaining that he would have so much work to catch up on when he got back.

With challenge comes reward, and one of those rewards for Mr. Gattie is that he gets to design everything and he is the one who makes the poster, brochures, and booklets. He explained to me that he is “in charge of the image of the college.” With everything that Mr. Gattie does for Hilbert College, he loves his job more and more. Another thing he is really proud of is the newest video he produced called “Bert’s Big Move.” It is about Hilbert’s new mascot Bert moving onto campus for the first time. It is one of his favorite projects.

Having fun and being creative are very important to Mr. Gattie and he is able to express this at Hilbert College.

Mr. Schamann is the director of Campus Safety at Hilbert College. As a child, Mr. Schamann grew up in Orchard Park, New York. He acquired his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice at Hilbert College and his master’s degree in professional leadership through St. Bonaventure University. Mr. Schamann also worked part-time with the Blasdell police department.

Initially he wished to work full-time in that capacity, but serving at Hilbert College has been just as rewarding. Having worked at Hilbert for thirty years in campus safety, Mr. Schamann believes that he helps students in a multitude of ways. One of them is by educating them: he tries to do the best he can in teaching students how to make smart choices.

A big part of Mr. Schamann’s job is conducting interviews, performing investigations to solve incidents, and keeping crime stats and other safety records. Mr. Schamann noted that when a student does something wrong, an incident report is generated. This report stays on file for seven years, available for consulting with prospective students, who they run background checks. Students have to remember that serious misconduct on the Hilbert campus can affect their future. Other aspects of his job are also noteworthy. The Office of Campus Safety works closely with the Maintenance Department to ensure the safety of Hilbert students and staff. Mr. Schamann remembers in particular, some seven years ago, apprehending a subject trying to steal books from the Hilbert bookstore to sell on the black market for narcotics. Mr. Schamann received a call from the bookstore manager that there was suspicious behavior. This was a gratifying day for the Safety Department.

Mr. Schamann’s hobbies are hunting, fishing, and any other outdoor activities. Mr. Schamann continues to do much to help out Hilbert students. He has faced a number of challenges that have made him the person he is today. If you see him, stop by and tell him thank you. Who knows? Someday you might need campus safety support. Thank the bookstore. The day was warm and this person had a heavy winter coat on. Mr. Schamann is very proud of the work he has done at the college, as he strives to continue to give the school a great image for students, faculty, and staff.
JOSEPHINE SEWASTYNOWICZ

by Tyler Rusin

It is said, “No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another” (author unknown). If someone were to come up to you this second and ask you who this quotation best represents, what would your answer be? After conducting an interview with Josephine Sewastynowicz, this answer became very clear to me. It represents her.

Jo, as she is called by faculty and staff, works as an administrative assistant. It is not a job interacting with students as often as a professor or librarian. Yet although students probably rarely see her, hers is one of the jobs that keeps Hilbert running smoothly and efficiently, and students should know about the work that she does to make it easier on faculty but also students.

Starting off as a part-time student herself at Hilbert, when it was a two-year institution, Jo then transferred to Buffalo State College for business administration, which is where she received her degree. She has been employed at Hilbert since the mid-1970s, but has not spent all those years as an administrative assistant. Her first position at Hilbert was in the Admissions Office/Student Records. From there she obtained a position in the Development Office, and worked for Hilbert’s, at that time, executive vice president, Dr. Carmen Notaro, and then the VP of Academic Affairs. She had never really thought about working as an administrative assistant. She said, “A career happens so fast, you just fall into it.”

Hilbert offers that some schools cannot attract graduate students. She finds this a huge advantage because students can really get to know their professors, also going to them for references and advice. A special moment of service of which she is especially proud is going to the Hono- rings. To watch students succeed, given all the hard work they have done, puts a smile on her face.

As Rodney Williams once said, “Every day you have the opportunity to learn and experience something and someone new. Seize the opportunity. Learn and experience everything you can and use it to change the world.”

When GS 101 students got the opportunity to interview a faculty or staff member, it was a whole new experience. Having never interviewed someone, I am glad to have interviewed such a hard-working and wonderful lady. She was genuinely entertaining and had great advice to help out through my years at Hilbert and regarded my future career.

Josephine Sewastynowicz

Not only has she shown her versatility in her past jobs, but also in her current job. Working as an administrative assistant, not only does she help full-time faculty, but part-time faculty as well. Along with updating degree program sheets, she does faxing and copying, takes inventory, and also types letters for faculty and staff. Though not necessarily interacting with students every day, she plays a larger role in helping them. She assists full-time and part-time faculty, proctors exams, and provides many other forms of assistance as needed. Did you ever wonder who posts the class cancellation notices on doors and in the hallway? Well, Jo does that, too.

Working at Hilbert since the mid-1970s, Jo has seen not only Hilbert grow, now offering bachelor and graduate programs, but has also seen students grow. What she loves to do and finds rewarding is to watch students come the first day and see them grow along the way. Something that Hilbert offers that some schools cannot is small class sizes. She finds this a huge advantage because students can really get to know their professors, also going to them for references and advice.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR JOSEPH RATH

by Anthony Pellicano

There are many professionals employed at Hilbert College, and I had the pleasure of interview- ing one of them. Professor Joe Rath, an adjunct professor in the Criminal Justice Studies Division. Professor Rath has taught at Hilbert since June, 2008. His course work at the college covers exciting topics like terrorism and homeland security. His class keeps his students attuned to current events around the world.

Professor Rath attended St. Bonaventure University and under- took graduate work at Canisius College. He then taught at Bishop Timon High School for twenty-eight years. He also served in the Department of Justice for sixteen years and served on various com- mittees within the department.

Professor Rath finds teaching very rewarding. He stated, “When teaching, you can learn as much from the students as they learn from you.” Every year seems more interesting and more exciting than the last one and he feels that it will be like that for the rest of his career. He is encouraged that the majority of his students seem to enjoy his class. He feels that it is the teacher’s duty to make the course being taught as interest- ing as possible for both teacher and students. Professor Rath obviously loves to be around students, given his long career in teaching, and he enjoys the rewarding feeling that it gives him to teach young people.

This past May he was the proud recipient of the Adjunct Excellence in Teaching Award. Also, a scholarship in memory of his wife has been established by him for upper-level criminal justice majors. In this way he is pleased to give something back to the school. He is glad that he turned to teaching, because he enjoys being in the classroom and sharing his knowl- edge with his students. It was really enjoyable to listen to what Professor Rath had to say during the interview, and it was great to hear some background information showing where he had come from to be a teacher here at Hilbert. He was a very interesting person to talk to and taught me to persevere and think positively about everything that I do. That way, we stu- dents will ultimately be successful in just about everything that we will face in life.

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The Reality of Cyberspace and the Cyberspace of Reality

“Cyberspace is a virtual system of relations that could not exist without computers, Eth- ernet cables, and people at keyboards. It ex- ists both in our heads and at our fingertips. Cyberspace has created its own mythologies, gripping our imagination, as shown by in- creasing numbers of books and films featur- ing the net, helping to dispel one myth that we live by—that we have no myths” (120).

“12 YEARS A SLAVE IS A MUST-SEE!”

by Sean Lynch

The year 2013 was rather unremarkable for the film industry, in my opinion. There really were not too many films that I would consider to be incredibly moving or incredibly engaging to the point that I would wholeheartedly recommend them as a “must-see.” When trying to think back on the good or great films that I had seen this past year, I can only think of a select few. However, many of the films tended to fail by the wayside of true greatness. But 12 Years a Slave is not one of those films!

12 Years a Slave is based on the 1853 autobiography of Solomon Northup, a free African American who was kidnapped and sold into slavery for a dozen years. It is only the third feature film that director Steve McQueen (cue all the jokes that mistake the British director with the late American actor of the same name) has made, and he has once again made a terrific piece of art. All three films, the other two being Hunger and Shame, have received the praise of critics and have held the attention of viewers, giving the director quite the impressive track record. This particular directorial effort is perhaps McQueen’s finest, seamlessly fusing the essence of Solomon’s mind-set with an intensity of emotions. Solomon is superbly portrayed by Chiwetel Ejiofor, whose performance demands an Oscar. The viewer completely falls in love with Solomon and will surely be on the edge of the seat while wishing for him to become free from his forced labor. Ejiofor runs the gamut of emotions in his portrayal of Solomon, torturing the viewer to watch the character suffer through the years.

Even the supporting cast of the film manages to excel in their parts. From Alfre Woodard portraying a former slave-turned-mistress to Michael Fassbender portraying Edwin Epps, the cruel and torturous slave-breaker, there is not a poorly acted part in the whole film. Fassbender, who has starred in both of McQueen’s previous films, even matches Ejiofor’s level of pure emotion in his performance, though Fassbender’s performance has seemingly been ignored by many critics. If I were to make any complaint of the film, it would have to be that it feels too short in length. This is not to say that the film is actually short, clocking in at almost two hours and fifteen minutes. However, the film does not feel long enough to give the impression that twelve years have passed during its course of events. That being said, it should be noted that the pacing of the film does not detract from its overall level of enjoyment. At the time of writing this, the Academy Award nominations have not yet been revealed, so I can only hope that this film receives the recognition that it deserves through the nomination process (the film was subsequently nominated for Best Picture). Ideally, I believe that this film should be a contender for such awards as Best Picture (the film recently won the Golden Globe Award for Best Picture), Actor, Supporting Actor, and also Director. While there have been other great films to have come out recently, such as Inside Llewyn Davis, American Hustle, and Her, McQueen’s adaptation of 12 Years a Slave has been the only one to haunt my mind completely after seeing it. It is a truly moving and powerful work that should definitely reach a wider audience than the smaller and limited release allowed for. If there were any film that I would completely recommend you to go and check out, it would certainly be 12 Years a Slave.

Benedict Cumberbatch & Chiwetel Ejiofor

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Music and the Human Brain

“Music is so ubiquitous and ancient in the human species—so integral to our nature—that we must be born to respond to it: there must be a genetic basis, and be part of the very structure of the human brain” (33).


The Power of Music

Carrie Brownstein: “Music, for me, was like a tidal wave. It took me outside of anything I’d ever done. . . . You can never underestimate that moment of somebody explaining your life to you, something you thought was inexplicable, through music. That was the way out of loneliness” (24).

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2014 Men’s Volleyball Schedule

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AMCC student-athletes in seven championship sports selected 58 of their peers for recognition as representing the highest level of sportsmanship for their teams this past fall.

The student-athletes named to the All-Conference Sportsmanship Team must consistently demonstrate a high level of ethical conduct, respect, and fair play in both practice and competition, whether on the sidelines or as an active competitor.

Such sportsmanship shall be evident toward teammates, coaches, opponents, officials, and fans. He/she must also serve as a positive representative of school spirit when a spectator at other teams’ sporting events.

Bailey is a four-year member of the women’s soccer program. The midfielder from New Berlin will graduate this May with a degree in forensic science/crime scene investigation as an Academic All-Conference member and a Chi Alpha Sigma inductee.

Botsford is a junior right-side hitter for the women’s volleyball program, which extended its season to a semi-final match in the AMCC play-offs this fall. The Penfield native is a criminal justice major and also plays on the lacrosse team in the spring.

Coniglio, a Kennethmore resident majoring in criminal justice, claimed his first sportsmanship honor for the men’s soccer program. The junior defender was a tough competitor on the field but consistently displayed a positive attitude when the level of play got intense. Coniglio has also been recognized for his strong academic merit by being named to the Academic All-Conference Team in 2013.

Ratajczak, another multi-sport athlete at Hilbert, was a fair and honest competitor on the golf course. The junior from Orchard Park, already named to the AMCC Second Team All-Conference for his skills with the golf club, is majoring in criminal justice and is a member of the golleyball program in the spring semester.

Seniors Ellis and Miller were hard workers and terrific teammates for their respective cross country teams. Ellis, a second-year runner for the Hawks from Lakeview, will graduate with a degree in human services this May. Additionally, Ellis carries with her an Academic All-Conference selection based on her cumulative grade point average in January, 2013. Miller, a new addition to the men’s team this fall, improved his times all season and is majoring in human services.

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STARK IS ATHLETE OF WEEK ENDING JAN. 12

Hilbert College’s Trevor Stark was honored as the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Athlete of the Week for the week ending Jan. 12.

Stark led the Hawks to three conference wins during this week and came up big in the final and most important contest. He averaged 22 ppg, and 6.7 assists per game, while shooting 50% from the three-point line and was perfect at the foul line. He earned his first double-double of the season in points and assists, as the Hawks captured the double-overtime win against La Roche College to remain in a two-way tie for first place in the league standings (5-1).

Stark opened the week scoring 21 points while shooting 47% from the floor (hitting 50% from beyond the arc) and three assists. He followed that performance by increasing his assists to six, maintaining his impressive shooting percentage (47%) and knocking down all six late-game free throws to account for 22 points in the Hawks’ victory. He closed out the week with a career-setting day of 11 assists, the last leading to the game-winning shot against La Roche in the 49th minute of play. Stark made four of his seven three-point shots and again was a rock at the foul line late in the game. He finished with 24 points and three steals in the 88-86 victory.

The junior communications marketing major is ranked in the top five in assists (#1), steals (#3), and scoring (#5) in the AMCC.

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ANTHONY HODGE IS A PREMIER BASKETBALL LEAGUE PLAYER

Basketball life continues for Anthony Hodge after his 2013 graduation from Hilbert College. The 5’8” point guard holds a roster spot on the Buffalo 716ers basketball team, which is a regional team in the Premier Basketball League (PBL). The 716ers opened their season with a road loss to the four-time PBL champions, the Rochester Razersharks (108-92). Hodge had a huge impact on the success of the men’s basketball program in the season and a half after transferring to the Hamburg institution in January, 2012. Hodge never started a game his first semester but provided quality minutes off the bench, averaging 16 minutes a game while pumping in eight points and almost two steals and two assists per game. He quickly became a mainstay in the Hawks’ offensive production and defensive schemes, helping them finish in fourth place and qualify for the AMCC play-offs.

During Hodge’s senior year, the men’s basketball team reached new heights since Hilbert joined the AMCC league nine years ago. The Hawks finished the regular season with a 20-5 overall record, a 14-4 league record, as co-champions of the regular season, and the right to host the AMCC championship weekend as the number one seeded team. All these were “firsts” for the program. Hodge became an AMCC 1st Team All-Conference selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his coach, Rob deGrandpre, gather his selection and also helped his

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Whitman averaged 18 points and 12.3 rebounds, posting double-doubles in all three conference games during this week. She also led the team in field goal percentage (50%), in free throw percentage (82%—18 of 22) and in minutes played (33.6), seldom getting a chance to catch her breath.

She opened the week scoring 14 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in the Hawks’ game at D’Youville. Her highlight effort came against Mount Aloysius, where she recorded 24 points, 11 rebounds, three steals, and one block. She finished back-to-back games over the weekend with 16 points and 14 rebounds against the 2012-13 AMCC championship team, La Roche College. The senior criminal justice major is the only AMCC player to be ranked in the top five in both scoring (15.2 ppg) and rebounding (9.8 rpg).
STARK HITS CAREER HIGH HELPING HAWKS TO VICTORY

Junior Trevor Stark’s 36 points led the Hilbert College men’s basketball team to a 96-87 non-conference victory over Alfred University (3-1) in the Hafner Recreation Center on Nov. 30. Hilbert became the first team to hold the Saxons under 90 points this year while the Hawks produced their best team stats of the season.

Besides his career points, Stark also dished for a team- and career-high nine assists in addition to his two hustle steals. Sophomore cousins Jerame Owens and Xavier Majors dominated the paint, where they went a combined 13 of 24 from the field and pulled in 27 of the Hawks’ 49 rebounds. Owens earned his second double-double with 20 points and 19 rebounds and a game-high three blocks. Major added 13 points and two blocks, as he continues to shine for the Hawks.

Alfred’s 6’8” Steve Lothridge led the Saxons, who typically live at the three-point arc, with 18 points and 18 rebounds in 18 minutes of play. He was credited with only one blocked shot, but his height and long arms altered several shots as they floated towards the rim.

Alfred took a 44-43 half-time lead, owing in large part to their up-tempo style of play, looking for quick steals or forced turnovers before they launched the long ball. Hilbert adjusted to Alfred’s style and built a 10-point lead when Jalen Smith sank his third three-point field goal of the half with 6:20 remaining. But Hilbert went cold and began to feel the effects of excessive fouls, which were then called with a follow-up foul prior to his go-head layup at 14:41.

Big man Lothridge gave the visitors their last advantage when he hit both ends of his trip to the charity stripe at 14:23. Hilbert went on an 11-5 run, with Stark chipping in nine points to give Hilbert a 70-65 lead at 9:49. Both teams battled for scores, but Hilbert was ultimately able to stretch its lead late in the game to claim the victory.

For the day, Alfred’s bench outscored Hilbert 49-22 as the Saxons rotated through fourteen players who all unloaded at least two shots towards the rim. Hilbert won the battle of the three-point shots, 13-9, forced turnovers before the break.

Trevor Stark Reaches for Three From Baseline

Alfred jumped to a five-point lead, owing to its two hustle steals and three blocks. These two blocks hooked up for the game-winning shot with less than one second remaining in the second overtime.

Hilbert’s Nick Nadeau was perfect from the field, sinking all four shot attempts, as he grabbed three very important of 62 rebounds; Hilbert grabbed 30 offensive (Whitman picked 10) and DuBois secured 25. All 17 Hawks saw court time and 16 players earned at least one tally on the stat sheet.

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After the first 20 minutes of play, the stats lines between the two teams were very similar. The only big eye-popping difference was La Roche’s three more buckets from the foul line.

Hilbert stormed out of the gate with a 5-0 deficit, but took its only lead in the second half at 17:49. That two-point lead (35-33) was only held for 13 seconds before Flacco hit the rim again for another layup. Hilbert and La Roche went at each other with 62 rebounds; and assisted on four buckets. Junior Ryan Brewster and freshman Jalen Smith opened the bench and provided big minutes and play. Smith continued to shine at the three-point line, spotting up for nine points, turning one foul into a ball-for-four play. Brewster played a solid game and held his own in the paint. He worked for five offensive rebounds and chipped in eight points, while coming up with one big block in overtime.

La Roche got stealer performances from Lionel Perkins (24 points, five assists, four steals) and Andre Flanagan (21 points). Perkins scored 48 minutes and finished the game shooting 10 of 16 from the floor (two of six beyond the arc). The Hawks led 37-24 at the break.

A rejuvenated Hilbert team emerged from the locker room and extended their 13-point lead to 49 points (59-20) in less than nine minutes. The 22-4 Hilbert spurt was capped by Wyann Jackson’s three-point shot at 11:51.

Sophomore Courtney Coots helped the Hawks maintain their twenty-point lead much of the second half with two buckets in the paint before she knocked down a three-ball at 5:37.

But the game was not over, as the Lions went on a 19-4 run, cutting the deficit to 14 before the final horn sounded.

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SPORTS

COMMMUNITY SERVICE
BEFORE SEMESTER BREAK

SAAC/Polar Plunge and Hawks Baseball
Offer Free Teaching Clinics

It was a busy weekend for Hilbert College student-athletes on Dec. 7 and 8. When most students were preparing for their final week of classes and final exams, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and the Hawks baseball team were offering their talents to others.

More than 20 student-athletes, plus their club advisors, Kelly Starcak and Greg Peri, banded together for a great fund-raising event to benefit the Western New York Special Olympics chapter on Dec. 7.

For the third year in a row, the SAAC group committed themselves to raise money, to raise awareness, and to find the courage to jump in the freezing waters of Lake Erie in early December. After traveling to Woodlawn Beach in a school bus, the excited and nervous athletes registered, tailgated with other plungers, and found their nerve to make the trek into the cold water.

When it was all said and done, the Hawks raised more than $1,000 by selling 50-50 split tickets at the basketball doubleheader games; they also raffled off a $50 gas card and accepted donations for their plunge.

Also that day, James Pernick, Jr., and his 2014 baseball team offered in preparation for their spring travel season. The Hawks continue to serve as positive role models in the community as this was their second team-teaching situation this year.

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An offensive rebound put-back by Nadeau started the Hawks rolling after the center jumped to start the second OT. Brewster went one for two at the line, giving Hilbert a three-point advantage. La Roche responded with a jumper, which was followed by an Owens layup and two Stark freebies, stretching the Hilbert lead to 86-81 at 2:13. The Red Hawks responded with a driving layup, cutting the difference to three.

Hilbert went cold their next two possessions and hung on as La Roche fired two three-pointers and a shot in the paint, all while grabbing each offensive rebound before the ball was kicked out to Flanagan who canned a three-pointer with 36 seconds left, forcing the last tie of the game. Owens and Stark hooked up for the game-winner, leaving less than one second on the clock. La Roche’s inbound pass was batted away and Hilbert took the win.

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