She's Got Game
Coach's Integrity-Driven Approach Reaches Far Beyond the Court for Players on Standout Team

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WHILE IN NEW YORK CITY FOR A COUNCIL OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES MEETING A FEW WEEKS AGO, I decided to fulfill a long-time goal to visit Ellis Island. Some of my earliest childhood memories include my Great-Grandmother Moslo retelling the story of how in 1906 she traveled for 11 days by ship from Germany to Ellis Island with five children that ranged in age from 8 months to 8 years. My great-grandfather had arrived six months earlier and was working in the coal mines in Pennsylvania. My Nana (grandmother), who was six-years-old at the time, recalled vividly how the suitcase containing the baby’s diapers and clothing was lost in all the confusion and chaos. During the three days they were confined to Ellis Island, each child and my great-grandmother began removing whatever clothing they could spare for the baby’s needs.

As I walked through the buildings at Ellis Island and eventually found the family’s names listed on their ship’s manifest, I reflected on what they must have been feeling as they viewed the Statue of Liberty on their walk from the ship to the Grand Hall for processing — relief that they had successfully completed the ocean voyage; confusion when persons spoke in languages other than their native German; anxiety about being among thousands of strangers after growing up in a small village where they knew everyone; eager anticipation they would soon be reunited with their father or husband; and excitement about the new life that was waiting for them in America.

As the ferry made its way back to Battery Park, I began to think about the reactions of Hilbert College’s first-time college students when they “land” on our campus in September — relief they are finally beginning their college journey; anxiety they are sharing living quarters, classrooms, the library, and dining hall with hundreds of strangers; faculty and staff speaking a “higher education” dialect that can be difficult to decipher; mixed feelings about handling being away from home and the higher degree of freedom; and excitement about starting to pursue their future career.

Hilbert’s faculty and staff have been hard at work over the last year, supported by the Title III grant, to make what can be a disorienting, difficult transition from high school to college a positive experience. In Fall 2009, we implemented a new First Year Experience program that includes a freshman seminar (Foundations), passport activities, service projects, and personalized academic advising. The early results of these changes look promising — more than 150 students participated in the Peace Walk during the Feast of St. Francis celebration and faculty report a high degree of student engagement in the classroom.

This issue of Hilbert Connections tells the wonderful story of Ruth Lovelace, a Hilbert graduate who is devoting her life to helping young men succeed through engagement in basketball. You will see photos of Trinity Hall, the new 155-bed residence hall that opened in August, and learn about the state attorney general’s press conference held at Hilbert. This issue also contains our annual report listing the special friends who have our deepest gratitude for making it possible for Hilbert to carry out its Catholic and Franciscan mission.

No matter what your connection is to Hilbert, I hope you feel proud of what we are doing to transform the lives of our students. And I hope you will be inspired to engage with us and be part of our ongoing success.

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Board Officers Named at Hilbert

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

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

He has more than 30 years experience in student affairs and student services at UB where he has held various positions during his tenure, including assistant vice president and dean of students in student affairs and associate vice provost. In addition, Black serves at UB as an adjunct associate professor in the university’s Graduate School of Education. He’s also editor of “Campus Legal Briefing,” a national newsletter for campus administrators, attorneys and student leaders.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Catanese earned an associate’s degree in business from Bryant & Stratton.

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

Vice president at M&T Bank, DiMatteo has nearly 30 years experience in the banking industry. She’s been inducted into M&T Bank’s Hall of Fame and received an M&T Best of the Best Award, as well as a 2005 Business First Women Whom Mean Business Award.

Her community and civic involvement includes serving as chair of the UB Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership Advisory Board. In past years, she’s been president of the Leadership Buffalo Board of Directors and active with many additional area groups.

DiMatteo received a master’s degree in business administration from Canisius College and a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Valparaiso University.
Science Labs Makeover Receives Funding

Modernized science labs featuring the latest top-notch equipment will be completed at Hilbert College in time for use next fall, an improvement project being partially funded by a $200,000 state grant obtained by State Sen. William T. Stachowski.

The grant will go toward upgrading one of the college's existing science facilities to provide Hilbert students with a solid hands-on science foundation in a state-of-the-art setting, as well as provide a valuable learning opportunity where students can gain new skills beneficial to them now and into their careers. Housed in Bogel Hall, work on phase one of the $1.25 million project will start in the spring.

Donor Recognition Wall Unveiled

To express gratitude and appreciation for the generous contributions of Hilbert College’s supporters, a beautifully designed donor recognition wall was unveiled at a special reception held on campus in September.

Featured prominently in the lobby of the William E. Swan Auditorium, the wall stands as a permanent tribute to thank and acknowledge donors for their commitment to Hilbert and underscores the important impact giving has at the college.

The striking display, made of oak boards with brass frames for updatable inserts and flanks clear Plexiglass, includes donors from all levels, from lifetime giving to the Hilbert Fund.

Pictured, left to right, are: Hilbert President Cynthia Zane, Ed.D.; State Sen. William Stachowski; and Christopher Holoman, Ph.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Attorney General’s Press Conference Held On Campus

For the first time ever at Hilbert College, State Attorney General Andrew Cuomo held a press conference on campus before a capacity crowd in the Franciscan Hall Atrium. Cuomo was here in late-September to announce the arrest of 12 individual debt collectors, who are accused of extortion and allegedly participated in illegal debt-collection practices, oftentimes posing as law enforcement officials.

In addition to Cuomo, Senators William Stachowski and Dale Volker and Hamburg Supervisor Steven Walters were in attendance.

The AG’s Office selected Hilbert as the press conference site because the college educates students in the area of financial investigations.

“You cannot pour anything from an empty pitcher.”
-Mother Colette Hilbert

Shown are Hilbert President Cynthia Zane with Barbara Castiglia, donor and trustee emerita, and Dennis Black, chairperson of the college’s board of trustees.
She’s
Got Game

Ruth Lovelace first found her life’s path when playing basketball in the tough Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood where she grew up. Today, known as Coach Love to her players, she’s leading one of the best boys teams in the country, a feat that’s captured the attention of ESPN and others in the sports world.

by Grace Lazzara

It was autumn 1994: Brooklyn’s Boys and Girls High School was buzzing. The Kangaroos, the school’s perennial boys basketball powerhouse, had been without a coach for months. Now, school principal Frank Mickens’ voice crackled over the PA, saying he was ready to announce his choice for the new coach.

Ruth Lovelace ’87, a Boys and Girls physical education teacher and an alumna of the school, was on tenterhooks along with everyone else. She’d helped Mickens review resumes of dozens of men who had applied for the position but had no idea whom he’d chosen. When Mickens finally revealed his choice, the buzz grew even louder – Lovelace, at age 23 and only a few years older than some of the players, was the new head boys basketball coach.

Lovelace had taken her teaching job at Boys and Girls just a year before. At the time, Mickens was unhappy with the current coach’s performance and dismissed him.

“Everyone was interested in that job,” Lovelace remembers. Mickens had known Lovelace since her time as a star athlete at the school. He had a stack of resumes two or three feet high on his desk and asked Lovelace to help him evaluate the candidates. “Which I did,” she says. Lovelace didn’t realize that Mickens was, in fact, interviewing her for the position. He never asked her if she wanted the job or wanted to apply.

She remembers Mickens announcing her as the new coach, looking up at the PA and thinking, “OK, he’s playing.” Later that day, she found him and asked why he was joking. “He said, ‘Because, kid, it is you. I’ve watched you. The kids respect you. I’m behind you. I think you’ll do a great job.’”

No laughing matter
Female coaches of male teams in any sport are uncommon even today.

Further, the Kangaroos aren’t just any high school team. They play in New York City’s ultra competitive Public School Athletic League (PSAL) in the top AA Division. Basketball at Boys High is a veritable religion. The Kangaroos have ranked nationally since the 1980s. They count among their alums pro ball players like Sihugo Green, Lenny Wilkins, Connie Hawkins, Mel Davis, and Dwayne “Pearl” Washington.

At first, people thought naming Lovelace as coach was a publicity stunt. She admits she was nervous before she started, but “nervous to do well. I thought, ‘I’m going to show them I can get it done,’” she says. So, from her first day on the job, “it was strictly business.”

In fact, according to her players,
Lovelace was much tougher than the previous coach. “The players know I care, and I push them because that’s my job. I don’t look at it like I’m a female coach—I’m Coach.” Lovelace puts her players through serious weight training along with practice. She also mandates SAT-prep courses throughout the entire season. “At the end of season,” she emphasizes, “the goal is to go to college.”

Gender has proven no obstacle in her coaching career, but it clearly plays into the reason she’s known by many as “Coach Love.” Says Lovelace, “It’s kind of natural to be a little bit of a mother figure” to her team. She and her players come from the same tough Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood. She knows the challenges many face off the court. “Every kid has a different situation,” she explains. “I try to be supportive, to let them know that someone’s in their corner. I’ll go to bat for them if they do things right.” In return, she says, “These young boys give so much respect.”

More respect than she might have anticipated: players’ parents sometimes call on her to motivate their sons at home. Lovelace has no problem telling a player that he won’t get on the floor if he doesn’t clean the yard.

**Playing for keeps**

Lovelace’s basketball diaries started at a neighborhood center where she and her friends played kickball after school. Invariably, older boys would arrive to boot the younger kids off the court and to run pickup basketball games. One day the older boys needed one more player to even up the teams. Lovelace, standing on the sidelines, was drafted.

“I said I didn’t know how to play, but they told me, ‘Just guard the guy,’” she says. At some point, she got her hands on the ball, shot it and had nothing but net. The moment was her only time with the ball that day, but she knew she liked the feeling. The next day, she played again, and Lovelace’s journey began in earnest.

“I played at the park all the time. We didn’t have much, but we could get a $20 ball and play,” Lovelace says. She continued to play against boys, getting “better and better and better.” As a player on the Girls High basketball team, she averaged 30 to 35 points a game and was a perennial All-City player.

A student-athlete as talented as Lovelace inevitably attracts attention. She received recruitment letters from dozens of colleges, but she hadn’t taken the SATs required for admission. “I didn’t really have the kind of high-school coach who pushed me,” she says.

Serendipity intervened in the form of a local high-school coach who had been asked for tips on players by Coach Sal Buscaglia of Hilbert College. The coach mentioned Lovelace to Buscaglia, who called to ask her to visit the college. When Lovelace met him, he promised her that if she played for Hilbert, she would wind up a junior college All-American.

Lovelace liked what she heard. More than that, she liked Buscaglia. “He was such a family guy, and I came from a good family. I had a lot of respect for him,” she says. She also liked the feel of the campus. Hilbert was a small college but its basketball team was nationally ranked. “I felt like I wanted something small before I went on to a bigger college.”

Lovelace’s first few weeks at Hilbert were tough due to her workload or sports, but, surprisingly, to deer. “I was in class the first day of the semester, looking out the window, and I yelled because I saw this deer running across campus.” Informed by the professor that she’d see lots more furry friends during her next two years, Lovelace marched back to her room in the residence hall, phoned her mother and informed her she was leaving. “I said, ‘I’m not going to make it here—they have deer running across campus.’” She called home four or five times a day at first, but her mother, a wise woman, said she needed to stick it out. After about a month, Lovelace settled in, and the daily phone calls to Brooklyn stopped.

Lovelace had been a star high-school athlete, but she hadn’t experienced the level of coaching that Buscaglia brought. “I didn’t get the basics in high school,” she explains. “Coach Buscaglia helped me understand the fundamentals of the game, the offense, defense. I learned so much from him in those two years.”

Buscaglia told Lovelace her opportunity to go wherever she wanted depended on how much she learned about basketball. “To shine,” he told her, “you have to do more.” More meant playing as hard as she could every time she took the court and taking the game seriously. Off the court, Buscaglia focused his players on living a good, ethical life. Lovelace still speaks of him with fondness. “He was one of the stepping stones that helped me turn the corner,” she says.

During Lovelace’s time at Hilbert, the team excelled, finishing fifth in the nation one year, seventh the next. “We had topnotch competition and played all over the country,” she says. True to Buscaglia’s promise, Lovelace made the junior college All-American squad. She and her teammates went on to major colleges – it was Seton Hall for Lovelace. Her time at Seton Hall didn’t prove as productive as she’d hoped: she’d fractured her kneecap more than once, and the injury kept her from significant court time. Seton Hall, like Hilbert, was a supportive environment nonetheless, and she graduated with a bachelor’s degree in physical education.
Today, she also holds two master’s degrees - one in school administration and supervision from The College of New Rochelle and another in sports management from Brooklyn College.

Making the grade
Sixteen years into her tenure at Boys High, Coach Love still makes news. Under her watch, the Kangaroos have reached the playoffs each season. Dozens of her players have gone on to play for major college basketball teams. When the Kangaroos played their way into the 2007 PSAL championship, their first appearance there since 1978, Lovelace became the first female coach to reach the finals.

“It was amazing,” Lovelace says. She gives kudos to her players, assistant coaches and administrative staff for the effort. The team didn’t win the championship, but attention began to build around her and the team. Lovelace was named the 2007 Brooklyn Sports Person of the Year by the New York Daily News and she was featured in an article in New York magazine.

Next, ESPN came calling. They asked if Lovelace would agree to be the subject of a documentary film. She resisted at first. “I didn’t want anything to distract the team. We were good that year, but we had 13-, 14-, 15-year-olds who wouldn’t know how to handle it,” she says. Principal Mickens and other staff ultimately convinced her to take part. “I realized it could be great for the school, the community we live in, and for the kids.”

The filmmakers spent the 2007-08 basketball season as “a fly on the wall, on and off the court,” says Lovelace. The result, “A Woman Among Boys: A Brooklyn Basketball Story,” follows the Kangaroos as they battle a rival high school for the NYC basketball championship.

One of Lovelace’s conditions for taking part in the project was that the premiere was to take place at Boys and Girls. Lovelace saw the film for the first time when everyone else did. “I didn’t know what to expect, but I’ll never forget the feeling. I thought it came out good—it was real. People probably saw different sides of me,” she says. She also voices a hope that kids who see the film will realize they too can achieve the same heights her players have at the school.

More to come
Lovelace is still walking the heights herself these days. People recognize her in airports and ask for autographs. She has helped establish the Kangaroos as one of the country’s leading high-school basketball teams. And she has company now as a female coach of an elite boys’ team. “Other jobs have opened up for females,” Lovelace reports. “Ladies send me e-mails saying, ‘Thank you for opening this door.”

She’s had offers to move on to a college coaching position, but Lovelace isn’t ready to go yet. “These kids need me more.” Nonetheless, it’s clear that she could consider a career move. “I’m leaving it in God’s hands. I used to tell myself this is what I’ll do until I retire, but I’ll have to evaluate and weigh my options.”

Coincidentally, one of Lovelace’s goals with her players is to instill in them the notion that basketball offers them options. “Where my kids come from in Brooklyn is the inner city. Things are tough; there’s lots of violence. All they have is basketball.” Lovelace advises them to use basketball to escape the parameters the neighborhood places on them. If they ultimately come back home, it’s because they will have chosen that option from among others.

“No matter how good you are,” she emphasizes to them, “without education you have nothing. I can’t sleep at night if I know a kid isn’t doing well at other things.” She and her team work extremely hard, but she knows they can’t just be basketball players. “If that’s all you can say after four years, then I shouldn’t be coach.”

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Belongings are moved in, posters are up on room walls, and the large windowed third-floor lounge that looks out on the residential quad provides a spectacular view of campus. It’s home. Welcome to Hilbert College’s new residence hall.

Hilbert officially opened its new $7 million residence hall, which starting this fall nearly doubled the college’s student housing capacity, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in August at the three-story building.

“Over the past five years, Hilbert has experienced an enrollment increase of students who live outside Western New York and are in need of on-campus housing, a demand that has stretched our housing capacity to the limit,” says Hilbert President Cynthia Zane, Ed.D. “With the opening of Trinity Hall, we have taken a major step forward in offering a college residential life experience to more Hilbert students, including many who typically commute but are interested in the advantages of living on campus. The new residence hall is a magnificent addition to an attractive menu of living spaces available at the college.”

Located in the hub of the college’s residential quad, the 155-bed Trinity Hall is Hilbert’s first new residence hall in nearly 40 years. Designed to foster a strong sense of campus community life, the building houses fully furnished six-person suites with common living areas and double rooms adjoined by private bathrooms, as well as a 5,100-square-foot recreation area, lounges, a computer lab and study rooms. Living area features include wired and wireless Internet access, air-conditioning, cable television, telephone lines, and access to free laundry.
facilities in the building. The residence hall is heated and cooled using geothermal energy based on a green technology system.

Peter Burns, vice president for enrollment management and dean of students, notes that “for Hilbert to grow, expanding the college's housing program was essential to recruiting and retaining students. Trinity Hall's student-friendly environment fits many needs and expectations of the modern student by providing a comfortable setting with many sought after amenities. The overall design and living space creates a wonderful ‘home away from home’ for students.”

Trinity Hall is filled to capacity for the fall semester with a mix of returning and freshmen students. It complements other on-campus living choices available in the college's apartment complex and its original residence hall, which will undergo refurbishments next year. Although Hilbert will still have a majority commuter population, approximately 25-30 percent of full-time students will be housed at the college, making it the largest residential community ever living on campus.

Hilbert worked closely with its students during the planning process for the building and is designed with their input in mind, from color selections to closet space to technology and computer availability. The residence hall's architectural design captures that of other campus buildings, including the striking two-story windowed foyer as seen in Paczesny Hall and the William E. Swan Auditorium, the college's academic-auditorium complex.

“Trinity Hall has the signature look of Hilbert’s other facilities, harmonizing it beautifully in the residential quad and the overall look of campus,” says Zane. “Its design preserves the architectural integrity of the campus and has a strong synergy with our existing buildings.”

Because of the pressing need for campus living space this past academic year, students were accommodated in two off-campus houses owned by Hilbert and in apartments near the college.

“The opening of the new residence hall will go a long way in alleviating the college's housing crunch,” says Burns, adding that having a larger resident-student population will contribute to a more robust student life experience for all students. “It will help generate a more dynamic, vibrant and active campus atmosphere that both resident- and commuter-students will want to be a part of,” he said.

In addition to enhancing Hilbert’s student activities programming, a new sand volleyball court in the residential quad has been added to the college's sports and recreation amenities, and a new student wellness center, located in the original residence hall, is now open. A shuttle has also been added for resident-students to travel in areas near campus.

Hilbert’s new residence hall was designed by Foit-Albert Associates of Buffalo, and built by GPS Construction Services of Williamsville.

Father Michael Sajda, Hilbert trustee, blesses Trinity Hall.

"A New Place to Call Home" community ever living on campus

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Hilbert President Cynthia Zane; John Morath, Hilbert student; John Ciminelli, president and chief operating officer of GPS Construction Services; Dennis Black, chairperson of Hilbert’s Board of Trustees; and Father Michael Sajda, Hilbert trustee.

Pictured, left to right, are: Bonnie Foit-Albert, president of Foit-Albert Associates; John Witkowski, Five Star Bank; State Sen. William Stachowski; Hilbert President Cynthia Zane; John Morath, Hilbert student; John Ciminelli, president and chief operating officer of GPS Construction Services; Dennis Black, chairperson of Hilbert’s Board of Trustees; and Father Michael Sajda, Hilbert trustee.
SANDRA AUGUSTINE, professor of accounting, has been invited by Pearson Education to participate in a focus group of accounting professors in Houston, Texas. The group will discuss intermediate accounting course goals, challenges and related topics.

LIZ CURRY, technical services coordinator in McGrath Library, will have an article published on “Little Changes to Interlibrary Loan Services Make a Big Difference at a Small Academic Library” in the November Journal of Interlibrary Loan, Document Delivery & Electronic Reserve.

JOHN D’AMICO, professor of business administration, attended a Clute Institute for Academic Research business and economics conference held in Las Vegas. He also served as the economics session chair.

Named to Hilbert’s faculty are DAVID DEJOE, assistant professor of forensic science/crime scene investigation; CHRISS GALLOTT, assistant professor of digital media and communications, who this fall was keynote speaker at a Buffalo State College alumni event; and ERIHA HAYGOOD, assistant professor of liberal studies.

WENDY EDSON, chairperson of the professional studies division/associate professor of legal studies, received the 2009 Friend of the Western New York Paralegal Association Award.

CHARLES EERNST, Ph.D., professor of English, attended the New York College English Association fall conference in Sanborn.

HATE ESHEW, associate professor of human and rehabilitation services, is serving on the New York State Rehabilitation Research and Training Institute Board, and assisting in the development of state-wide training and research prioritization for rehabilitation providers.

TARA JABBAAR-GYAMBRAH, Ph.D., has been appointed director of multicultural affairs.

CRAIG HARRIS, who has been at Hilbert since 2006 as director of alumni relations, has been promoted to director of alumni relations and annual giving.

In residence life, JASON LANHER has been appointed director of residence life and judicial affairs, and PAMELA MENDOZA has been named assistant director of residence life.

ANDREW HOLIN, Ph.D., professor of political science, will present a paper on the “History of the American Police State” in April at the New England Political Science Association annual meeting in Newport, RI.

JEAN MACDONALD has been named interim director of student activities.

DEANNA MESSINGER has been appointed assistant director of alumni relations and annual giving.

MATT PHIFER, who assisted in guiding the Genesee Community College Lady Cougars to the team’s highest ranking in the college’s history, has been named head women’s basketball coach. Also in coaching, AMANDA LOGUE is head women’s volleyball coach and GERALD MANGAN has been appointed head cross country coach.

SHARON SISTI, chairperson of the social sciences division/assistant professor of human and rehabilitation services, has received the 2009 William B. Hoyt Award from the Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence.

JEANETTE TESTA has been promoted from admissions counselor to assistant director of admissions.

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Spread the Word!

Do you know a student-athlete who might be interested in Hilbert College? Alumni and friends can play an important part in Hilbert’s athletics recruiting by providing us with information on prospective student-athletes. Some of our best and brightest students have come to Hilbert because they were referred by someone who has a connection to the college.

With Hilbert adding men’s and women’s lacrosse, there are now even more opportunities for student-athletes to be a part of a college team while benefiting from the Hilbert experience and its outstanding academic environment.

Let us know about a promising student-athlete by contacting Adam Waite, athletic recruiting counselor in the Hilbert Office of Admissions, at 716-649-7900 or e-mail admissions@hilbert.edu. Thank you for giving us the chance to show prospective student-athletes what Hilbert has to offer.
Hilbert College will add men’s and women’s lacrosse to its intercollegiate athletics program starting in the 2010-11 academic year, announced Hilbert President Cynthia Zane, Ed.D., and Director of Athletics Richard Walsh. It’s the first sport added at Hilbert since the college began men’s volleyball in 2002.

"Establishing collegiate-level lacrosse at Hilbert will add breadth to our athletics program," said Zane. "It’s one of the fastest growing team sports in the U.S. and has rapidly increased in popularity in Western New York and across the country. We’re excited about creating more opportunities for student-athletes and anticipate that lacrosse will have a positive impact on our recruitment efforts."

The college’s lacrosse teams will begin their first season in Spring 2011 in NCAA Division III, bringing the total number of sports offered at Hilbert to 13. Since 2003, Hilbert lacrosse has competed at the club level and experienced a steady growth. Advancing the sport to the varsity-level was a "natural fit," said Walsh. "Lacrosse is a growth sport, particularly over the past 10 years among local youth," he said. "Adding the sport at Hilbert fits in with this strong interest among student-athletes and with the college’s overall enrollment strategy. We’ll be building a program with great potential that will expand our student-athlete recruitment options for high school and junior college players."

According to U.S. Lacrosse, the sport’s governing body, lacrosse is the fastest growing high school sport for girls over the past 10 years and the second fastest growing sport among boys. At the collegiate level, men’s lacrosse is the fastest growing sport while women’s is the second fastest. Erie County and the surrounding area have more than 50 high schools that sponsor lacrosse.

Peter Burns, Hilbert dean of students and vice president for enrollment management, noted that "drawing outstanding student-athletes from the many successful high lacrosse teams that have developed will help make Hilbert’s lacrosse program highly competitive. The first team members will have the chance to be ‘pioneers’ in the program and to make their mark quickly on the field. Without question, bringing lacrosse to Hilbert will augment the vibrancy of the campus and enhance the college’s overall student life atmosphere, especially for resident-students."

Learn more about the new lacrosse program by contacting:
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‘80s

KIMBERLY (PIAZZA) FISHER AA ‘85 is a manager of gas settlements at Iberdrola Renewables in Houston, Texas.

SANDRA MATTUCCI AA ‘84, has published her first children’s book, The Long Journey Home. Formerly a police officer in Connecticut, Mattucci is now a chaplain and spiritual director.

‘90s

DAVID BELLISIMO AA ‘92 has been endorsed as a candidate for the Hamburg Town Council.

JOSEPH LAROSA AA ‘93 is a police officer in the Town of Evans Police Department.

ROSEMARY LOREFOICE AAS ’82 has been named an independent insurance agent at Deppas-Cesar Agency in Jamestown.

DIANE REBOY AAS ’97 has completed a chapter manuscript for inclusion in the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultant’s third edition of Legal Nurse Consulting Principles and Practices due for release later this year. Reboy’s chapter topic includes trial preparation and trial process for legal nurse consultants. She is a medical-legal nurse consultant/possessing certifications in legal nurse consulting, forensic nursing and is a certified nurse life care planner.

MELISSA (KOT) SZEW AAS ‘93 (also see Births listing) is an administrative assistant in the University at Buffalo Department of Social and Preventive Medicine.

MICHAEL SCHREINER BS ‘94 is a detention officer at Asset Protection in Batavia, N.Y.

SARA ZINK BS ’99 is a business teacher at Cattaraugus-Little Valley High School.

‘00s

DANIELLE (WHITEFORD) ABRAHAM BS ‘04 (also see Births listing) is a social services team worker in the Erie County Department of Social Services in Buffalo.

MICHELE CZEKANSKI BA ‘08 is a psychiatric rehabilitation counselor at Southern Tier Environments for Living, Inc.

DANIEL DOLLINGER BS ‘09 is enrolled in the master’s in social work program at Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, N.Y.

KATIE DORSHEIMER BA ‘05 was the first-place finisher in her age group at Hamburg’s annual Dash-N-Splash Competition.

JOSEPH FERRARA BS ’07 received G&G Fitness Retail Manager of the Year, Gold Star Champ and Store of the Year awards for reaching 121 percent of his fiscal goal.

JAMES FLOWERS BS ’07 is a deputy in the road patrol division of the Erie County Sheriff’s Office.

SAM GIOIA BS ’05 works for the Town of West Seneca and is head coach of the West Seneca East High School varsity softball and girls basketball teams.

ERICA KAROVSKI BS ‘05 has earned an MBA from St. Bonaventure University and is employed in the human resources department at Kaleida Health in Buffalo.

KECIA KELLEY BS ’00 is a subacute social worker at Elderwood Health Care in Williamsville, N.Y.

CRAIG KILGORE BS ’06 is a senior search engine optimization consultant at MainStreetHost.com in Tonawanda, N.Y.

BRIAN MEYERS BS ‘05 is an emergency medical technician I at North Greece Fire Department, Rural Metro Ambulance, and a public safety dispatcher in the East Aurora Police Department.

TINA (TANEF) MICHALOWSKI BA ‘04 is a recruiting manager at LHR, Inc., in Hamburg and is an adjunct instructor at Bryant and Stratton College’s Orchard Park campus.

DANIELLE MORGERA BS ’09 is enrolled in the master’s in urban planning program at the University at Buffalo.

AMY PFIEFFER BS ‘06, a three-year department veteran, has been named the Rochester Police Department’s top cop, making her the first-ever female recipient of this high honor.

APRIL REED BS ’09 has been promoted to plan document writer at Meridia Health in Buffalo.

KEVIN REED BS ’02 is a regional marketing manager at Yamaha Motor Corp., U.S.A. in Kennesaw, Ga.

JOSEPH SANABRIA BS ’06 is as an investigator at Cellino and Barnes, Personal Injury Attorneys in Buffalo.

JESSICA TINKER BS’09 is an assistant loan officer at Mortgage Investors Corp. in Saint Petersburg, Fl.

Weddings

NICOLE RASHLEY BS ’07 to James Pernick

Births

DANIELLE (WHITEFORD) ABRAHAM BS ’04 welcomed a girl, Fiona.

MEGHAN (MASKA) GOLDYN AA ’94 welcomed twins, a girl, Lilly, and boy, Seth.

JESSICA SULLIVAN-MISENCIK BS ’03 and RANDY MISENCIK BS ’04 welcomed a boy, Keagan Patrick.

MELLISA (KOT) SZEW AAS ’93 welcomed a boy, Tyler.

In Memoriam

JOHN FARRELL AA ’74

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| Net Assets     | $20,424,200 | $19,305,800 |
| Investments    | $8,881,200  | $6,710,800  |
| **(market value on 5/31)** |          |          |
| Endowment      | $3,000,000  | $3,084,000  |
| Enrollment     | 1,046      | 998        |
| Tuition and Fees | $16,600   | $17,350    |
| Room and Board | $6,280     | $6,950     |
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