Life's Lesson
Finding joy in midst of biggest challenges
EXCITEMENT PERMEATES AND SURROUNDS THE HILBERT COLLEGE CAMPUS as personnel and students anticipate the completion of the fourth decade in Hilbert’s history. The college has been progressing in leaps and bounds, especially in the last few years as we move forward with the fulfillment of the strategic plan activities.

Hilbert is no longer the unknown or little-known college in the Southtowns. It’s now recognized as a higher education institution in strong competition with its sister colleges in the area. Its faculty, students and graduates rival and surpass their counterparts, and its programs and services are such that they have created a definite niche to attract students.

Some of the statistics which compare the status of the college in 1975, the year Hilbert attained its initial accreditation with the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, with its position today provide substance for just pride.

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A great deal of sacrifice, dedicated service and support from alumni/ae and benefactors brought us to this position. You are among those, and we give you thanks.

Even more growth lies ahead of us. We know that you will be there for us as you have in the past.

Sister Edmunette Paczesny, Ph.D., FSSJ
President
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Board Officers Named

Western New York attorney Karen Gaughan Scott has been elected chair of the Hilbert College Board of Trustees.

Scott has been a Hilbert trustee since 1997, having previously served as board secretary. Most recently, she chaired the board’s trustee committee, co-chaired the institutional advancement committee, and served on the executive committee. Scott has also co-chaired the college’s annual golf tournament.

Her law practice concentrates in real property law, wills and estates. Scott’s a member of the Erie County Bar Association, New York State and Florida bar associations and the Hamburg Women’s Democratic Club.

Other 2005-06 board officers appointed at Hilbert are Thomas Waring Jr. as vice-chair, and Phillip T. Catanese as secretary.

Waring, who has been affiliated with the board since 1997, will serve his third term as vice-chair. He’s chaired the institutional advancement committee and co-chaired the executive committee, as well as served on the building committee.

With more than 20 years experience in the financial services industry, Waring is founding principal of Waring Financial Group, a Hamburg-based financial services company.

He’s on the board of the Financial Planning Counselors of Western New York and a member of several other organizations, including Estate Analysts of Western New York and the Society of Financial Service Professionals.

Catanese joined Hilbert’s board in 2002 and is serving a third term as board secretary. This past year he was on the board’s audit/finance, human resources and mission integration committees.

Vice president and advertising director at The Buffalo News, Catanese previously held various executive positions in the retail food industry.

His community involvement has included the executive committee of Boys Town of Italy, which presented Catanese its Man of the Year honor. He’s also past president of the Leukemia Society of WNY and was on the Catholic Charities of Buffalo Executive Committee.

‘Flipping’ S

A Buffalo home sits abandoned and left to decay. In one city block, six houses in similar disrepair now need to be demolished.

These homes are only a small sample of many properties subjected to “flipping,” a real estate practice that’s a growing problem in Buffalo’s inner-city neighborhoods. To combat this, thousands of pieces of data collected on flipping will be analyzed by Hilbert College students to detect fraud schemes as part of efforts by the mayor’s Anti-Flipping Task Force.

Two Hilbert economic crime investigation interns are analyzing the city’s flipping data using the powerful iBase Designer software, which is available in the college’s forensics training lab.

A database built specifically for the analysis was created by i2, Inc., makers of iBase. Under the guidance of two ECI professors, the students will use information pulled into the database to identify links and trails to help find where fraudulent activity is occurring in flipping transactions and the worst offenders.

Presidential Search Update

Academic Search Consultation Service of Washington, D.C., has been selected to assist with the search for the next president of Hilbert College. Sister Edmunette Paczesny, Ph.D., announced her plans last April to step down at the end of the 2005-06 academic year after serving as Hilbert’s president for 31 years.

Dr. Thomas B. Courtice is serving as lead consultant for the search. Courtice retired in 2004.
“I’m pleased Hilbert is assisting with the work of the Anti-Flipping Task Force,” says Assemblyman Sam Hoyt, who is co-chairing the task force with State Sen. William Stachowski. “Hilbert’s nationally recognized economic crime investigation department will be a tremendous asset to our efforts to combat housing flipping and help stabilize Buffalo’s neighborhoods.”

Mayor Anthony Masiello announced in May the creation of the city’s task force, which is modeled after one established in Baltimore. Buffalo’s task force was set up in response to concerns about vacant, low-priced city homes being bought on Internet auction sites like eBay and then quickly being sold at inflated prices, oftentimes with no improvements made to the homes.

“Perpetrators of flipping schemes and mortgage scams prey upon unknowing and vulnerable first-time homebuyers,” said Mayor Anthony M. Masiello. “This often leaves new homeowners with expensive repairs and contributes to blight in our neighborhoods. The intelligence provided by Hilbert’s students will provide us with a quantitative analysis of the problem and direct us strategically in our decision-making process.”

Flipping can lead to abandoned homes that are overvalued or overmorgaged and often a haven for drug activities in urban neighborhoods.

According to Kathleen Lynch, task force coordinator and an attorney at the Western New York Law Center, “real estate flipping itself is legal but largely unregulated and often involves unethical practices. What’s more, the practice frequently involves flipping schemes and mortgage scams and that’s where the students’ data analysis will be an invaluable resource.”

The iBase software will drastically reduce time needed to sift through literally thousands of entries of flipping data, explains Sandra Augustine, ECI chairperson. “The students will be able to take that data and do a graphical analysis of flipping practices in the city and discover patterns where they might not otherwise be apparent,” she says. “They will be able to sort data by buyer, property or other specified criteria to find patterns that indicate where fraud might have occurred.”
Looking to turn vacation into volunteering, Professor Amy Smith found that chance at a camp for children and families touched by cancer. That one summer has grown into a 17-year allegiance where, Smith says, “when you hear them (the children) laugh, it’s a wonderful sound.”
Amy Smith, Ph.D., remembers overhearing two 7-year-old girls, heads together, talking in that confidential way little girls do. But this was no ordinary tête-à-tête, Smith recalls: “The first girl said she was going for a spinal tap soon. The other was giving her advice about how she dealt with her treatments. It was eye-opening and sobering.”

Smith, a professor of English at Hilbert College, has encountered many such wonders in her 17 years as a volunteer counselor at Camp Good Days and Special Times, which offers programs to improve the quality of life for children and families whose lives have been touched by cancer and other life challenges (see sidebar). Each experience further cements what Smith considers the single most important lesson she has learned from the youngsters in her care: “Take as much joy out of life as you can.”

Overcoming apprehension
Smith’s choice of how to spend the summer of 1988 seems to be a personal turning point. Then the public relations person for a Buffalo-area school district, she had the summer off and decided to take on volunteer work. Smith had read about Camp Good Days in The Buffalo News. Also, her father had passed away from cancer, and she felt, as Smith puts it, “a connection.” She applied and was accepted as a volunteer.

The training Smith went through before beginning her first stint as a volunteer struck a nerve. “They talked about the medical issues the kids might deal with, types of cancer, treatments, side effects from medication, some of the emotional issues the kids might be working on. I was petrified.” The discussions about children who have lost their hair or have lines in their arms for intravenous medication was “a little intimidating if you’ve never dealt with it,” Smith says. “You imagine horrifying scenarios of what might happen.”

For that reason, Smith arrived at Camp Good Days that first summer to work with siblings of children with cancer. “I chose that program because I wasn’t sure how difficult it would be to work with kids who were ill,” she says. “I thought siblings could ease my way into it.”

Through her work with the siblings program, Smith inevitably got to know children who were going through treatment. After one year in the program, she realized she could handle working with sick children.

“Once you meet the kids, your own issues disappear,” Smith says. “The kids just want to have fun and forget about their illness.” Smith became dedicated to helping her campers do just that. She jumped feet first into the Camp Good Days’ Buffalo day program for 4- to 7-year-old children going through cancer treatment.

Growing in more ways than one
Today, both Smith and Camp Good Days have evolved into better versions of themselves. In addition to the programs for children with cancer, their siblings and children whose parents have cancer, the organization now offers support for children affected by HIV, have sickle cell anemia or have been affected by violence.

Likewise, Smith’s role has expanded. She works not only with younger day campers, but also with older, overnight campers at a site in Branchport, N.Y., on Keuka Lake. Smith meets her group of day campers each morning, spends the first half of the day playing games and the afternoon in activities like a grocery store cooking class, amusement park or nature center. Parents pick up the children at around 4:30 p.m., and Smith sleeps in her own bed, “which can be a big plus if you’ve ever tried sleeping on bunks (used at the overnight camp),” she says, laughing.

Days are less structured there. Flag raising and breakfast take place at designated hours, but the campers, ages 8 to 17, have more freedom to take part in the kinds of activities that most interest them—arts and crafts, fishing, go-karts, rock climbing, etc. Smith usually works with 8- to 12-year-old campers, most of whom she’s met previously during the day programs. “They might feel a little more comfortable that way,” she explains. “A week away from parents can be a big deal.”

Smith also co-ordinates two groups that meet monthly throughout the year: Fun Club for kids ages 8 to 12 and Adventurers Club for teens ages 13 to 17. Both groups include siblings and children whose parents have cancer. “We go fishing, bowling, to concerts,” Smith says. “I participate in fund-raising activities, too,” she adds. “I help whenever and wherever I can.”
Perhaps more meaningful than Smith’s growing role is her emotional evolution. “I’m a pretty shy person. When I first started, I was not as outgoing. As I got to know the kids and volunteers, I realized that kids like people who are loud and outgoing and aren’t afraid to have fun, and I learned from that.”

Each day on the bus, according to Smith, the day campers get the full benefit of that lesson. “I’m one of the song leaders—which, if you’ve heard me sing, is a bad thing,” she jokes. “I used to be self-conscious, but now I don’t care if I act silly. I’m willing to do what I need to make sure the kids have a good time.”

Diane Kowalski, Camp Good Days’ family liaison, is emphatic about Smith’s place in the organization. Smith, says Kowalski, “knows the kids and families as well as I do. She’s really my right-hand person because she’s one of counselors who rarely misses an activity. She relates to children on their level, makes them feel at home and makes them feel good about themselves.”

Says Smith, “Lots of kids come in very apprehensive and it’s wonderful to see them transform over the week. I remember one kid was so scared to leave his mom, he was grabbing her leg. At some point, he just opened up. By end of the week, he was the official greeter. He’s still like that.

“There’s a lot of love in these kids’ lives,” she adds, “but they feel accepted at camp.”

That kind of interaction with the children is the main benefit of the camp, a camper’s mother told Smith. “She said, ‘Thank you for making him feel so special, and thank you for making him feel like a regular kid.’ Camp is a safe haven where the kids don’t have to think about treatment. Sure, they’re dealing with issues, but they’re regular kids and want to be treated that way.”

**Friends past, present and forever**

Over the span of 17 years, Smith naturally has made her share of close friends. “Because of how the day camp works, you’re assigned a child each day, and you get closer to them,” she says. “I know one girl who’s 13 now. I was one of her first counselors when she was 6 or 7. We get together once or twice a year. Experiences like that make (the work) special.”

Special—and sometimes unexpected. One day at Hilbert, a student approached Smith in the hallway, calling the professor by her first name, which took Smith aback a bit. The student, criminal justice major Heather Skinner ’07, had been a camper from age 8 to age 17. Smith was one of her counselors.

“I hadn’t seen her for quite a while and didn’t recognize her,” Smith says. “I also hadn’t realized I’d been doing it long enough to have a camper in college!”

As a counselor, says Skinner, “[Smith] liked to cheer everybody up. She’s a very caring person and fun to be around. She’s touched my life.”
“A couple of kids I’ve been close with have passed away,” Smith adds. “It’s painful for me, so I can only imagine what it feels like for their parents and siblings. It’s something so unfair, but I’m constantly amazed by the families and how they cope with what’s happening. They show so much courage and strength. It’s a testament to human spirit and our ability to survive.”

Lessons learned
Some of Smith’s volunteer work at the camp has followed her to Hilbert. As director of the college’s Honors Program, she’s enlisted students’ help with camp fund-raising activities to augment their community outreach requirement. “We’ve sold kazoos at the mall and food at the home show,” says Smith.

In general terms, however, Smith hopes that the compassion and empathy that she tries to bring to camp carries over into her professional life. “Being involved in camp has made me more caring and a more empathic person.”

Beyond this, Smith seems to have learned more fundamental life lessons from her campers. “Because some of them might not have long lives, they’ve taught me to take as much joy out of life as you can. They’re just amazing at dealing with what’s been handed to them. You rarely hear them complain or see them feel sorry for themselves. They’re incredibly brave.”

It’s hard to imagine that Smith’s experience could leave anyone in the same position untouched. The children, she explains, are “wonderful, caring and optimistic, even when they don’t feel well. Despite horrible circumstances, there’s so much joy and happiness in them. When you hear them laugh, it’s a wonderful sound.”

She attributes her longevity as a volunteer to the children as well. “You really get attached to the kids, and it’s hard to let go. So you don’t. You keep doing it.”

Grace Lazzara is a freelance writer and public relations consultant residing in Buffalo, N.Y.

More About the Camp
Camp Good Days and Special Times, Inc., is a nonprofit organization that provides a camping experience and more for children and adults facing life’s toughest challenges.

Children touched by cancer and other issues gather at Camp Good Days’ Recreational Facility located on the shores of Keuka Lake in the heart of the Finger Lakes region to spark new smiles, re-kindle friendships and enjoy a week where they can simply be kids. The weekend camping programs for men and women with cancer become a place where old bonds are strengthened and new ones created. The organization also offers a range of other programs and services for people facing other life challenges.

Camp Good Days offers programs in both the Buffalo and Rochester regions. The organization was founded some 25 years ago by Gary Mervis on behalf of his daughter Teddi, who suffered from cancer. Mervis remains Camp Good Days’ chairman.

To learn about volunteer opportunities at Camp Good Days, contact the organization at:

**Camp Good Days & Special Times**
Headquarters & Volunteer Training
1332 Pittsford-Mendon Road
Mendon, New York 14506
1-800-785-2135 or 585-624-5555
www.campgooddays.org
Building a Better Hilbert

New academic-auditorium complex will shape the campus according to plan while doubling classroom space

“We shape our buildings: thereafter they shape us.”

Sir Winston Churchill

It will be a very real, physical symbol of growth. For Hilbert College, it will come in the form of a new 21,000-square-foot academic building that will double classroom space - a campus advancement that will address the college’s pressing need for space as its student population and faculty ranks continue to increase. With the academic building will be a modern auditorium and theater venue that, looking ahead, has great potential to be the Southtowns site for performances and presentations.

To see how much the project will change the campus in the future, one need only see the site work completed this summer. Trees have been removed, the ring road on the front of campus has been reconfigured, a parking lot has been added, and other preparations have been done for building construction to start this fall.

In anticipation of this new era for Hilbert, a groundbreaking ceremony for the $6 million academic-auditorium complex took place in September, which included tours of other recent campus improvements and upgrades, like the Hafner Recreation Center expansion, Campus Center Dining Hall renovations and two additional apartment-style buildings in the student housing complex.

Located next to the existing academic building, Paczesny Hall, the two-story academic building, will be named in honor of Hilbert President Sister Edmunette
Paczesny, Ph.D., who is stepping down in May and will finish her tenure as one of the longest serving college presidents in the country. Remarkably, it will be the first capital project for classroom and faculty workspace since the college’s original academic building, Bogel Hall, opened in 1969.

“Having a building in your name is something few people get to experience in a lifetime,” says Sister Edmunette. “I’m deeply appreciative and moved to be recognized with a project that will, quite literally, change the look of the college. It’s an exciting time for me personally and for Hilbert.”

Seeing construction start on the new buildings is particularly striking for Sister Edmunette given her 31-year presidency at the college.

“It’s completely overwhelming to see such significant growth at Hilbert not only with this latest project, but also with other aspects of the college’s master plan, including our new student apartment complex, athletic facility expansion and dining hall renovations,” she add. “I’ve been with this college for more than 40 years as president, an administrator and teacher, and seeing such on campus expansion is remarkable.”

The new academic building, which is expected to open next summer, will feature the architectural look and appeal of Franciscan Hall, including its signature two-story windowed atrium that illuminates its interior. Overlooking the front of Hilbert’s 50-acre campus, the building will house high-tech “smart classrooms,” faculty office space, seminar rooms, laboratories, Hilbert’s Institute for Law and Justice and the college’s Honors Program.

As the Rev. Dr. Bernard Olszewski, Hilbert vice president for academic affairs, explains “with our increased student population and the addition of new majors, including four in the past 15 months alone, we’ve run out of classroom and faculty office space.

“These buildings are clearly a visible sign our campus is growing,” he adds. “Students and others in the Hilbert and surrounding communities can see it’s not status quo here at the college but rather we’re striving to increase the breadth of our academic facilities and infrastructure.”

The 400-seat William E. Swan Auditorium will be situated next to Paczesny Hall. It will include performance space for theater productions and will also serve as a prime setting for lectures, seminars, films, conferences, and community events. The single-story building is being named in memory of the late Bill Swan, former CEO of First Niagara Financial Group, as testimony to his dedication to the Franciscan spirit and ideals.

“The new auditorium will be a welcoming venue for cultural activities, conferences, seminars and many other events,” says Sister Edmunette, noting that it will “open up a realm of opportunities for use by community groups.”

Olszewski envisions the auditorium’s distinctive performance environment as being a major draw and, in time, sees it becoming “known as the Southtowns destination for cultural and artistic programs.”

“These buildings,” says Olszewski, “are representative of significant progress at Hilbert toward our strategic goal of attaining an enrollment of 1,350 students, while still maintaining our student-faculty ratio, personal attention and other aspects that make us unique. This complex will add to the college’s foundation for a vibrant campus life.”

Funded by bonds and generous private donors, the academic-auditorium complex was designed by Silvestri Architects, with site work done by Kulback’s Construction, Inc. Selection of a general contractor will occur this fall.

To learn how you can support fund-raising efforts for the academic-auditorium complex, contact Thomas Honan at 716-926-8790, honant@hilbert.edu.
Going for the Gold

Hilbert College men’s basketball player Glen Ufland and Hawks head men’s basketball coach Rob deGrandpre earned Gold Medals at this summer’s Empire State Games held at Marist College.

Representing the Western Region in the Open Division, Ufland saw action in three out of four contests competing against some of the best amateurs from across New York State’s six regions. For deGrandpre, it was his first Gold Medal after coming up short the last six summers on the sidelines. The Western team went a perfect 4-0 at the games with a 73-72 overtime thriller against the Hudson Valley team being the deciding factor in earning the gold.

A multi-sport event for amateur athletes, the Empire State Games is the largest competition of its kind in the nation and is patterned after the Olympic program. This year some 6,000 participated in final competition throughout the Hudson Valley area.

Have You Heard?

IT'S A WHOLE NEW LOOK. Following months of planning, Hilbert College has rolled out a newly redesigned, enhanced Web site at www.hilbert.edu. The site, which went “live” in June, is more dynamic with a fresh look and content and user-friendly navigation features. Visitors will find information about Hilbert’s academic majors, campus living (like what to bring to college), career services, upcoming events, library resources, student services, and the latest on the college’s sports teams, among other sections.

What’s more, Hilbert Connections is now available online right from the site’s homepage or through the new alumni section at www.hilbert.edu/alumni.

Alumni are also invited to catch up on the latest college news by checking out the News section at www.hilbert.edu/news, or by subscribing to Hilbert E-News, found in the gold navigation bar, to receive news updates via e-mail.

Also created was an admissions section found at visit.hilbert.edu, which matches Hilbert’s new marketing campaign. It was specially developed to attract prospective students and families to campus. Visitors to the site can design their own tour or take an online virtual tour, register for an upcoming college Visit Night, or learn more about Western New York in the Visitor’s Guide.

We invite you to explore Hilbert’s new Web site to stay connected with the college or to share the site with prospective students so they can learn about all the college has to offer.
In the Sports Zone

Coaches, Staff Coming In

There’s a new face and a couple familiar ones taking on new coaching duties in the Hilbert College Athletics Department. Lindsey Peltier has been named athletic facilities coordinator, Mick Kuberka will take over as head men’s and women’s cross country coach, and Rick Couell has been named head men’s soccer coach.

Peltier will oversee indoor and outdoor athletic facilities and operation of the new fitness center in the recently expanded Hafner Recreation Center, as well as coordinate home event management for the Hawks’ 11 varsity sports. She will also serve as assistant cross country coach this fall, and join the women’s basketball staff in the winter.

Peltier comes to Hilbert after graduating with a degree in athletic training/sport medicine from the University of Charleston. The licensed athletic trainer spent the previous year as a certified trainer at New Bremen High School and Fort Loramie High School in Ohio.

As a student-athlete at UC, Peltier was a three-year letter winner in basketball and played one year of collegiate softball for the Golden Eagles.

“Lindsey brings a very broad athletic background to Hilbert and can assist us with coaching and sports medicine in addition to her other duties,” said Walsh. “We’re fortunate to find such a high quality person to join our athletic department staff.”

Kuberka is no stranger to the Hilbert campus after joining the men’s basketball staff as an assistant coach back in 2003.

Kuberka graduated from Lafayette College with a bachelor’s degree in business and economics with a minor in anthropology and sociology. While at the Easton, Pa. college, the West Seneca native was a four-year letter winner and played in the NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Tournament in 1999 and 2000. Kuberka is mentioned in author John Feinstein’s top-selling book The Last Amateurs, which takes readers through a season of Division I basketball in the Patriot League.

“I’m pleased Mick will be more involved in our athletic department. He’s a quality person and we’re glad he has accepted the cross country coaching responsibilities,” said Walsh.

In other coaching news, Couell joined the Hawks’ men’s soccer program last fall as assistant coach after previously serving as travel director for West Seneca Soccer where he also served as head coach of the boys U-11 and U-14 programs for seven years. He currently holds a USFF “E” license.

Couell brings more than 10 years of playing experience from stints in the Buffalo Men’s A and B leagues.

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An Evening With Sister Edmunette
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Noon-1 p.m., Campus Center Cove
Bring or buy your own lunch
Info: 926-8928, srjackie@hilbert.edu

29 Children’s Halloween Party
2-4 p.m., Campus Center
Children encouraged to dress in costume
Info: 926-8932, jenser@hilbert.edu

November

14 Interviewing Skills Workshop
3-4 p.m., Franciscan Hall Career Lab
Info: 926-8927, radle@hilbert.edu

15 Luncheon Lecture Series - “Understanding Hinduism”
Noon-1 p.m., Campus Center Cove
Bring or buy your own lunch
Info: 926-8928, srjackie@hilbert.edu

15 Resume & Cover Letter Writing
1-2 PM, Franciscan Hall Career Lab
Info: 926-8927, radle@hilbert.edu

16 Internet Job Search Techniques
2-3 PM, Franciscan Hall Career Lab
Info: 926-8927, radle@hilbert.edu

17 Planning for Graduate School
3-4 p.m., Franciscan Hall Career Lab
Info: 926-8927, radle@hilbert.edu

December

4 Live Nativity & Children’s Christmas Party
2 p.m. – Live Nativity; 2:30 p.m. – Party Franciscan Hall

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Hilbert Excellence Awards in teaching and service have been presented to the following faculty in recognition of outstanding individual faculty achievements: DENISE BRILL, professor of mathematics, Excellence in Teaching Award; JOHN MANTH, adjunct instructor of criminal justice, Excellence in Adjunct Teaching Award; and ROGER STONE, chairperson/professor of paralegal studies, Excellence in Service Award.

WENDY EDSON, assistant chairperson/associate professor of paralegal studies, was a reviewer for Legal Research by William Putman.

CHARLES ERNST, PH.D., chairperson of arts and sciences/professor of English, attended the 36th conference of the College English Association in Indianapolis, and also the spring conference of the New York College English Association in Albany, N.Y.

MARTIN FLOSS, PH.D., director of the Institute for Law and Justice/professor of criminal justice, is serving as evaluator for the Utica Drug Treatment Court.

HARRY GONG, director of admissions, is serving as co-chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for the second annual National Association for College Admission Counseling Buffalo National College Fair being held in March.

Three Hilbert faculty have been appointed to new rank appointments. Faculty and their new ranks are WILLIAM HASLINGER, associate professor of economic crime investigation; ANTHONY HUGHES, PH.D., professor of English; and ANDREW KOLIN, PH.D., professor of political science. SUZETTE HINO, public services and library instruction coordinator, received a grant from the H.W. Wilson Co., to attend the Catholic Library Association’s Leadership Institute in Belleville, Ill.

DOUGLAS MARKEY, adjunct instructor of paralegal studies, was chosen Person of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club of East Aurora.

HATHLEEN PARKER, admissions counselor, is serving on the New York State Transfer and Articulation Association’s Executive Board and Issues Committee.

Vice President for Student Life JAMES STURM, participated in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Stevens Institute for senior student affairs officers in Vancouver, Wash.

PAULA WITHERELL, public relations director, received a 2005 APEX Award for Publication Excellence in the one to two person-produced magazines and journals category.

In With the Blue

Following the well-known tradition of the Masters Tournament green jacket ceremony, a blue jacket emblazoned with the Hilbert College logo was presented to President Sister Edmunette Paczesny, Ph.D., at this year’s Hilbert Student Scholarship Golf Tournament. The 15th annual event was the final tournament under Sister Edmunette’s presidency as she prepares to step down as Hilbert’s leader in May. She received the jacket in recognition of her 31-year presidency at the college.

Pictured are, left to right: Karen Gaughan Scott, chair of the Hilbert Board of Trustees; Sister Edmunette; board trustees John Wabick and Carol Palczewski; and Merle Whitehead, board trustee and immediate past chair.
From the Alumni President

What an amazing summer it was in Buffalo and nothing says summer like an old-fashioned game of baseball. The fourth annual Hilbert College Day at the Buffalo Bisons was held July 29. With many new alumni joining us, it was a fun-filled evening of perfect weather, good food, a great game of baseball and a finish featuring a spectacular fireworks display. Plan to join us for the fifth annual next summer.

The alumni association started the fall season off by co-sponsoring the second annual flag football game and Buffalo Bills tailgate party. Members of the Class of 2006 took on alumni and Hilbert faculty and staff in a flag football game, which was followed by a tailgate party with everyone cheering on our Buffalo Bills.

Right around the corner is one of the biggest alumni events of the year. A year’s worth of planning has gone into the second Alumni Reconnection Celebration with this fall’s event honoring Hilbert President Sister Edmunette Pazcesny. We’re hoping for a huge turnout for a night filled with dinner, dancing, catching up with old friends and sharing memories with Sister Edmunette. For more information on this event as well as pictures from our previous events, check out the Hilbert alumni Web site at www.hilbertcollegealumni.org

For those of you who have enjoyed past events and for those of you who will be joining us at future events, remember you can always “Come Home to Hilbert.”

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’60s

SISTER ANDREA CISZEWSKI, AA ’66 is interim superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Springfield, Mass.

SISTER CAROL CLARE CZYZEWSKI, AA ’66 participated in the annual Festival of the Arts at the Washington Theological Union in Washington, D.C. She taught students, faculty and guests how to make Polish Easter pisanki and submitted the winning entry for a t-shirt contest.

SISTER JOYCE KUBINIEC, AA ’69 is pastoral associate at St. Rita Parish in Webster, N.Y.

ELAINE (GEORGE) POLETTO, AAS ’66 recently retired as principal of St. Martin of Tours School in Buffalo, N.Y. She spent 40 years in Catholic education.

SISTER PAULETTE TIRONE, FSSJ, AA ’63 was recently honored by the St. Joseph Hospital Foundation with its 2005 Caritas Award.

’70s

KENNETH CONNOLLY, AA ’72 is superintendent of the Lakeland Central School District in Westchester County, N.Y.

SISTER SHARON GOODEMOTE, FSSJ, AA ’71 has accepted a new position as coordinator of public policy at Catholic Charities in Buffalo, N.Y.

ROSEANN MUMBACH, AA ’77 was listed in Business First’s Who’s Who in Residential Real Estate in the Buffalo, N.Y. area.

DEBRA (HOBIN) ORMSBY, AA ’72 retired after 30 years as a school administrator and is now a pastry chef at Primo Restaurant in Silver Creek, N.Y.

MARY (LYONS) SULLIVAN, AA ’73 is an instructional support assistant in the Orchard Park Central School District in New York.

KAREN (QUINLAN) VALVO, AAS ’74 is vice-chair of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents.

’80s

JOHN BAILIE, AA ’89, an investigator in the Loudoun County, Va. Sheriff’s Department, was honored by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Virginia for his efforts in a 2004 prescription fraud conspiracy case.

JAMES IGLEWSKI, AAS ’85 has been named to the Hilbert Board of Trustees.

MARY (STACEY) LOBOSCO, AAS ’85, is district treasurer for the Eden Central School District in New York. She has bachelor’s and MBA degrees from the University at Buffalo.

KATHERINE (ALEXANDER) MANNS, AAS ’86 is chair of the Chinese Auction Committee of the Western New York Paralegal Association.

KATIE NEWTON, AAS ’87 is treasurer of the Western New York Paralegal Association.

MICHAEL PICCIRILLO, AA ’83 is a credit analyst at HSBC in Buffalo, N.Y.

RICHARD QUALEY, AA ’88 is an adjunct instructor in the Hilbert Criminal Justice Department.
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**'90s**

DAWN (EISENMENGER) BOUDREAU, BS '99 is director of public relations and marketing for the Western New York Paralegal Association.

WILLIAM BRINSON, BS '97 is director of graduate admissions at Daemen College in Buffalo, N.Y.

PETER ERTL, BS '96 was promoted to assistant vice president, branch manager of the Bank of Holland in East Aurora, N.Y.

TAMMY GAWRON, BS '95 was inducted into the Hilbert Hawks Hall of Fame. She's a mortgage processing associate at Devere Capital Corp., in Williamsville, N.Y.

MEGHAN MASKA, BS '96 is activities director at Odd Fellows/Rebecca Nursing Home in Lockport, N.Y. She received a master of divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pa.

THOMAS CONE, BS '01 is in human resources with Sodexho in Williamsburg, Va.

**'00s**

ALLISON AGRO, BS '00 works with the chronically mentally ill from Los Angeles Twin Towers Jail and with sex offenders incarcerated in the Department of Corrections. She received an MSW in social work from California State University at Long Beach and is completing a doctorate in forensic psychology.

AMANDA ALESSI, BS '04 has returned to Hilbert as an intern in McGrath Library while pursuing a master's degree in library science. She was also a judge at the college's Cabaret Night.

JENNIFER ANSELMO, BS '00 is a paralegal at O'Shea, Reynolds & Cummings in Buffalo, N.Y.

KELLY (HILL) CANASKI, BS '05 received the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference 2004-05 Female Faculty Athletic Representative Award, and was also named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Honor Society. She's pursuing a master's in psychology at the University at Albany in New York.

THOMAS O'NEILL, BS '97 is with the Western New York Developmental Disabilities Services Office in Hamburg, N.Y.

ANNE DIGGS, BS '00 is a personal banking representative for the Western New York Paralegal Association.

EDWARD BLASAK, BS '05 is an operations assistant at Southtowns Financial Group in Orchard Park, N.Y.

IDA BLASAK, BS '05, is manager, adjustments department at HSBC Bank in Buffalo, N.Y.

SARAH BREENE, AA'00 is a corrections officer at Ulster County Sheriff's Department in Vernal, Utah.

SHANNON BRUNDIGE, BS '03 has been activated with her U.S. Army Reserves unit to serve a year in Kuwait.

SHELLEY BUSH, BS '01 is information technology project leader at Moog, Inc., in East Aurora, N.Y.

WILLIAM BUSSHART, BS '01 was selected Teacher of the Year at Bessemer City High School in North Carolina and is working on an MBA at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Busshart said he misses “Hilbert College and all of the people who helped me succeed in my career.”

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ELIZABETH ESCOTT, BS '00 is a paralegal at Border Management Corp., in Buffalo, N.Y.

JENNIFER FERRARA, BS '02 has been promoted to milieu supervisor of special services and institutional programs at Baker Victory Services in Lackawanna, N.Y.

BEATA FIJALKOWSKI, BS '01 is in human resources and a recruiter at Ingram Micro in Buffalo, N.Y.

THOMAS CONE, BS '01 was promoted to assistant vice president – membership and student member coordinator for the Western New York Paralegal Association.

THOMAS CONE, BS '01 received an MSW from the University at Buffalo and will finish the joint degree program with law school graduation in May 2006.

STEPHANIE BEYER, BS '03 is a senior consultant at StoneBridge Business Partners in Rochester, N.Y.

LESLIE DEMARCO, BS '00 is a personal banking representative at Evans National Bank in Hamburg, N.Y.
TRACY FUSS, BA '00 is a legal assistant at The Barnes Firm in Buffalo, N.Y.

KATRINA (JAWORSKI) GIARDINA, BS '04 is a paralegal at Campbell and Shelton in Buffalo, N.Y.

SHERI-LE GROVER, BS '05 is graduate coordinator for Bryant & Stratton College's online program in Buffalo, N.Y.

MARY (HOFFMAN) GUIDO, BS '00 is a legal assistant at the Goodman Law Group in Las Vegas, Nev.

KATIE HAGEMAN, BA '04 is pursuing a master's degree in women's and gender studies at Roosevelt University in Chicago.

RACHEL HAMM, BS '00 is a sourcing manager at Praxair in Tonawanda, N.Y.

PATRICK HEALY, BS '00 is a systems manager at the U.S. District Court in Buffalo, N.Y., and an adjunct instructor of MIS at Hilbert.

CHRISTOPHER HULL, BS '02, operations manager at Southtowns Financial Group in Orchard Park, N.Y., received a New York State life insurance license and passed the uniform securities agent state law exam.

SARAH HUSTED, BS '05 is pursuing a master of divinity degree at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio.

DAVID JENSEN, BS '05 received the John Kissel Man of the Year Award at the 2005 Hilbert commencement.

ANDREA (FALTISCO) KADRYNA, BS '04 is a human resources assistant at INSTALLS, Inc., in Buffalo, N.Y.

DONALD KADRYNA, BS '03 is an emergency medical technician and driver for Rural Metro Medical Services in Buffalo, N.Y.

KECIA (KREZMIEN) KELLEY, BS '00 is a rehab social worker at Elderwood Health Care @ Oakwood in Williamsville, N.Y.

CHERYL KORB, BA '00 is a telephone sales representative at Sovran in Williamsville, N.Y.

ALEX KOWTUN, BS '03 received an MBA from St. Bonaventure University.

CRYSTAL KRZYZANIAK, BS '05 is with Schroeder, Joseph & Associates, Inc., in Buffalo, N.Y.

JULIE (FARRELL) KURDZIEL, BA '00 is alumni association coordinator at the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy in Buffalo, N.Y.

LORETTA LABY, BS '05 is pursuing a master's in mental health counseling at Medaille College in Buffalo, N.Y.

KATHRYN LANGE, BS '02 is coordinator of finance and budget at the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra in Buffalo, N.Y.

SANDRA (DAIGLER) LINDKE, BS '00 is a corrections officer in Spokane County in Spokane, Wash.

KRISTI MAGGIO, AAS '00 is a paralegal at Chiacchia & Fleming in Hamburg, N.Y.

ASHLEY MAGUDER, BS '05 received the Lambert and Margaret Graham Award at the 2005 Hilbert commencement.

KATHLEEN MANN, BS '00 is a market development specialist at Ingram Micro in Williamsville, N.Y., and is pursuing a master's degree in organizational leadership at Medaille College.

LAURA MARSO, BS '05 is with Smith Barney in Buffalo, N.Y.

BRIAN MICHALEK, BS '03 is a security guard at Walden Galleria Mall in Cheektowaga, N.Y.

SUSAN MILLER, BS '00 is a general accountant at Flexovit USA, Inc., in Angola, N.Y.

ERICA MOLLOY, AA '00 is an insurance agent at GEICO in Fredericksburg, Va. She has a bachelor's in communications from Russell Sage in Troy, N.Y.

KATHLEEN (HOLMES) MORRIS, BS '00 is an A-OK activities coordinator in the Pioneer Central School District in Yorkshire, N.Y.

DAVID MUELLER, BS '00 is a human resources manager assistant at Fruitfresh Up, Inc., in Buffalo, N.Y.

SUSAN (HUTCHINSON) MUNDT, BS '00 is in administration at Ficel Transport in Blasdell, N.Y.

JILL OBAD, BS '00 is a vocational rehabilitation counselor at Phoenix Frontier, Inc., in Buffalo, N.Y.

JENNIFER PAJAK, BS '03, is education coordinator at Western Regional Emergency Medical System, Inc., in Cheektowaga, N.Y. She recently received a master's degree in education from St. Bonaventure University.

YVONNE (REEB) PALMER, BS '00 is a protective services officer in the County of San Diego, Calif.

SUSAN PANEK, BS '00 is a paralegal at Hiscock & Barclay in Buffalo, N.Y.

DANIELLE (GILEVSKI) PATTI, BS '00 is a school counselor in Southwestern Central Schools in Jamestown, N.Y. She has a master's degree in counseling from St. Bonaventure University.

PETER PAVLOVICH, BS '05 is a network operations team member at Outo-kumpo American Brass in Buffalo, N.Y.

KIELY PEREZ, BS '01 was featured in a Buffalo News story about "Hometown Housewives," which matched the "Desperate Housewives" TV character most like the housewives in the story.

KIMBERLY PRZEWLOCKI, BS '05 is a customs & border protection officer for the Department of Homeland Security in Buffalo, N.Y.

DEREK PIEGZIK, BS '03, is a corrections officer at Mid-Orange Correctional Facility in Warwick, N.Y.

DANIEL RASEY, BS '03 is a police officer in the Chesterfield County Police Department in Chester, Va.

PAUL REILLY, AA '01 is a New York State trooper in Machias, N.Y.

BARBARA RHOADES, BS '03 is a financial analyst at M&T Bank in Cheektowaga, N.Y.

NICHOLAS RICHTER, BS '04 was a judge at Hilbert's Cabaret Night.

CHRISTOPHER ROLA, BS '03 is a New York State Park police officer in Taconic State Park in Copake Falls, N.Y.
JANELL (BOMASTER) ROSATI, BS '00 is a RTF transition coordinator at Baker Victory Services in Lackawanna, N.Y.

JENNIFER RYZYNSKI, BS '04 served as a member of the citizen budget advisory group that provided community input to the administration and board of education of the Hamburg Central School District in New York.

JILLIAN JENNETTI, BS '05 to DAVID SUITTELL, BS '98

JESSICA WESTFALL, BS '02 to Kelly Marie Black

NICOLE WOLFE, BS '04 to Kevin Daniels

PATRICIA WISNIEWSKI, AAS '87 to Gerald DePasquale

THOMAS FILJONES, BS '04 to Carrie Radtke

KELLY HILL, BS '05 to Shaun Canaski

KATRINA JAWORSKI, BS '04 to Peter Giardina

JESSICA KOSHINSKY, BS '04 to Paul Dieteman

ROBYN (MEYER) KULCZYK, BS '00 and her husband, Robert, welcomed a son, Ryan Meyer.

THOMAS O'NEILL, BS '97 and his wife, Meghan welcomed a son, Patrick Thomas.

AMANDA (GLIDDEN), BS '99 and ALFRED (AJ) PACHUCINSKI, AAS '96 welcomed a son, Alexander Joseph.

STEPHANIE (GUILFORD) SHERMAN, BS '98 and her husband, Robert, welcomed a son, Joshua Robert.

In Memoriam

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SISTER GERALINE RUTKOWSKI, FSSJ May 4, 2005 – An accomplished artist, Sister Geraldine taught art at Hilbert. Her original painting, “Assumption of the Blessed Virgin,” is on display at Dartmouth College and many of her works can be seen throughout Immaculate Conception Convent located next to Hilbert.

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Weddings

THERESA BIXBY, BS '04 to RUSTY SEVERANCE, BS '05

ANDREA FALTISCO, BS '04 to DONALD KADRYNA, BS '03
the ’70s

From pennants to sweatshirts to textbooks, the campus bookstore has been a part of Hilbert College life for many years, as shown by these students checking out merchandise in this 1970s photo. Flash forward 30 plus years and you’ll find Hilbert has partnered with efollett, a company that provides access to college products and services to more than 900 campus bookstores across the country. A makeover of Hilbert’s bookstore was finished over the summer, and coming soon you can shop online for merchandise, like college apparel and gifts and books (including eBooks), through efollett.com.

To share some of your favorite memories as a student during the ’70s, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 716-926-8789, or e-mail pbaubonis@hilbert.edu.

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