President’s View

There are so many good things to share that I’m at a loss as to the priorities on my list.

Because students are most important (for what other reason are we here?), I want to emphasize that our student body now numbers slightly over 1,000. As we bid farewell to 295 graduates (our largest class — whom we will miss), we look forward to their participation in the Hilbert Alumni Association. We are also looking ahead to newly accepted students who will at least equal the numbers welcomed last fall. We met a number of them at the President’s Scholarship dinner and the Accepted Students reception.

Online courses are thriving as are the students who take advantage of yet another vehicle for learning. The New York State Education Department just approved two additional bachelor degrees in communication studies and rehabilitation services, which is testimony to the research and creativity of faculty responding to area needs!

Space is at a premium. Record participants in the baccalaureate Mass and brunch and the athletics banquet required a change of venue to the Hafner Recreation Center. Commencement, as well, outgrew the Hafner Recreation Center and was held in the neighboring Wesleyan Church of Hamburg on McKinley Parkway. To accommodate instructional needs, a new classroom and office building is on the drawing board and an auditorium/theater is also planned. These, in addition to two more apartment-style student residences, expansion of the athletics center and, of course, more parking space.

If you have not been on campus for some time, we would urge you to visit. A walk through and conversations with faculty, staff and students will excite you even more about the strides which Hilbert continues to take. We welcome you. Come share in our pride.

Sister Edmunette Paczesny, Ph.D., FSSJ
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Craig Moore has a penchant for finding out all he can about blood at a crime scene. The regional bloodstain expert and Hilbert College student has gained so much international recognition in the field that he was featured on the real-life detectives program “Forensic Factor,” broadcast on the Discovery Channel in Canada.

The show, which focused on weapons, is similar to the Discovery Channel’s U.S. version of “The New Detectives: Case Studies in Forensic Science.”

For his participation in the show, Moore conducted a number of experiments over a two-day period as Discovery Channel’s crew filmed and interviewed him for a segment on bloodstain pattern analysis. Filming took place at the Niagara Regional Police Services’ (NRPS) new training facility in Welland, Ont.

“The experiments involved bloodstain analysis conducted in a mock living room. A group of officers entered the room and I then walked them through the scene explaining the significance of various bloodstain patterns,” said Moore, a forensic identification officer for the NRPS in St. Catharines. “Once the experiments were completed, I provided an analysis of the bloodstains on how they differ in shootings as opposed to beatings.”

Combining law enforcement and science, Moore has been doing forensic analysis for nearly 10 years. He started off as a uniformed officer at the NRPS in 1984 but with the advent of DNA analysis and other modern technology, Moore recon-

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The Hilbert College SIFE Café, the first student-run, on-campus eatery in Western New York, has obtained a funding boost with the final installment received from a $10,000 Rich Products Corp. challenge grant.

The Hilbert-Rich collaboration was launched in 2001 to help establish an “on-the-go” café for the college community, a venture being managed by the Hilbert Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) organization.

With Hilbert having met the challenge grant by raising $10,000 from various contributors, the challenge funds and Rich’s grant total $20,000 to benefit the café and to assist in setting up an endowed scholarship for Hilbert SIFE students. The first scholarship will be awarded this spring.

Robert E. Rich Jr., president of Rich Products and SIFE national chairman, commended “student members of the Hilbert SIFE chapter, SIFE director Daniel Roland and Sister Edmunette (Paczesny) for their outstanding efforts to achieve their vision of having a new on-campus café. Their foresight, can-do attitude, terrific enthusiasm and desire to make a difference are what SIFE is all about.

“Rich’s is very pleased to have this opportunity to support their ongoing efforts and we look forward to many more great things to come,” added Rich, who praised and met with Hilbert SIFE students at a recent visit to the café.

The café, noted Roland, puts students in a business situation that allows them to develop sought after abilities and to better understand the day-to-day challenges faced by business owners.

“Essentially,” said Roland, “the students are running a small business. They are responsible for all aspects of the café’s operation, from ordering product to setting prices to ensuring the menu fits customer demands. Small-business own-
nized that forensic science was a burgeoning field. He then joined the NRPS forensics services unit, the same one, he noted, which contributed to evidence gathering in the widely publicized Paul Bernardo-Karla Homolka case a decade ago.

As Moore’s abilities in bloodstain analysis improved so did his notoriety among his peers. He’s since lectured to crime scene investigators all over the United States and Canada, and even Columbia, as well as been published in various professional journals.

In fact, one of Moore’s published works prompted Italian authorities to contact him for assistance in a murder investigation. “Initially, I analyzed some crime scene photos the investigators provided but they wanted the analysis to be more specific, something that warranted further analysis beyond the photos. As a result, I went to Italy and conducted a number of experiments with the Carabinieri, Italy’s military police, who had rebuilt a master bedroom so the analysis could be more thorough and, ultimately, less argumentative in court,” he said.

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“Ed Qualey (criminal justice chairperson) and the college more fully recognized the policing education I had already received, something that’s made a tremendous difference as I go through the program’s curriculum,” he said.

ership is challenging, making the skills students are developing, like customer relations, communication, and management, all the more important. And these skills are easily applicable to a wide range of professional positions in the business world.

Since the SIFE Café opened in Fall 2002, “the students have learned what they need to do to make the café both profitable and appealing to its customers. For example, menu selections have been adjusted to accommodate customer preferences for more hot beverages and food that can be picked up ‘on the run,’ ” said Roland, Hilbert’s Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellow and professor of business administration.

SIFE is active on more than 1,200 college and university campuses in 31 countries. The Hilbert SIFE chapter is a part of the college’s business administration department.

What's It All About?

Benefits of the Hilbert College Alumni Association

For Alumni
- Career networking
- Professional development
- Opportunities to meet potential employees
- Sense of giving back to Hilbert by assisting/mentoring students

For Students
- Practical insights & experiences
- Positive alumni models
- Career exploration

Potential Alumni Association Activities:
- Educational seminars, mentor program, workshops, reunion weekend fundraisers, involvement in professional conferences, and guest speakers

If you are interested in helping organize or participate in alumni association activities, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (716) 649-7900, ext. 265, or e-mail pbaubon@hilbert.edu www.hilbertcollegealumni.org

Remember you are a student for four years but an alumna/us forever!
It sounds a little bit like making a movie: Periods of intense activity followed by long stretches with nothing to do.

Except it wasn’t a movie. It was real life for an American soldier in Iraq. That soldier was Specialist E4 Jeanna Marrano of the Army National Guard 105th Military Police Company - otherwise known in civilian life as Jeanna Marrano, 25, Hilbert College student.

Newly returned from 15 months of active duty, Marrano sits at her kitchen table. She spent exactly one year to the day in Iraq. With curly blond hair framing her young face, wearing wire-rimmed glasses and jeans, you’d never guess that one week earlier Marrano sat in a humvee turret as a gunner on patrol. As a member of a platoon of military police, she helped provide security for military convoys.

“We were the eyes and ears for the team,” she says, “looking for weapons, enemies, IEDs (improvised explosive devices), directing traffic.”

Marrano had enlisted in the National Guard three years before. She joined for the educational benefits and, since she was majoring in criminal justice at Hilbert, to find out if she really wanted to be a police officer. Perhaps most important, she joined for the sheer experience.

“It was a challenge,” she says. “My life was too simple and boring, and I needed to do something.

I wanted to travel. I also didn’t want to regret not doing it.”

Marrano spent four months in training for the Guard, first in the same basic training that active duty soldiers receive, then in military police training school. Her company consisted of approximately 70 women and 170 men. After training, she was assigned to the 105th military police company, a platoon consisting of 31 soldiers, including six women.

Moving out, settling in
Marrano’s platoon was deployed on Feb. 14, 2003, to Fort Drum, N.Y. They left the States on April 17, arriving in Kuwait the following day. From there, the platoon drove in a convoy to Iraq on the “MSR - the main supply road,” a highway running from Kuwait to Fallujah, Iraq. The platoon’s destination was the middle of the Sunni Triangle, approximately 20 minutes south of Baghdad, near a small village called Hilla.
The drive itself was a lesson in what Marrano could expect in her first few months in Iraq. “You could tell that the quality of life got worse and worse as we got farther from Kuwait,” she remembers. “The people were mainly farmers where we lived, also shepherders and camel herders. Dogs ran wild everywhere; there was garbage everywhere.”

Upon their arrival, the company established and built a camp named FOB Kalsu in remembrance of former Buffalo Bills player Bob Kalsu, who died in combat in the Vietnam War in 1970.

Daily living was spartan for the company. “We didn’t have phones for the first month and no computers for seven months,” Marrano says. “Getting letters and packages was helpful. Our families sent us shampoo, pretzels, canned fruit. It would have been even harder without Girl Scout groups, colleges, high schools, and elementary schools sending us gifts. People adopted the company and sent food, games, DVDs, anything to help us. We got lots of support from people in Buffalo.”

Each soldier in the platoon had to help build showers and bathrooms. They all slept on cots in tents with dirt floors.

As tough as the going was, Marrano also points out the strain on the platoon’s families. She made sure to write her mother every day. Usually a week, two weeks—sometimes three—passed before her letters got home to West Seneca, N.Y., and a response came back.

A typical workday found Marrano rising at 5 a.m. with her team to make sure they were “mission capable—making sure you have your night-vision goggles, your ammo.” Their first duty was to drive once down the main supply road to make sure no IEDs blocked the path, clearing the way for convoys. They also handled camp security, watching the perimeter. Their main task, however, was escorting the military convoys headed out from camp.

Marrano says that at first they “had convoy escorts that lasted all day – 12 to 14 hours and, later, eight to 10 hours shifts. We stopped doing night patrols in July because of all the attacks. We were willing to do the mission, but we didn’t have (humvees reinforced with armor), so another company helped us.”

Marrano’s role as gunner in her platoon was quite different from the roles women in the National Guard typically perform. “We only had three female gunners in the whole company,” she says. “I did a job that women here (stateside) don’t do—they’d be drivers or handling radios. In Iraq, we did every job that the guys did. I felt proud sitting on top of the turret, in control. Everything relied on me.”

If Marrano’s role was a change from her female comrades’ stateside, it was a
thousand light years removed from the roles of the Iraqi women she encountered. Their reaction to the female soldiers was mixed, she notes: “Women looked at us like they were jealous, but they were also proud of us as females. You could see it in their eyes. Many want to be like us and have the things we have. It was hard for them to say ‘hi’ to us, they had to do it secretly.”

After each shift, the platoon had long stretches of time to fill. “In Kalsu, there was nothing to do,” Marrano says. “We’d play Uno or watch DVDs.” During her time in Kalsu, Marrano actually bought around 120 DVDs from a local store called Haji Marts.

Marrano took it upon herself to learn a bit more of the language than she had learned in training. “Our interpreter taught me some basic phrases in Arabic so I could talk to people.”

She succeeded in making some personal connections, giving villagers clothes, medical supplies, whatever she could spare. “The family in front of our base camp had six girls. Every day, when they saw us, they’d say ‘Miss Jeanna, we love you.’ I never got to say goodbye to them. They told our interpreter they would miss me. To these kids, we were their heroes. We gave them an apple or whatever. They’ll remember these kind gestures.”

In Baghdad
Living conditions for the platoon improved once they moved to a new camp - CSC Scania, about an hour south of Baghdad, on Oct. 26. There, the platoon had toilets, a laundry service, chow hall and tents with floors and beds. They had more phones with which to call home and computers to e-mail loved ones.

Life in Baghdad was a paradox, according to Marrano. Everything in the city was bombed, rubble was everywhere. Iraqis waved at the American troops, asking them for food. “They’d beg or try to sell you cigarettes, soda, anything they could do to get us to stop,” she says. “We weren’t allowed to stop and talk, though. If we got stuck in traffic, my platoon would get out before everyone else because we were security. We had to point our weapons and tell them to leave.”

Nevertheless, Baghdad also offered amenities. In the city were hospitals, hotels where soldiers could eat and, occasionally, shopping. “People treated us well,” Marrano says, “but we had to be in uniform and have weapons. I always had a pistol on.”

Also in Baghdad, she had the opportunity to visit one of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein’s infamous palaces where American troops, special forces and some journalists were staying. She recalls that everything there was made of “crystal, marble, gold. There were paintings everywhere. It’s amazing how much money Saddam wasted.”

Wartime experiences seem to create close friendships, and Marrano’s was no exception. “I had three friends that I could really talk to while in Iraq. One is a woman who’s from Albany, Specialist Constantine. I was very close to her and others in the platoon.”

Marrano met up with another Hilbert student, Shawn Gourdine, a fellow criminal justice major who also plans to complete his studies. “We were there the whole time together. He was a gunner but in a different platoon.” (Hilbert alumnus Michael Yehl, ’02, also served with the 105th Unit in Iraq and, like Marrano and Gourdine, is back home.)

During the months at Camp Kalsu, men and women, because of necessity, shared living quarters. When the company moved to Camp Scania, quarters for women and men were separate. Marrano has mixed feelings about the change. “It was difficult not to stay with the men anymore, but it was good, too, because they got annoying. They’re slobs,” she laughs.

Time also altered the conditions in which Marrano and her platoon did their work. “The beginning was chaotic with lots of attacks. Later, it seemed like more locals wanted to help us. They gave up people because they were sick of the attacks.”

Marrano stands before a memorial in honor of two soldiers from the 105th who were killed in Iraq.
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In addition, Marrano notes the changes in the lives of Iraqis. “It’s better now because more Iraqis are getting jobs, they’re cleaning up the streets. They’ll compete in the Olympics. Their money is worth a lot more. People are happier and less scared since Saddam was captured.”

Coming home
The day the Americans captured Saddam stands as one of Marrano’s most memorable moments. “It was a good feeling,” she remembers. “The locals were thankful. Lots of people were teary-eyed.”

Marrano believes that most Iraqis are afraid of the people who are continuing to attack Americans. “In Fallujah, 70 percent of the people are against Americans. In the south, it’s probably more like 15 percent. We captured a lot of people when we did raids and found weapons, which is good.”

The day her platoon left Camp Scania, knowing they were going home, is another indelible memory. “That was exciting. We knew we were coming home to people that loved us. Flying into the base was incredible. There were 1,500 people waiting for us. It was amazing. It was also sad because I thought, ‘I’ll never see these people again.’”

Marrano also carries with her some thoughts that underscore the seriousness of her, and America’s, undertaking. Her platoon lost two soldiers, Sgt. Heath McMillan and Spc. Michael Williams. She wonders about what she calls the “what-ifs.” What if her platoon’s humvees had been protected with upper armor? “Would our friends still be alive? That’s the hardest thing to deal with,” she says. “That’s constantly on everybody’s mind. The day Williams died he gave me the biggest smile ever. I won’t forget that. His smile won’t go away.

“Mike Williams really kept the platoon together,” she adds. “He was always talking about faith. I never lost faith. I always knew I was coming home.”

Now that she’s back in the States, Marrano will complete one more semester at Hilbert to receive a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice. “Then,” she muses, “I don’t know.” Her thoughts right now are concretely short-term.

“I bought a new car yesterday. I’m going on vacation with Specialist Constantine.”

Despite the obvious intensity of emotion behind her recollections, Marrano says the experience reaffirmed the choices she’s made. “I would recommend the military to a lot of people, even with the pain and the stress. I’m completely different. I’m calmer. I can read people better now. If you want a challenge, the military is definitely going to give it to you.”

Editor’s Note: Hilbert College recognizes the military service of all alumni and students who are currently deployed or have served in Iraq, Afghanistan and other overseas locations.

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Photos in Iraq were provided courtesy of Jeanna Marrano.
HE DIDN'T EVEN HESITATE about jumping in. For the rest of the trip, the students talked about what Mike did."

What Michael Fox '04 did, as pointed out by James Sturm, vice president for student life at Hilbert College, was to be the first to jump 30 feet from a cliff into a river below. This gutsy move was done while on a white water rafting trip as part of a special leadership activity in West Virginia.

Fox has been thinking big since he started at Hilbert. He was an academic honors student and ambitious in his campus activities, all done with an outgoing, positive demeanor that had a way of rippling out to those around him.

It’s even more remarkable then that Fox, 23, accomplished what he did with a visual impairment. He was often noticed by others on the Southtowns campus walking to class or student activities accompanied by Rocky, his seeing eye dog.

For Fox, being visually impaired simply wasn’t an obstacle in his college experience. “I never worried about the visual challenges during my studies at Hilbert,” he said. “Sure, there’s a lot of reading and writing, but these are challenges college students have to contend with in any program. Although limited, this is the only vision I’ve ever known and I use what I have available.”

Born with optic nerve hypoplasia, Fox is considered legally blind. He entered Hilbert in Fall 1999 after graduating from Lake Shore High School.

“As soon as I visited the campus, I knew Hilbert was right for me. Its great academic programs, environment, individual attention—everything was what I wanted,” explained Fox, who received a bachelor’s degree in English at this year’s commencement. “Hilbert has been like a second home to me.”

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A lifelong Western New Yorker, Fox has excelled in the classroom, having earned a 3.75 GPA. He credits Hilbert’s Academic Services Center and faculty with helping him with the transition to the demands of college-level coursework while addressing the academic issues he faced as a visually impaired student. “I received the tools and support needed to reach my full potential,” noted Fox.

His independent and positive nature translated well into campus activities. In fact, Fox founded and played on the Hilbert Hockey Club, an intercollegiate club sport. He readily admits his play involved more of checking opponents or clearing the puck, adding that he “left the scoring up to the other players.”

Fox also developed the club’s Web site and created a computer game featuring the college’s team.

As a Leadership Scholar since his freshman year, Fox has learned about leadership styles and worked on his own skills in this area.

Sturm, head of the Leadership Program, noted Fox has been a motivator to other students in the program. “Mike has had an impact on everyone involved with the program. He always had a great attitude and was excited to be a part of any program-affiliated activity. He’s been a real inspiration to others,” he said.

As a Hilbert student, Fox was also active in the Student Government Association, for which he created a Web site, and was a member of the Student Senate. Sturm says Fox is a shining example of the impact Hilbert can have on a student and, at the same time, the positive effect a student can have on the college.

“There’s no question Mike’s presence on campus will be missed,” he said. “He took full advantage of many opportunities offered at Hilbert and brought enthusiasm to everything he did.”

Looking ahead, Fox plans to attend graduate school to become a teacher of English as a Second Language. “I’m honored to have reached my goal to receive a college degree,” said Fox. “Hilbert has meant a great deal to me the past five years. I know that what I’ve learned and the knowledge and skills I’ve gained during my time at the college will help me go far in the future.”
We must reach out across our nation and embrace the great diversities that are America. There are ways we can give back and make this a better nation.

On a day made for memories, clapping and cheers filled the air as Hilbert College’s graduating students accepted their degrees. Undaunted by the steady rain, new graduates, along with their family and friends, participated in the college’s 43rd commencement.

More than 1,200 people came to see the Class of 2004 made up of a record 295 graduates. Traditionally held in the Hafner Recreation Center, this year’s commencement was moved right up the road to facilities at the Wesleyan Church of Hamburg. The off-campus venue was necessary to accommodate an ever-increasing crowd and reflects on other significant growth at the college, which marked a record-setting enrollment last fall.

Calling on graduates to discover their unique genius, commencement speaker Marc Smith ’72 emphasized that if this special skill is “impelled by passion and conviction, it will take you where you want to go.”

After graduating from Hilbert with an associate’s degree in lib-
eral arts, Smith went on to receive bachelor's and doctorate degrees in English from the University at Buffalo. He returned to Hilbert as an English professor from 1976-92 and has since moved on to teach English at Keene State College in New Hampshire.

It was apparent Smith's long association with Hilbert as a student, teacher and friend has had a lasting impact on him as he fondly remembered colleagues who have passed on - Jocelyn Hughes, John Kissel, Joe Meindl, Chris Rhoades, among others. He cited Sister Adrienne Rapnicki, former alumni coordinator, as "a person who brought such great love to her work and the people around her. Love is what dictated how she led her life."

As in previous years, student awards were presented. This year's recipients are Katherine Doeing, the Sister Mary Edwina Bogel Award; Nicole Ernst, the Lambert and Margaret Graham Award; Amanda Smolarek, the Kimberly Bruch Raczkowski Memorial Alumni Award; and David Sanders, the John W. Kissel Man of the Year Award.

Reminding students to be citizens of the world, Smith emphasized they "live with an understanding that there is something larger than just your own individual life, and to bring your gifts out of hiding and present them to the world."

After saluting the new graduates on their accomplishment, Smith then welcomed them to the Hilbert family. "What began as an idea (by the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph) and a prayer flowered into a thriving institution. It is because of the efforts of people like Sister Edmunsette (Paczesny) and many others... It is people who make the college the unique place it is, and now you, the graduates, are among those people."

Even amidst the growing chaos and political uncertainty of this present war, we can hope that the best of human instincts will outweigh the worst.
I ask that you live with an understanding that there is something larger than just your own life, and to bring your gifts out of hiding and present them to the world.

**Happening @ Hilbert**

**July**

- **5-9** Girls Basketball Camp  
  See page 16 for details
- **11-15** Boys Basketball Camp  
  See page 16 for details
- **16** Hilbert Day at Dunn Tire Park  
  6:30 PM–Party, 7:35 PM–Bison vs. SWB  
  Red Barons, $23/person  
  Res. by June 28, 649-7900, ext. 265  
  pbaubonis@hilbert.edu
- **18-22** Girls Basketball Camp  
  See page 16 for details
- **21** Visit Night  
  Invite a prospective student  
  4-6 PM, Franciscan Hall  
  Registration: 649-7900 or 1-800-649-8003  
  admissions@hilbert.edu
- **25-29** Boys Basketball Camp  
  See page 16 for details

**September**

- **21** Internet Job Search Techniques Workshop  
  1–2 PM, Career Lab  
  Info: 649-7900, ext. 236, radle@hilbert.edu
- **22** Graduate School Workshop  
  2-3 PM, Career Lab  
  Info: 649-7900, ext. 236, radle@hilbert.edu
- **23** Resume & Cover Letter Workshop  
  3-4 PM, Career Lab  
  Info: 649-7900, ext. 236, radle@hilbert.edu

**October**

- **1-2** Fall Fest  
  Lots of fun family activities  
  Info: 649-7900, ext. 231, jsturm@hilbert.edu
- **13** Professional Success Program  
  Info: 649-7900, ext. 236, radle@hilbert.edu
- **14** Career & Graduate School Info Fair  
  9 AM–Noon, Franciscan Hall Atrium  
  Info: 649-7900, ext. 236, radle@hilbert.edu
- **19** Graduate School Workshop  
  1–2 PM, Career Lab,  
  Info: 649-7900, ext. 236, radle@hilbert.edu
- **20** Resume & Cover Letter Workshop  
  2–3 PM, Career Lab,  
  Info: 649-7900, ext. 236, radle@hilbert.edu
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Economic crime investigation assistant professors THOMAS ALGOE and WILLIAM HASLINGER attended the RSA Conference in San Francisco, an information security event for organizations that deploy, develop or investigate data security or cryptography products. Also, Haslinger gave presentations on identity theft to the Buffalo Niagara Travel Professionals and Executive Women International.

An Academic Chairpersons’ conference in Orlando, hosted by the Idea Center at Kansas State University, was attended by JOHN BABI, assistant chairperson and associate professor of criminal justice; LINDA BERNSTEIN, chairperson and professor of business administration; MARTIN FLOSS, Ph.D., director of the Institute for Law and Justice; DONNA LEVIN, Ph.D., chairperson and professor of psychology; and EDWARD QUALEY, chairperson and associate professor of criminal justice.

PATRICIA BAUBONIS, alumni relations director, will give a workshop this month on “Ethical Conduct and Board Governance” at the United Way Board Governance Graduate’s Program.

SISTER JACQUELINE BENBENEK, director of campus ministry, attended a national forum in Denver, Colo., “Go Repair My House,” sponsored by the Franciscan Institute of St. Bonaventure University.


In attendance at a Teaching Professor Conference, “Celebrating Teaching and Promoting Learning,” in Philadelphia were JOAN CROUJE, Ph.D., professor of history; HATHRNYN ESHEW, chairperson and associate professor of human services; JULIE HUSMIEZ, Ph.D., associate professor of human services; and DONNA LEVIN, Ph.D., chairperson and professor of psychology.

ROB DEGRANDPRE, sports information director and head men’s basketball coach, will serve as assistant men’s basketball coach for the Western open team at the 2004 Empire State Games this summer in Binghamton, N.Y.

WENDY EDSON, assistant chairperson and associate professor of paralegal studies, was moderator of a roundtable discussion on “Testing the Waters: Ways of Teaching the Introductory Course,” at the American Association of Paralegal Education’s northeast regional conference in Mystic, Conn.

CHARLES EANST, Ph.D., chairperson of arts and sciences and professor of English, attended the 35th annual College English Association Conference, “Is There, Should There Be, a New Aestheticism?” in Richmond, Va. He presented a paper on “Art as Transfiguring Experience: Aesthetic Transformations in Steven Millhauser’s Beneath the Cellars of Our Town.”

HATHRNYN ESHEW, chairperson and associate professor of human services, attended the National Council on Rehabilitation national conference in Tucson, Ariz.

LAURIE FAIRBANK, daughter of Kathy Fairbanks, president’s secretary, is the first to graduate as a participant in Hilbert’s tuition exchange program. Laurie received a bachelor of fine arts degree in photography from Alfred University in May.

MARTIN FLOSS, Ph.D., director of the Institute for Law and Justice, attended a Police Assessment Resource Center workshop in Los Angeles on developing uniform standards for monitoring police departments.

JAME/ GOLDEN, Ph.D., adjunct instructor of human services, organized a presentation on “Gambling Among the Elderly,” which was held at Hilbert.

HARRY GONG, director of admissions, co-chaired the National Association for College Admission Counseling’s National College Fair Local Arrangements Committee for the organization’s first fair held in Buffalo.

PATRICK HERATY, professor of business administration, presented on “Effective Leadership” at a meeting of Phi Delta Kappa, a professional association for educators.

SUZETTE HINO, public services and library instruction coordinator, has been re-elected councilor for the executive board of the Association of College and Research Libraries Western New York/Ontario Chapter.

THOMAS HONAN, vice president for institutional advancement, and PAULA WITHERELL, public relations director, attended the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District II conference in Philadelphia.

HATE MARAGLINO, acquisitions/reference librarian, coordinated a week-long schedule of events in April at McGrath Library in celebration of National Library Week.

MICHAEL PLUZHA, adjunct instructor of criminal justice, received the Richard Hoffman Memorial Award in honor of his assistance to the Erie County Department of Central Police Services Law Enforcement Training Academy.


AMY SMITH, Ph.D., professor of English and director of the Honors and Elders Scholars Programs, was honored for her volunteer work with Buffalo’s Camp Good Days and Special Times. She also presented a paper on “The Uneasy Alliance Between Fiction and Photography in Carol Shields ‘The Stone Diaries’” at the Photograph Conference at the University of Manitoba.

RICHARD WALSH, director of athletics, has been appointed to a four-year term on the NCAA Division III Men’s Basketball Committee.
Hall of Famers

The talents of two former student-athletes earned them each a spot among the best at Hilbert College. Richard Ernestine '95 and Tianni Charles '91 were inducted into the Hilbert Athletic Hall of Fame at the annual athletics awards banquet this spring.

Presented by former men's basketball coach Digger Daley, Ernestine was remembered as a battler who displayed toughness and the ability to fight through several injuries during his career. He was a two-time team MVP and a three-time defensive MVP, who finished his career with 1,021 points and 709 rebounds, while playing for the Hawks during their transition from a junior college to an NCAA Division III program.

Now residing in Florida, Ernestine, who earned an associate's degree in liberal arts at Hilbert, is director of security at Sunrise Senior Living.

Charles, who was presented by former women's basketball coach Sal Buscaglia, was a two-time team MVP and two-time All-Region performer when Hilbert was known as a National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II powerhouse. She was quick to credit Buscaglia for steering her down the right path to success both on and off the court.

After receiving an associate's degree, Charles earned a scholarship to NCAA Division I University at Buffalo. She's currently recreation coordinator for Pathways of Youth in New York City.

Simply the Best

Men's basketball player Sam Gioia and women's basketball players Amanda Smolarek '04 and Autumn Lee-Jeffries were named All-North Eastern Athletic Conference selections for their performances during the 2003-04 basketball season.

Gioia, a 5'9" guard, was named to the All-NEAC first team after averaging 15 points, 4.6 rebounds and 4.3 assists (ranked 88th nationally) per game to lead the Hawks to a 5-21 record. In the Hawks 91-84 loss Feb. 26 to Cazenovia College, Gioia broke the school record for assists in a career and now has 291 assists in his career.

Smolarek, a 5'10" forward, was named to the All-NEAC first team after averaging 10.7 points, 10.4 rebounds (ranked 40th nationally), and two steals per game to lead the Lady Hawks to an 11-15 record and an appearance in the NEAC championship game. She ends the season as Hilbert’s career leader in points (1086), rebounds (982), and steals (117).

Lee-Jeffries, a 6'1" forward, was named to the All-NEAC second team after averaging 7.4 points, 5.8 rebounds, and 3.3 blocked shots per game. She broke her own record for blocked shots in a season with 85 and holds the career record with 147 in two years. Lee-Jeffries finished the season ranked 11th nationally in blocked shots per game among NCAA Division III women’s basketball players.

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From the Alumni President

Welcome to the newest members of the Hilbert College Alumni Association! We’re glad to have you join us and hope to see you at upcoming meetings and events.

As usual, alumni association members have been working hard. We co-hosted the popular Professional Success Program, and the baccalaureate Mass and alumni brunch was a great success again this year.

July 16 is the date of our third annual Hilbert Day with the Buffalo Bisons. Come join us for a night game at Dunn Tire Park and enjoy food, friends and fireworks! Watch your mail and check our Web site for further details.

The Hilbert Alumni Association is for you. We want to plan events and projects that are beneficial to as many alums as possible. To do that well, we need your input. Please keep us up-to-date on your personal accomplishments, and come to meetings or events to share your opinions. We want your input.

I often hear that a Hilbert education is more than just learning what’s in books. There is a nurturing environment that promotes personal growth and the development of new friendships. Share your experiences with others. Your words could help someone else decide to engage in the Hilbert experience.

For information on alumni events and news, please visit [www.hilbertcollegealumni.org](http://www.hilbertcollegealumni.org) or contact us at the e-mail address listed below.

Robin Anne Meyer
alumni president@hilbert.edu

Congratulations to the Class of 2004!

News & Notes

To contact the Hilbert Office of Alumni Relations: e-mail: bbaubonis@hilbert.edu

‘60s
JO-ANNE (MASON) JULIUS, AA ’69 (LIBERAL ARTS), has been elected president of the newly certified Ann Arbor Education Association Office Professionals Union in Ann Arbor, Mich.

‘70s
SHARON (KRAZMIEN) FURLANO, AA ’72 (LIBERAL ARTS), is a speech language pathologist at Odell Elementary School in Concord, N.C. She has a bachelor’s degree from Buffalo State College, a master’s degree from Western Carolina University and advanced licensure from the State of North Carolina.

PEDRO HERNANDEZ, AA ’79 (CRIMINAL JUSTICE), is a member of the Drums Along the Waterfront, Inc. Board of Directors in Buffalo, N.Y., and is a New York State parole officer in Rochester, N.Y.

J. DAVID REICKART, AA ’75 (LIBERAL ARTS), is president of Security Weapons & Training Institute in Lackawanna, N.Y.

LORRAINE GASPER, AA ’84 (PARALEGAL), is a guidance counselor at Bennett High School in Buffalo, N.Y.

JOHN GULLO, BS ’85 (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION), is president of the West Seneca Chamber of Commerce in West Seneca, N.Y.

JAMES IGLEWSKI, AAS ’85 (BANKING), has been elected a director of the Buffalo Niagara Partnership.

ANTOINETTE INCORVAIA, AAS ’88 (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION), has a telecommuting position as a senior technical recruiter for the College Board of New York.

PATRICIA MACKEY, AA ’86 (HUMAN SERVICES), was featured in The Sun newspaper in Hamburg, N.Y., for her volunteer work with Guiding Eyes for the Blind, an organization that trains seeing eye dogs.

KENNETH TOBEY, D.C., AA ’85 (LIBERAL ARTS), will serve on a team of chiropractors with the U.S. 2004 Olympic Decathletes.

‘90s
HEIDI (KALKE) BISHOP, BS ’97 (PARALEGAL), is a bankruptcy specialist at Moss Codillis in Buffalo, N.Y.

HEATHER (PRAGLE) CLEVELAND, AA ’90 (HUMAN SERVICES), is a 5th and 6th grade teaching assistant in Springwater, N.Y.

BRENDA ELLIS, BS ’99 (ACCOUNTING), is a senior financial reporting officer at HSBC Bank in Buffalo, N.Y.

BROOKE ANDERSON-TOMPKINS, AAS ’86 (PARALEGAL), was recently inducted into the Independent Sector 2004 Alumni Hall of Distinction in Albany, N.Y.

JOHN BAILIE, AA ’89 (CRIMINAL JUSTICE), is a deputy sheriff in Gainesville, Va.

JACK GAYLORD, AA ’82 (LIBERAL ARTS), is president of Drums Along the Waterfront, Inc., which plays an integral part in bringing the Drum Corps International World Championships to Western New York.
Pictured at the Alumni Hall of Distinction press conference are, left to right: Helen Black ’87, Hilbert alumna and mother of Brooke Anderson-Tompkins; Sister Edmunette Paczesny, Ph.D., president of Hilbert; Anderson-Tompkins; and Angie Iglesia Martell, fellow hall of distinction honoree.

Distinct Honor

Hilbert College alumna Brooke Anderson-Tompkins was recently inducted into the Independent Sector 2004 Alumni Hall of Distinction, becoming the first graduate from the Hamburg college to receive the honor.

Anderson-Tompkins was honored along with distinguished alumni from other New York State private colleges and universities at a reception in Albany.

Started in 2000, the special distinction is presented by the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities in recognition of alumni who use their talents to improve their communities.

Anderson-Tompkins received an associate’s degree in paralegal studies from Hilbert and is a graduate of the University at Buffalo’s Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership program.

She’s president of Anderson Funding Limited, an Orchard Park mortgage company, and Anderson Commercial Limited.

KIM JABLONSKI, BS ’97 (HUMAN SERVICES), is a counselor in the Weigel Health Center at Buffalo State College.

CANDACE JENSEN, BS ’94 (CRIMINAL JUSTICE), attended the Professional Success Program at Hilbert and was the winner of the women’s business suit.

DOROTHY (MILLIGAN) KEANE, AAS ’97 (PARALEGAL), is a paralegal at Delaware North in Buffalo, N.Y.

RACHEL MCCABE, BS ’96 (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION), is a technical recruiter for TEKSystems in Rochester, N.Y.

LISA (SZALKOWSKI) RESSMAN, BS ’99 (ACCOUNTING), has been named a certified fraud examiner. She’s a CPA and a manager at Brock, Schechter & Polakoff LLP in Buffalo, N.Y.

HEIDI SANDERSON, BS ’96 (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION), is a senior hotel procurement consultant at eCLIPSE Advisors in Virginia.

‘00s

MARK ADAMCHICK, BS ’03 (ECONOMIC CRIME), passed all four parts of the CPA exam and is with Toski Schaefer & Co. in Williamsville, N.Y.

MINDY AUGUSTINE, BA ’03 (PSYCHOLOGY), is a student in speech pathology at the University at Buffalo.

NICHOLE BECKER, BS ’01 (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION), was named Outstanding Jill by the Buffalo Jills, the Buffalo Bills cheerleading squad, and will be a captain for the 2004 football season.

SUSAN BENNETT, BS ’04 (PARALEGAL), is a bankruptcy paralegal in Raleigh, N.C.

PAUL BROSTKO, BS ’03 (ECONOMIC CRIME), is a fire & theft investigator at Progressive Insurance in Depew, N.Y.

Laurie (Swartz) Brockman, BS ’03 (ACCOUNTING), is a senior accounting specialist at HSBC Bank in Depew, N.Y.

Gypsy Cady, BS ’03 (PARALEGAL), is assisting with tax return preparation on the Navajo Reservation in Tsaile, Ariz., and is a part-time computer consultant.

Corie Coviello, BS ’03 (PARALEGAL), is manager of accounts receivable at Aspire of WNY.

Nicole Devantier, BS ’04 (CRIMINAL JUSTICE), is a security officer at Fairgrounds Gaming and Racing in Hamburg, N.Y.

Danielle Doan, BS ’03 (HUMAN SERVICES), is a social worker at Baker Victory Services in Lackawanna, N.Y.

Heather Earl, BS ’03 (ECONOMIC CRIME), is a claims adjustor at Progressive Insurance in Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Karen Gaudy, BS ’03 (ACCOUNTING), is a finance specialist at UPS in West Seneca, N.Y.

Heidi George, BS ’03 (CRIMINAL JUSTICE), is a teacher at Early Bird Nursery School and Day Care Center in Boston, N.Y.

Jennifer George, BS ’03 (CRIMINAL JUSTICE), is a youth and family developmental specialist at Hillside Children’s Center in Cuba, N.Y.

Tashiela Gerald, BS ’03 (CRIMINAL JUSTICE), is a social worker at Refugee Temple in Buffalo, N.Y.

Shawn Gigante, AAS ’03 (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION), is an engineering assistant at Caplugs Corp. in Buffalo, N.Y.

Betty Jo Gordon, BA ’03 (ENGLISH), is an executive assistant at Western Division Credit Union in Williamsville, N.Y.

Nilu Griffis, BS ’03 (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION), served as chairperson for the alumni brunch honoring 2004 graduates and for the alumni committee which chose the recipient of the Kimberly Brunch Raczkowski Memorial Alumni Award, an honor she received in 2003.

Miranda Shattuck-Hall, BA ’03 (PSYCHOLOGY), is a service coordinator at Community Services in Buffalo, N.Y. She’s pursuing a master’s degree in school counseling at St. Bonaventure University.

Nicole Clark-Hamilton, BA ’03 (PSYCHOLOGY), is a service coordinator at Community Services in Kenmore, N.Y.

Mary Ellen Hermans, BS ’04 (PARALEGAL), is a real estate paralegal at Harris Beach in Hamburg, N.Y.

Sarah Husted, AAS ’03 (PARALEGAL), is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in paralegal studies at Hilbert and
did an internship with NYS Assemblywoman Sandra Lee-Wirth in Albany, N.Y.

DONALD KADRYNA, BS ’03 (CRIMINAL JUSTICE), is an EMT-Drider at Rural Metro in Buffalo, N.Y.

KIMBERLY KADJASZ, BS ’02 (ACCOUNTING), an internal auditor at Bank of Akron in Akron, N.Y., is a volunteer firefighter and EMT-D at South Line Volunteer Fire Co. where she also serves as treasurer of Juvenile Fire Intervention, Response and Education.

JULIE (FARRELL) KURDZIEL, BA ’00 (ENGLISH), is an undergraduate academic advisor at the Rochester Institute of Technology College of Business in Rochester, N.Y.

ANDREA LATIMORE, AAS ’03 (PARALEGAL), is a paralegal at Cheryl McFadden Zak, Esq., in Hamburg, N.Y.

VINNITA MACRI, BS ’03 (ECONOMIC CRIME), graduated from the police academy and is a police officer in Fairfax, Va.

KEVIN MARCZAK, BS ’03 (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION), is operations executive at House of Marczak Remodeling in Orchard Park, N.Y.

MICHELE MARKS, BS ’03 (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION), is an alarm monitor/billing clerk at Eastern States Sentinel Alarm Services in West Seneca, N.Y.

DANIEL MARTYNOWICZ, BS ’03 (CRIMINAL JUSTICE), is a deputy sheriff in Loudon County, Va.

DEBRA MCDONALD, BS ’04 (PARALEGAL), is a default specialist at M&T Bank in Buffalo, N.Y.

LISA MILITELLO, BS ’03 (ECONOMIC CRIME), is a claims representative at Travelers Insurance in Buffalo, N.Y.

JONATHAN MUCK, BS ’03 (ECONOMIC CRIME), is a loss prevention specialist at The Home Depot in Buffalo, N.Y.

NICOLE NORTON, BS ’03 (HUMAN SERVICES), is an addictions counselor I at Horizon Health Services in Buffalo, N.Y.

MARGARET NOWAK, BS ’04 (PARALEGAL), is an estates paralegal in Lackawanna, N.Y.

LYNN OLSON, BS ’03 (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION), is a controller in Irving, N.Y.

DEREK PIEGZIK, BS ’03 (CRIMINAL JUSTICE), is a security officer at Fisher-Price in East Aurora, N.Y.

AMY POLIKOWSKI, BS ’03 (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION), is a team leader at Target, Inc., in Orchard Park, N.Y.

SHERITA PRUITT, BS ’04 (PARALEGAL), is a paralegal at Lipsitz and Ponterio in Buffalo, N.Y.

NICHOLAS RICHTER, BA ’03 (ENGLISH), is a graduate student in library science at the University at Buffalo.

JENNIFER SEIB, BS ’03 (HUMAN SERVICES), is a substance abuse counselor at Horizon Health Services in Buffalo, N.Y.

BEVERLY SMITH, BS ’03 (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION), is a regional manager for BBB Consumer Guide, Inc., in Buffalo, N.Y.

ELIZABETH SQUIRE, BA ’03 (PSYCHOLOGY), is an ICF specialist at People, Inc., in Orchard Park, N.Y.

CHRISTINA STOCK, AA ’00 (CRIMINAL JUSTICE), is a police officer in the Henrico County Police Department in Richmond, Va.

PAUL SWISHER, BS ’04 (CRIMINAL JUSTICE), is a security officer at Fairgrounds Gaming and Racing in Hamburg, N.Y.

SHARI TROIDL, BS ’02 (CRIMINAL JUSTICE), is a security officer at Fairgrounds Gaming and Racing in Hamburg, N.Y.

KRISTIN WILczAK, BS ’03 (ECONOMIC CRIME), is in training as a special agent for Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Williamsville, N.Y.

CHERYL WITTENRICH, BS ’02 (HUMAN SERVICES), who received a master’s degree in special education from D’Youville College in Buffalo, N.Y., is a special education teacher in the Hanover County School District in Virginia.

IGOR YUZBASHEV, BS ’03 (ECONOMIC CRIME), is an auditor at M&T Bank in Buffalo, N.Y.

ERICA ZIMNY, BS ’03 (PARALEGAL), is a law student at Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Mich.

AVIS CARTER, AAS ’86 (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION) to Willie Hudgins

DIANA PINKER, AA ’91 (LIBERAL ARTS) to Thomas Whelan

WILLIAM ROGERS, BS ’95 (CRIMINAL JUSTICE) to Julie Frank

BETTY SILVER, BS ’03 (PARALEGAL) to Robert Vogel

MARK WIPPERMAN, AA ’89 (CRIMINAL JUSTICE) to Mary Birmingham

BARBARA (FOX) BUTCHER, BS ’99 (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION), and her husband, Gary, welcomed a son, Eric, who joins sister Julianna.

HOWARD CARLSON, BS ’00 (CRIMINAL JUSTICE), and JESSICA (REAK) CARLSON, BS ’01 (PARALEGAL), welcomed a son, Andrew Paul.

PATRICK JOHNSON, AA ’02 (LIBERAL ARTS) and CRYSTAL (MILLER) JOHNSON, AA ’99 (CRIMINAL JUSTICE), welcomed a daughter, Amelia Jane.

CHRISTOPHER KASPRZYK, BS ’95 (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION), and his wife, Cherie, welcomed a son, Brenden Matthew.

BRYAN MAGGS, BS ’97 (ENGLISH), and his wife, Kelly, welcomed Ashlyn Leona who joins sisters, Kierra and Haley.

BRANDON MOORE, BS ’97 (HUMAN SERVICES), and BETH (KERL) MOORE, BS ’99 (PARALEGAL), welcomed a son, Derek Matthew.

RENEE (KUPSKI) SCHAUS, AAS ’96 (PARALEGAL), and her husband, Joseph, welcomed a daughter, Alana Marie, who joins brother, Dillon.

MISTY SULLIVAN, BS ’00 (HUMAN SERVICES), and her husband, Jeff, welcomed a daughter, Chloe Rose.

SISTER M. FLORETTA CHLUDZINSKI, FSSJ, former teacher at Hilbert.

SISTER M. ANTONELLE POTRZEBA, FSSJ, former teacher at Hilbert.
the 90s

Amanda (Glidden) Pachucinski ’99, a paralegal studies graduate, cheers on the Hilbert College Hawks basketball team in the Hafner Recreation Center. The cheerleading squad, made up of many who had high school cheering experience, has been active on and off over the years at Hilbert.

To share some of your favorite memories as a student during the ’90s, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 716-649-7900, ext. 265, or e-mail pbaubonis@hilbert.edu.