HILBERT'S GRADUATE STUDENT POSTER PRESENTATIONS

by Angela Borkowski

On Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2014, members of the Hilbert College graduate studies program presented their research to faculty, administration, alumni, peers, family members, community members, and undergraduate students. Dr. Christopher Holoman, Provost and Academic Affairs, extended a warm welcome to all who were a part of making the night such a success.

While enjoying light snacks and the musical talents of the Lancaster High School band, the graduate students each presented research in the form of a poster. Every poster exhibited the student’s research in a similar layout and included an introduction to the research, its purpose, the actual research content, the results, a conclusion, and a recommendation.

One of the judges for the presentations was Brian Poliner, who graduated from Hilbert with a Master’s degree in public administration. As a judge, one feature that Mr. Poliner was looking for was the ability of the researcher effectively to display his or her research. He also looked for the significance of the research and the impact that the research would have on the community. He believes that the purpose of research is to learn something based on what has been done in the past to further knowledge in a particular subject.

All of the presentations and students researched and looked for professional and the amount of work that went into the research and the posters was obvious, but what really made the presentations stand out were the attitudes of the persons who put them together. The passion of the students this year was extremely evident. As Brian Poliner put it, “Passion drives research,” and it is exactly what it takes to conduct successful research that could be implemented outside of the classroom.

Walter Iwanenko Jr., Ph.D., Dean of the Hilbert College graduate program, commended the efforts of the students in the graduate program. He said that the presentations were “turning into very tangible projects.”

For example, Kevin Wright conducted research on the need for an administrator and independent choices before results were combined by The H-Files media advisor, determined this year’s winners. First and second place went to Gabrielle Marek for her respective photos “Let It Snow” and “Abandoned White House,” combining the $50 and $25 awards for a total of $75. A tie for third place was shared by Ben Unverhau for “Flowers by Mountainside” and Marek, once again! for “Streamsides.” Fourth place went to Mary Kate Wirfel for “Silence” and fifth place to Unverhau for “Lakeside Mountain Range.”

A three-way tie for sixth place featured photos by Wirfel (“Daisies,” “Peaceful”) and Sarah Borodzik (“Dying Flora in an Attic”). Rounding out the top ten for seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth places were photos by Borodzik (“Length of Limbs”), Camila Eskew (“Bloom”), Marek (“Blossom”), and Benedrine de Mike (“Artsy Tree”).

The top four photos appear on page 1. On page 3, in the photo gallery on page 11, and also on the last page (20) of this issue appear selected photos by other student entrants in no particular order. Thanks to all students participating in The H-Files’ 2013-14 photo contest!
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**THE BLIZZARD OF 2014 REVISITED**

*by Camila Eskew*

Winter break means different things to different people. For some it was a time to relax and rejuvenate from the craziness of the past fall semester. For others it was a time to spend with family and loved ones and to reconnect with old friends. One aspect of winter break that anyone who lives in Western New York had in common, depending on where you lived, was that, for a time, none of us was allowed to leave his or her house.

We had our fair share of snow this winter break. It was indeed called a blizzard by meteorologists. We had 14 inches of snow which led to the driving ban during the week of Jan. 6. Yes, it was frustrating that no one was allowed to drive in areas covered by the ban; if we did, we could be charged with a ticket, equivalent to a misdemeanor. That warning alone would ensure that no one, or few, would want to venture out along with skiing, snowboarding, and tubing, many people took advantage of the snow by finding a hill nearby and going sledding. Sledding is a fun outdoor activity for many, and you do not have to be an expert or have much skill.

This winter break was a time for students to take a break from the pressures of the fall semester. Residents of Western New York found ways to use the snow to their advantage. As Buffalonians, we not only take advantage of the snow, but we thrive in it!

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- Dr. Charles A. S. Ernst
Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014, began with a little sunshine, a warming trend, and a huge celebration in the dining hall! The offices of Academic Services and Student Success and Retention celebrated the academic success of the full-time students who achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA for the calendar year 2013 with a brunch and awards presentation. One hundred and three students were invited to be recognized and honored for their outstanding achievement.

The forty students who attended were these: John Babocsi, Caitlin Bernish, Ashley Benjamin, Katherine Blane, Amber Brittain, Cindy Brown, Lauren Brown, Kristofer Bystrak, Alexis Ciune, Jenna Crans, Brenden Deady, Daniel Duzy, Shannon Ellis, Joshua Fornalik, Samantha Gerstner, Kaitlyn Grif-fin, Megan Gullo, Marshall Hand, Adam Hus-ted, Cassondra Johnson, Tara Jones, Connor Kirst, Jesse Kublais, Jenah Labuski, Sherita Lowe, Melinda Manzella, Barry Mason, Jasmine Moore, Rebecca Paolini, Karleigh Perry, Caitlin Queen, Kylie Reinholz, Matthew Rhinehart, Julie Rouleau, Christa Santa Maria, Amy Setlock, Jacob Smaczniak, Yiling “Richard” Song, Natalie Whitman, and Matthew Williams. This individual recognition is always the highlight of the celebration.

In keeping with a tradition established at the first 4.0 recognition event, the group welcomed an alumni speaker to share some wonderful words and take-away messages. Congratulations to all the students who earned a 4.0 GPA for Spring, 2013, and/or Fall, 2013. We look forward to celebrating the next January with many more students.

Michael Soja Director, Academic Services

The application of Hilbert student John Babocsi has been chosen as the winner of the Collegiate Sales & Marketing award sponsored by Buffalo Niagara Sales & Marketing Executives.

The award will be presented at the March 3rd Executive of the Year & Elite Sales & Marketing gala during a 6:30 p.m. dinner and awards presentation preceding a 5:15 cocktail reception at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo.

Also honored will be Althea E. Luehrsen, executive director, Leadership Buffalo, with the 2013 Executive of the Year award (presenting sponsor: Russell’s Steaks, Chops & More).

Jeanne E. Hellert Executive Director, BNSME Buffalo Niagara Sales & Marketing Executives

4.0 Luncheon Attendees

John Babocsi (Right) with Family (Left to Right): Father (John), Mother (Ann), & Sister (Laura)

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 February/March 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 . . . Courtney Bryant!

To collect this prize, the identified winner must contact Dr. Ernst, with accompanying Hilbert College ID or driver’s license by or on Friday, Mar. 7, 2014.
LET THE GAMES BEGIN

Previous issues of The H-Files have announced the publication’s writing contest (in its fifteenth year) for most articles written within the 2013-14 academic year. The contest tally on page 2 of the current issue shows the standings, as of the first five issues. However, we have a little more to go in the spring, there is plenty of opportunity to write articles and compete for fabulous prizes. The top ten students writing the most articles will be eligible for the following prizes:

1st Prize: $100 check
2nd Prize: $75 check
3rd Prize: $50 check
4th Prize: $25 Follett gift card
5th Prize: $20 Follett gift card
6th Prize: $18 Follett gift card
7th Prize: $15 Follett gift card
8th Prize: $10 Follett gift card
9th Prize: $7 Follett gift card
10th Prize: $5 Follett gift card

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by Bernadine De Mike

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A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN ACROSS THE CAMPUS AND THE GLOBE

by Sean Lynch

March 8th is International Women’s Day! To help celebrate society’s strides in gender equality and all of womankind’s achieve- ments, the Office of Mul- ticultural Affairs, the Great Expectations Club, and Oxfam America Club will be hosting Hilbert’s own Women’s Day cele- bration and ceremony on Mar. 4. The event be- gins with a discussion on human trafficking from special guest speaker Erin County Sheriff’s Deputy Elizabeth Fildes at 12:25 p.m. in Bogel Hall, Room 101. Immediately fol- lowing the presentation, representatives from Ox- fam America Club will be announcing and distribut- ing this year’s awards for some of the outstanding women at Hilbert.

These Women’s Day awards, generously pro- vided by Oxfam America, are to show that wom- en deserve to be valued highly and honor many of the strong and inspiring women in the Hilbert College community, whether they are enrolled as students or employed as faculty or staff. These awards seek to honor nominees whose roles in the community rep- resent pillars of inspira- tion for the achievements of womankind and also demonstrate the eight Franciscan values (hope, peace, service, joy, integ- rity, respect, compassion, and vision) through their lives and actions.

Last year’s Women’s Day ceremony began with guest speaker Mar- iatu Kamara, a war sur- vivor from Sierra Leone and UNICEF special representative. After a gripping and eye-opening speech about her expe- riences during the con- flict, which even took her hands, she gave an em- powering message about how true strength can be found when. Ka- mara’s presentation had concluded, Oxfam Amer- ica Club members anno- nounced and distributed awards to Kim Sperring, Dr. Amy Smith, Erin Robson, and Lauren Wat- kins for being influential women on Hilbert’s staff. Marjorie Sanders, Hayley Ploetz, Jamie Hopkins, and Olivia Kimble re- ceived the Women’s Day awards for the school’s student body.

Although the nomination period for these Women’s Day awards will have ended by the time of this article’s publication, it will never be too late for you to honor the inspiring and important women in your life. If you are free at 12:25 p.m. on Mar. 4, all are welcome to at- tend the Women’s Day celebration and presenta- tion in Bogel Hall, Room 101. And be sure to help recognize the strong and inspiring women of the world on Mar. 8 for Inter- national Women’s Day. For more information about Oxfam America, the not-for-profit orga- nization seeking to end poverty and social in- justices, please visit its website at oxfamamerica. org. If you would like to learn more about Interna- tional Women’s Day or read about other related events, please visit inter- nationalwomen’sday.com.

LENTER FISH FRY

DINNERS TO BE SERVED AT HILBERT

Fish fry dinners will be served on two Fridays dur- ing Lent from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in Hilbert College’s Campus Center dining hall. Take-out and sit-down dinners will be available. Mar. 7 and Apr. 4. The dinners are spon- sored by the Hilbert College Alumni Association. Basket raffles will be avail- able at the dinners and pro- ceeds will benefit the Hilbert College Alumni Scholarship Fund. Diners will be $10 per person, which includes fried or baked fish, French fries, potato salad, macaroni sal- ad, coleslaw, dessert, and a beverage. Grilled cheese or chicken nuggets children’s dinners for $6 per child will also be available.

PT. Leadership Council—Heidt

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (March to Mid-April, 2014)

March

4 Just Dance Off, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Campus Center, upper level
5 Campus Activities Board (CAB), 3:15 p.m., Campus Center, lower level
6 UNYTS Blood Drive, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Trinity Hall lobby
5 Federal Job Search Workshop, 12:25-1:40 p.m., Bogel Hall, Room 101
5 PB&J Day, 1-3 p.m., Bogel Hall, front foyer
6 Common Ground Club, 3 p.m., Francisca Hall, Conference Room A
7 Annual Professional Success Etiquette Dinner, free four-course dinner, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Francisca Hall Ariain, R.S.V.P. by Mar. 3 to joannayoung@hilbert.edu
8 Minute to Win It, 8 p.m., Campus Center, upper level
9 Enactus meeting, 3 p.m., Paceseny Hall, Room 140
10 SGA meeting, 3:15-4:15 p.m., Campus Center conference room, lower level
9-16 Spring Break
17 Up All Night Game Night, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., St. Patrick’s Day Celebration, Trinity Hall Game Room
18 CAB, 3:15 p.m., Campus Center, lower level
19 Make Your Own Team Jersey for Dodgeball, 5 p.m., Campus Center, lower level
20 Common Ground Club, 3 p.m., Francisca Hall, Conference Room A
21 Dodgeball Tournament, 8 p.m., Hafner Recreation Center
21 Enactus meeting, 3 p.m., Paceseny Hall, Room 140
22 SGA meeting, 3:15-4:15 p.m., Campus Center conference room, lower level
23 Monster Mini Golf, 7 p.m., meet in Campus Center, lower level, transportation provided
24-28 Open Mic Night Levels Week
24 Academic Advisement begins
25 Lloyd’s Taco Truck, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parking Lot E
26 Music Matters Movie Night, 9-11 p.m., Bogel Hall, Room 101
26 Open Mic Night Pre-Party Photo Shoot, 3-6 p.m., Campus Center, upper level
27 CAB, 3:15 p.m., Campus Center, lower level
27 Ticket Madness, 1-3 p.m., Campus Center, upper level
27 Common Ground Club, 3 p.m., Francisca Hall, Conference Room A
28 Graduation Celebration, 5-7 p.m., J. P. Fitzgerald’s, transportation provided
29 Enactus meeting, 3 p.m., Paceseny Hall, Room 140
30 SGA meeting, 3:15-4:15 p.m., Campus Center conference room, lower level
30 Open Mic Night, 8-11 p.m., Swan Auditorium
31 Service Day—Food Run, 1-4 p.m.
1 Last day to withdraw without academic penalty

April

1 CAB, 3:15 p.m., Campus Center, lower level
2 Common Ground Club, 3 p.m., Francisca Hall, Conference Room A
3 White Board with Pictures, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Campus Center, lower level
4 Enactus meeting, 3 p.m., Paceseny Hall, Room 140
5 SGA meeting, 3:15-4:15 p.m., Campus Center conference room, lower level
4-5 Residence Life & Music Club collaboration—”Camp Weekend”
6 Blacklight Volleyball, 9 p.m., Hafner Recreation Center
7-13 Division 3 Week—stay tuned for updates & event posts from Hilbert College’s Athletics Dept.
8 CAB, 3:15 p.m., Campus Center, lower level
9 H-Files deadline
10 Common Ground Club, 3 p.m., Francisca Hall, Conference Room A
11 Enactus meeting, 3 p.m., Paceseny Hall, Room 140
12 SGA meeting, 3:15-4:15 p.m., Campus Center conference room, lower level
13 The Chocolate Bar, 7-9 p.m, Trinity Hall lobby
14 SGA Banquet, 6 p.m., Campus Center, upper level
15 5 Annual SUNY Cortland Student Conference on Diversity, Equity, Social Justice— Theme: “Speak Up, Speak Out,” 9 a.m.-4 p.m., SUNY Cortland, Corey Union
16 Children’s Easter Party, 1-4 p.m., Hafner Recreation Center
17 CAB, 3:15 p.m., Campus Center, lower level
18 Indoor Go Kart Racing, 7 p.m., sign up in advance & meet in Campus Center, lower level, transportation provided
19 Common Ground Club, 3 p.m., Francisca Hall, Conference Room A
20 Amazing Easter Egg Race, 4-6 p.m., meet in Campus Center, lower level
21 Enactus meeting, 3 p.m., Paceseny Hall, Room 140
22 SGA meeting, 3:15-4:15 p.m., Campus Center conference room, lower level
23 H-Files delivered
18-21 Easter Recess

POETRY NIGHT RETROSPECTIVE

The Common Ground Club (CGC) hosted its annual Poetry Night on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014, at 7 p.m. in the upper level of the Campus Center. Danielle Lutz, club president, opened with a song and hosted the show for the night. A variety of poets from Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and our very own Hilbert community participated. A sampling of perform- ers included Ten Thousand, Dr. Erika Gault, Professor Herb Kauderer, Nyesha Saez, Bryan Edwards, and Sarah Borodzik.

The evening ended with pizza and wings, courtesy of Hallmark Dining Services.

Matt Heidt
Director, College Relations

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

DA CALENDAR OF EVENTS (March to Mid-April, 2014)
Greetings students! I hope all of those who were able to come enjoyed it! The Student Government Association has some other great events coming up!

On Tuesday, Mar. 18, and Wednesday, Mar. 19, SGA will be hosting breakfast and lunch sessions in the conference room next to the Student Government office located on the bottom floor of the Campus Center. This is a great opportunity to meet with a few of your SGA representatives and grab a free bite to eat! On Tuesday, Mar. 18, we will be serving breakfast from 9-11 a.m. and on Wednesday, Mar. 19, we will be serving lunch from 12-12:30 p.m. Feel free to bring some ideas to discuss with us that we might be able to implement into the school, or just stop by for some friendly conversa-
tion.

Later in the month, the SGA will be holding its spring elections! Our current leadership includes the president, vice-presi-
dency, vice-president of programming, secretary, and treasurer for our ex-
ecutive board positions. Contested senate seats include two sophomore, two junior, and two senior representatives. If you are interested in making huge im-
provements on campus, want to consider running for a Student Government position! Be sure to stop by the SGA office to pick up a candidate approval form. We then
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NEWS FROM THE ENACTUS CLUB

by Caitlin Queen

Students from the Enactus Club will be going to Cincinnati, Ohio, on Mar. 31 through Apr. 3 to participate in a national exposition. Here they will be discussing projects they completed throughout the year in a live presentation setting.

If this sounds interesting to you, stop by our next meeting to see what Enactus is all about! Meetings are held Thursdays at 3 p.m. in Pacesmy Hall, Room 140.

OFFICES

PROFESSIONAL TUTORING AT ACADEMIC SERVICES CENTER

Professional tutoring continues to be offered on each Friday of the Spring, 2014 semester in the Academic Services Center. This is the perfect opportunity for students to review materials, have questions answered, or increase their understanding of content with a faculty member.

Drop-in tutoring in math and statistics begins at 11 a.m. each Friday, offered by Lisa Lograsso (algebra) and Danielle Maciejewski (statistics). They are available until 2 p.m.

Our accounting tutor, Cindy Bleasdale, follows the same hours, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and focuses on ACC 205 and 206. These fundamentals provide the basis for further success in accounting courses.

More extensive tutoring is offered by Michael Lukasik and Dana Misenheimer for all areas of writing. One of the tutors is available beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m., which offers plenty of opportunity for students to revise and rewrite any papers or assignments to produce their best work.

A study group for the Human Body course (BI 114) also meets in the center each Friday, one beginning at 10:30 a.m. and the other at noon. Check with your instructor for other details.

The center is open at 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Fridays and all students are welcome to join the Friday crowd in Academic Services, Room 105, of Bogel Hall.

Hope to see you soon!

Mich Sojda
Director, Academic Services Center

HILBERT STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN JOB SHADOWING

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, two Hilbert College students took part in the ninth annual Western New York IT Shadowing Program sponsored by InfoTech Niagara.

Molly Erickson spent the day shadowing IT professionals at Delaware North Companies, while Matthew Jacobs spent the day at the Catholic Health System. This program allows students to connect the real world to learn expectations of professionals in the business, to see responsibilities and day-to-day tasks at first hand, to network and to verify whether IT is the career for them.

The program also provides an opportunity to impress a potential employer. Erickson observed, “My shadowing experience went really well! The company provided us with an overview of each of the departments within the IT fields at Delaware North and also had a member from each team explain what his or her job consisted of on a daily basis. Of course, my favorite and most interesting part was digital security. The experience was wonderful and I thank you for providing me with this great opportunity.”

Matt Heidt
Director, College Relations

RAFFLE BENEFIT IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

by Anthony Bishop

Rotaract Club member, Anthony Bishop, from the City of Tonawanda, organized a raffle to increase awareness and raise funds for an orphanage in The Dominican Republic.

The event began Jan. 14, in Bani, Dominican Republic, during a weeklong service trip involving eight projects. The raffle has allowed locals the ability to obtain a Trio Stealth G2 Wifi 9.7” Tablet PC while at the same time supporting a great cause. Money raised will help Hogar De Niñas Hijas de la Altar gracia provide food, water, clothing, shelter, medications, and school supplies for the orphaned children. The raffle will carry on until the end of February. So far the raffle has sold just over 200 tickets, accumulating over $400 U.S. dollars.

This project is just one element of the Service Learning Abroad course at Hilbert College.
FINANCIAL AID CORNER

Feb. 28, 2014

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE/FEDERAL WORKSTUDY OPPORTUNITIES — All students (including current work-study students) are welcomed to apply for a paid community service opportunity. This is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your résumé. Please contact or report to the Student Finance Office to review your eligibility and for further details.

(Please Note: This community service opportunity does not count toward any course or college club requirement!)

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 TODAY! ☝

FALL 2014 REGISTRATION: Registration for Fall, 2014, is scheduled to begin the week of 3/24/2014. You will NOT BE ALLOWED TO REGISTER if your financial aid file is incomplete (outstanding paperwork) or if you are delinquent on tuition payments according to your signed promissory note payment plan. Please check with the Student Finance Office immediately if you are unsure of the status of your Spring, 2014, student 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 owe any documentation to complete your file!

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

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

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. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Elaine Szczepanski, Student Finance Office.

NYS FEDERATION OF HOME BUREAUS SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2014-15 — Available for students in the following majors: COMPUTER SECURITY AND HUMAN SERVICES. APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAR. 14, 2014. Applications are available in the Student Finance Office.

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 Finance Counselor, ext. 277
Jody Lang, Student Finance Counselor, ext. 414
Suna Combs, Student Finance Counselor, ext. 249
Elaine Szczepanski, Student Finance Counselor, ext. 308
Beverly Chudy, Director of Financial Aid, ext. 207
Julie Lanski, Director of Student Financial Services, ext. 208

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

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.

What I Learned From Entrance Counseling

Have you ever put yourself in a situation where you didn’t know all the details?

I think everyone has done that once in his or her life and I can attest to that personally several times. For example, I signed up for a credit card and did not know the interest rates or fees associated with the card—a costly mistake. I also purchased a car without knowing how the loan terms worked and focused only on the payment amount—another costly mistake. I volunteered to help an acquaintance move some furniture and that turned into helping clean the apartment after the furniture was moved—free time wasted. These surprises were not something that I took lightly because of what it meant in the long run to my time and money. I have learned from my past experiences to inquire and investigate the things that can affect me…especially life-changing items or finances.

Going to school is no exception. Your choices can affect you now and in the future. How? Well, the program you choose and when you start can impact your time and finances, as school costs money. If you are like me, you will need Stafford student loans to help you finance your schooling costs. Some individuals take the approach of learning little about the “who, what, where, why, and how” of student loans and financial aid. Thus the government implemented the need for students to complete something called “Entrance Counseling.” It does take some time to complete, but provides much useful information to remember about your loans.

What did I learn from entrance counseling? At first I thought it was a nuisance and just another disclosure that the government was requiring me to complete to get the funding I needed for my classes. However, the more I learned about student loans and financial aid, the better I felt, since I was not going to be surprised when I graduated.

I learned:

Loans have to be paid back. I calculated my estimated future monthly payment—allowing me to prepare for it. And I learned I can request a different payment plan to lower the payment.

Federal loans have a six-month grace period that starts when I leave school (no longer in attendance at least half-time).

There are alternative ways to fund my schooling, including tuition reimbursement from the company I worked for.

I should stay in touch with my loan servicer—he or she is there to help.

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While I was not thrilled to have to complete entrance counseling, I am glad I paid attention to it, as it resulted in my borrowing only what I truly needed.

Vince Shigemoto | Published Feb. 3, 2014
Taken from www.igrad.com/articles
SERVICE LEARNING FUNDRAISER

by Samantha Koelemeyer

The team of Samantha Koelemeyer of West Seneca, Brittany Boechel, and Emina Siljak, both from Hamburg, are planning a fundraiser. For a service learning project in MGT 333: Marketing Management, the team is raising money for Harley’s Mission of Hope, a small shelter that saves animals from kill shelters.

This is an organization that works hard to help animals, including larger breeds of dogs and horses, that would otherwise be euthanized. Whether the animals are injured or perfectly healthy, they are admitted to Harley’s Mission of Hope, which nurtures them and strives to find a safe home that perfectly suits each pet.

The intent of this project is to raise money for Make-A-Wish Foundation. The goal is to raise $1,000. This project is a way to raise money for Make-A-Wish because we know that a single wish can have an immense impact on a child’s life. A wish comes true helps children feel stronger, more energetic, and more willing and able to battle their life-threatening medical conditions.

For many, the wish marks a turning point in the fight against their illnesses. For nurses, and other health professionals who wish experiences works in concert with medicine to make patients feel better emotionally and physically. That is why wishes matter, and that is why the founders of Cans for Kids are motivated to raise as much money as possible, one can at a time.

SIX COUNTRIES, SIX CURRENCIES AT THE YMCA

by Amanda Becker

With the growing demand of sales and promotion overseas, it is essential for future enterprise owners to understand free enterprise in the global market. Five students in Professor Roland’s Marketing Management class—Amanda Becker of Derby, Olivia Kimble of Buffalo, Jeremy Kraska of Elma, Matt Saxton of Livonia, and Martin Devaney of Buffalo—will complete a service-learning project called “Free Market, Flea Market.” These five students will educate the children of the YMCA on becoming successful entrepreneurs in the future as well as expanding their outlook on six other different currencies and countries. The tentative date is between Apr. 21-25. For two hours, twenty to thirty children ages nine through twelve, will participate in “Free Market, Flea Market.” Each student will learn supply and demand and be able to purchase trinkets that resemble specific countries.

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT TO SUPPORT RESEARCH

by Matthew Richter

A group of four students in a sports events management class at Hilbert College—SIM 410: Sports Event Management—will be carrying out a dodgeball tournament with proceeds going to benefit concussion research in athletes.

A concussion is a disturbance in brain function that occurs after a blow to the head, according to a University of Pittsburgh website on concussions. The University of Pittsburgh also reports that there are an estimated 300,000 concussions reported annually in the U.S. and the odds of an athlete suffering a concussion in a contact sport is 19% per season (http://www.neurosurgery.pitt.edu/centers/excellence/brain-and-spine-injury/). In an attempt to contribute to these research findings, four Hilbert College students—Matthew Preziosi of Hamburg, Ryan Preziosi of Hamburg, Digital Putzbach of Ansonia, and Christian Preziosi of Hamburg, are planning a University of Pittsburgh concussion research. The website will serve as a means of soliciting donations for an association with Children’s Hospital called “For Kids’ Sake.” The website is scheduled to begin functioning by early March to accommodate sufficient time to collect as much money as possible for the organization.

The members of the team will use social media to reach out to the public, e.g., Facebook and Twitter. This endeavor will build awareness for this fundraising cause on behalf of “For Kids’ Sake.” The intent is also to raise awareness for families of young children who are struggling medically.

A smoothly functioning website, appealing in design to facilitate the dissemination of relevant information, will be a great way to attract donors for this worthy cause.

A WEBSITE TO PROMOTE “FOR KIDS’ SAKE”

by Nicholas Nadeau

Service learning stands for doing something meaningful at Hilbert College while creating and supporting a good cause to benefit others. Nick Nadeau, Jordan Kumro, and Ryan Rataczak are going to create and manage a website during Spring, 2014. The website will serve as a means of soliciting donations for an association with Children’s Hospital called “For Kids’ Sake.” The intent is also to raise awareness for families of young children who are struggling medically.

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A DISCOUNT CARD SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT

by Bryant Binaxas

In Spring, 2014, in MGT 333: Marketing Management, the group of William Brightman, Michaela Doyle, Jacob Reinecke, and Bryant Binaxas as project manager are creating a service learning project, a discount card that will be sold to local residents for ten dollars, with all proceeds going to benefit Meals on Wheels of Buffalo.

Meals on Wheels of Buffalo serves over 6,000 meals daily to senior citizens across Erie County. The plan is to have twenty local businesses in the Southtowns each to offer a product or service at a discounted cost to cardholders. The goal is to sell 100 cards, which would generate a total of $1,000. This project is slated for completion by May 5, 2014.

The intent of this project is to help a charitable organization continue to provide its service, helping senior citizens receive meals daily, and to gain valuable experience along the way that will be applicable to future ventures.

If you are interested in a business participating in this project, contact Bryant Binaxas, at bbinaaxas@hilbert.edu.
PHOTO GALLERY: *H-FILES PHOTO CONTEST*

“Artsy Tree” by Bernadine De Mike

“Bloom” by Camila Eskew

“Head in the Clouds” by Ben Unverhau

“Trees Aglow” by Bernadine De Mike

“Woodland Shadow” by Sarah Borodzik

“Bright Light” by Angela Borkowski
**SERVICE LEARNING**

**YOUTH BASEBALL CLINIC**

by Matt Goraj

On March 30, 2014, a group comprising Matt Goraj, Tom Irsh, Kevin Moore, Tyler Roth, and Paul Wujek will be holding a youth baseball clinic for youths aged twelve and under as a service learning project in SIM 410. It will take place at the Hilbert College Hafner Recreation Center from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The first half of the event will feature lessons and instruction from Hilbert College baseball players on various aspects of baseball. Following the clinic portion, there will be a 30-to-45 minute lunch break with food and drink provided. After lunch, the stick-ball tournament will take place. The tournament will run approximately two hours and each team is guaranteed two games. The clinic begins at 9 a.m. and will be run by members of the Hilbert College baseball team. We will have at least ten Hilbert players providing instruction. All aspects of the game will be covered including, but not limited to, hitting, fielding, pitching, and catching. Additionally, we will take youths through a college warm-up so that they can perform at their best. Following the clinic, pizza and Gatorade or water will be provided for the participants. At the conclusion of lunch, we will tentatively divide those playing into three or four teams (depending on number of participants) with each team featuring a Hilbert baseball player as a captain. Each team will play at least two games, again depending on the number of participants. Each game will consist of six innings, with the entire tournament lasting approximately two hours. The cost per player is $20, with the registration deadline being Mar. 23, 2014.

For more information contact Paul Wujek <pwujek@hilbert.edu>; Tyler Roth <troth@hilbert.edu>; or Matt Goraj <mgoraj@hilbert.edu>.

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**SPINNING OUR WHEELS SO KIDS CAN HEAL**

**CHARITY DINNER FOR JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

by Paul Wujek

On Apr. 10, 2014, a group of Hilbert students—Paul Wujek, Matt Goraj, Kroy Schwab, Sean Irving, and Quan Nguyen—will be preparing a charity spaghetti dinner to help support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). This will be a carry-out only dinner located in the lower level of the Campus Center for students and faculty at Hilbert College, and any others interested in helping the cause.

The goal for this service learning project in MGT 333 is to sell 120 or more MILES FOR MS

Students from Hilbert College’s Marketing Management class—Veronica Burgio, Tonawanda, Nicole Haas of Hamburg, Bryan Kriehmayer of South Buffalo, and Jenna West of Hamburg—are planning a fundraiser, Miles for MS, to raise money for MS research. The event will be held in the Hafner Recreation Center on Saturday, April 26, 2014, from 1 p.m. un

**MILES FOR MS**

4 p.m. Anyone interested in walking or donating can visit the fundraising event page at http://main.nationalmssociety.org/go/hilbertcollege.

**Multiple Sclerosis**, or MS, is a chronic, often disabling, disease that attacks the central nervous system. Symptoms of MS can be mild to severe. Some symptoms of MS are numbness of limbs, loss of vision, and paralysis. According to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society website, MS affects approximately 2.3 million people worldwide. Walkers are asked to bring a $5 cash registration fee to the Hafner Recreation Center the day of the event. Further details about the event will be provided soon. All fundraising proceeds will be given to the National MS Society’s MS Now program. Sign up for Miles for MS today! Your participation and fundraising can make a difference!

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**SPINNING OUR WHEELS SO KIDS CAN HEAL**

The Orchard Park Roller Rink’s 1st Annual 12-Hour Skate-a-thon to Benefit the 52nd Annual Variety Kids Telethon

by Anthony L. Shaffer

The Orchard Park Roller Rink will be hosting their first ever twelve-hour skate-a-thon (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) on Sunday, Mar. 30, 2014, as a Hilbert College service learning project, sponsored by Derrick Zuppelli of Elma, NY, Cory Nieman of Lakeview, NY, Jenna Crans of Addison, NY, and Anthony L. Shaffer, event project manager, of Boston, NY.

The proceeds of this fun-for-all-ages event will be donated to the 52nd Annual Variety Kids Telethon, which will be broadcast live on WKBW-TV. The Skate-a-thon will be held simultaneously so that a check can be presented directly to the telephone live on television on behalf of all the participants of this year’s upcoming event. Admission will only be $8 for twelve hours of fun! Skate for a few minutes, hours, or the entire Skate-a-thon, if you are up to the challenge.

The event features awesome games, raffles, a Chinese auction, a bean- bag toss, and other fun activities for kids, including the “Hokie Pokie,” “Chicken Dance,” and the “4-Corners” game. There will also be an acoustic band performing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a live DJ from “Around Town Sound” from 4 to 7 p.m. who will take requests. A variety of snacks, food, and drinks will be available at the snack bar. Get your “I Survived Orchard Park Roller Rink’s 12-Hour Skate-a-thon” t-shirts while supplies last. You will not want to miss out on taking part in making history, as this is meant to be the first of many annual skate-a-thons to follow. For more information, contact Anthony L. Shaffer at tonjyjuszbcuz@aol.com or (716) 941-3629.

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by Ben Unverhau

Dr. Mark Paoni is currently a professor of criminal justice at Hilbert College. Before this, he taught for four years at Rochester Institute of Technology, and before that he served in the Monroe County Sheriff's Department.

Growing up, Professor Paoni witnessed the abuse of power by law enforcement officials and told himself that he could do a much better job than they were doing without being bad guys. Professor Paoni did this, and while serving in the Sheriff’s Department, he earned his doctorate and became a college professor. Professor Paoni continues to help others today by teaching them what they will need to have a successful career.

Professor Paoni helps students by mentally challenging them in the classroom and pushing them to learn more in their studies. The main challenge of the job for him is motivating students to accomplish the work they need to do to succeed.

In the midst of his first year at Hilbert College, Professor Paoni tries to help students as much as he can in his criminal justice courses. In our interview, Professor Paoni recalled his most satisfying moment in his teaching career. He told me of a day when a young student of his called him on his cell phone, saying that she was on top of one of the buildings at RIT and was going to jump. Professor Paoni spoke with her on his phone the entire time while driving from his home to the university where he successfully talked the girl down from jumping. He saved her life that day, and continues to help his students now.

Professor Paoni continues his service to others, giving them a future in the careers they choose through the education he provides to them. He brings years of experience from the field of law enforcement into the classroom. We should all be grateful for what Dr. Paoni offers in the classroom and take advantage of it during our time at Hilbert.

Dr. Mark Paoni

INTERVIEW WITH DR. MARK PAONI

by Kaitlyn Layman

One in six people in America suffers from hunger. You can help put a stop to this by participating in a Kan-Jam Tournament held by Professor Dan Roland’s SIM 410 students: Kaitlyn Layman, Kayla Lewis, Will Wagner, and Caitlin Queen. The tournament will be held in early April at the Hilbert College athletic facilities.

Teams will be made up of two people and admission to play will be $10 or five canned goods. There will also be a donation box at the entrance, along with concessions and drinks. Winners of the tournament will receive a t-shirt. The tournament will be played in bracket style with strict, backyard rules. All proceeds will go to the Food Bank of Western New York.

INTERVIEW WITH LAUREN WATKINS

by Catheryn Hunger

Hilbert College is known for having outstanding staff and employees. One of those who stands out is Lauren Watkins. Ms. Watkins is the Business/Finance Clerk and Cashier/Facilities Coordinator for the institution, and she is very dedicated to her job. Her role in the Business/Finance Office is to act as receptionist, handle petty cash transactions, order stationary supplies for college personnel, and reserve campus facilities for activities.

To prepare for her this career, Ms. Watkins graduated from ECC, where she learned a great deal about financing to put her career in motion. Additionally, she worked at a local bank as a teller and supervisor in the ticket center. This employment had a bonus, as her children were able to receive free skiing lessons and eventually, when they were old enough, to work there themselves.

Being a business finance clerk entails several responsibilities. For instance, Ms. Watkins described her role included inputting data, verifying all cash receipts, making sure all payments were being distributed, and scheduling room reservations.

However, there are some challenges with the job as well. For example, there are several matters that Ms. Watkins has to undertake at one time; therefore, she multitasks frequently. Also, time management is always at the forefront. There are so many tasks to accomplish each day that she has to manage her time carefully. Although her position entails some challenges, what she finds especially rewarding is spending time with the younger generation. She looks forward to working with students every day, especially freshmen, and helping them make their lives easier at Hilbert College.

Ms. Watkins is proud of several activities she has engaged in during her career, but especially volunteering and helping hunger. She has participated in several service trips, including one to Washington, D.C., which she enjoyed very much. Moreover, she values her time spent at Hilbert College every day. Her job as a business finance clerk is very rewarding. She is happy that she chose this as her career and knows that the successful performance of her daily tasks will continue to be fulfilling in the desire to help others.

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BLACKFISH: A REVIEW
by Camila Eskow

Over winter break I watched a compelling documentary called Blackfish. Blackfish is a documentary about an orca whale named Tili- kem and how being held in captivity at SeaWorld led him to kill three train- ers. With a description like that it would seem as if the film would be depressing and would only make one sad while watching it. Blackfish, although it is indeed a sad docu- mentary, is extremely eye-opening. The docu- mentary has interesting transitions. The film is skillfully edited to illus- trate the irony between the abuse of the orcas and the family-oriented enter- tainment that SeaWorld portrays in its commer- cials. One moment it will show part of a news report that explains how Tilikum seriously injured or killed a trainer at Sea- World; then it will show a smiling trainer diving off an orca. The document- ary includes interviews with former SeaWorld Trainers and Orca whale experts. The former Sea- World trainers explained that due to how hard it was for them working at a place like SeaWorld. They came to know how wrong and inhumane it was to keep the orcas in captivity. Another aspect of the impressive editing in the film is evident when the cameras showed close-ups of orcas swimming in the wild. One part in the docu- mentary that stood out to me occurred when an orca whale expert explained how baby orcas need constantly to be with their mothers, if they are taken away, the mother becomes depressed. There was a clip of a mother orca that had to be sepa- rated from her baby. The documentary explained that orcas have a part of the brain that processes emo- tions that humans do not have. Orcas rely heavily on their emotions: when the mother was separated from her daughter, she became depressed and made sounds that had never been recorded be- fore. She was trying to communicate with her baby. One of the former trainers was quoted as saying, “There is no other way to explain that noise other than grief; that is heartbreak.” The trainer was aware that the orca was in pain and realized how wrong it was that she had to be separated from her baby. Tilikum became a 12,000-pound whale forced to swim around in a tank all day long. When he first arrived at Sea- World, he was the only male in the tank and the female whales attacked him, which caused him injuries. Because he was being injured constantly, he was removed from that tank and transferred to a tank by himself. The only time he was around any other orcas people were during shows or when he was training for a show. The documentary argues that keeping Tilikum in captivity caused him to become violent. Tilikum killed Dawn Branchau, the best-known trainer at SeaWorld. The former trainers explain that Tilikum was frustrated; he did not kill Dawn because he was a violent orca. Although I feel terribly about the people Tilikum did kill, I also sympathize with Tilikum, because it is completely wrong that he was in cap- tivity and forced to live in an area as small as a large pool. Blackfish is not meant to put the viewers in a sad mood, but it is meant to make viewers change or provide them with a new perspective on how animals like Tili- kem are treated at a place like SeaWorld. Tilikum, like the other animals at SeaWorld, deserves to be released and live a long healthy life in the wild. Blackfish is a popular documentary and has received a great deal of attention, but not all of the attention is positive. Because the documentary is controversial, it has lit a fire within the media and among representa- tives at SeaWorld. There was a website created to explain that the informa- tion provided in Blackfish was false, that it was pro- paganda. Like any docu- mentary, it supposedly only shows one side of the story. After seeing this film, however, it has greatly influenced how I view SeaWorld and its treat- ment of animals. This film is meant to make the viewer question if keep- ing animals in captivity is wrong or acceptable. The decision is up to you, but I highly recommend this documentary if you want to be enlightened about the potential dangers that keeping orcas in captivity can cause.

DVR REVIEW

STAR TREK INTO DARKNESS: PREPARE TO BOLDLY GO!

by Emerson Miller

When it comes to se- quests, most critics of them say “average” or “it didn’t quite live up to the first” film. But every- thing and then, a sequel comes along that outshines its predecessor. Star Trek Into Darkness, directed and produced by J. J. Abrams, boldly goes where no sequel has gone before, this year. The science fiction adventure film is packed with energy, action, and hope. The film, released in May, 2013, is a sequel to the 2009 Star Trek that was also di- rected by Abrams. This new film takes giant steps in developing the main characters’ unique per- sonalities and ties them together to get the job done. The strength of the film lies in the jour- ney to do the right thing, even though it may be extremely challenging or goes against the current establish- ment.

The young Starship Ent- ers the Enterprise. The crew is back with a more developed and intense story that leaves many of the characters struggling with what is the best decision and which choices should be made. The movie opens with the crew trying to save a primitive culture on the planet Nibiru. While investigating the culture, the crew realizes that a volcano is going to erupt and destroy the civilization. Even though it is against Star Fleet Regulations to interfere with the normal develop- ment of civilizations, Captain James T. Kirk (Chris Pine) decides to send First Officer Spock (Zachary Quinto) into the volcano to “freeze” the lava flow. Spock gets trapped in the volcano. The Enterprise races to the rescue and is unfor- tunately seen by the in- digenous people. In true Star Trek fashion, Spock is beamed up at the last second, saving the planet.

Once they return to Star Fleet Headquarters, Kirk files a general report of the trip, while Spock tells the truth and the viola- tion of regulations. The young Kirk is stripped of his command and Spock is reassigned to a new ship. Suddenly, a terrorist at- tack occurs in London at a secret Section 31 Star Fleet Command Center, organized by the sin- ister villain eventually known as John Harrison (Benedict Cumberbatch). After the attack, there is a meeting of all high- level Star Fleet Com- manders, including Kirk and Spock. During the meeting, John Harrison attacks in a helicopter, killing many and wounding many at the meeting. Fi- nally, Kirk saves the day and shoots down the heli- copter. Afterwards, Kirk is reinstated as captain of the Enterprise. Kirk, Spock, and the crew of

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The Lego Movie was recently released to wide critical praise. It brings a breath of fresh air to animated films, while also satisfying the nostalgic itch for those who ever played with these construction toys. The film is entirely worth the praise it has received, so it is no surprise that it was the highest grossing film of its opening weekend, completely overshadowing George Clooney’s The Monuments Men. Clooney’s film also ushers in a strong nostalgic vibe, but was consistently met with mixed to negative reviews. Is The Monuments Men a film that should be passed over? Or is it a piece of art that should be saved and preserved, much like the art that the title characters encounter on their mission? The Monuments Men is the Hollywood reenactment of the Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives program, a group that over three hundred men established to save and preserve all forms of artwork that were stolen or in danger of being destroyed during World War II. However, a group of this size is simply too large to connect with, so the film’s group only has seven members (which is somewhat ironic since the characters’ names are highly forgettable). This smaller group, the film’s protagonists, consists of George Clooney, Matt Damon, John Goodman, Bill Murray, Jean Dujardin, Bob Balaban, and a drunken British man named Dr. HerbertCaller, who does not appear in the trailers for the film and is hardly noticeable on any of the posters or promotional material. This British Monuments Man is played by Hugh Bonneville, of Downtown Abbey, and the character serves as an example of the film’s predictability in terms of its plot direction. It should not come as a big surprise that Bonneville’s character bites the bullet only after a brief amount of screen time. He is one of those characters that the viewer can look at and immediately think, “Oh yeah, this guy is going to die.” He is a drunk, is vastly different from the rest of the group, is awkwardly missing from each group-related scene, and frequently writes back to his family in England about how proud he is to be part of the group and to making positive changes for the history books. In short, he serves as a sort of martyr for the group.

This does not detract from the camaraderie of the remaining characters. Watching Bill Murray and Bob Balaban joke around and tease each other never gets old, and John Goodman brings a childlike level of tomfoolery to counteract the film’s serious story. The only odd man out, other than Bonneville, is Matt Damon, whose character is distant from the rest of the group for much of the film. While everyone else is trying to protect and retrieve art across Europe, Damon’s character spends a decent amount of time trying to gain the assistance of Cate Blanchett’s character, who stands in his way. Damon brings a lone piece of art to the film, especially through his comically bad French-speaking efforts. He feels too isolated from the rest of the group. Going back to Blanchett’s character, she does not really add anything more than exposition and plot advancement devices to the film. She is around as a convenient informant and Damon’s Parisian fling, but then quickly disappears for the rest of the film. The same can also be said of the film’s villains, who stand in the way of the film taking place during the Second World War, it should be no surprise that the entire Nazi regime takes the role of antagonist. However, the film does attempt to create two particular Nazi villains who pose as threats to the Monuments Men’s goals. Both of these villains are introduced with a vendetta against Clooney’s preservation group, but then they lose their roles is limited. In one case, the antagonist’s entire role is concluded and written out through a casual surrender during an even more casual lunch.

Overall, The Monuments Men is not a bad film. It suffers from some predictable writing and the inclusion of some useless characters, but the acting and direction are well done and you feel good leaving the theater.

by Sean Lynch

COMMUNITY NEWS

OLD NEIGHBORHOOD PARADE: A ST. PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION

The St. Patrick’s Day celebration Buffalo is a mixture of different types of people. While all persons have their own background and heritage, we all come together on one day. This day would have to be St. Patrick’s Day. Even if you are not Irish, like many here in Buffalo, this is the perfect holiday for you to pretend you are for a day. And what better way to do so, but to join the Old Neighborhood Parade? This will be taking place near Hilbert College in the Old First Ward and Valley neighborhoods of South Buffalo on Mar. 15 at 12 p.m.

The Old Neighborhood Parade tradition started in 1994, which retraced the route of the original parade back from 1913. The parade route starts on South Park Avenue at the Valley Center, then to Smith Street, Elk Street, Hamburg Street, ending at O’Connell Street. This parade, which started out relatively very small, is now the second largest St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Western New York. There are areas for everyone to stand on the parade route.

by Alexis Mellick

Spock is constantly straddling the line between being half-casual and half-human, as he struggles to understand how a human feels and the logic of this experience. The time the Enterprise is dealing with an extremely powerful and evil villain who is not hesitant to take out anyone or anything who stands in his way to accomplish his goals. Learning the history of this villain and what he wants, makes the story even more powerful. Abrams, familiar with this universe, takes us on an amazing ride into space, exploring the real frontier! Hold on to your imagination. It is an awe-some ride!

Star Trek Into Darkness was has been well received by audiences and is a commercial success, grossing over $450 million dollars worldwide; it is the highest grossing film of all the Star Trek movies. This film has also been nominated for an Oscar in the category for Best Visual Effects. I would give Star Trek Into Darkness a rating of 4 out of 4 stars, making it a must-see adventure into the Star Trek universe! Join in the fun on predict-

ing who will be winning the Oscar nominations this year. Go to www.os-
car.go.com/nominees to vote and predict the winners.

I am hoping to see Star Trek Into Darkness on Mar. 2, shortly after this issue of The H-Files appears!

Matt Damon & Cate Blanchett

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The Enterprise are sent on a mission to capture John Harrison. They are off on an adventure that will change the course of Star Fleet’s five-year mission from explorers to soldiers in a military action. How they will respond to this new mission will determine the fate of the uni-

verse at large. This time Kirk is not afraid to make the gutsy decision that will affect his life and his crew.

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When the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference portion of the 2013-14 schedule reached the mid-way point in the season, the NCAA national Division III and AMCC statistics became exciting to watch. Several Hilbert College men’s and women’s basketball players sat atop the AMCC league stats and were also ranked in the top 250 players listed in Division III.

The men’s team, which boasted an overall 14-3 record and shared the top spot in the league standings, had five different players rank in 10 categories, while the women’s team, with a 3-14 record, placed one player in four different slots.

Senior forward Natalie Whitman (Lockport, NY/Starpoint), having reached her 1,000th career collegiate point, was ranked #11 with double-doubles, having double-digit scoring and double-digit rebounding eleven times this season. Whitman was ranked 33rd in rebounds per game (11.4), 167th in field goal percentage (45.2), and 213th in points per game (15.1). Sophomore Jerome Owens (Spencerport, NY/Spen- cerport), last year’s AMCC Co-Newcomer of the Year, appeared seven times on the national Division III list. His highest rank was #8 for his 201 total rebounds. His other top ranking was in rebounds per game (11.8) at #10. Owens also sat at #88 in steals per game (2.06), #110 in blocked shots per game (1.47) and field goal percentage (53.8); and #165 in points per game (17.1). Senior point guard C. J. Hodges (Rochester, NY/Gates Chili) was posted on the hustle stats. He held down the 148th spot in steals per game (1.82) and ranked 162 in assists per game (3.7). He had currently been knocking on the door to move up one slot in Hilbert College’s All-Time career stats, with 350 assists to his credit.

Junior guard Trevor Stark (Queens, NY/Robert F. Kennedy) splashed his name six times to date. His highest rank, #19, was from his 89.2% free throw shooting percentage; he also sat at #69 in points per game (19.2) as the Hawks’ leading scorer. His 47.9% ranked him 248th in field goal percentage and his last shooting category, three-point field goal per game, rang in the 212th slot (2.12). Stark also distributed the ball as much as he shot it, ranking 363rd in assists per game (5.1) and 63rd in steals per game (2.18).

Sophomore Sean Weiss- salsal (Cheektowaga, NY/ Maryvale) showed great timing and jumping ability and had worked his way into the 169th rank in blocks per game (1.19).

Freshman guard Jalen Smith (Batavia, NY/Bata- via) dotted the rankings at 128th place in three-point field goals per game (2.38). Smith got his feet set and fired away, leading the Hawks in shots attempted beyond the arc. The national rankings are updated weekly with all results posted on the sports information bulletin board outside the gym in the Haf- ner Recreation Center.

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Hawks Hit the National Division III Rankings

St. Patrick’s Day Celebration

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ig for a way to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with your friends or family, the Old Neighborhood Parade is the perfect place to be. There will be music, refreshments, and much more down at the Valley Center, so there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Whether you are Irish, or an honorary Irish person just for a day, you will not regret attending this South Buffalo tradi-
WEAVER, WHITMAN, HEFTKA NAMED PLAYERS OF WEEK

Seniors Adam Weaver (Stow, OH/Archbishop Hoban) and Natalie Whitman (Lockport, NY/Staport) earned Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Player of the Week honors. They joined Adam Heftka (Grand Island, NY/Grand Island), who was honored as the United Volleyball Conference’s Rookie of the Week based on performances in the week ending Jan. 26.

Natalie Whitman, a forward on the women’s basketball team, averaged a double-double recently while shooting 45% from the floor. Her 16 points and 15.7 rebounds per game carried the Hawks to two AMCC wins and the program’s first-ever victory over Penn State Behrend. The transfer student-athlete also scored her 1,000th collegiate point from the foul line against D’Youville during the week to push her into fifth place in the Hilbert scoring charts with 781 points (58 games). In the AMCC, Whitman is the only player to be ranked in the top five in both scoring (fifth—15.1 ppg) and rebounding (second—11.4 rpg). She is currently ranked first in total rebounds (193) and second in total points (225).

Adam Heftka has picked up where he left off last season, leading the Hawks to a 3-1 record at the SUNYIT Invitational Tournament. The Hawks split the opening day with four-set matches: a win over Wells and a loss to Wentworth Institute. In the Gold Bracket of pool play, Weaver put on a clinic, averaging 8.17 kills per set in three-set victories over Elms and Mount Ida. In total, the outside hitter finished the weekend with 84 kills (6.00 k/s), while hitting an impressive .434 clip, five service aces, and 15 digs. In the AMCC, Weaver is currently ranked first in kills/s (5.36), first in total kills (118), fifth in digs (23), and second in attack percentage (.328).

Adam Heftka, in only his second weekend of collegiate competition, has had an impact on the Hawks’ success. His passing skills propelled Hilbert to a 3-1 finish at the SUNYIT 12-team Invitational Tournament. Heftka totaled 120 assists (8.75 per set) to go along with eight kills, three service aces, 11 digs, and five blocks. In the Hawks’ first game, Heftka quarter-backed the team to 32 assists in their victory over Wells and ended the day with 22 assists and three solo blocks in the loss to Wentworth. He continued his consistency with 34 assists in a straight-set win over Mount Ida and ended with 32 helpers in a sweep over Elms. In the UVC, Heftka currently sits in fourth place in assists, averaging 8.41 assist/game and is number one in the AMCC league, which does not recognize an assist.

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HILBERT’S WOMEN’S LACROSSE PRE-SEASON SCRIMMAGE

by Kelly Mandell

The women’s lacrosse team played the Niagara Women’s Lacrosse Club in the only pre-season scrimmage on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 3:45 p.m. at Sahlen Sports Park, 7070 Seneca Street, in Elm, NY.

The Hilbert women’s lacrosse team has been practicing ten or more hours each week in preparation for the upcoming season. Both players and spectators were excited to see the pre-season scrimmage game. Head Coach Erin Robson told players, “This will be the perfect game for new players to get an idea of the game live.”

This team has a variety of talent, which should be helpful in the season. The scrimmage provided an exciting start to the season.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE SEASON PREVIEW

The Hilbert Hawks Women’s Lacrosse team has a promising year ahead in 2014, with the first incoming class of eight strong recruits joining the program. In the inaugural NCAA 2013 season, the Hawks finished with a record of 2-8 as an independent DIII team. With a flexible schedule, the Hawks battled teams from the President’s Athletic Conference, the North East Petra Conference, the North Eastern Athletic Conference, Empire 8, and the Ohio Athletic Conference. Their most convincing win came at home against Francisca University on Apr. 13 with a 10-to-4 victory over the Barons.

In that contest the Hawks proved the depth of their bench with goals coming from eight different players. With only four graduating seniors, the Hawks will be returning with overwhelming confidence after laying the groundwork in year one to move forward and establish themselves as a dominant DIII team in Western New York.

The incoming recruits are from the local greater Buffalo area as well as central and upstate New York State and north-of-the-border Ontario. A close-to-home freshman from Orchard Park, Megan Smith, will contribute on attack with her agility around the cage and drive to the goal. East Aurora powerhouse Nikki Schneider will also contribute on attack with her enthusiasm and finesse around the cage and her accurate shot.

Aiesha General-Hill of Niagara Falls, will speed up the transition in the midfield and help out at both ends of the field. The trio from East Rochester will be sure to work well together, as well as fit in with the Hawks’ family immediately. Samantha Anderson, Kelly Hagenbuch, and Stephanie Gilza are excited to contribute right away. Gilza brings strong positional and quick reaction goal-tending. Anderson will be helping on the defensive side, and Hagenbuch’s athleticism will be counted on to push the pace in the midfield for fast-break opportunities to attack. Also from the Rochester area, Iamie Waller is a well-rounded, two-sport student-athlete who will also compete on the soccer team at Hilbert. Finally, the Hawks are excited to welcome Ronnie VanEvery, from Ohlweken, Ontario, to the squad on the attack end.

Coach Erin Robson returns for her second year, motivated by the new young faces that will be contributing to the team chemistry. After an exciting first year with highs and lows, the team emerged with an improved sense of confidence and ability on the field. The improvement of performance from the beginning of the season to the end was both visible on the field and in the classroom. Huge strides were made on the field in coming together to play as a team, as well as in incorporating strategy to utilize the range of players’ individual strengths.

The team finished with a cumulative GPA of 3.14, which proved each young woman is motivated to succeed academically and athletically at Hilbert.

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Last Year’s Women’s Lacrosse Team

Kelly Mandell (Leftmost Player in White Jersey) Shoots One of Opening Goals at Senior Game (2013 Season)
MEN’S LACROSSE PREVIEW

Coach James Pernick and his staff have worked hard in the off-season to fill some holes which were opened with the graduation of last year’s seniors. The squad worked through the fall to roam the right field, while the infield will be monitored by Baboci and Wujek at shortstop, as McGraw will throw runners out from behind the plate. Other returning seniors are Ryan Tofill, a right-handed pitcher, and Tom Irish, who is expected to see some starting time in the outfield and as the DH. Rounding out the junior class is Justin Hulbert, who will be a strong contributor to the team as one of the starting pitchers. He is joined by the sophomore class, heavy in pitching talents. Korey Schwab is a multi-sport athlete and is expected to be a middle reliever. Matt Goraj will be another strong contributor to the team from the mound. These two will work with four hurlers who crossed the U.S./Canadian border to share their talents with the Hawks. Tyler Roth, Andrew Cartaginese, and brothers Colby and Logan Parachoniak have worked hard in the off-season to improve their talents on the mound.

Additional senior contributors are Mark Anderson, who returns as a powerful DH hitter who will get some time at the corners. Tyler Sulsik will fill in behind the plate as a catcher again this season as well being DH at times, and Tyler Shaw will fill in the outfield and can provide some pitching, too. Joining the Monsignor Martin connection of Hawks who currently dot the roster are Irish, Per- nick, Sulski, and Wujek) will be Sal Carroccia and Dalton Reynolds from St. Francis, as well as An- drew Tither and Mi- chael Vogel from Bishop Tiffin-St. Jude. Judging from their high school teams’ successes, all four are expected to be big contributors to the team this year. Other local tal- ents joining the Hawks are Justin Crawley, who, along with Matt Lenz, will see some time in the infield as well as on the mound, and catcher Ryan Bonafede. The Hawks have been able to attract out-of-town athletes and are ex- pected to bring in different personalities and talents. Pine Valley native Spen- cer Stiek will see time in the infield and Patrick Matkosky, from Horsh- eads, can pitch and play the outfield. Michael Voyeris, OF and pitcher, comes from New Mexi- co, and Noah Rasnik (IF/OF) joins fellow California sophomore Tyler Shaw. Floridian Kevin Moore, an infielder who can pitch, will work with catcher Michael Best from the Philadelphia area.

The Hawks were able to add Dan Christmann and Tyler Wangler to their roster for the second semester and they both will provide some in- field depth. Christmann, who is a quick player with good hands and bat, played both infield and outfield in high school and transferred after three semesters at Niagara University. Wangler also brings a nice bat, which complements his field coverage. He plays the corners very well on defense and comes to Hilbert after spending the fall semester at Fredonia. The Hawks will again open their spring training in Fort Pierce, Florida, on Mar. 9 against Nor- wich University. Hilbert

WEEVER NAMED AMC PLAYER OF THE WEEK AGAIN

For the second consecu- tive week, Adewam- ey (Stow, OH) has been named the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Player of the Week on Feb. 3. Weever earned 86 kills in five matches for a 4.76 kills per set average. He also added 17 digs and seven service aces in his career totals. The senior outside hitter had 26 kills, hitting at a .247 attack percentage clip against three of the top 10 teams before making his way to the ARC.

The Hawks will return in time for their opening nine-inning game at the College of Brockport on Mar. 22. The Hawks usher in their 2014 home-opener Apr. 1, when they host AMCC foe and 2013 league champion Penn State Behrend.

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2014 HILBERT BASEBALL PREVIEW

The first week of the 2014 season already saw the Hawks score against the top teams, which places him as the second most profi- cient hitter early in the 2014 season. He trailed Jaleel Lino (Lehman), who led the division with 5.33 kills per set and 6.14 points per set. Weever also sat 54th in the entire division with a hitting percent- age of .292. Ratajczak, who averaged 3.00 digs per set, led the Hawks with 4.76 kills per set and was named to the AVCA Division III poll while the Hawks (3-6) were participating at the Golden Flyer Invita- tional, hosted by Nazare- th College.

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WEAVER & RATAJCZAK CONTINUE TO EXCEL

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RYAN RATAJCZAK RISES TO THE TOP, CLAIMS CAREER DIG LEADER TAG

Ryan Ratajczak became Hilbert College’s career dig leader Feb. 2 after his 16-dig performance in the Hawks’ 3-1 loss during the first game of the day against Thiel College. Later in the afternoon, he added six more tallies to his total against Juniata (8-1) to notch 626 career digs, which pushed him past ‘12 grad Dan Wolfle for the top rung in the ladder.

The Hawks went 0-4 over the weekend at the Golden Flyer Invitational Tournament, hosted by Nazareth College. Hilbert faced three of the six AVCA Top 15-ranked teams in Division III men’s volleyball and were competitive at times. Adam Weaver notched his 1,000th career kill by the conclusion of the first day and freshman setter Adam Heftka moved into fifth place in the Hawks’ career assist category after counting his 57 assists (87 assists for the weekend).

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WEAVER BREAKS 1,000 AT GOLDEN FLYER INVITATIONAL

Hawks dropped matches to #5 University of California Santa Cruz and to #7 Carthage College with two matches on tap for the next day. Adam Weaver became the first Hilbert College men’s volleyball player to earn 1,000 kills in his career and that number will surely continue to grow with most of the 2014 season left to play.

Hilbert challenged UCSC in a three-set match (25-19, 25-16, 25-21), with the Hawks credited with 30 kills and 28 digs. Adam Weaver earned his career-high 15 kills to finish with a 344-attack percentage against an opponent who finished with eight team blocks. Adam Heftka assisted 21 times, with passes going to Korey Schwab (eight kills), David Mellerski (four), and Andrew Duncan (three), with Duncan leading the Hawks with 429 hitting. Ryan Ratajczak posted 15 digs and Weaver finished with two service aces, while he and Schwab each had one solo block.

In the late night game, Carthage dominated play in their 25-8, 25-16, 25-21 sweep. Carthage finished the match with 34 kills, given a .500 attack percentage. The Hawks could only keep play alive with a season-low 15 team digs. The Hawks did not help themselves, as they were credited with 10 service errors and seven receiving errors. Adam Weaver was able to earn double-digit kills, which took him over the 1,000 plateau, finishing with 11 in the match. Heftka added nine assists to his early career total and Schwab was credited with his team-high six digs. David Mellerski added one solo block to the stat sheet.

HAWKS MAKE IT FIVE IN A ROW WITH WIN AT CAZENOVIA

The Hilbert College men’s basketball team hung on for an 80-73 road win at Cazenovia College Feb. 4 to extend their winning streak to three straight losses (25-2). They then suffered a 29-27 set victory over the weekend at the Golden Flyer Invitational Tournament, hosted by Nazareth College. Hilbert faced three of the six AVCA Top 15-ranked teams in Division III men’s volleyball and were competitive at times. Adam Weaver notched his 1,000th career kill by the conclusion of the first day and freshman setter Adam Heftka moved into fifth place in the Hawks’ career assist category after counting his 57 assists (87 assists for the weekend).

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If you have not wandered over to the Hafner Recreation Center in several days, you missed the grand opening of the Athletics Lounge in the Hafner Recreation Center. The old “snack shack” has been converted to a student-athlete lounge. A few athletic staff members and students pulled up their sleeves and pushed through a good old-fashioned DYI project. They were able to recycle an under-utilized space in the Hafner and turn it into a student-friendly study lounge. Student-athletes now have the ability to sit comfortably on couches and tackle homework between classes or while they wait for practices to begin.

The lounge has three student-access computers and counter space with stools seating for those who have a writing or research project due. The lounge with be student-staffed till 11:30 p.m. each night. The athletics department encourages all student-athletes to stop by, and we respect the room.

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STARK’S 31 POINTS PUSH, BUT KUMRO WINS AT LINE

Trevor Stark’s 31 points led the Hawks in scoring, but all eyes were at the foul line with six seconds left in the game. Jordan Kumro gave Hilbert their 77-76 come-from-behind Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference road win to improve to 18-3 overall and the important 2-2 AMCC record in men’s basketball Feb. 9.

The Hawks continued to hold the best league record and would be battling for the right to host the AMCC Final Four in two weekends as the number one seeded team. Mount Aloysius slipped to seventh place with a 6-8 league record (9-11 overall).

Trevor Stark and Nick Nadeau (19 points) each shot better than 50% from the floor, hitting a combined 20 of 34 shots and going seven for 11 for further out. Their 51 points carried Hilbert the entire game, but it came down to the last point put on the board, which fans will remember. Jerame Owens added four points late in the game and knotted the score at 77 before Kumro made one for the win. Dillon Bender netted 24 points (seven for 13 and hitting five of nine three-point shots, plus five of six at the charity stripe) for the hosts. Hilbert held Shawn Greenfield below his scoring average, as he finished with 11 points. The Hawks found themselves down by 12 points at the break and had to battle to get back in the game. They came out on fire, hitting 59% of their shots (20-34 from the floor and five of 11 beyond the arc). Stark’s three-point bucket scored at 9:01 in the second half knotted the game, giving him his 17th second-half point. The Moutnies regained their lead and held it until 4:53, when Stark answered the call again, giving Hilbert its second-to-last lead of the game. Mount Aloysius’ Nolan Doyle scored a lay-up with 1:43, but 15 seconds later Owens filled his last bucket before hitting one of two freebies from the charity stripe to tie the game at 77. The Moutnies’ Greenfield missed two shots before Kumro went to the line for the win with six seconds left on the game clock.

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
NOTCHES ANOTHER WIN AT CAZENOVIA

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Trevor Stark Hits a Long Ball

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Emily Speidel Looks for Pass Against Mt. Aloysius College on Feb. 9

Hawks Make It Five in a Row

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