GRADUATION OUTLOOK

by Heather Grinsell

I would like to extend my best wishes to the graduating class of 2010. There are many new and exciting opportunities out there waiting for you. While you begin the next journey of your life, consider the words of Tom Brokaw, former anchor and managing editor of NBC Nightly News (1982-2004): “You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world.” It only takes one person to change the world (look at the guy who started Facebook!). So whatever dreams and ambitions you have, take them to the next level. You never know how powerful you are until you try.

FEEDING THE SOUL OF THE CITY

Students Spend Spring Break in Service to Others

Five Hilbert students travelled to Washington, D.C., to spend their spring break in service to the hungry and homeless. Students Jeremy MacKay, Holly Opanashuk, Sister Jabulisile Phungula, Susanne Schofield, and Aaron Strozewski made the trip under the direction of Dr. Amy Smith, director of Hilbert’s honors program, and Barbara Bonanno Wilcox, director of mission integration and campus ministry. Each day the group was sent on foot or by public transportation to a different service site in neighborhoods throughout the city. Arrangements were made by the host organization, Youth Service Opportunities Project (YSOP). At the end of the day, the Hilbert team gathered at YSOP with students from Syracuse, Rutgers, and Indiana universities where all shared impressions of the work they performed. The following are accounts of some of the group’s activities.

Hilbert Student
in Washington, D.C.

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GRADUATION ISSUE

GRADUATES: YOU ARE INVITED TO THE BACCALAUREATE MASS AND BRUNCH

Join others from the Hilbert community in celebrating the joyous occasion of your graduation at a Baccalaureate Mass followed by brunch. All graduates and their families are invited to the Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel for Mass on Saturday, May 8, at 9:30 a.m. (The convent is adjacent to the Hilbert campus at 5286 South Park Avenue.) Graduates will assemble at 8:45 a.m. with academic attire in the West-Herr Atrium of Paczesny Hall. A brunch will be served after Mass from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Hafner Recreation Center. The menu includes eggs, bacon, sausage, French toast, home fries, fruit, muffins, juice, and coffee.

Tickets must be purchased by April 30. They will not be available at the door. The cost for graduates is $5; for family members, $12; and for children under 10, $6. For tickets or more information, call or see Kathy Fairbanks (649-7900 ext. 201) or Eileen Stack (ext. 373) in the administrative area on the second floor of Franciscan Hall.

Barbara Bonanno Wilcox
Director, Mission Integration & Campus Ministry

YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK: KENYA SERVICE TRIP, 2010

by Regina M. Ernst

You’ve all heard by now that a group of students and professors are headed to Kenya from May 20, 2010, to June 8, 2010—a service trip. You’ve probably participated in several of our fundraisers: bake sales, basket raffles, spaghetti dinners, Applebee’s nights, T-shirt selling, and the like, but I’m sure you’re all wondering where in Kenya we’re going and what the heck we’re doing all the way over there.

Our team will be working with Touch Africa International (feel free to check out the website: http://helptouchafrica.com/index.html). We will be traveling to well-known Nairobi, and the coastal areas of Kaloleni and Malindi. We will be replacing earthen walls with cinder blocks at a school in a rural village, so that children can attend school regardless of the weather, and we’ll be planting a keyhole garden at a children’s home, which will provide food for the orphans who live there and income when the surplus food is sold. There is much to be said about the effectiveness of keyhole gardens in Africa; if you’re curious, another website to check is out http://www.scribd.com/doc/3482845/How-to-make-a-Keyhole-Garden-East-African-style. So many members of the Hilbert faculty, staff, and student population have contributed to the funds to get our class there as well as the money for the supplies and the funding of our trip.

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WHO WROTE THE MOST H-FILES ARTICLES IN 2009-2010?

For the eleventh straight year, eight H-Files issues have now been published and distributed. The statistics are in: For 2009-10, sixty-four students combined to write a total of 151 H-Files articles.

For all those who wrote one or more articles, and for the faculty and staff supporting them, the faculty advisor extends his deepest thanks.

Almost half of this year’s articles were written by the top ten students, writing four or more articles. But who are they? And what prizes have they won?

Important Note: The prizes will be awarded during the Quad Party on April 23. Ties will be broken according to who first shows up to claim his or her award after names are announced during the Quad Party. A further tie-breaker, if needed, will be based on a heads-tails coin flip.

As of this last issue, first place belongs to Rachel Dobiesz, who composed sixteen published articles during 2009-10. The top prize is a check for $100. Second place—a $75 check—goes to Regina Ernst, Dobiesz, & Machitte, Christopher Prout, and Alicia Wildman.

The third-place winner, with seven articles, is Dontrell Young, to be awarded a check in the amount of $50. These prizes are supported by The H-Files and by contributions from the department chairs of Hilbert’s academic departments.

The fourth-place winner, receiving $25, courtesy of the Hilbert College Bookstore, Follett Higher Education Group #0044, Jon Clark with six articles.

The remaining prizes for 5th to 10th place are bookstore gift cards in varying amounts. A five-way tie with five articles apiece for the next group of awards (fifth to ninth place) will be resolved on the day of the Quad Party, as noted above. The students in question, listed alphabetically, are Kasey Cline, Madison Lux, Steve Machitte, Christopher Prout, and Alicia Wildman.

The prizes are Hilbert College Bookstore Follett gift cards for $20, $18, $15, $10, and $7. The last award, a $5 gift card, goes to Jayne Rhein and also to Heather Belkow, who are tied for tenth place.

Congratulations to all the award-winners for the most H-Files articles written in 2009-10!

JOURNALISM WRITING CONTEST

Ernst, Dobiesz, & Karan Take Top Prizes for Quality

The results of the Journalism Writing Contest for the three best written articles to appear in any of the first seven issues of The H-Files for academic year 2009-2010 was announced on April 16 during the SGA Awards Dinner in the Campus Center Dining Hall (7-9 p.m.).

The first prize, worth $100, was awarded to senior Regina M. Ernst for her article entitled “Australia: A Home for My Soul and the Tim Tam Slam,” appearing in the second issue (9/18/09) of The H-Files (page 1).

The second prize, worth $75, was conferred upon Rachel Dobiesz for her film review, “The Wolfman,” appearing in the seventh issue of The H-Files (3/12/10), beginning on page 17.

The third prize, worth $50, was awarded to Chantal Karan for her article entitled “My Internship with the Bladell Justice Court,” appearing in the fourth issue of the 2009-10 academic year (11/20/09), beginning on page 15.

Copies of the prize-winning articles are reproduced on pages 6-8 of this issue.

The panel of judges—Dr. Amy Smith (Professor, English), Colleen Dippold (Public Services and Library Instruction Coordinator), and Patrick Heraty (Professor, Business Administration)—also accorded honorable mention to the following students.

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A YEAR TO REMEMBER

by Emili Ripley

It is my second semester as an accounting major here at Hilbert College. I graduated from a very small high school called Notre Dame in Batavia, New York. There were thirty-eight students in my graduating class, so everyone knew everything about each other.

When I was making my college decision, I knew I wanted to go to a smaller college to get the same feeling I had in high school. When I walked onto the Hilbert College campus, I knew I wanted to be here for my next four years. Everyone I came in contact with was more than happy to answer any questions I had or assist me in any way.

I am involved in various clubs and activities here at Hilbert including SIFE, which stands for Student's in Free Enterprise; the honors program; Hilbert College softball; working in the McGrath Library; and the peer leader program. SIFE is not a group just for business majors; we accept any academic majors. The club really gets you involved with campus activities and community service. We conduct projects in the local community to improve knowledge of business ethics, entrepreneurship, global economics, and managerial skills. We have worked with people from the ages of four to sixty-five; from down people on the street to neighboring countries.

Over winter break I joined the SIFE organization and traveled with them to the Dominican Republic to perform a service trip. We assisted local entrepreneurs with their financial records and reconstructed their business shops. This was a great way for me to get to know students at school and to see a different part of the world. The week following spring break, a few members of SIFE joined together to travel to Cleveland, Ohio for a SIFE competition. In this competition we presented the projects we had completed the past year to a panel of judges, who critiqued us on our presentation, fluency, the projects themselves, how they impacted the community, and a four-page report to explain further the work we had done. This year’s competition our team came in first and will be advancing to the national tournament in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 11.

The next program in which I participate is softball. I have been playing for as long as I can remember and after going to States with my high school team last year, I knew I needed to continue playing in college. Hilbert has a Division III program with a brand new coaching staff this year.

Over spring break our team traveled to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, for an eight-game tournament to prepare us for Division III colleges. We came out 6-2, which is the same number of wins the team had for the entire 2009 season. Softball has taught me that to play hard, you need to practice hard. Being on a sports team can help you bond with people you do not know as well as you bond with people you know. In addition to SIFE and softball, I also work in the McGrath Library here on campus. When the library found out one of their acquisition clerks was going to study abroad in Ireland this semester, they asked me to take her place. This is a paid position and the hours are very flexible to fit into busy schedules. I work with all the librarians and serve them by performing any jobs they need me to do. A daily routine for me would be to collect the mail and sort it, produce invoices for patrons who have purchased the library has previously made, restock shelves, and order new supplies. I have a good time working with all the librarians, and they have helped me with many projects and assignments.

Aside from these activities, I was recently chosen to be a peer leader for the coming semester, Fall 2010. For all those who are incoming freshmen, you will be taking GS 101 Foundations Seminar class, which teaches you about self-awareness, how to be a good citizen, and the transitions you will have to make to being the college student. Each classroom an upperclassman is placed with a teacher to assist him or her in any way needed. I found this class to be very beneficial to students adjusting up to the schedule and resident change. This class helped you get to know your peers and encouraged you to attend campus activities that you might have avoided if you were not participating and interested in them.

We are so grateful for the support of the Hilbert College community and will be excited to return with stories, photographs, and expanded horizons. Please keep our group in your thoughts and prayers over the next two months as we prepare for and embark on our journey. But above all . . . thank you, thank you, thank you for all your support!

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To help the organization, our group was asked to sort through sacks of envelopes, fly- ers, and other items from their latest fundraiser. (One evening in March, over 150 restaurants in the Washington metropolitan politian area had donated part or all of their sales to the organization, and they raised a couple hundred thousand dollars.) We were glad to help, and even though it seemed like a small contribution to recycle leftover papers, it helped them by taking care of something that was painstaking. This activ- ity enabled them to focus their efforts more on the clients and the wonderful services provided. —Holly Opanashuk

On the second day (Tuesday) of our service trip to Washington, D.C., we worked with a group that was with the very poor, homeless people living in the area of the Church of the Epiph- any. The group was called “Street Church” and they basically provide food to homeless people at a nearby park. We made about 120 pea- sues for the homeless people and we packed them into orange boxes to be taken out for the homeless. We then went to St. John’s Center and packed them into the bags and made signs for the homeless people that lived there. We were all given the signs and we then went to the park where some home- less people often sleep or stay during the day. After the signs were given to the homeless people, we were thanked and encouraged to continue volunteering. Some of us were assigned to walk around and hand out meals to those who did not want to line up for the food. One lady that I gave food to was nothing but a happy smiling lady who was thankful for the bag full of food. Then, one man I walked over to refused to take the bag of food that I tried to give him. So I walked away for a short while. Then when he wasn’t looking, I placed the food with the rest of his belongings and walked away casually.

When I was able to look back, he was looking in the bag and seemed to be smiling, then placed the bag of food back with his things.

All in all, it was a great experience and I had a blast. It was a blessing to help people in a way that I knew directly as- sisted them. —Jeremy Mackay

On Wednesday, we went to serve at Com- munity Family Life Services (CFLS). This is a faith-based, non-profit organization that pro- vides a network of social services for low income and homeless families and individuals regard- less of their faith. CFLS provides clients with the tools they need to move themselves beyond poverty and into self-determi- nation in permanent self-sufficiency. They also provide short-term crisis assistance and empower individuals and families to change their lives over the long term. We helped by moving boxes of winter clothes and packed them in the van taking them to the Red Cross, since they were no longer needed. We moved furniture to a local church and it is one of the apartment buildings in which the clients live, and we or- ganized the furniture that remained as well. After that, we distributed fly- ers to each apartment. I thought it was a great opportunity for us to do something for the home- less. It was eye-opening. Especially seeing how people are suffering, we should be grateful for the little things. After doing the program itself is doing a great job for the homeless. As for me personally, with each box I lifted and each sofa I moved, I was doing it for the needy. I felt that if I was doing this, I was a part of the ministry. For God said, whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters do it to Me. It was really an inspiring experience to engage in work for the homeless.

—Sister Jabulisile

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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 April-May 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, Puckette Hall, ext. 315). And the winner is . . . Jill Ambellin! To collect this prize, the identified winner must contact Dr. Ernst, with accompanying Hilbert College ID or driver’s license by or on Friday, May 7, 2010.

Kenya Service Trip

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projects. We are as eager to learn from the people of Kenya as we are to provide them with materials and extra willing hands to do the work, with no other agenda in mind other than helping them.

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BUFFALO WELLFEST TO HIGHLIGHT HEALTHY LIVING

The fourth annual Buffalo WellFest, Western New York’s largest, most comprehensive healthy living exhibition, will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. May 15 in the Buffalo Bills Field House in Orchard Park.

Focusing on healthy lifestyle choices, this fun event will feature the following:

- Interactive sports stations to test fitness and endurance levels;
- Free confidential health screenings, including blood pressure, cholesterol, bone density, and blood glucose;
- Nutritious and healthy choice menu items for tasting from Buffalo’s finest eateries;
- A farmers’ market offering fresh fruits, vegetables, and flowers;
- Healthy living providers ranging from traditional to alternative medicines;
- Fitness experts with the latest in-home and club solutions, along with entertainment and tire-grazing offerings;
- Information on financial services, retirement planning, insurance, and senior care providers;
- Demonstrations of yoga, martial arts, pilates, ballroom dancing, hip hop dancing, and more;
- Opportunities to win from loads of prizes, such as massages, a weekend getaway, and a gift basket of healthy treats.

In addition to the Southtowns location, Buffalo WellFest was held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 10 at the University at Buffalo Alumni Arena (Amherst campus), and will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 2 at the Buffalo Convention Center.

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After a physically demanding day that included moving a sleeper sofa up four flights of stairs, and a very narrow staircase at that, we returned to YSOP to hear a speaker from the National Coalition for the Homeless. He was accompanied by a gentle man who spoke about his personal experience of going from a job that paid well to becoming homeless. The cause of this was a series of unfortunate events. But this moving presentation was not the end of our day. There was much more to accomplish.

Our group from Hilbert was paired with those from Indiana to host a dinner for guests welcomed from the street. Everyone was assigned different tasks from setting up tables and decorating to cooking a lasagna dinner. After spending time with our 40 or so guests, we televised them dance, ate with them, and continued our conversations. It was another day to add to a great week and an awesome experience that I’ll take with me for years.

—Suzanne Schofield

On Thursday, our last day of service, we went to D.C. Central Kitchen in downtown Washing- ton. This organization serves food to people in need, such as the homeless and those who are really poor. They do not actually serve people at the kitchen, but rather they deliver meals to them. On any given day, D.C. Central Kitch- en serves around 4,000 people in the area. It was an early morning, but it turned out to be an interesting and enjoyable experience. Once we got started, we were busy for the entire three hours that we were there. There were other volunteers present, such as from a college in Ithaca, New York, and from high schools in Virginia and the D.C. area. There was a variety of activi- ties that we had to do, such as opening cans of fruit and vegetables and emptying them into huge plastic bins, peeling and chopping vegetables, making sandwiches, and wrapping other foods. All in all, it was a very interesting and humbling experience. The kitchen was small and had between forty and fifty vol- unteer workers in there at the time; therefore, it was quite crowded. It is amazing that they are able to make enough food in that kitchen to feed so many. It was a more direct way of help- ing the needy and we enjoyed it immensely as a group.

The whole program wrapped up on Thursday and we learned that the stereotypes that often accompany homelessness and homeless people are usually not true. I am going to go out on a limb and say that, for the most part, the stereo- types given to homeless people are mostly false, so it is unwise to judge them based on false- hoods. We also learned that communicating with homeless people is very important. Talking with them or offering a simple smile or hello can help them to get some dignity and self-esteem back. It helps a lot; it truly does. Homeless people are humans just like us and should be treated as such. One event can change a life drastically. One unintended and ter- rifying thing could cause many of us who are not currently homeless to be- come homeless. It is just something to think about before you ignore those who are homeless and think that you are better than they are.

JOURNALISM

Writing Contest

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The 1st honorable mention was given to Emily Riple for her article entitled “Diggin’ Down in the Do- minican Republic,” appearing in the sixth issue (2/12/10), page 7. The 2nd honorable mention went to Mary Zinni for “Overcom- ing Struggles in Athletics,” issue 7 (3/12/10), page 19. The 3rd honorable men- tion was assigned to Ari- anna Lindsey, “A Day to Celebrate Being So Much More Than a Father,” issue 1 (8/28/09), p. 2.

This is the ninth time awards have been given in a newspaper contest devoted solely to writ- ing quality. The general criteria, set forth in the first issue (8/28/09), in- dicate consideration of the following: “length (about the equivalent of a single-spaced typed page or more); accuracy and ad- equacy of information; … flow of content and gen- eral organization, attention to voice (in imagining one’s audience or reader), style …; and suitable re- search and preparation, as needed” (page 2).

Also, “articles may in- clude straight news, hu- man interest features, in- terviews, editorials, and reviews. . . . Application of criteria will be adjusted to reflect the type of mate- rial being judged” (pages 2, 4).

FRANCISCAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Three Local Institutions Among AFCU Members

Dr. Kevin Godfrey, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and philosophy professor at Alvernia University, has been named executive director of the Associa- tion of Franciscan Col- leges and Universities (AFCU), effective July 1. The AFCU is the na- tional organization for Franciscan higher edu- cation with twenty-two member institutions, including Western New York’s Hilbert College, St. Bonaventure University, and Villa Maria College.

Godfrey succeeds Sister Gabrielle Kowalski, Ph.D., AFCU’s first di- rector. With Godfrey’s appointment, the national office of the AFCU will move from Cardi- nal Stritch University in Milwaukee to Alvernia University in Reading, Pennsylvania.

“I am truly excited about the opportunity to help chart a course for the future of the AFCU and honored that they have selected me for this role,” said Godfrey. “I look forward to using my personal and professional experiences to further Franciscan higher education on be- half of AFCU’s member schools, which is something my time at Alvernia has well prepared me for.”

Godfrey brings deep academic and adminis- trative credentials with him to the role as well as his expertise in Franciscan- ish studies. He joined Alvernia’s faculty as an assistant professor of theology in 1996 to teach Franciscan and Roman Catholic stud- ies and was appointed to the role of dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in 2007.

He is a prolific au- thor and has published numerous articles and papers on theology and Catholic and Franciscan doctrine. He is also an advisory board member and regular contributor to the AFCU journal, A Franciscan Perspective in Higher Education. He holds a doctorate in historical theology from St. Louis University in St. Louis, Mo., a mas- ter’s degree in theology from The Catholic Uni- versity of America in Washington, D.C., and a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and French studies from the Univer- sity of Minnesota.

“We are so very fortu- nate to have found someone like Kevin who possesses a depth of scholarly expertise in Catholic theology as well as significant personal and professional experiences in Francis- can studies,” said Sister Elise Kriss, chair of the AFCU Board of Direct- ors and president of the University of St. Francis. “His academic background, adminis- trative talents, and leadership experience will be great assets in moving our organiza- tion forward.”

Godfrey will complete his term as dean of the College of Arts and Sci- ences at Alvernia in June and will then return to the full-time faculty as teacher-scholar in theo- logy, using released time to perform his AFCU responsibilities.

The Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities promotes Franciscan ideals and the mission of Catholic higher educa- tion through the support of its twenty-two member institutions, providing a forum to foster collabora- tion among member schools.

Paula Witherell

Director, Public Relations
BUFFALO LABORATORY THEATRE PRESENTS PLAY

The sentimental comedy Indoor/Outdoor, a play by Kenny Finkel about the life journey of a house cat, was presented by the Buffalo Laboratory Theatre at 8 p.m. April 9-10, 15-17, and April 22-23 at 7:30 p.m. in Hilbert College’s William E. Swan Auditorium. Telling the story of Samantha the Cat, Indoor/Outdoor focused on Samantha’s relationships with her owner and her romance with an alley cat named Oscar. Bonnie Jean Taylor took on the role of Samantha. The play also featured Patrick Cameron, Justin Fiordaliso, and Cassie Gorniewicz. The show was directed by Hilbert alumna Kathleen Golde.

Paula Witherell Director, Public Relations

HILBERT OPEN HOUSE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON MAJORS, LOOK AT CAMPUS

Prospective students and families will have an opportunity to learn about Hilbert College’s academic majors and take a tour of campus, including the college’s new residence hall and state-of-the-art academic buildings, at a spring open house scheduled for 10:30 a.m. April 24 in the William E. Swan Auditorium. Information will be provided on Hilbert’s thirteen majors and more than fifty minors and concentrations, financial aid opportunities, and career services. Professors from various majors will be on hand to give an overview of the college’s programs and career opportunities in various areas of study. Student life, including Hilbert Hawks’ sports teams and on-campus living options, will also be discussed. Guided walking tours of the college’s suburban campus will be available.

RUNNER, WALKERS TURN OUT FOR HILBERT’S MEMORIAL MILES

A total of 233 runners and walkers, including faculty and staff, participated in Hilbert College’s 2010 Memorial Miles 5K Race/1 Mile Walk held on campus April 10. Event proceeds raised more than $1,500 for student scholarships.

With special tributes in memory of lost loved ones lining the race course, walkers and runners made their way around campus and the surrounding Hamburg neighborhood on what turned out to be a sunny, cool morning. A barbecue was held following the race/walk and children had a chance to play in a bounce house set up near the Campus Center.

Overall winning runner for Hilbert Memorial Miles was Ray Graf, who had a time of 17:46. Awards were handed out to top-placed runners, and walkers received blue ribbons.

Paula Witherell Director, Public Relations

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (SPRING, 2010)

April
23 Quad Party, Campus Center Quad, 12-4 p.m.
24 Spring Open house for prospective students & families, 10:30 a.m., William E. Swan Auditorium
26 Seneca no-faced cornhusk doll display and presentation, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Campus Center Dining Hall, featuring Antoinette Scott
27 Astronomy Club, 2 p.m., Bogel Hall, Room 150
28 Communication Club, documentary “America the Beautiful,” on obsession with beauty, at 7 p.m. in Palisano Lecture Room (Bogel Hall auditorium), Room 101
29 Athletic Awards Banquet, beginning 6 p.m., Hafner Recreation Center
30 Freshmen Beach Sweep—Hilbert students cleaning Wende Beach in Evans, NY, followed by picnic lunch, meeting on campus at 11:30 a.m. & carpooling to beach

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1 Last class session for Saturday classes
2 SIFE team fundraiser at 7 p.m. in the West-Herr Atrium
3 Last class session for weekday classes & evening classes
7 Academic Honors Awards, William E. Swan Auditorium, 7-9 p.m., including reception, West-Herr Atrium.
8 Baccalaureate Mass, brunch, and Commencement
9 Mother’s Day
10 Summer Session I begins
11 SIFE team participates in SIFE Nationals Competition in Minneapolis, Minnesota
28 Memorial Day
31 Memorial Day

HILBERT OPEN HOUSE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON MAJORS, LOOK AT CAMPUS

From Robert Frost’s “The Figure a Poem Makes” (1939): “It begins in delight, it inclines to the impulse, it assumes direction with the first line laid down, it runs a course of lucky events, and ends in a clarification of life—not necessarily a great clarification, as sects and cults are founded on, but in a momentary stay against confusion” (50).


PRINT BYTES
The Evolution of a Poem

Advance registration is requested but not required to attend the open house. To register, contact the Hilbert Office of Admissions at 649-7900 or online at www.hilbert.edu. Interested students are also encouraged to become a fan of Hilbert on Facebook. A link to sign-up may be found on the Hilbert admissions website home page.

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SGA AWARDS BANQUET

by Heather Bellow, VP of Programming

The SGA Awards Banquet, held on April 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Campus Center Dining Hall, has been going on for nine years now. Acting as Master of Ceremonies, President Leala Bowens helped congratulate ad- visors and students with awards for their amazing work and dedication to their clubs.

All advisors who selected a member of their respective clubs to receive an award for outstanding work throughout the year. Then, specialty achievement awards were given out to certain clubs, advisors, and club members.

The first of these special- ty awards was for advisor of the year. The Advi- sor of the Year Award is granted to the faculty/staff advisor whose passion for his or her club’s activities is such that it is caught by the students, resulting in their advancing beyond their expectations. His/ her dedication leads stu- dents to adhere to basic standards which guide them in their choice of activities, the way they are positively affected, and the results attained. This award was given to Dan Roland, professor of business administration in the Professional Studies Division.

The Club of the Year Award is granted to the club which plans its activi- ties in such a way that there is growth in the individual members. That education is part of the process, and that it extends itself bey- ond campus boundaries by reaching out to those whose needs are otherwise unmet. The Campus Im- provement Award is given to the club acknowledg- ing its activities that everything surrounding students in the campus environment is impor- tant to their growth: re- spect for one another; the manner in which persons communicate; the cleanliness of the building area and grounds; the beauty that surrounds students, namely, the flowers, the trees, and an appreciation of that environment.

The Mission in Action Award recognizes the club most emulating the values of Hibbert’s Franciscan mission. Congratulations to the Human Services and Rehabilitation Services Club for winning all three awards in 2009-10.

The Sister Edmuntne Pavezcy Francian Spirit Award, named in honor of Sister Edmuntne, the former president of Hil- bert College, is presented to the student who is a role model for the Franciscan values of integrity, re- spect, compassion, vision, service, hope, and joy. This person is so filled with this spirit that it is contagious among others. The award winner was James (Jim) Kiblin.

The John Kissel Out- standing Leader Award is named after the former vice president for student life. Kissel was an ex- ample of leadership to the many students he guided during his career. The student chosen for this award exhibits the traits found in a leader among his peers and acknowl-edges the responsibility to his fellow students while encouraging them to share in their roles as leaders. The winner of this award was Brandon Morse.

Seventeen students in the emerging leaders program and six senior leadership scholars were acknowl- edged by advisor James Sturm, followed by the installation of new SGA officers.

The SGA would like to thank everyone who came out and supported all the clubs and advis- ors. Lastly, good luck to departing SGA president Leala Bowens in recogni- tion of her achievements at Hilbert College.

JOURNALISM WRITING CONTEST WINNERS

Reproduced below are the three articles whose writers were awarded prizes at the SGA Awards Banquet on April 16 for the best articles appearing in any of the first seven issues of The H-Files in academic year 2009-2010. In first place is Regina M. Ernst’s article entitled “Australia: A Home for My Soul and the Tim Tam Slam”; in second place, Rachel Dobiesz’s film review of The Wolfman; and in third place, Chantal Karan’s article “My Internship with the Blasdell Justice Court.” Thanks to our panel of judges for this year’s contest: Dr. Amy Smith, Patrick Heraty, & Colleen Dippold.

AUSTRALIA: A HOME FOR MY SOUL & THE TIM TAM SLAM

by Regina M. Ernst

This summer, I participated in the Sydney Summer Intern- ships, a study abroad option through Arcadia Uni- versity. My specific program included two parts. One was a class called Parallel Re- alities in which we discussed indigenous and global issues at a local bar every week; the other was an internship specifically tailored to my major and personal interests. Altogether, it added up to six transferable credits for six weeks of my summer.

A lot was crammed into my time in Australia. Just to name a few: The city of Melbourne gives off a European and artisss impression. There, the streets are divided into three types: streets, lanes, and alleys (e.g. Lonsdale St., Lonsdale Ln., Lonsdale Al- ley). The alleys are where it’s at, lined with cafes and little independent shops. You definitely feel respectable ordering a salmon and caper baguette for 3.00 AUD and parading down the street with it as your lunch on the go.

The area of St. Kilda, less than ten miles away from downtown Melbourne, has the most sensational coastline, with dramatic cliff edges and rocks that stand up against white crashing waves which spring from the bluest green water you could
Snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef opportunities (I tried both, scuba diving and snorkeling thing that can be seen from that. When the sun comes around the gorgeous coastal Helensburg, located in northern Queensland, is a city that old lives that exist beneath the eucalyptus trees. If a crocodile and a shark attack. While on a riverboat, people's shoulders. The deliciousness of the cookie ended and my American oportunites (I tried both, scuba diving and snorkeling thing that can be seen from that. When the sun comes around the gorgeous coastal Helensburg, located in northern Queensland, is a city that old lives that exist beneath the eucalyptus trees. If a crocodile and a shark attack. While on a riverboat, people's shoulders. The deliciousness of the cookie ended and my American
On April 14, 2010, the Alpha Nu Alpha Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta held its Fifth Annual Induction Ceremony in the Honors Lounge at Hilbert College. Students Victoria Felser, Jackie Poblocki, Nicole Marie Rinn, Kayla Tigue, and Patrick Winney were welcomed into the chapter by President Chris Prout and Vice President Regina Ernst.

The ceremony recognized each inductee for their brilliant academic work in English. To exhibit this honor, each inductee received a certificate and a pin with the Sigma Tau Delta emblem on it. Those present at the ceremony included Dr. Christopher Holoman, provost and vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Thea Harrington, Arts and Sciences division chair and professor of English; Dr. Michael Deegan, academic dean, director of the Center for Excellence in Learning, and professor of English; Dr. Amy Smith, director of the honors program and professor of English; and Dr. Charles A. S. Ernst, Media Advisor and professor of English; and Marne Griffin, chapter sponsor and associate professor of English. Sigma Tau Delta has over 600 active chapters, more than 900 faculty sponsors, and inducts approximately 7,000 members annually. Students selected for induction have shown outstanding achievement in the fields of English and literature. Members of every chapter are encouraged to share their passion for literature and linguistics with peers.

As sponsored by Marne Griffin, one of the main goals for the Alpha Nu Alpha Chapter is to promote literacy. Every year the chapter runs a book drive in which the members collect books around the Hilbert College campus and donate them to LEAP (Literacy Empowerment Action Plan).

This year, the Alpha Nu Alpha Chapter says goodbye to three of its members who are graduating in Spring, 2010: Chris Prout, Jackie Poblocki, and Regina Ernst. Keep an eye out for what the new members are up to in the coming semesters.
**SMILE BUTTONS & HAPPY SPRING**

S.A.D.D. Club

Students are celebrating the Franciscan value “joy” by distributing “Smile Buttons” to the entire campus—students, faculty, and staff. There are seven different designs, one for every personality. And who could wear a “Smile Button” without spreading joy wherever they go? Enjoy!

Have you noticed the

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**ASTRONOMY CLUB CLOSES SEMESTER WITH COSMIC BANG**

For its last session, Astronomy Club members will be watching “Cosmic Apocalypse” on April 27 at 2 p.m. in Bogel Hall, Room 150. On April 20 club members previously watched “Biggest Things in Space.”

Dr. Anthony Hughes
Advisor, Astronomy Club

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**COMMUNICATION CLUB TO HOLD VIEWING OF “AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL” DOCUMENTARY**

The Hilbert College Communication Club will host a viewing of the documentary “America the Beautiful” on April 27 at 7 p.m. in the Bogel Hall auditorium, Room 101. The film, directed by Darryl Roberts, explores America’s seemingly unhealthy obsession with beauty.

“This film addresses the role media may play in shaping one’s self-image, which is a common topic of discussion in communication class,” says Dr. Don Vincent, Communication Club advisor.

The core of the film is Gerren Taylor, a young woman who becomes a supermodel at age 12. Roberts uses Gerren’s story as a jumping off point to examine America’s current obsession with physical perfection and the detrimental effects that this can have upon everyday people. He speaks about celebrities, plastic surgeons, models, advertisers, and average Americans about the value society places on beauty, the consequences, and what can be done about it.

“The Communications Club recognized the overwhelming amount of pressure the media puts on our society to be ‘beautiful’ and wanted to raise awareness about the issue,” says club member Peggy Shea. “We think this documentary will showcase how unhealthy our obsession with perfection has become.”

The event will be free and open to the general public. The film is rated R and is not appropriate for young children. Complimentary popcorn and refreshments will be provided.

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**A L E X ’ S L E M O N A D E S T A N D**

The Common Ground Club has also completed a drive, as of April 14, to support this group of boys ages seven to seventeen at the Liberty Lodge Orphanage in St. Vincent and the Grenadine Islands by collecting toiletry items and boys’ underclothes.

Tara Jabbaar-Gyamnabah
Director of Multicultural Affairs

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**YOUNG PATIENTS WELCOME BOOK DONATIONS**

S.A.D.D. members, along with Bob Pawelski, IT coordinator, and his family, made the special delivery. Stories were also read to children during the April 8 visit.

Paula Witherell
Director, Public Relations

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**S I F E C L U B C O N T I N U E S T H E T R A D I T I O N**

In March, Hilbert College SIFE attended the SIFE regional competition in Cleveland, Ohio. The team’s efforts awarded them with the title of regional champions, marking their eighth consecutive invitation to the National Competition.

The team was led by President Jon Clark, who observed, “We were able to be successful because of the passion and values that Professor Dan Roland [advisor] has instilled in us.”

The Hilbert College SIFE team will be holding a fundraiser on May 2 at 7 p.m. in the West-Herr Atrium, including dessert, coffee, a basket raffle, and the National Presentation team demonstration. All funds raised will be used for the National Competition on May 11 in Minnesota.

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**A L E X ’ S L E M O N A D E S T A N D**

In July, 2000, a four-year-old girl named Alexandra Scott set up a front yard lemonade stand with the help of her brother, Patrick. What made this lemonade stand unique was that the little entrepreneur did not intend to keep the proceeds. She planned on donating the funds to “her hospital” (the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia) in hopes that a cure for cancer might be found. Little Alex Scott had suffered from childhood cancer known as neuroblastoma since she was just about a year old.

Alex and her family continued to hold a lemonade stand each year, eventually moving it from their front yard to Alex’s elementary school. For the next four years, Alex’s determination to find a cure grew as her health deteriorated. At the same time, Alex’s fame spread. People were inspired by the kid who sold lemonade to help find a cure for her own...
Hilbert Students Coloring Easter Eggs at the Motherhouse of the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph on April 1

Hilbert Group with Other “Street Church” Volunteers in Washington, D.C.

Habitat for Humanity in Buffalo
Jesse Roland and Jill Martucci Doing “ Tear-Out” Work

Campus Ministry Club Members Taking a Break from Demolition Work

Campus Ministry Club Members and Other Hilbert Students at a Habitat for Humanity House on March 27
Dave Cunningham Beats Throw to First During Penn State Behrend Game on April 13

Amanda Ratajczak and Halsey Baker Celebrate First Home Runs of Season in Game Against Bay Path on March 17

Carrie Sisson Scores Tying Run on Bay Path Team at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on March 17

Amber Grosch Celebrates Comeback Win With Hilbert Team Against Bay Path on March 17

Chris Hoak Unleashes Pitch in April 13th Game vs. Penn State Berend

Colby Miller Makes Put-out at First Base, Cocoa Beach, Florida

Fast Pitch Dreams Picture of Hilbert Hawks Softball Team
Long ago, in a Seneca village, a baby girl was born with a special gift of “exceptional beauty.” She was named O’we:oh (Seneca word for flower). Every day someone in the village would compliment her on how stunningly beautiful she was. And as a child, O’we:oh was taught to say “Nya:weh” (Seneca word for thank you). As she grew older her heart became proud due to her extraordinary beauty. She began to believe the lie that she was as worthy of worship and adoration as the Creator Himself. She developed a very negative attitude and treated the other members of the tribe with great disrespect. If the gifts from the Creator are not used properly the person will eventually be corrected and that is exactly what happened to O’we:oh. O’we:oh was rinsing berries down by the creek, a place she loved to visit and where she admired her beauty in the mirror-like reflection of the water all day long and often forgot about her chores. This went on for many years and the other members of the tribe were getting very upset with her. The Creator sent a giant screech owl down from the sky to snatch her reflection from the water. When she glanced over to admire her beauty, her reflection was gone! She could no longer see her face or the glory in her extraordinary beauty. Many seasons passed and O’we:oh gave up trying to admire herself in any reflective body of water. During that time she also grew into a very nice, kind young lady because of the lesson she learned on being humble, realizing everyone has special talents and gifts. O’we:oh knew in her heart that the little doll helped her learn the final lesson of seeing the inner beauty of things. And she knew she had a lesson to teach to the youngsters in the village.

So that night she made a huge pot of corn soup and gathered all the young children of the village around her. She shared with them the story of O’we:oh and the lessons that were learned. She shared with them the stories of how she had learned to respect herself and her tribe. She shared with them the stories of how she had learned to respect the Creator and the lessons that were taught to her by the Creator. She shared with them the stories of how she had learned to respect the other members of the tribe and the lessons that were taught to her by the other members of the tribe. She shared with them the stories of how she had learned to respect herself and her tribe.

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TUTORS WANTED

Interested in earning some extra money? “Skilled” in essentials of writing? Able to help others understand basic math concepts?

The Academic Services Center, Bogel Hall, Room 107, is accepting applications for math and writing tutors for the Fall 2010 semester.

Consider applying today by picking up an application at the main desk and returning it to Debbie or Mich.

Mich Sojda
Director, Academic Services

HAPPY SUMMER!

See you in September!

The Counseling Center

NATIONAL STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM PRESENTATION IS HELD

“How to Repay Your Student Loan in 3 Easy Steps” was presented by Anne Barton, representative of the National Student Loan Program, on Thursday, April 15, in the Bogel Hall auditorium, Room 101, at 3 p.m.

Prize giveaways and light refreshments were available!

Elaine Szczepanski
Student Finance Counselor
FINANCIAL AID CORNER

April 23, 2010

*Announcements from the Student Finance Office, Franciscan Hall*

**SUMMER 2010 REGISTRATION/BILLING:** For those student registered for summer classes, billing statements will be mailed the first week of May with a balance due date of 5/11/10.

**FALL 2010 REGISTRATION/LATE FEES/BILLING:** Current students need to be registered for the Fall 2010 semester by 5/7/10; otherwise, a $50.00 late registration fee will be charged to your account.

You will **NOT BE ALLOWED TO REGISTER** for the Fall 2010 semester 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 2010 student account. **THE LAST DAY TO SUBMIT ANY OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL AID PAPERWORK FOR THE SPRING 2010 SEMESTER IS APRIL 30!**

Fall 2010 billing statements will be mailed the first week of July with a balance due date of 8/6/10.

**2010/2011 FAFSA: REMINDER** - Please complete the 2010/2011 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. **MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO FILE YOUR FAFSA TODAY!**

**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!

- Cindy Clear, Student Finance Technician, ext. 314
- Kelly Cusack, Student Finance Counselor, ext. 277
- Sasa 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.

Tel: 649-7900

Seneca No-Faced Cornhusk Dolls

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village around the fire. She held up the little no-faced cornhusk doll and began to tell the story of what would happen to them if they became too proud and did not treat others with kindness and compassion or if they overly cared about their outer beauty, called vanity. They all enjoyed the story and ate up all the yummy corn soup. The Iroquois want their children to value the unique gifts that the Creator has given to each individual, whether it be to teach, or to be a caregiver, a leader in the community, or a committed worker. The cornhusk doll teaches us to be humble and to treat others with kindness and compassion. The Seneca no-faced cornhusk doll is meant also to teach us that it is not outer beauty that matters; it is the inner beauty that the Creator sees and truly cares about. A lesson of vanity . . . the elders say.

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Textbooks bought and sold, new & used, online buybacks. Bay, sell, rent at cheapbooks.com (260) 399-6111; espanol (212) 380-1763; urdu/hindi/punjabi (713) 429-4981; see site for other support lines.

Alex’s Lemonade Stand

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specifically to young investigators. Many gifted medical researchers decide against a career in pediatric cancer research due to constant lack of funding. ALSF uses funds to attract the brightest and best into the field in hopes of finding a cure quickly. The S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Club will hold an Alex’s Lemonade Stand at this year’s Quad Party. Please come and support our stand so that newly diagnosed children, and those in the future, will have a better, happier outcome.

Phyllis Dewey
Director, Counseling Center

ATTENTION, STUDENTS!

UPCOMING CHANGES YOU NEED TO KNOW REGARDING SCHOOL-CERTIFIED PRIVATE LOANS

Title X of HEOA (Higher Education Opportunity Act) – The Private Student Loan Transparency and Improvement Act was signed by President Bush in August, 2008, and it has become federally mandated as of February, 2010. Title X contains requirements that will improve the information provided to student borrowers, reinforce the availability of federal loan options, and encourage student borrowers to consult with the Financial Aid Office prior to making a private loan commitment.

What’s new with school-certified private loans?

- The addition of multiple new disclosures and specific timing during which an offer of credit must remain available to the applicant and co-signer.
- Active acceptance of disclosures during the private loan application process.
- A student borrower self-certification form.
- Lenders must allow sufficient time for an applicant to receive the final disclosure. The final disclosure outlines the three business day rescission period, allowing an applicant to cancel the loan without penalty. Based on the time for an applicant to receive the final disclosure and carry out the rescission period, funds will not disburse until approximately seven days after the final disclosure is issued.

What does this all mean for you . . . the student?

- Title X will enable the student borrower to look at other financial options before committing to the private loan, and will make the student aware of loan indebtedness.

MOST IMPORTANT: Because the school-certified private loan will have a longer processing time with the disclosures and self-certification form, students need to act quickly when applying for a private loan to cover their tuition balance, textbooks, and additional expenses. As usual, not until students have been approved for the loan, and school certification has been received, will a credit balance be allowed in the Hilbert College bookstore.

PLEASE CONTACT THE STUDENT FINANCE OFFICE REGARDING ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING STUDENT LOANS!
Brian Kruszka was born to be a traveler. His journeys have taken him as far as Australia, England, France, Italy, and the Dominican Republic. In August of this year he will travel to Tanzania, Africa, to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro. Not bad for someone only twenty-four years old. His most impressive journey, however, occurred not in a far-away place, but right here in Western New York, where he has lived his entire life.

Brian describes himself as “very insubordinate.” At the age of eleven, while on a camping trip with friends, it was this curious nature that led him to smoke his first joint. This act would touch off a drug habit that would last throughout his adolescence. By the age of fourteen he was using a host of other, harder drugs. Getting his license at sixteen only worsened, allowing him to travel to other areas and sell drugs. He began taking prescription pills and, finally, heroin. “I weighed 110 pounds,” he says. “I was black and blue sunken-in eyes, a scruffy little goatee, and I was pretty much just gone. Completely wasted.” I was hanging on by a thread. I have no idea, even still, how I didn’t overdose, or get killed, or end up by a thread. I have no idea, even still to do that stuff. If they only knew how I didn’t make it, how I didn’t make it.”

He says. “And when you mix the drugs in with that, I would lose all self-control.”

The next day, he experienced another blackout. After going out to buy more drugs, he was arrested. He wound up in Buf- falo Drug Court and, instead of being sent to jail, was placed in Renaissance House, a drug rehabilitation cen- ter for youth. At first, Brian says, he wasn’t interested in treatment and he was sent back to the drug court program. “I did quite well. My first semester I got a 4.0 and that just showed me right there that my thing.” Brian chose to continue his educa- tion and attended ECC for two years. He then transferred to Hilbert College after having his interest piqued by their study abroad program. His speaks fondly of his two and a half years at that institution. “I really left and I said,” he says. “I wish I hadn’t graduated already and that I spent my entire four years there.”

It was during college that Brian began to channel his adventurer- ous personality into a passion for travel. His first trip was to Italy with the Hilbert College honors program, after a little prodding from his mother. “I was hawking about it and I told my mom about it. She told me I was stupid if I didn’t take the op- portunity. So I got my passport and did it all. I loved experiencing the foreign culture and being involved in that and be- coming immersed, learning another language, see- ing historic things.” The travel bug had bitten Brian. More trips soon followed. Next, he went to South Africa, for a six-week internship with the mayor and trav- elled around the country. He then went to the Dominican Republic on a service trip for school. Last March, he accompanied a Hilbert College honors class on a trip to London and Paris. “The one free day in Paris, I took a train from Paris to Normandy. I rented a car and a GPS, thank God, and I drove through the countryside. It looks like you are driving through the middle of a field with nothing but trees and pastures around you. I went to four or five D- Day beaches, including Omaha Beach and the museum, and just spent time there and walked around, to the bunks, and checked it out. My grandfather Office at Omaha Beach; he drove a landing vessel. So that was also impor- tant for me to see and check that out.”

This past November, he re- turned to Australia for a two-week vacation. In the future, he hopes to travel to South Africa, Iceland, and return to France.

Brian’s current path keeps him heavily in- volved with Kids Escaping Drugs, the non-profit organization that financed his trip to Renaissance House. He serves on the board and participates in the Face 2 Face program, which sends former drug users to speak to local high schools. “Brian is the type of young man that every mother hopes their daughter brings home,” says Face 2 Face Program Director Stacy Roeder. “He is respect- ful and loving; smart and motivated. We are so proud of the man he chose to be.”

Brian is both hopeful and realistic when talk- ing about helping those at risk. “I try not to let it get too personal for me because, unfortunately, statistically, you just don’t have too much success,” he says. “You know a lot of times I want to react, like smack them upside the head, because I was the fool that was very arrogant when I was being taught all that stuff. If they only knew now what I know now, they wouldn’t be going through the same stuff as I did.”

His dedication to the organization is what led him to his upcoming journey, climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. Channel 2 personality Ed Kilgore came up with the idea to climb the 19,000 foot mountain as a fund-raiser for Kids Escaping Drugs. The goal of the climb is to raise awareness for the organization and collect financial contributions. Brian, along with two others, will be joining him on the trip. The group trains every weekend at Chestnut Ridge and will climb a mountain in Colorado for practice in June.

Brian has a confident personality, but admits that every mother hopes their daughter brings home. He is very proud of the man he chose to be.”

Today, Brian’s eyes are fixed on the path ahead of him. He says that he has never relapsed and is not concerned that he will ever will. “There is no reason I would ever want to go back to that stuff and give up the life that I have today. I know that if I started using the pills and stuff again there wouldn’t be just a one- time thing. I wouldn’t want to fool myself like that.”

He lives with his parents and his relationship- ship with them is now strong. “Brian’s wings have taken him to places every parent dreams for their child; the morals and beliefs instilled in him came back,” says his mom, Laura. “He is a remarkable child and anyone that knows him is blessed in some way.”

At the end of our first interview, we walk to the lot where our cars are parked. He says goodnight and walks off into the darkness, his journey nowhere near complete, but the road in front of him finally smooth.
DIVISIONS, COURSES

HALF-MARATHON PLEDGES TO BENEFIT DAN ROLAND

Wendy Edson, chairperson of Hilbert College’s Professional Studies Division, will be participating in the Capital City Half Marathon taking place May 1 in Columbus, Ohio. As a walker in the 13.1-mile event, Edson is making a pledge per mile to benefit Dan and Andrea Roland. To make a pledge, e-mail Edson or call ext. 401. Edson will be walking in the half-marathon along with Pam Kirst, wife of Hilbert graduate Mark Zanghi ’00.

FRESHMEN BEACH SWEEP

by Stephanie Agone

GS 101 students from the Fall, 2009, and Spring, 2010, semesters will be reuniting with classmates and helping our community at the end of the month. Along with peer leaders, students will be cleaning Wendt Beach in Evans, New York, on Friday, April 30, 2010, followed by a picnic lunch.

FABULOUS FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL by SARK

by Christina Hernandez

Fabulous Friendship Festival by SARK is probably the most unusual book that I have read in a while. It is a book written in marker with cartoon drawings and many bright colors. This book focuses solely on cherishing your friendships. It talks about the good things and the bad things found in every friendship, and how you can make new friends, or even make your current friendships better. What I found interesting was the “wheel of self-friendship,” which encourages you to make a diagram of how you can appreciate yourself more, and how to consider yourself your own friend. I never read anything like that before, or even thought about it. I was completely intrigued by it, and even considered making a “wheel” for myself. Another point I could relate to in this book was “extravagant lounging.” This talks about how you can have your friends over and just do nothing but be with each other and still have represented class by student attendance. We will be meeting at Hilbert at 11:30 a.m. to carpool to the beach. All freshmen are encouraged to attend this fun event that will also celebrate the end of their first year at Hilbert. Prizes will be awarded for the best

WHAT DID I DO WRONG? by Liz Pryor

by Christina Hernandez

What Did I Do Wrong? by Liz Pryor put a lot of things in perspective when I read it. The whole book consists of stories of different women who have dealt with the heartbreak of losing a good friend. When first reading this book, I thought it was a joke, to be honest. I chose to read it because it reminded me of a few of my good friends who recently ended a friendship out of the blue. With no warning, two of them decided not to be friends with a third girl anymore. My friend’s reason for “dumping” the third was that they grew apart. They felt that my one friend was always critical of the other two, and they were sick of hearing her lecture them all the time, even though they knew that is just how she is, because she always says what is on her mind. They were at the point at which they no longer wanted her to be a part of their lives. It came as a shock for my friend that two of her friends, whom she had been with for nine years, suddenly decided they wanted nothing to do with her. This obviously led to a lot of confrontation, mean words being exchanged, and overall a bad ending. I thought my friends were just crazy and being completely immature. It turns out, after reading this book, that women ending friendships is very common. This book had a variety of women telling their stories, and I truly believe that at least one story could relate to every single girl. This book emphasizes that women give no warning, or sometimes do not even a good reason, for wanting to end a friendship. They immediately just distance themselves from that friend, and eventually "Continued on page 16"
Fabulous Friendship Festival
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by Rachel Dobiesz

Unfortunately title aside, Hot Tub Time Machine is a raunchy comedy with surprising depths. It is a kind of an older brother to films like Superbad and Year Zero, except with true adult themes and emotions at its heart. John Cusack plays Adam, a worn-out forty-something who has just been dumped by his girlfriend. His two childhood best friends are faring no better. Nick (Craig Robinson) is a dog-groomer who has just found out that his beloved wife is cheating on him, and Lou (Rob Corddry) is a lonely alcoholic. After Lou attempts suicide, his friends decide that the best way to bolster his spirits is to revisit the ski resort they loved as teens. They bring along Jacob (Clark Duke), Adam’s twenty-year-old nephew who lives in Adam’s basement and has a seemingly unhealthy video game obsession. Upon arriving, they find that their old haunt is a shadow of its former self. Making the best of the situation, they rent a room and spend the evening in its hot tub. Upon waking in the morning, they discover they have been transported back to Winterfest ’86, the setting for one of the best weekends of their teenage lives. They decide that the best way to ensure their safe return to 2010 is to recreate the weekend just as it happened twenty years before. Hilarity ensues.

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On first glance, the plot is both implausible and cheesy. Hot Tub Time Machine gets it right, though, and the movie is goofy fun infused with a hidden understanding of adult disappointments. John Cusak is the most well-known of the cast and also the least memorable. Robinson and Duke are both humorous and endearing, but it is Corddry who makes the film shine. His rendering of Lou is both repellent and endearing, making him the kind of character that you desperately want to see redeemed.

The best thing about Hot Tub Time Machine is the layer of emotional truth beneath its crude exterior. It confronts adult fears and disappointments in a surprisingly unsappy and dignified way. This is an old-school “hidden message” plot and, wow, does it work.

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by Dontrell Young

This movie is about a boy named Percy, who is the son of Poseidon, an Olympic god, and the boy has a human mother, which makes him a demigod. When Percy discovers that he is actually a demi-god and son of Poseidon, he is needed when Zeus' bolt to his father. He was not looking for love, but that is exactly what he found when he met Ally. Amazed by her beauty and inspired by her spirit, Percy finds that his strange life suddenly makes sense when he is around Ally. As their relationship grows, Percy learns to live his life with passion and to value the little things. When buried secrets threaten to tear the young couple apart, Percy realizes that sometimes love is worth fighting for.

After regaining his love's trust and regaining respect for his father, the most devastating thing happens. See the film to find out what occurs next.

DAVIES HONORED IN SENIOR NIGHT

On March 9, the Hilbert men's volleyball team faced Nazareth College, ranked #15 in the Division III national poll. Nazareth (11-10, 5-3) continued to dominate at the net on their way to a three-set victory (30-19, 30-9, 30-23). Prior to the game, head coach Andy Walker and his team honored Eric Davies (Tonawanda, NY) for his last home game as a Hawk.

Hilbert (2-17, 0-7) struggled to score points off their offense (.04 hitting percentage) while Nazareth finished the match hitting .443 percent. Eric Davies finished the night with three kills and six digs.

Dan Wolfe (Rochester, NY/Irondequoit) and R. J. Sykora (Stow, OH/Munroe Falls) each had six kills, with Sykora getting one more dig (9) than Wolfe (8). Vince Amico (Buffalo, NY/Bishop Timon-St. Jude) finished with five digs and 12 assists as the team's main ball distributor for the season.

The Golden Flyers were led by Billy Gimello, who tallied a match-high 13 kills, while fellow teammate Hans Schroeder added 12 kills. E. J. Wells Spicer tallied a team-high 30 assists in the victory for Nazareth.

On March 10, the Hawks closed out their 2010 season with a road game against D'Youville College.

Eric Davies Spikes the Ball

SPORTS
HILBERT'S BAKER NAMED ECAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Second Recognition Received

The Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) has announced Halsey Baker, a junior softball player at Hilbert College, as its Player of the Week for softball, baseball, and men’s and women’s lacrosse for the week ending March 21, 2010.

For the second time this week, Hilbert College sophomore Halsey Baker (Scio, NY/Schoharie) is being honored for her athletic accomplishments during her softball team’s Fast Pitch Dreams Tournament played in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The Co-Players of the Week for the Division III South region are Baker and Kaitlyn Robbins, a junior shortstop from the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Baker was a force at the plate, going 17-23 (.739) to lead the Hawks to a 6-2 start. With four doubles and two home runs, she racked up nine RBIs and seven runs scored. The third baseman also drew three walks and struck out just once during her team’s seven games played.

On Monday, March 22, Baker was named the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference’s Player of the Week.

Halsey Baker

AMCC ANNOUNCES ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE MEMBERS

Chi Alpha Sigma Inductees Introduced

The Allegheny Mountain Collegiate College (AMCC) is proud to celebrate the academic achievement of more than 60 student-athletes during the 2009-2010 academic year. Hilbert College is recognizing fifty-four student-athletes who have earned Academic All-Conference Honors by carrying a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher entering the spring 2010 semester. Hilbert College award winners are these: Matt Begeal (Northville, NY/Wells), Destyn Brown (Ithaca, NY/ Ithaca), Adam Clubo (Tonawanda, NY/Niagara Wheatfield), Sarah Collins (Milroy, PA/Indian Valley), Eric Davies (Tonawanda, NY/Tonawanda), Maria Deimanco (Orchard Park, NY/Orchard Park), Courtney DeVille-Kenmore, NY/Kenmore East (Tonawanda, NY/Kenmore East), Cara Donner (Springville, NY/Springville Griffins), Amanda Dudek (Tonawanda, NY/Tonawanda), Maggie Fage (Delmar, NY/Bethlehem), Jeffrey Gau-da (Tonawanda, NY/Tonawanda), Felice Harris (Niagara Falls, NY/Niagara Falls), Joseph Hart (Eden, NY/Eden), Ed Hef- ron (Williamsville, NY/Cardinal O’Hara), Heather Hottois (Caledonia, NY/Caledonia-Mumford), Tim Mourihan (West Seneca, NY/St. Francis), Alyssa Hubert (Tonawanda, NY/Kenmore East), Carole Jones (Bliss, NY/Chatham), Ryan LaCorte (Cheektowaga, NY/Cheektowaga), Samantha Lawrence (East Chatham, NY/West Lebanon), Adam Matala (Cassadaga, NY/Cassadaga), Matthew Miellito (Depew, NY/Lancaster), Colby Miller (Rochester, NY/Irondequoit), Jasmin Moore (Cheektowaga, NY/Cheektowaga), Jes- sica Moray (Gloversville, NY/Mayville), Ken Mosier (Cassadaga, NY/Cassadaga), Katie Newton (Elba, NY/Elba), Kayla Norman (Brockport, NY/Brockport), Shane Oliveri (Hamburg, NY/Hamburg), Erica Page (Angola, NY/Lake Shore), James Per- nick (Tonawanda, NY/St. Joseph’s Collegiate Institute), Amanda Phillips (Cheektowaga, NY/Cleveland Hill), Unique Phillips (Charlotte, NC/Zeubol B. Vance), Me- lissa Radder (Cheektowaga, NY/Sacred Heart Academy), Emili Rieley (Batavia, NY/Notes Dume Catholic), Jesse Roland (East Aurora, NY/East Aurora), Eric Russell (Marella, NY/Iroquois), Emi- lly Schilling (Holland, NY/Holland), Susanne Scholtissek (Tonawanda, NY/Tonawanda), Carrie Sisson (Eden, NY/Mt. Mercy Academy), Stephanie Smith (Water- loo, NY/Waterloo), William Strasser (Spencerport, NY/Bishop Kearney), Rebecca Sutton (Eden, NY/Eden), Richard J. Sykora (Stow, OH/Blue-Mamute Falls), Saman- tha Tedesco (Orchard Park, NY/Orchard Park), Amanda Trickey (Clifton Springs, NY/Candiaqua Academy), Cody Truitt (South Dayton, NY/Pine Valley), and Mary Zinni (Batavia, NY/Batavia).

In addition to being recognized by the AMCC, Cun-ingham, Davies, Jones, Page, Schilling, and Sykora will be inducted into Chi Alpha Sigma’s New York Theta Chapter on Thursday, April 29, at the Athletic Awards Banquet. The National Col- lege Athletic Honor Society recognizes junior and senior student-athletes who carry a grade point average of 3.4 or higher. These six student-athletes will be joining eight teammates who were induct- ed at the completion of their junior years and are repeat selections: Begaal, Brown, Collins, DeVille, Fage, Lake, Sisson, and Trickey.

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Baseball Starts Season With 1-1 Record

The start of the 2010 baseball season for the Hilbert College Hawks was almost perfect. The team traveled to the Cocoa Beach Expo tournament (Cocoa Beach, Florida), with three wins over SUNY New Pal- tz, and the team secured their first win for Coach Jonathan Musialowski, who remains hospitaliz- ed after a car accident four-teen days earlier. But in the nightcap, the Hawks were defeated by confer- ence opponent Franciscan University 10-3, putting a blemish on their young season.

A Lancaster high school product, Sherman took the mound and gained confidence as the game progressed... After New Paltz took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on four walks, Sherman controlled the game after that by not allowing anyone to get past first base the rest of the nine-inning game. He fin- ished with 15 strike-outs and eight walks. Junior Colby Miller (Rochester, NY/Irondequoit) and sophomore Jim Perrin (Tonawanda, NY/St. Jo- seph’s Collegiate Insti- tute) both went two for five at the plate and each had two RBIs. Also having a good morning with the bat was senior Matt Begeal (Northville, NY/ Wells), going three-four and earning one RBI. The 4 p.m. non-confer- ence game against Franklin-

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HILBERT ATHLETICS DIRECTOR
TO LEAVE POST AT END OF CURRENT SEASON

Hilbert College Director of Athletics Richard Walsh has announced he will not return to his position next season. He will remain as athletics director through May 31.

“I’ve enjoyed my time as director of athletics and I’m very proud of the academic achievements of our student-athletes and how well they’ve represented the college in athletic competitions,” said Walsh, who, as of June 1, will assume a position as major gifts officer in Hilbert’s Office of Institutional Advancement. “I’m excited about my new opportunity at Hilbert and looking forward to the challenges this position will bring.”

Hilbert President Cynthia Zane, Ed.D., thanked Walsh for his thirteen years of service at Hilbert as athletics director and previously as head men’s basketball coach and golf coach.

“We are grateful for Richard’s hard work and commitment to Hilbert’s athletics program and for his many efforts on behalf of the college’s student-athletes. His dedication and work in establishing a solid platform for Hawks varsity athletics will be vital in bringing the program to a new level of excellence and continued growth. We welcome the many significant contributions he will make in his new position at the college,” said Zane.

In addition to serving as major gifts officer, Walsh will manage this summer the athletics department’s highly successful basketball camps. He will also continue as an adjunct instructor of business administration.

Walsh started at Hilbert in 1997 as head women’s basketball coach, a role he held for five seasons, during which he led the team to three consecutive championships. He was twice named the North Eastern Athletic Conference Coach of the Year.

As athletics director since 1998, Walsh has the second longest tenure for this position in Hilbert’s history.

He has provided overall leadership of the college’s eleven NCAA Division III men’s and women’s sports teams and overseen additions to the Hawks sports program, athletic facilities expansion and field improvements, and the athletics program’s conference realignments, as well as instituted a student-athletes academic success program.

Walsh has also served on the NCAA Division III Men’s Basketball Committee and chaired the East Region. National search for Walsh’s replacement will begin immediately. Information on the athletics director position is available at www.hilbert.edu. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, résumé, and three professional references to Maura Flynn, Hilbert director of human resources, at mflynn@hilbert.edu.

Paula Witherell
Director, Public Relations

HAWKS CLAIM VICTORY IN EXTRA INNINGS

Average Earlier Loss to Franciscan University

Hilbert College baseball team members and coaches were excited for the come-from-behind 6-5 victory over conference opponent Franciscan University of Steubenville in the first game of the double-header on March 18. For the second time this season, Nick Sherman (Lancaster, NY/North Maryvale) pitched a complete game for the win (nine strike-outs, three walks). It took eight innings to out-score the Barons in game one. Results of game two of the double-header swayed back to Franciscan, who claimed the 6-2 victory, evening the score for the day’s games.

Franciscan took an early 1-0 lead after two innings in the 1 p.m. game, and then in the fourth inning they built the lead to 4-0. The Hawks got themselves back in the fifth inning with a double play to keep the score knot-ted at four. It looked as if the Hawks were going to score in the bottom of the seventh for the win, but Tyshon Williams was thrown out at the plate to end the inning and force extra innings.

The eighth inning found Franciscan moving a runner around the bases to take a 5-4, lead, but the Hawks fought back again. Jim Perkins (Tonawanda, NY/St. Joe’s Collegiate Institute) started the order off with a home run and brought life to the team. Miller got a walk to first base and Begaell committed a sacrifice bunt to move Miller to second. Simmuth was walked and a pass ball moved both runners up another bag. After a Cunningham strike-out, Somerville (two for three, with three RBIs) hit a long, deep ball to center field for a double and Miller ran home, securing the victory for the team.

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Hawks Improve to 6-2

With the sun shining and the temperature a comfortable 70 degrees, it was only fitting that the Hilbert softball team ended their eight-game spring break trip on March 19 with another win. The Hawks took on Bay Path College for the second day in a row, defeating the competition in a decisive 9-0 victory in five innings. The win improves Hilbert’s record to 6-2, giving them one of the best starts in program history.

The Hawks carried their offensive momentum from the previous day’s come-back rally in the bottom of the seventh inning into the crucial eighth inning for the dominating victory.

Amanda Ratajczak (Cheektowaga, NY/Hilbert) started things off for the Hawks in the bottom of the third when she drilled a ball into the left center field, giving her a double. Senior Carrie Sisson (Elma, NY/Niagara Catholic) would trade places with Ratajczak on second base, as she hit a ball into center field, sending Ratajczak across home plate. The Hawks would score two more runs that inning to take a commanding 5-0 lead heading into the top of the fourth.

Strong pitching from freshmen duo Emili Ripley (Batavia, NY/Notre Dame Catholic) and Devan Jonas-tham (Basom, NY/Akron), along with solid defensive performance in the field, would shut out Bay Path for the entire game, allowing no runs to cross home plate.

The bottom of the fourth inning would provide Hilbert’s first triple of the season from Sisson and one more run extending the margin to six. In the bottom of the fifth inning, with Hilbert leading 6-0, senior Sarah Collins (Milroy, PA/Indian Valley) and Jonathan each singled during their at-bats. Sophomore Halsey Baker (Scio, NY/Scio) stepped up to bat and sent her second home run of the season over the fence, scoring three runs to end the game in five innings, 9-0.

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**Hawks vs. Stevens U**

On March 17, the Hilbert softball team first took on Stevenson University in a morning game, where they would suffer their second loss of the season in an 11-3 defeat. The Hawks would bounce back in the second game coming from behind to score five runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to secure their fifth win of the season.

The Hawks entered their first game of the day boasting a 4-1 record against a strong Stevenson University program. Hilbert held tough through a nip-and-tuck battle for the first five innings. Stevenson broke open the game, scoring five runs in the top of the sixth inning. The Hawks answered with three runs of their own in the bottom of the sixth. The five runs scored by Stevenson in the sixth inning would prove to be too great of a deficit for Hilbert, as they would go on to suffer their second loss of the season, 11-3.

Sophomore Halsey Baker (Scio, NY/Scio) led the offense for the Hawks going two for three during her at-bats, driving in two runs and reaching first base on a hard line drive to left field. The single was followed by a two-run home run by sophomore Carole Jones (Bliss, NY/Letchworth) before the throw from the outfield. She then drove the ball into right center field, which was good enough for a double. Freshman Jill Martucci (Hamburg, NY/Hamburg) would continue the offensive pressure with a single, sending Sisson around third base. Sisson continued home and crossed the plate just before the throw from the catcher, tying the game at 9-9.

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The Hawks would add one more run in the fifth and another in the sixth to cut the deficit to four. Sisson, who came in as the relief pitcher, was able to keep Bay Path scoreless through the rest of the game, setting up the Hawks’ offense for a bottom-of-the-seventh comeback victory. The bottom of the seventh inning started off in favor of the Hawks with a solo home run by Baker. After a ground-out for the first out of the inning, Carole Jones (Bliss, NY/Letchworth) stepped up to the plate and reached first base on a hard line drive to left field. The single was followed by a two-run home run by junior Amanda Ratajczak (Cheektowaga, NY/Maryvale). With the Hawks trailing 9-8, Sisson stepped up to the plate, where she crushed the ball into right center field, which was good enough for a double. Freshman Jill Martucci (Hamburg, NY/Hamburg) would continue the offensive pressure with a single, sending Sisson around third base. Sisson continued home and crossed the plate just before the throw from the catcher, tying the game at 9-9. Grosch followed suit with a single, moving Martucci to second base. Collins would load the bases with a single to right field. With one out and the bases loaded, freshman Emilie Ripley (Batavia, NY/Notre Dame Catholic) drove in Martucci for the game-winning run with a single to right field.

The celebration would take place at home plate as the Hawks completed a nine-run comeback victory.