EDITORS INTRODUCTION

by Rachel Dobiesz

Late fall is a truly wonderful time to be a student on the Hilbert campus. Something I noticed last year and enjoy even more this year are the beautiful views I see as I walk to class every morning. The landscape of our campus is truly beautiful, as is the very spacious view of the sky.

One particularly special thing I’ve noticed this semester is the abundance of wildlife in and around campus. The long and the short of it is this: we are not the only ones enjoying all that Hilbert has to offer. It started with a large and varied group of bossy geese, which I saw as I walked to class the very first day of school. Gradually, other animals began to look out my window into the copse that is the small fox I saw walking the blacktop and walking down the middle of the road, and small green frogs jumping between drainage ditches. There have been crows and a stray cat and the blanket of ladybugs that descended onto campus a few weeks ago.

My favorite, however, is the family of deer that live in and around the Hilbert property. One night, my boyfriend and I drove towards the exit, I happened to look out my window into the copse of trees near South Park Avenue. I saw several pairs of eyes staring back at me and, sure enough, it was a group of deer, frozen like statues. I’ve kept a look-out for these gentle creatures since then and have gotten the occasional view of one eating in the trees as I pull out onto the street.

In the chaos that can often be the end of the semester, we often forget about the vibrant life that is all around us. Hilbert is not only our school, but also an incredible piece of land and space. Keep an eye out for the little things and watch out for the deer.

HOLIDAY ISSUE

BUY LOCAL

Imagine supporting the people in your very own community when purchasing gifts for your loved ones this holiday season. Doesn’t that sound better than relying on those old money-sucking exploiting corporations that trick you into buying generic and impersonal gifts? It is not impossible to purchase gifts that are all made by local artists and are sold by independently owned local businesses. It is not uncommon, but not impossible. Make a list for your after-Thanksgiving shopping agenda. It’s safe to assume many of those items will be clothing, accessories, furniture, gift certificates, and other miscellaneous items. Many, if not all, of those items can be found in the city of Buffalo at independently owned shops.

The Elmwood Village

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A SALUTE TO THE BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA AT HILBERT

by Regina M. Ernst

The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra made its latest appearance at Hilbert’s William E. Swan Auditorium on Friday, Nov. 6. The orchestra, led by concertmaster Joseph Young, League of American Orchestras Conducting Fellow, performed a variety of classical pieces and featured Amy Glidden, soloist and associate concertmaster, during Felix Mendelssohn’s Concerto in E Minor for Violin and Orchestra, Opus 64.

Hilbert President Cynthia Zane, Ed.D. introduced the orchestra, saying, “For those of you who have not heard the BPO at Hilbert before, you are in for a real treat.” The orchestra performed three pieces for the large audience in attendance. In addition to Mendelssohn’s work, the performance included Frederick Delius’s Two Pieces for Small Orchestra (“On hearing the first cuckoo in spring”) and Franz Schubert’s Symphony No. 4 in C Minor, D. 417 (“Tragic”).

AFRICA AND THE DRUM

by Alicia Wildman

On Oct. 22 the Office of Multicultural Affairs hosted a performance showing a great deal of African culture. “Africa and the Drum” was not only a drum performance, but a cultural showing of art. Students and staff joined to enjoy the performance of African participants and had the opportunity to broaden their horizons and look into a fantastic culture. The members of Africa and the Drum all came from different backgrounds but met in many ways. One member even told the audience that he met another member many years ago and had a small friendship and later learned that they were actually cousins. This acknowledgment led to the moral of his short story: “Don’t ever treat anyone less than you would treat family, because you never know who actually is.” Many members of this group also belong to other groups involving music and also dance.

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H-FILES’ PHOTO CONTEST

Photo Alert!

Join The H-Files’ 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 152, Pacescny Hall. You may also send photos electronically as attachments to this e-mail address: cernst@hilbert.edu.

Deadline for submission: Friday, January 29, 2010

During the first week of February, 2009, a panel of judges will convene to review the entries. The top four winning photos will appear in the second spring issue of The H-Files, distributed February 12, 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!

CONTESTS

H-FILES' WRITING & JOURNALISM CONTESTS

Previous issues of The H-Files announced the publication’s writing contest (in its eleventh year) for most articles written within the 2009-10 academic year. The adjacent contest tally in the current issue shows the standings, as of the first four issues. However, with four more issues to go in the spring, there is plenty of opportunity to write articles and compete for fabulous prizes. Look for a listing of prizes once again in the fifth issue (the first spring-semester issue) of The H-Files on January 22, 2010, but don’t wait until then to submit one or more articles for that issue (deadline, Tuesday, January 12—a week before classes start).

The same article(s) may also make you eligible for one of three top prizes in the The H-Files’ Journalism Contest (already in its ninth year)—if your piece is chosen by a panel of faculty/staff judges, with award-winners in both contests to be announced in the last H-Files’ issue for Spring, 2010, appearing April 16.

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African dances that held unique moments and showed African descent. Members of the audience were invited to come on stage and join in the performance. They were taught a dance, they played the drums, and they sang along. It was wonderful to see people joining in and welcoming this culture into their lives. The performance was wonderful: it showed so much art and culture. Expressing a way of music and dance that is often overlooked, this cultural experience was wonderful to me in many ways.

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Africa and the Drum

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was provided for each song, which gave much cultural insight about Africa. Members of the group played drums, chanted, and sang. Some members did traditional African dances that held

Thin ice, for instance, has a vast collection of handmade jewelry, pottery, glass, metal, fiber, and wood products. CityLove Clothing Co. is a clothing store which highlights the designs of local artists on fitted T-shirts. Their logo is “Promote Buffalo Through Art.” Shoefly and Clutch are independently owned businesses sporting trendy shoes and purses. The list goes on and on, as there are dozens of places to check out. This winter, don’t just drive to the mall and plod along the path of millions of other overwhelmed Americans. Don’t sell out without checking other options first. Take an afternoon stroll down Elmwood Avenue to see if you can knock off a few items from your shopping list. And, of course along the way, stop into any of the locally owned restaurants and coffee shops for a peaceful respite. Try something new this season and shop locally.
DONATIONS WILL HELP PROVIDE THANKSGIVING MEALS

A Thanksgiving food drive is underway at Hilbert College to benefit Buffalo City Mission and local food pantries. Donations of non-perishable food items may be placed in collection boxes through Nov. 21 in Franciscan Hall and Bogel Hall.

Please give—your generous contributions will help many throughout the area enjoy a special Thanksgiving meal.

For more information, e-mail Barbara Bonanno, director of mission integration and campus ministry, bbonanno@hilbert.edu, or call ext. 407.

Paula Witherell
Director, Public Relations

BOARD OFFICERS NAMED AT HILBERT

Dennis Black, vice president for student affairs at the State University of New York at Buffalo, has been elected chair of the Hilbert College Board of Trustees.

A Hilbert trustee since 2001, Black is chairing the board’s executive committee and previously chaired the presidential search and ad hoc building committee.

He has more than 30 years experience in student affairs and student services at UB where he has held various positions during his tenure, including assistant vice president and dean of students in student affairs and associate vice provost.

In addition, Black serves at UB as an adjunct associate professor in the university’s Graduate School of Education. He’s also editor of Campus Legal Briefing, a national newsletter for campus administrators, attorneys, and student leaders.

Black is a member of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) and the American College Personnel Association, among other organizations.

His work in academia and leadership roles has been recognized with the NASPA Pillar of the Profession honor, the State University Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service, and Outstanding Leadership Service from the National Association of Colleges and University Residence Excellence.

Black’s community service has included the United Way regional and campus campaigns, Red Cross Lifeshelf Board, and American Heart Association Heartwalk, as well as serving as a board member for Bufalo Prep, the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, and St. Joseph’s College Institute.

A Buffalo resident, he studied political science and history at UB, where he also received a law degree.

Other 2009–10 Hilbert officers are Phillip T. Catanese as vice-chair, and Deborah DiMatteo as secretary.

Catanese, who joined the board in 2002, is serving his third term as vice-chair. He’s also vice-chair of the board’s executive committee and formerly chaired the trustee committee.

Vice president of retail stores at The Buffalo News, Catanese previously held various executive positions in the retail food industry.

In the community, he is on the board of Homespace, Corp., and the Olmsted Center for Sight, and a past member of numerous other organizations, including Boys Town of Italy, from which he was presented its Man of the Year award.

A West Seneca resident, Catanese earned an associate’s degree in business from Bryant & Stratton.

DiMatteo, who joined Hilbert’s board in 2006, is in her third term as secretary. Currently serving as vice chair of the academic affairs committee, she previously chaired the student affairs committee.

Vice president at M&T Bank, DiMatteo has nearly 30 years experience in the banking industry.

She’s been inducted into M&T Bank’s Hall of Fame and received an M&T Best of the Best Award, as well as a 2005 Business First Women Who Mean Business Award.

Her community and civic involvement includes serving as chair of the UB Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership Advisory Board.

In past years, she’s been president of the Leadership Buffalo Board of Directors and active with many additional area groups.

DiMatteo, who resides in South Buffalo, received a master’s degree in business administration from Canisius College and a bachelor’s degree also in business administration from Valparaiso University.

Paula Witherell
Director, Public Relations

HAND-CRAFTED NATIVITY SCENE TO BE UNVEILED

A beautifully handcrafted terra cotta nativity scene on display for the first time at Hilbert College will be unveiled Dec. 3 in the Franciscan Hall Atrium. The special unveiling will be done during a faculty and staff holiday reception with the Hilbert Board of Trustees at 5:30 p.m., following the board meeting.

Created by Montreal artist Rosanne Mona, the two-foot size pieces in the nativity scene were collected over many years by Western New York’s Kloc family, who have generously provided the crèche to Hilbert. The nativity scene will be on display in Franciscan Hall throughout this and future Christmas seasons.

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Director, Public Relations

FAMILY CHRISTMAS SHOW TO INCLUDE AMERICAN IDOL FINALIST

“Home for Christmas,” a special holiday show featuring American Idol finalist John Stevens, known for his Frank Sinatra-influenced style, will be presented at 8 p.m. Dec. 4 in Hilbert College’s William E. Swan Auditorium.

This family-friendly holiday show will highlight Christmas hits and holiday music performed by Stevens, an East Amherst native who made it to American Idol’s third season Top 12; award-winning actress Mary Kate O’Connell, executive and artistic director of O’Connell & Company; the Colored Musicians Club’s George Scott Big Band; and the Muslim School of Music Chamber Players.

Stevens’ new CD, Home for Christmas, will be available at the performance. Recorded in Buffalo, the holiday album features Christmas classics and two original songs. Stevens won TV fame on American Idol as a red-headed teen crooner whose style emulated Sinatra. Since appearing in the reality competition, he’s received a degree from the Berklee College of Music.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $7 for children age 15 and under. To purchase tickets, contact Jenn Smith in the Hilbert Office of Institutional Advancement at 926-8884 or e-mail jennifersmith@hilbert.edu.

Paula Witherell
Director, Public Relations

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 November and December 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 152, Paczesny Hall, 649-7900, ext. 315).

And the winner is... Jennifer Baetzhold!

To collect this prize, the identified winner must contact Dr. Ernst, with accompanying Hilbert College ID or driver’s license by or on Friday, Dec. 4, 2009.

Paula Witherell
Director, Public Relations

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For updated monthly information visit www.allentown.org/FirstFriday.

FIRST FRIDAY

by Regina M. Ernst

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One often considers bigger cities as having accessible art scenes, whether in the area of performing or visual arts. As many already know, Buffalo used to be a pretty hoppin’ place in the early twentieth century, as far as industry and arts go. However, public attention has shifted over the last half century, as other cities have adapted and expanded, and Buffalo has seemed, at a glance, to remain stagnant.

It’s easy to consider Buffalo as an artistic place during the summer when festivals abound, gallery doors swing wide open to let the sun’s heat in, and artists are seen working away in the public parkways. Come winter, and Buffalo seems desolate and barren. However, one recently revived summer tradition has carried into this fall and will continue into the winter months. That is First Friday, brought to you by the Allentown Association and local galleries.

First Friday is a popular form of entertainment in cities across the country in one form or another. Each gallery involved throws miniature parties in celebration of the new art shows exhibited within their space. Many offer snacks and wine to the public free of charge as they wander from gallery to gallery. You might be saying to yourself, “Who wants to traipse around the city half-destinationless in the cold just for free wine and cheese?” In actuality, within just one city block, there are about seven galleries, each with remarkably different themes, ranging from affordable, hip jewelry to children’s paintings to high-end photography, painting, and sculpture. A majority of the other galleries are all within walking distance of each other. It’s definitely worth the journey. Afterwards, you can easily stroll down for a bite at one of the several independent Allen Street restaurants, or perhaps grab a drink at one of the several bars, or maybe a dessert at the coveted Sweet Tooth on the corner of Allen Street and Elmwood Avenue. Whatever the night entails, it guarantees an eye-opening cultural celebration.

For updated monthly information visit www.allentown.org/FirstFriday.
HILBERT HOSTS ESP PERFORMER

On Jan. 19, Robert Channing will be performing in the upper level of the Campus Center. This is going to be a great way to kick off next semester with student activities, and you are not going to want to miss this event.

Robert Channing is a mentalist. He will be wowing the audience with his ESP throughout the night. He also does mind reading, psychic experiments, and hypnosis. Students will have a chance to think about anything, and Robert Channing will try and predict just what they are thinking.

Come spend the night with Student Activities and Robert Channing. You are sure to be amazed at his unbelievable talents!

Hilbert Horizons

VISITING ARTIST SERIES MAKES ITS FALL APPEARANCE ON THE HILBERT CAMPUS

Marla Mossman's “Bhurkha Store,” Herat, Afghanistan 2005

Western Ontario, Mossman moved to London, England, and formed an independent artists group called MMArts. Under her direction, MMArts gave artists independent control over the exhibiting of their work, showing art in non-traditional venues. Mossman simultaneously developed her photographic style focusing on portraiture and reportage. Her personal drive to explore all aspects of photography reveals an incessant search for alternative methods.

Seeking innovative venues to house contemporary art, Mossman created the non-profit Art Soup in Santa Barbara, succeeding in obtaining unconventional permanent venues. Mossman then moved to New York as the Studio Director for

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

By Holly Opanashuk

At the end of Septem-ber, the Student Gov-ernment Association (SGA) held its annual fall elections. Elected to office were Analyn Ortiz, treasurer; J. Q. Hamilton, vice presi-dent for programming; and Heather Bello and Wendy Lin, freshmen representatives.

Soon, the SGA will unfortunately be saying good-bye to our current vice president, Malcolm Edwards, as he will be graduating in December. The SGA will miss him dearly and appreci-ates him for his years of service! The SGA will be look-ing for a new vice presi dent as well as represen-tatives-at-large and sophomore, junior, and senior representatives. If anyone is interested in joining the SGA, please see Jeannie MacDonald, director of student activities and SGA ad visor, in her office on the lower level of the campus center. The SGA is working to have students become more aware of the organization on campus. If anyone has any ques-tions, or would like to discuss events at Hilbert College, please stop by the student activities office and visit with the SGA’s executive board during our office hours. Jeannie MacDonald is also willing to answer any questions you may have.

The SGA held its annual children’s Halloween party this past October. The event was quite a success, complete with a haunted room, pum-
CHOOSE SPAGHETTI!

by Regina M. Ernst

On Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009, Hilbert College students will be hosting their second spaghetti dinner fund-raising event to support a service trip to Kenya (Summer, 2010) and to raise money to purchase supplies for Touch Africa, the organization through which they are volunteering. The spaghetti dinner will be offered in a partitioned area of the cafeteria at the campus center during the hours of 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For only eight dollars, supporters will be served restaurant-style—salad, spaghetti and meatballs, dessert, and a drink—by those who plan to attend the trip. For each ordered meal, two dollars will go directly towards the service trip.

The group is hosting several other fund-raising events. Here is a list of events to look out for:

- **Basket Raffle**—Monday, Nov. 23 through Tuesday, Nov. 24.
  - Stop by the main table in Bogel Hall for an auction of diverse goodies.
  - Winners will be announced at the spaghetti dinner on Dec. 2 in the cafeteria.

- **Applebee’s Dining to Donate**—Monday, December 7, any time after 4 p.m.
  - Dine at Applebee’s and ten percent of your bill goes towards the Kenya service trip!
  - You must be holding a corresponding voucher (contact Regina Ernst or Dr. Amy Smith).
  - The dining event is being held at these three locations only:
    - 4405 Milestrip Road, Blasdell, NY 14219;
    - 2656 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14216;
    - 1785 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, NY 14225.

Hilbert College students would appreciate any support possible! Try to stop by at least one event. For any questions, contact Regina Ernst at geophotonic@gmail.com or Dr. Smith at asmith@hilbert.edu.

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HILBERT HORIZONS

by Madison Lux, Student Editor

For a campus as small as Hilbert’s, we are fortunate to have our own poetry and prose magazine, Hilbert Horizons. For twenty years Hilbert Horizons has been a magazine published annually at the college, broadening our cultural enrichment.

We accept submissions and art work from all current Hilbert students and select as many as we can to go into the magazine. We are currently looking for new members to join our team. The next get-together—a bonanza buffet dinner meeting at which staff members will select the submissions for the Spring, 2010, volume—will be held Dec. 4 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Campus Center conference room, lower level, adjacent to the Office of Student Activities.

We will be having another big buffet-style meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the same location, this time to determine the order of the submissions previously selected, as well as choosing color art work to accompany students’ literary pieces.

For either meeting, all students interested in joining the Horizons staff should bring big appetites with them! If you are interested in joining us, please let Horizons advisor Dr. Ernst cernst@hilbert.edu know if you will be able to attend either one of these meetings.

Visiting Artist Series:

Marla Mossman

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National Geographic photographer Steve McCurry. Here, she strove to glue together disparate elements and form cohesive units, such as Imagine Asia, the non-profit she co-founded to provide education and healthcare to rural Asian communities. Mossman recognizes the potency of collective communities and appropriately molds the environment to nourish the progress of underprivileged individuals. Through education, Mossman hopes to attain equilibrium amongst divided societies.

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HILBERT HAWKS HOCKEY CLUB

The Hilbert Hawks Hockey Team waited until the end of August hoping for potential players, but was unable to roster enough to join the College Hockey Association (CHA) League this year. The decision came from the remaining players. They all agreed it was in the best interest of the club to take a year off and work on rebuilding the team.

Alumni player Chuck Lawless suggested to Coach Don Suchan the possibility of joining a senior league through Holiday and Leisure Rinks. This plan would allow the remaining players and any newcomers to skate on a regular basis, while filling in the open spots with alumni players.

The hockey club needs a bare minimum of nine forwards and four defensemen to be competitive in the CHA. Though the roster has been growing at a steady pace, the club is still in need of more players. The hope for the spring semester in 2010 is to participate in a few scrimmage games against other colleges. The goal is to have by Fall, 2010, a full roster, to rejoin the CHA league, and to bring back a 3rd CHA Championship trophy to Hilbert.

Club members know that there are many decent hockey players on campus, but oftentimes students worry that joining the hockey club will interfere with their school work. This is not the case, however. The club practices once or twice a week at 7 a.m. and all games are held on weekends, so there is no need to miss classes. We stress that players make all practices and games; however, we understand that their student work.  

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Kin painting, and more. Many children attended the event and enjoyed the activities.

On Dec. 6, the SGA will be holding its annual children’s Christmas party, complete with Santa and a live nativity provided by the office of campus ministry. Any club that would like to participate in the event should e-mail Jeannie MacDonal.

Coming up in early spring will be the SGA’s Winter Ball on the evening of Feb. 5. In the meantime, SGA members hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas break!
DIRTY DOGS TAKE ON THE BIG DOGS

The Dirty Dogs Lacrosse Club got a taste of big school lacrosse as they travelled to Greensboro, North Carolina, for the Boneyard Classic Lacrosse Tournament hosted by East Carolina University. Though the team came out of the weekend with three losses, they managed to hold all their opponents to 10 goals or less.

In the first game of the tournament, Hilbert faced the East Carolina University Pirates in a 9-1 losing effort. Hilbert’s lone score came on a Kyle Reuther goal, assisted by James Knapp. In the second match-up of the day, Hilbert took on the University of Maryland and was held scoreless, 10-0.

In the day’s final pairing, the Dirty Dogs squared off against UNC Wilmington. After falling behind 6-0 in the first quarter of play, the Dogs finally shored up the defense and started playing with intensity. Goals by James Knapp and Jill Pelechaty put Hilbert on the board. Though the final score was 9-2, the team improved greatly during the course of the contest.

On ground balls the team was led by Luc Cellino. Captains Brandon Morse and Jim Kilbin also contributed significantly to the team effort. Chelsea Schreiber, Stephanie Smith, and Ben Csatí all saw playing time for the Dogs.

While coming out on the short end of the scores, the Dirty Dogs may be the first Hilbert team to take on opponents such as Maryland and ECU. The contests served as a great warm-up for the upcoming spring season.

Alesha Koy President, Common Ground Club

FLIP DA RUNWAY

Support Your Sports, Everyday Fresh Wear, and Grown N’Sexy—and they were all about fun and school spirit, which reunited us all as Hilbert Hawks! Although there were not enough seats, students still gathered around in awe to take pleasure in what was coming next.

The great outcome of this event was due to the preparation of the Common Ground Club weeks in advance, such as booking entertainment, rehearsal with the models, and setting up the day of the show.

A party followed right after the ending of Flip Da Runway, including pizza and chicken wings, which also gave students a chance to socialize and share their feelings about the event.

This particular event was dedicated in loving memory of Ms. Cheyenne Jumanah, the previous director of multicultural affairs, who started the tradition of Flip Da Runway. A special thanks is given to Dr. Tara Jabaar-Gyambrah, the entire Common Ground Club, DJ Gus, our hosts Leala and Malcolm, the models, our clean-up crew, the Hallmark food service, the maintenance staff, Kate Munroe, Jean MacDonald, and everybody who came out to support the show.

We look forward to continuing this tradition in 2010! Note: For photos, see page 10.

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The current players and all alumni can attest to the fact that joining the hockey club has heightened their college experience and has been a great way to make new friends and have fun. If you are interested in joining the hockey club, or have any questions regarding the club, please e-mail Dan Andol (Captain) at dandol@hilbert.edu or Don

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THE ASTRONOMY CLUB PLANS EXCITING FINISH TO FALL SEMESTER

The Astronomy Club will be meeting every Tuesday from 2-3 p.m. in Bogel Hall, Room 150. In the following weeks, the club will be screening:

- Nov. 17: Documentary: Beyond the Big Bang
- Nov. 24: Alien Planets
- Dec. 1: Cosmic Holes
- Dec. 8: The Milky Way

All these films are from the History Channel’s remarkable series The Universe, all screened in the Blu-Ray version.

Anthony Hughes, Ph.D. Club Advisor

THE HUMAN SERVICES & REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION KEEPS BUSY

The Human Services and Rehabilitation Association had an eventful month of fun and helping. The Club participated in the SGA Halloween party with a bracelet-making craft, and many treats. The club advisor would like to thank Bonnie Goodrich, Michele Nola, Jen MacDonald, Jessica Rogers, and Cami Sheffield for their help with the party.

The club also attended the Hilbert Open House to pass along our mission statement to new students, and thanks Amanda Bennon for her help.

The club assisted SIFE with the RAP program through Catholic Charities this month, with students having an opportunity to teach a class. Those attending this event were Michele Nola, Amanda Bennon, Tiffany Baker, and Jen MacDonald.

The club hosted the training from the senior services project with the help of Marissa Caruso, Trina Clifford, Kolleen Sullivan, and Kevin Quinman.

Club members planned an evening with the Women City Mission on Nov. 6 to complete Continued on page 8
**S.A.D.D. CLUB SECRETARY SERVES AS WORK-STUDY STUDENT IN COUNSELING CENTER**

Shannon Connor, work-study student in the Counseling Center and Secretary of the S.A.D.D. Club, is shown at right delivering S.A.D.D. Club “We C.A.R.E.” Halloween packages for resident students.

Each semester parents are offered the opportunity to purchase Halloween gifts, Valentine’s gifts, birthday surprises, miss you and/or final gifts, birthday surprises, Halloween gifts, Valentine’s gifts, and keep in touch with their “favorite student.” It is a lot of fun to prepare and surprise our students with these special surprises from home. 

Phyllis Dewey, Director, Counseling Center

**ECI CLUB MEETINGS**

The ECI Club has two more meetings coming up before the fall semester ends:

- **Tuesday, Nov. 24,** at 4:30 p.m.;
- **Tuesday, Dec. 8,** at 4:30 p.m.

All meetings are held in Bogel Hall, Room 171.

**HILBERT SIFE RECONNECTS WITH FIRST PRESIDENT**

by Steve Marchitte, SIFE Vice President, Marketing

It is hard to believe that an entire decade ago SIFE was in its first year at Hilbert College. Julie Michel, then Julie Peacock, was HC SIFE’s first-ever president. In that role, she was responsible for arranging a meeting with Bob Rich, Jr., to solicit funding for the HC SIFE Team. At that meeting Bob Rich agreed to sponsor a matching grant in the amount of $20,000. To this day, the endowed fund still supports HC SIFE initiatives and provides SIFE scholars with financial reward.

Having a portfolio is important as well, so keep all your work you have completed. This way you can demonstrate what you are good at, whether it is a creative endeavor or a business strategy you completed at high school. This was a great networking tool not only for myself, but for the college as well.

**JOIN HILBERT’S FILM CLUB & SEE A FILM EVERY WEEK!**

by Tori Felser

The Film Club’s movie line-up for the rest of the semester in Bogel Hall, Room 150, looks like this:

- **Nov. 17:** The Thin Blue Line
- **Nov. 24:** Burn After Reading
- **Dec. 1:** The Seventh Seal
- **Dec. 8:** Dead Man
- **Dec. 15:** Hoop Dreams.

Tori Felser, the Film Club president, as well as its members and Dr. Anthony Hughes, the club advisor, hope you can join the club for these screenings (3:05-4:40 p.m.).

**CHALLENGE SEMINAR “HIRES” STUDENTS FROM CHEektowaga, FORESTVILLE, ORCHARD PARK, & PINE VALLEY**

by Janye Rhein, SIFE President

Once again, the Challenge Seminar was a huge success! New to this year’s Challenge Seminar agenda was a wonderful presentation by Rosina Food Products CEO and President, Russell Corigliano. Hilbert College faculty, staff, and students were among the audience to hear about the nationally famous and Buffalo-headquartered business.

The students of six area schools also learned how Rosina began, their business strategies, and Rosina’s various product lines. During the day’s activities students competed in designing promotional concepts for Rosina Food Products new “Buffalo Style” chicken meatballs. The high school students then presented their promotional concepts to a panel of judges. After listening to many unique and exciting presentations, the judges came to a final decision regarding the winners. The top three schools were Cheektowaga, Orchard Park, and a collaboration of Forestville and Pine Valley students. Next for these winning teams, is implementing their promotions in a local Western New York grocery store. No date has been finalized yet, but HC SIFE members and the winning high school teams hope for another great day of events!

**Human Services & Rehab Association Continued from page 7**

a pillow craft with the families. They also plan to assist with Habitat for Humanity, hold a bake sale fund-raiser, and much more.

Colleen Kuniega, M.S.
Club Advisor

**THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE**

for Men’s Basketball

Tickets go on sale immediately.

$1.00 will buy a chance for the best seat in the house for you and a friend. It will include the Hawk waiver, snacks, special lighting and a great view of the game. The winner will be picked just prior to the game.

Sponsored by S.A.D.D. & The Men’s Basketball Team

Hilbert College Wrist Bands
Don’t be the Only One Without One

Sold by The S.A.D.D. Club Team

**BSNME “STUDENT DAY IN THE FIELD”**

by Steve Marchitte and Katrina Mathewson, SIFE Officers

On Monday, Oct. 26, the Buffalo Niagara Sales and Marketing Executives (BNSME) hosted their annual “Student Day in the Field,” which provides WNY college students the opportunity to network with professionals and shadow an expert in a related field. Two Hilbert students, Steve Marchitte and Katrina Mathewson, attended the event and have the following to share.

Steve’s Story. This was a great experience, being a first-time student here at Hilbert. I met many people in the professional field and shadowed a financial planner from Northwestern Mutual. Many of the people there were from DECA, a business club I belonged to in high school. This was a great networking tool not only for myself, but for the college as well.

Katrina’s Comments. Student Day in the Field was a very meaningful opportunity! It was a chance to experience the business world at first hand. Throughout the day I was able to begin to extend my network to business owners and representatives from businesses.

There were guest speakers at lunch and at the dinner. One speaker was a Western New York native, who is the president of Coca-Cola Company of North America. The guest speakers earlier in the day spoke about how to network, what to put into our portfolios, and the pros and cons of working for different industries such as an agency versus a corporation. Networking is a big thing: It is all about introducing yourself to different people and to remember those contacts and keep in touch with them. Later on it could lead to a job opportunity. So it is important to be professional and keep a positive representation for oneself.

Having a portfolio is important as well, so keep all your work you have completed. This way you can demonstrate what you are good at, whether it is a creative endeavor or a project you completed at an internship.

It is important that you set goals for yourself and determine what you really want, whether your goal is personal, professional, or academic. Short-term objectives are important, but they should be set within the context of a long-term plan. Setting realistic, achievable goals is key to success.

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TUTORS WANTED!

by Madison Lux

The Academic Services Center (ASC) is looking for new tutors for next semester. If you are interested in tutoring for math, statistics, writing, psychology, or sociology, stop by Bogel Hall, Room 107, and pick up an application.

You need to be proficient in the subject, be good at working with other students, and have flexible hours. You will be asked to give Hilbert College professors as references on the application, so please be prepared if you apply.

This is a paid position, so the more available hours you have, the more you will receive.

You need to be willing to stay working through the entire semester, and there are many students who depend upon the tutoring system.

If there is a subject not mentioned that you wish to tutor for, please let us know, as the ASC decides if the demand for a tutor in that subject is high enough to include it next semester.

HILBERT COLLEGE STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE & CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF BUFFALO
CELEBRATE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

by Jon Clark

The fall of 2009 marks the fifth year that Hilbert College SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) has worked with the Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program. The Hilbert College SIFE Refugee Assistance Program, or RAP, helps destitute refugees from across the globe learn skills needed to succeed in a dynamic, competitive global economy; characteristics and traits of successful entrepreneurs; personal financial management skills; ethical decision-making; and actions to foster environmental sustanability through a series of seminars.

Highlighting its impact, HC SIFE received third place at the 2008 SIFE National Competition in Chicago for its initiatives to promote financial literacy through RAP.

After placing in the first percentile in the nation, HC SIFE went on to receive a direct service grant of $5,000.00 from Hilbert’s founders and neighbors, the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph, to support its efforts with RAP. In addition to the generous grant holders, the Franciscan Sisters also contributed twelve sewing machines for the Refugee Assistance Program’s Sewing Center. The sewing machines will be put to use through workshops, which will serve as training seminars for unemployed refugees pursuing jobs in sewing or embroidery. This experience will also provide entrepreneurial tailoring opportunities.

While the program has been off to a great start, some of the students’ initial meetings, skills sessions are going to continue through December and will focus on hands-on sewing and completing cover letters and resumés.

With the help of these new learning tools, the support of the Franciscan Sisterhood and Computers for Children, Inc., the utilization of this grant, and the addition of new Business Advisory Board member Kevin McKenzie, Hilbert alumni and former RAP project manager, the Hilbert College SIFE Refugee Assistance Program has the potential to be bigger and better than ever in 2009-10.

TEN AFFIRMATIONS TO CALM COLLEGE STUDENT STRESS

1. I will allow myself enough sleep each night to fully rest my body, recharge my batteries, and support my immune system to protect against illness.
2. I will exercise my body in ways that I enjoy, even if that means squeezing in a twenty-minute long walk between classes.
3. I will pay attention to my emotions and find positive ways to calm my mind and body down when I am stressed. I will try deep breathing and yoga, or I shall call a friend up and do something fun!
4. I will follow my intuition about what is right for my future and not be swayed by the expectations and demands of others.
5. Before I say “yes” (again) to something or someone, I will ask myself, “Is this new task in alignment with my goals? Will saying yes make me happy? What will I have to sacrifice if I say yes to this new activity?” Be honest and do not be afraid to put your own needs first every now and then.
6. I will be grateful for the body I was born with, taking time to appreciate its unique wonder. I will stand proud knowing that I am able to judge and demand the best from myself.
7. Sometimes I will leap before I look, take chances, and give my dreams the chance to come true.
8. I will stop worrying about the future and start living right in the present. Really, really living! Day by day, taking a moment to appreciate just the way they are. I will make college about learning and relationship building instead of stressing over every individual grade—a flawless résumé means nothing if I am burned out and unhappy before my career even begins!
9. I will nourish my body with healthy, whole foods, which will give me more energy, strength, and endurance to live life to the fullest. I will remember that eating healthy is not about looking good in my jeans, but about how it makes me feel inside and out.
10. I will remember to go easy on myself and to laugh at my mistakes. After all, I’m fabulous and am allowed many moments of imperfection. Laugh a little more. Worry a little less.
FLIP DA RUNWAY--A GALLERY OF PHOTOS BY TOM WILLS

Amanda Bednarz Performs the Song “Beautiful”

SGA President Leala Bowens & SGA Vice President Malcolm Edwards Co-Host Flip Da Runway

Grace Modi Models for the Seasons Category

Lace Prude Models for the Seasons Category

Julius Barretto Performing for the Show

The Future Dance Center Performing a Hip-Hop Dance
PHOTO GALLERY

Hilbert Students, Staff, & Family Members Work on a Habitat for Humanity Project (Missing from Photo is Lauren Watkins).

Campus Ministry Club Hikes Through Chestnut Ridge Park to See the Eternal Flame.

The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Conducted by Joseph Young, League of American Orchestras Conducting Fellow.

Amy Glidden, Associate Concertmaster, Playing Violin.

Several Hilbert Students Plan to Spend Some Time During Summer Session I in Africa (Kenya) on a Service Learning Trip.

S.A.D.D. Students Are Shown Preparing & Decorating for Karaoke Night on Nov. 3; Standing Left to Right--Kianna Porter, Asja Matthews, & Nina Niseishka; Seated, Unique Phillips.
This semester, students in MGT 420: Entrepreneurship, under course instructor, highlight professor Dan Roland, have had the unique opportunity to interview local entrepreneurs of small businesses in WNY. The meaningful educational experiences have enhanced their understanding of the risks and rewards that entre- preneurs encounter, among many other things.

The following reports, originally conducted in question- and-answer format, are highlights of interviews with Bill Rizzo and Kenneth Miller. While studying entrepreneurship, students were provided with a business plan. Please consider patronizing the businesses that aided Hilbert students in this project.

**Interviewing Kenneth Miller**

Kenneth Miller, owner of Rapid Refill Ink in Blasdell, graduated from high school in 1968. He went on to com- plete two years at a community college and then enlisted in the army and became a crypto-specialist. The army forces offered him many opportunities (West Point, which was voted the best college in 2009 by Forbes Magazine), but he instead chose to further his education at the University of Southern Florida in Tampa, Florida. He majored in business and then went on to work in the health and beauty industry. During the late ’80s, Miller wanted to take his health and beauty company public, but was edged out of an arrangement by a larger business that had been founded in the late ’70s. He then decided to sell sunglasses, but was edged out of an arrangement with another business that had been founded in the late ’80s.

Miller’s business plan is dynamic and changes with different market trends. At first, the business plan was really focused on marketing, because the people in the vi- cinity of Rapid Refill needed to know that the business was there in the first place. Overall, Miller measures his success as an entrepreneur by self-satisfaction and being the one calling the shots. He wanted to be an independent man and he is.

**An Entrepreneur Focused on Environmental Sustainability Through Solar Energy**

On Nov. 16, Nathan Rizzo, Vice-President of Solar Lib- erty Energy Systems, Inc., presented “Management with Integrity, Experience, and Concern for the Earth” to the Hilbert community, including students in FS 101 (The Junior Symposium) in the Palisano Lecture Room of Bogel Hall.

Rizzo explained the need for capital, work, good communica- tion skills, and being able to manage people efficiently and effectively are key skills and attributes necessary for entrepreneurial success. Also, he made it clear that constantly seeing a sense of accomplishment and being a role model for workers are relevant. Having a vision of the future is also a necessity.

The rewards and challenges of business ownership are that you get to work for yourself—rather than being your own boss and doing something that you chose to do. A chal- lenge of business ownership is getting capital to do the things that are necessary to successfully grow and business. Miller’s best experience is getting a check from custom- ers, receiving return custom- ers, and self-satisfaction. His worst experience is that the franchise is young, and with growing franchise comes growing pains. Also, there is not a corporate store, so the management at the franchise is the sole owner of owning a business, but only on theory and not in practice.

Regarding ethical issues, Miller has a strong moral compass and has imple- mented a no affection policy around him, so he has not re- ally encountered any ethical or moral issues. As financial support, the source of funding for the venture came from the Miller’s home equity loan from M&T Bank. He described it as a great way to look at his business.

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importance of environmental sustainability, renewable vs. non-renewable energy, and the role of businesses in guiding a small business.

The presenter, Nathan Rizer, is a widely recognized solar installer and advocate of solar power. He has spent countless hours on solar research and study. Nathan is a NYSERDA Certified Solar Installer, an active member of the New York State Solar Energy Industries Association, and a member of the National Solar Energy Industries Association.

Nathan has designed and installed numerous commercial and residential installations. The Catholic Diocese of Buffalo has contracted with Nathan to design and install solar systems for over fifty schools in the Diocese. The Town of Orchard Park, Town of Brant, Town of Vernon, Batavia Downs, Buffalo Audubon Society, Jamestown Audubon Society, and the Erie County SPCA are among some of the solar systems that Nathan has designed and installed for the community. The Boy Scouts’ Camp Merz has two systems installed by Nathan. Dawson Lodge and the Ranger’s home.

Chautauqua Institution has a building running on solar energy that Nathan completed last summer with another building scheduled for 09 installation. The Town of West Seneca will be running with solar energy as well as the town halls of Syracuse, Clive Johnson, and a variety of other residences, institutions, municipalities, and businesses.

Solar Liberty was honored in 2008 by being ranked #92 in the INC 500 list of the fastest growing private companies in America. INC 5000 ranking also listed Solar Liberty as #5 in the Entrepreneurism #2 and #1 in the Solar Sector.

Solar energy is its in its infancy, often compared to the technology of the 1960s twenty years ago. This event was coordinated through the efforts of Sr. Sharon Goodremote, Hilbert Trustee and Catholic Charities Public Policy Coordinator, and Dan Roland, Professor of Business Administration and Advisor of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE). The event and refreshments were sponsored by Buffalo State College, and Solar Liberty in Free Enterprise as part of the HIC SIFE Entrepreneur Week and its “Go Green and Save Green” initiative.

by Amanda Maute

Pat Spahn is a long-time East Aurora native. She is a high school graduate and then studied under Phil Ruliff in her family business. She started working for Nuver Florist twenty-two years ago and then purchased the business three years later. She has no college education.

Spahn bought the business when it was already established. The company had been in business for forty-three years before she started working there. Three other people had owned the business before her.

Spahn feels that being disciplined in the business world and business life is very important. Her husband passed away recently and she has found another car to drive, but not let it affect the flower shop. Being friendly, helpful, and maintaining all full ranges of emotions of her customers, and trying to guide clients with a professionals mindset is the key to her success.

She feels that her reward is the personal fulfillment she gains from helping people in the community. Challenges include NYS taxes and employee relations.

Her best experience has been when customers become good friends. She does not have one definitive had experience. She finds balancing cost and product price challenging. She wants her customers to feel that she is getting their money’s worth from her products.

A challenging aspect to be a good boss and her employees all chimed in with that response. She says she is very mindful of her employees’ lives and has found that being respectful of that enhancing their relationship. She wants her product affordable but still needs to make a living.

She frequently works with East Aurora students of all ages to develop her advertising and has a work-study program. She believes in strong involvement with the community.

Spahn took an equity line of credit on her home to buy the existing business. She said she has hired a good account and attorney.

She thinks her involve- ment in the community has played an important role in her success. She volunteers and donates services to her community.

When she first purchased the business, she expanded and changed the existing system. Right now she is thinking about changing but is aware of the poor market.

Pat says she “is not quite ready to retire but will consider it in a year.”

Pat enjoys her good work- ing relationship with the community. For her the monetary rewards are not important. She appreciates having a positive influence on everyone around her. She thinks that some entre- preneurs may be avascular and own businesses for the wrong reasons.

I thoroughly enjoyed interviewing Pat. Spahn. She gave me a different perspective on owning a business. I explained a previous interview at Rapid Refill that I gained from learning about a franchise, while she gave her opinion about being a franchise. This was very interesting because Spahn and Ken Miller of Rapid Refill Inc have totally different views on business ownership. I found it fasci- nating that she has not had any college education and is very successful. Although I do feel that if one open a busi- ness my education will be play an important role, she has shown me that hands-on experience is just as important.

I also have a different out- look on a small business in a small community. I think it is great that she is so involved with the community and is in business for other people more than herself. Inter- viewing Pat Spahn was very refreshing and exciting.
BOOK DISPLAY SUPPORTS RETURNING VETERANS

The McGrath Library and the Hilbert College Counseling Center are offering support for America’s returning veterans with a display created for veterans in the front foyer of the dining hall. The display shows the array of books the McGrath Library has on veterans (Veteran’s Day was Nov. 11). Many of these books can be located in the Counseling Center’s self-help section of the library (located on the second floor).

Phyllis Dewey
Director, Counseling Center

FINANCIAL AID CORNER
November 20, 2009

*Announcements from the
Student Finance Office, Franciscan Hall*

**SPRING 2010 REGISTRATION**

1. Registration for Spring, 2010, is now in progress.
2. You will not be allowed to register for Spring, 2010, until your financial aid file is complete, and your student account balance for the Fall, 2009, semester has either been paid in full or you are current/up-to-date on your student payment plan.
3. Wednesday, Dec. 23, is the last day to register for the Spring, 2010, semester. If you do not register by this date, a $50.00 late registration fee will be added to your student account.

**SPRING 2010 SEMESTER BILLING STATEMENTS**

Billing statements for Spring, 2010, will be sent to students during the first week of December and will be due Jan. 8.

**CREDIT REPORT DAY/APPLEBEE’S GIFT CERTIFICATE WINNERS**

Thanks to those students who attended the financial literacy event on “Credit Reports.” Good information was learned and shared at this event. Congratulations to Devon Kron and Eric Davies. Each won a $25.00 gift certificate to Applebee’s Restaurant!

**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!

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DEPARTMENT NEWS

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROJECTS ARE PRESENTED AT CONFERENCE

Original undergraduate research endeavors covering various academic disciplines, including presentations by father-daughter Randy and Elle Zimpfer of Irving who are attending Hilbert College, were highlighted at the 10th annual Penn-York Undergraduate Research Conference at Hilbert College.

Hosted by the Hilbert Psychology program, the one-day conference was held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 7 in the college’s William E. Swan Auditorium and Paczesny Hall’s West-Herr Atrium. “One of the goals of the Penn-York Undergraduate Research Association was to provide a nurturing and supportive environment for student researchers and the conference is a way to showcase their efforts. The event also gave participants an opportunity to interact with faculty and students from other institutions,” said Edward Pristach, Ph.D., Hilbert associate professor of psychology who is on the conference planning committee.

During the conference, poster projects on research and oral presentations were done by undergraduates from Hilbert, Alfred University, Canisius College, Houghton College, and Alfred State College. Many of the projects were supported by the classroom research funds, the departmental undergraduate research committee, the office of research and community service, and various external funding agencies.

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In Wyoming county, people go to village courts for normal traffic violations such as speeding or for failure to obey a traffic control device. They also go to court to argue over who took whose corn stalks or a cow being stolen. Some courts like the Village of Orangefield have court in an old barn, where one can smell the day’s work on a farm and hear the sound of cowboy boots tapping the ground.

The judge arrives promptly at 7 p.m. wearing a cowboy hat and flannel shirt, and also smelling of the day’s work. A prayer is said and court begins. People come up and work through the problems or issues at hand, pay what they have to, and walk out together, all issues over with, or issues at hand, pay what you are just doing your job.

Up to this point, everything seemed to be the same, except cars were in the parking lot instead of tractors and wagons.

The last person I met on my first day was the Honorable Daniel P. Grasso. Judge Grasso showed up early, but not wearing a flannel shirt or cowboy hat. He came in dressed for business and as he put on his judge’s robe, you could tell he was ready for a night’s work. Judge Grasso put on his game face and walked to the bench, where he began his judicial duty for the day. As I watched the courtroom, things seemed to be as they were back home until the attorneys showed up.

The attorneys were there to represent the various clients that appeared before the court. Little did I know it was District Attorney Night and we would be extremely busy. I had the documents for the judge, making copies, finding clients or attorneys, directing people to the Court Clerk, and performing a variety of other tasks. People would approach Judge Grasso at the bench and would state their names. Judge Grasso would go through the required set of legal guidelines and then begin listening to the attorneys plead their cases. Some attorneys really beat it out. I soon learned that Judge Grasso was more familiar with some defendants than others.

I began to consider the role of a judge in the courtroom. The diligence and competency Judge Grasso applied to all cases allowed him to ensure that justice was given to each of the parties in his courtroom. He took in everything that was occurring without being distracted. When he first knew it, I was well adapted to and felt welcomed in the “home” of Blasdell Justice Court. He was preparing documents and signs for court, and always made sure to have the attorneys file the proper court fee correspondence, as well as doing file maintenance. I was directing the entire time at the Village of Blasdell Court. Judge Grasso always gave people the benefit of the doubt. He always went that extra mile to help, reach out, or adjust things to improve the lives of others. He would be realistic with them and try to point them in the right direction.

This occurred during my internship at the Village of Blasdell Justice Court. Judge Grasso always gave people the benefit of the doubt. He always went that extra mile to help, reach out, or adjust things to improve the lives of others. He would be realistic with them and try to point them in the right direction. A most admired Judge Grasso for the way in which he handled people; he truly worked hard to ensure that the justice system was effectively used in every case.

I soon realized that I would have any instances in which I would have conflicts of interest. I soon realized that I would see some familiar faces during the course of my internship. It is a difficult situation to be placed in. You may want to say hi and chat for a few minutes, but you also need to remember that you have to be professional and keep in mind that conflicts can occur, not to be in the courtroom while people I knew or were acquaintances with were up dealing with their judicial matters. When they needed to come back and see the Court Clerk and I was to give them papers for traffic school or such other information they needed, I would keep quiet conversation short and to the point. I would never discuss their matters outside or inside of the courtroom.

The skills that I have acquired and adopted from my internship will not only be applied to my professional career of becoming a paralegal, but my personal life as well. I hope one day to be able to change lives one at a time just like Judge Grasso, work as hard as he does, and be able to understand people as well as the court officer.
by Rebecca Elensky

Robert Pawelski, the Information Technology (IT) coordinator at our school. One of his most important jobs at the school is to work with the smart classrooms. He has worked at our school for eight years now and enjoys his job very much.

At the beginning of his college career Mr. Pawelski started at SUNY at Buffalo’s engineering school, intent on becoming an engineer. But becoming disenchantment with engineering, he transferred to ECC for a new program at the time, computer technology. There he met Carl Stengel, his program director, who would become one of those pivotal persons who changed his life. Mr. Stengel’s responsibility to his students, and his excellent instruction and guidance, motivated Mr. Pawelski and his fellow classmates to excel in their computer and electronics courses. This also left a lasting impression on Mr. Pawelski on the “small school” experience, and how some students sometimes need to be more than a just number at a big university.

Mr. Pawelski landed a job with Digital Equipment Corporation right out of college—at the time, the second biggest computer company in the world. Mr. Pawelski worked his way up and eventually became an on-site representative, Field Service Engineer IV, in charge of the Digital VAX Cluster for SUNY at Buffalo, which served about four hundred users, in addition to other area colleges—Canisius, Hilbert, SUNY College at Fredonia, Buffalo State College, and D’Youville College. During this period he also taught part-time at ECC.

After that Mr. Pawelski had two other jobs before beginning at Hilbert in 2001. While here, he has completed many great projects to help advance our school, check it out to the person needing it to help complete a paper or for whatever else it was needed. This job helps students because she is able to help find information for anything that they need; e.g., papers, assignments, book reports, other school work, or just for their own enjoyment. It also helps the business of the institution. It does this by helping with learning skills that students can then use in school and afterwards in life. This is an example of “life-long learning.”

The main challenge that Ms. Curry has with this job is just trying to keep on top of everything—from making sure that she has records of all books and articles and making sure that the new ones coming in get recorded. Another challenge is making sure that she is able to get the books or articles that students need for their projects before the assignment is due.

The rewards that Ms. Curry receives from her job are that she gets to help students acquire books or other materials they were not able to obtain for their assignments or papers. Also, when students find out that the materials obtained are free, they thank her for everything and she is glad to help. She loves giving them the chance to learn more than they already know.

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but his primary responsibility is the design, installation, training, and maintenance of Hilbert’s smart classrooms. This year alone he has oversaw a challenge in 2006, because he had just three weeks until school started to install smart classrooms in the new Pacensey Hall. Getting Pacenses Hall’s smart classrooms done on time is one of the achievements he is very proud of. He explained that it was a defining moment, a new building doubling Hilbert’s classroom capacity, with state-of-the-art smart classrooms, and that a lot of people at Hilbert, and the donors, had pulled together to get this done.

Mr. Pawelski sees the smart classroom and the learning environment as areas in which he can help professors maximize the learning experience for their students. Mr. Pawelski says things in IT can get pretty hectic, but he says it is definitely not a dull and boring job, and that he enjoys his job here at Hilbert very much. Also, Mr. Pawelski is looking forward to implementing ‘clickers,’ a new technology giving students remotes so they can respond to questions from a professor’s lecture. The immediate feedback tells students how they are doing and tells the instructor how the class is doing. Testing this past spring went well, so the clickers will be added to the Hilbert learning envi- ronment over the next few months.

In addition, Mr. Pawelski states that he enjoys it because of the people. He continued to say that everyone here at Hilbert is very nice and makes it a better place to work. I enjoyed this assignment very much because it gave me an opportunity to meet a “behind-the-scenes” person whom I would not have met under different circumstances. Also, I realized how all the students benefit from the smart classroom experience here at Hilbert.

Rachel Dobiesz
Where the Wild Things Are is a children’s movie for adults. Director Spike Jonze has created an enchanting film, based on Maurice Sendak’s classic children’s book Where the Wild Things Are, that captures the innate childhood struggle and loneliness that has an emotional depth definitely not aimed at toddlers. Although the film is based upon the famous picture book of the same name, it is far less child-friendly and decid- edly darker.

The film has an under- standably childlike ele- ment in its construction and execution. The “Wild Things” of the title are puppet-like in their appear- ance, much like something that a small child would like to cuddle with. Its emotionally pleasing exter- ior covers much deeper subject matter, however. The main character of Max (Charlie Tahan) is alternately between being a sympathetic boy and blatanly scary. The scene where he noncha- latantly tells his half fami- lily is bloody, disturbing, and more difficult to watch then any scene in the original.

Robert Prime
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by Rachel Dobiesz

A Film Review of HALLOWEEN: A LOOK AT ROB ZOMBIE’S RE-IMAGINING OF THE HORROR CLASSIC

I wasn’t expecting very much from Zombieland, but found it to be an uncommonly good horror comedy. Zombieland is a surprisingly intelligent and funny film that relies on equal parts wit and gore to keep it interesting. The film starts with the classic horror premise that zombies have taken over the entire planet and only a few humans remain. Our main character Columbus treks from his dorm room in Texas to his na- tive state of Ohio in the hopes that his family is still alive. Although Columbus initially seems hapless, he has devel- oped a set of rules that allow him to survive in what he has termed “Zombieland.” On his journey back home, he crosses amongst sleeping-courting-biyomapping Tallahas- see (Woody Harrelson). Although opposites, the two band together as they continue their journey. They encounter two sis- ters (Emma Stone and Abigail Breslin) who, after a rocky start, become their allies.

The film’s strong suit is the playful chemistry that por- trayals narrator Columbus with an en- dearing and humorous charm. Harrelson is also excellent as the tough, but ultimately soft-hearted Tallahassee. Their Odd Couple-like chemistry provides some of the film’s strongest mo- ments. Abigail Breslin is a 180 degrees from her best-known role as Little Miss Sunshine. It’s heart- ening to see that such an obviously talented actress will not be pigeonholed. Emma Stone provides an intriguing love-interest for Eisenberg’s unlucky in love narrator. A well- known actor also makes a hilarious and wildly different appearace mid-movie. The film is a comedy, but definitely not for the faint of heart. The film portrays Columbus and his allies as a group of creatures whose emotions mirror his own. His interactions with them lead him through exploration of the world much differently from everyone else. He is prone to showing his temper by acting out when he does not get what he wants. Max also loves his family very much and wants nothing more than to make them happy by sharing his stories and adventures. Max is a lone wolf with his mother (Katherine Keen- er) causes Max to run away from home. He escapes to a place where he encounters giant monkeys searching for relief and direction just like him. They intend to eat him at first, but Max cleverly holds them off by telling them he is actually a film, it is the over-used storyline of a quiet child raised in a bad environment and picked on at school. Now he is an escaped mental patient who wants revenge. As a result, Michael’s childhood story took away one crucial element that made the original Halloween one of the best horror films of all time. About an hour into the movie we begin to see more familiar themes as Michael returns to Had- donfield to find teenaged Laurie Strode (Scott Taylor Compton), for- mally known as Boo. He proceeds to butcher her family, and anyone else who gets in his way. Taking into consideration that this is a Rob Zombie film, it is not surprising to find booby traps, nudity, brutality, and lots of blood, but as a result, it no longer resembles the original.

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Twins of Terror

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Mature audiences will find this highly entertaining, but small children will be terrified. Zombieland’s living dead are vicious, blood-sucking creatures that try to take chunks out of everything in sight. It is not surprising to find booby traps, nudity, brutality, and lots of blood, but as a result, it no longer resembles the original.

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The Hilbert College men’s cross country team completed another season in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) championships on Oct. 31. The weekend races and the mid-week dual meets were all designed as warm-ups to the championship date at Penn State Behrend the last weekend in October. A new head coach blended the talents of a few new runners and paired them up with the returning veterans for a ninth-place finish at the AMCC championships.

Senior Amanda Phillips (Cheektowaga, NY/Cleveland Hill) has been the top runner all season long for the women’s team. She and fellow 2010 graduate Amanda Trickey were supposed to push each other in every race this year, but a stress fracture to Trickey’s foot caused her to miss the bulk of the season. Trickey (Clifton Springs, NY/Canandaigua) returned to action just in time for the AMCC championship race that she ran for him. Finishing second was freshman Jeff Gauthier (Buffalo, NY/Bishop Timon-St. Jude) and nipping at his heels for a combined time of 27:10 was a junior transfer from Springville Country Club in Blairsville, Pa., the team took an eighth-place finish among the nine conference teams that participated. Hilbert earned an overall score of 731 for the two-day tournament. Houlihan was the overall low scorer for the Hawks, totaling 18 holes under par, which placed him 21 out of 45 golfers.

The Hawks will look to take the experience and success they gained in 2009 and move forward with it for the 2010 season. Sports Information Office

Review of Where the Wild Things Are

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by Valerie Juniga

For the Personal Development and Health Passport category for students enrolled in GS 101 (Foundations Seminar), I decided to use a sport. I am on the volleyball team at the college. I decided to try out for the team because I played for the past six years at my high school. I really like the sport and thought I could push myself and go to the next level in college.

The drills were a little messy at the very beginning of the season we had come together last two games. We lost them recently when we played our last game. The drills were a little messy and there was a great deal of conditioning needed. It pushed my teammates and me really hard to step it up and improve our skills and overall athletics.

When our first game came along, we were all anxious and excited. We all wanted to play. We ended up losing but that was all right. Every game since then has gotten a little better, except when we all had a bad day. The drills were just ended recently when we played our last two games. We lost them and because of that we did not make the playoffs.

It was really disappointing, but we all were happy with what we had accomplished. Since the beginning of the season we had come together as a unit. We were working better as a team and we began to practice every day for two hours. At first some things did not go well. The drills were a little messy and there was a great deal of conditioning needed. It pushed my teammates and me really hard to step it up and improve our skills and overall athletics.

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The Hilbert College women’s basketball team began a new era for the 2009-2010 season. The Hawks look to the leadership of a new head coach, a full roster, and daily competition in practices to create an atmosphere where success is sure to blossom.

“We want to be the aggressor this year,” stated first-year head coach Matt Phifer. “We want to pick up the level of intensity and outwork our opponents. To be competitive within our conference and have the ability to win within our conference, we need to develop a work ethic in practice so that our focus and passion becomes automatic.”

To play with the desired high intensity, the coaching staff knew they needed to add depth to the roster. Pairing the five returning players from last season’s team are eleven new faces to the lineup this year.

Returning for the Hawks are three starters from 2008/09: Sophomore guard Mary Zinni (Batavia, NY/Batavia), sophomore Ju- lie Bossard (Canisteo, NY/Canisteo-Greenwood), and Senior Liz Kennedy (Ogdensburg, NY/Lisbon). Zinni (8.6 ppg/3.9 rpg) ran the point for the very young squad her first season, while Kennedy (2.9 ppg/4.2 rpg) played in the paint. Don’t be surprised to see Kennedy facing the hoop and moving away from the basket this season with the added height to the roster. At 6’0” Bossard will maintain her presence in the paint and look to improve on her 6.8 ppg and 6.2 rpg. Sophomore Amanda Dudek (Towanda, NY/Towanda), with 5.2 ppg and 4.0 rpg, and sophomore Daleona Thran (Basom, NY/Akron), with 2.6 ppg/3.7 rpg are two additional players returning who, at different points in the season, started for the Hawks during their first year of college basketball.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

When the Hilbert College men's basketball team hits the hardwood for the start of the 2009-10 season, the Hawks will feature one of the youngest teams in the ever challenging Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC). One junior joins four sophomores and ten true freshmen as eighth-year head coach Rob deGrandpre and company look to rebound from a disappointing 4-21 season a year ago. “We have young, hungry players who are excited to begin their collegiate careers,” stated deGrandpre. “With any rebuilding process there has to be a focal point, and for us it will start with reinforcing the importance of being better defensively.”

The Hawks gave up 76.4 percent from the field in opponents to shoot .463. The Hawks gave up 76.4 defensively.”

Importance of being better has to be a focal point, rebuilding process there hungry players who are young, and averaged a respectable 3.8 ppg to go with 1.9 rpg. The 6’6” forward was also a bright spot from the foul line, where he connected on 86% of his attempts. Redshirt freshman Chris Parrott (Warsaw, NY/Warren) saw limited action last year before a season-ending injury finished his rookie campaign. The 6’5” inside-out threat averaged 1.7 ppg and 1.7 rpg in just seven games. Look for a bigger contribution from Parrott and 6’2” sophomore Kenneth Sherritt (Wilson, NY/Newfane), who averaged 2.6 ppg in 17 contests in 2008-09.

Also, 6’2” junior Cody Troutman (South Dayton, NY/Pine Valley) arrives by way of Jamestown Community College and will strengthen the Hawks backcourt immediately. Freshmen Adam Matula (Campbell, NY/Campbell-Savona) at 5’11”; Andy Breen (West Seneca, NY/West Seneca East) at 6’0”; and 6’0” Eric Hinton (Bedford, OH, St. Peter Chanel) could all see time directing the Hawks’ offense.

Other guards looking to make an impact are Darren Cleveland (Lackawanna, NY/Lackawanna), and Jon Leeuwien (Palmyra, NY/Marion), who at 6’5” and 6’4” respectively also possess the ability to play inside. Hilbert’s 6’1” Dan McFarland (Buffalo, NY/ St. Mary’s) brings a strong all-around game to the perimeter.

A variety of forwards hoping to have an impact are 6’6” Jesse Millman (Falconer, NY/ Falconer), 6’4” Roman Savona (Bailey, NY/South Park), 6’3” Julius Barreto (Manchester, CT/Manchester), and 6’3” Jonathan Minix (Washington, D.C./ Washington Christian). Local product Jayson Weigel (Hamburg, NY/Hamburg) brings big energy and at 6’7” has the ability to run the floor and finish in transition.

“Our goals are to get better individually as well as collectively as the season progresses,” added deGrandpre. “We’re no different than any of the other 400 NCAA Div III programs in the country. We all want to be playing in March.”

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Sophomore forward Kayla Norman (Brockport, NY/Brockport) led the team in goals this year, finding the back of the net 11 times this season and registering three assists. A team high of 25 points, Norman also had multiple goal games against La Roche, the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, and Thiel College.

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