GRAD SCHOOL/CAREER PREP: THE BAKER WHO DEVIATED FROM THE COOKIE CUTTER CAREER PREPARATION RECIPE

by Jonathan Hulbert

Remember being young and knowing that someday you would be a firefighter, a teacher, or even a superhero? Those were the good old days, because it seemed that securing those types of jobs was as easy as bouncing down the street on a hippity hop. It seems that even as we grow older and become more aware of the complexities that are involved in attaining our ultimate career goals, many of us still struggle with truly carrying out the necessary tasks that will move us towards those goals. One reason for this may be that someone has given us a recipe with steps we have to take to get to where we would like to be. Rather than investigating the reliability of that recipe, we just continue to move mindlessly through the tasks listed, hoping that the outcome will meet our expectations. The problem with this...

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H-FILES PHOTO CONTEST

by Jonathan Hulbert

The H-Files’ photo contest results are in! Hilbert students could each submit a total of four photos. In consequence, nine students collectively submitted thirty-two photos to be considered anonymously by our panel of judges, consisting of Shannon Connor, Jonathan Hulbert, and Dana Starr. Working independently of each other, the judges’ separate scores produced a composite score yielding the winners. The two top-place photos—“Sun Over St. Maarten” and Isla Mujeres”—are respectively by Nina Pierino ($50 prize) and David Grapes ($25 prize). The following list comprises the rest of the top ten finishers: (3) Nina Pierino, “Dominican Sunset”; (4) Kaitlyn Steinhorst, “Epcot”; (5) Marshall Hand, “Awakening at the Lake”; (6) Jamie Bigaj, “Life Only Stings If You Let It”; (7) a tie between Jamie Bigaj, “Falling Wishes” and Nina Pierino “Birds Over St. Stephen’s Green”; (8) Marshall Hand, “Notre Dame”; (9) David Grapes, “The Harbor Sunset”; (10) Brian Gould, “View From World Trade Center Before 9/11.”

In our photo gallery on pages 8-9 appear more such photos—Continued on page 3

HILBERT COLLEGE Recognizes First Graduate Cohort

by Angela Rorkowski

Members of the Hilbert College graduate program, Hilbert College staff, undergraduate students, and members of the community filled the West Herr Atrium on Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013, for Hilbert College’s first ever Center for Adult and Graduate Studies poster program. With music provided by the Alex Warthling Quartet, and refreshments being served, the night was more than just a poster presentation. It was an exciting event that showcased, to college and community, the talent and hard work of Hilbert College graduate students. Dr. Christopher Holoman, provost and vice president for academic affairs, welcomed everyone at the event with a speech congratulating and thanking the graduate students and all those who were a part of the graduate program efforts. Continued on page 4
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Dr. Charles A. S. Ernst

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is that most people have been given that same recipe and are currently baking away, creating the same batch of cookies that we have worked to develop. If we follow this career road like everyone else, our qualifications become the cookie cutter that was used by hundreds of others. These distinct similarities that we share with the rest of the candidates who are applying for a job or graduate school will strip our application of its competitiveness and individual features that allow us to stand out. Rather than following this popular recipe, become an investigative, innovative, and determined baker. Before developing a list of skills that will enable you to serve as a competitive candidate for graduate school or a job, make sure that you thoroughly research the field that you are going into.

It is important to understand the intricate details of the application process and the ideal competencies that the selection committee will be looking for. For instance, some graduate schools require you to have an above a 3.5 GPA. Take the GRE or GMAT and have prior experience. Knowing this information early as an undergraduate will give you enough time to prepare for the “real world.”

After developing a firm understanding of the graduate program or job you are applying for, begin to create a list of competencies, internships, and impactful activities that will enable you to act as a competitive applicant. This means seeking out multiple future career-related experiences outside of the classroom. A 4.0 looks great on a résumé except when the rest of the page is blank.

Getting involved on campus or participating as an intern will allow you to learn skills that cannot be gained from just listening to a lecture. However, make sure that the activities you involve yourself in will allow you to stand apart from the other candidates.

For example, when I was researching graduate schools for student affairs administration, it was apparent that many applicants do not enter these graduate programs with prior educational research experience. Getting involved in educational research has enabled me to apply for assistantships that require specific competencies that I have gained from my involvement as an undergraduate.

Throughout this process do not forget to ask for help. At Hilbert we are blessed with competent, hard-working faculty members and helpful student affairs professionals. These are not individuals who have a closed door policy or leave after they are done teaching a class; they are here firmly devoted to your success. Do not hesitate to ask them questions about the application process, to read over your written application materials, to provide a letter of recommendation, or to share their experience in applying for a job or graduate school. Their expertise will ultimately help to elevate your chances of getting hired or accepted.

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BIRTH LOTTO

Birth Lotto is a game in which a student’s birthday is selected at random to determine each issue’s prize-winner. All student birthdays (month and day) for February were obtained to create a list, with each student in the list assigned a number.

The guest editor for the issue in question has randomly selected one of the numbers to determine the issue’s prize-winner.

Contributor Issues #1-#4 Issue #5 Issue #6 Totals
No. Student
1. Bernadine De Mike 8 3 1 12
2. Nina Pierino 5 2 1 8
3. Cecilia Chmurzynski 4 3 1 --
4. Emili Ripley 6 -- -- --
5. Heather Bello 5 -- -- --
6. Samantha Sieg 3 1 1 --
7. David Grapes 3 1 -- --
8. Sean Lynch -- 2 2 4
9. Shannon Connor 1 2 -- 3
10. Jonathan Hubbert 1 -- 2 3
11. Jeffrey Krajewski 2 1 -- 3
12. Annilee Obrochta 3 -- -- 3
13. Cailryn Queen 2 -- -- 1
14. Stephanie Smith 3 -- -- 3
15. Karl Blomback 2 -- -- 2
16. Andrew Cartuginesse 2 -- -- 2
17. Chad Damiani 2 -- -- 2
18. Alexia Guzman 2 -- -- 2
19. Jamie Hopkins 2 -- -- 2
20. Tim Kelly 2 -- -- 2
21. Nicole Maiorana 2 -- -- 2
22. Adam Mantula 2 -- -- 2
23. Joseph Pernick 2 -- -- 2
24. Alex Gunkel 2 -- -- 2
25. Cody Arnold 1 -- 1 1
26. John Babocsi 1 -- 1 1
27. Amber Bailey 1 -- 1 1
28. Garrett Boneberg 1 -- -- 1
29. Ryan Bradt 1 -- -- 1
30. Alexis Clune 1 -- -- 1
31. Melody Cole 1 -- -- 1
32. Krysten Goins-Singletary -- -- -- 1
33. Keith Gombos 1 -- -- 1
34. Cameron J. Haag 1 -- -- 1
35. Sarah Karn 1 -- -- 1
36. Jeremy Kraska 1 -- -- 1
37. Ashley Kurucz 1 -- -- 1
38. Laura Lopez 1 -- -- 1
39. Melinda Manzella 1 -- -- 1
40. Chris Marshall 1 -- -- 1
41. Jamie Omerhodzic 1 -- -- 1
42. Hayley Ploetz 1 -- -- 1
43. Tyler Roth 1 -- -- 1
44. Tyler Sulski 1 -- -- 1
45. Greg Swaggard 1 -- -- 1
46. Nick Titus 1 -- -- 1
47. Sara Walker 1 -- -- 1
48. Tyler Sulski 1 -- -- 1
49. Katy Swaggard 1 -- -- 1
50. Alexia Guzman 1 -- -- 1
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HILBERT COLLEGE LICENSING AGREEMENT

Strategic Marketing Affiliates has reached an agreement with Hilbert College to manage its domestic U.S. trademark licensing program. The new partnership will enhance the institution’s brand recognition and increase the availability of Hilbert College licensed merchandise, while providing the College with access to SMA’s brand development, protection and revenue generation services.

“Beginning a new re-branding initiative, it was important that Hilbert also coordinate its first licensing agreement as part of that effort,” said Gregg Fort, vice president for institutional advancement for Hilbert College. “SMA’s success with other institutions like Hilbert made this a natural partnership.”

“We are very excited to partner with Hilbert College,” said SMA senior vice president Tony Johnson. “We look forward to working with college officials to further develop and safeguard the Hilbert College and athletics brands.”

Hilbert College becomes the first Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference institution to represent SMA and the third institution in the greater Buffalo area.

A leading provider of a strong liberal arts education, Hilbert College is a private, Franciscan institution with more than 1,100 students enrolled. The College also has an outstanding NCAA athletics program with 13 men’s and women’s teams competing in NCAA Division III.

Founded in 1997, SMA represents the intellectual property rights of universities, colleges, and conferences to maximize market impact for its institution and has quickly grown to become a leader in the arena of collegiate licensing.

The Indianapolis-based SMA team combines extensive licensing and knowledge experiences with a forward-thinking attitude in keeping its approach fresh, energetic, and, above all else, effective.

For more information on this initiative, please contact Gregg Fort at gfort@hilbert.edu.

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HILBERT TRUSTEE EMERITA

KAREN GAUGHAN SCOTT HONORED

On Jan. 17, 2013, Trustee Emerita Karen Gaughan Scott was honored at the National Federation for Just Communities 2013 Community Leader Awards Luncheon as the recipient of the 2013 Community Leader Philanthropy Award. She was recognized for her philanthropic commitment to numerous organizations over the years. Her volunteer service involvement includes past board chair of Immaculata Academy and past board chair of Hilbert College. She is gural Site Foundation, currently vice president and trustee of the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugurational Committee.

Karen Gaughan Scott
Office of College Relations

HILBERT’S ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

by Nina Pierino

On Monday, June 17, 2013, Hilbert College will be hosting its 23rd Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at Wanakah Country Club. Last year’s event boasted one hundred and fifty participants, as well as over forty volunteers.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the tournament go to student scholarships with the help of over eighty sponsoring organizations, many of which Hilbert’s board of trustees work for.

In total, last year’s tournament raised $76,000, after setting a goal of $74,000. The goal for this year is to raise $100,000, and it is hoped that the goal will be surpassed, giving the charitableness that has been shown in years past. The day will include lunch, a round of 18-hole golf, and a post-tournament reception immediately following the tournament, where numerous prizes will be awarded.

If students are looking to assist for service hours, support the Hilbert community, or have further inquiries, please contact Alaina Houseknecht, engagement officer for alumni and events, at ahouseknecht@hilbert.edu or (716) 926-8938.

Photo Contest

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testants, who are thanked profusely for their photo contributions, are Heather Bel- lo, Marjorie Sanders, and Samantha Sieg.

Note: It is expected that additional contest photos will appear in one or more spring issues of The H-Files.
ARTSY ANECDOTES OF LAUGHTER AND TEARS: A COLUMN

How Did Hemingway Do It?
by Bernadine De Mike

I started out outlining a script for a dance drama to be presented here at the Swan Theater in April. It was based on a true story and should have been a “piece of cake.” While writing this forty-five minute production draft, I thought, “Perhaps I should put it in a chronological booklet first.” I delved into PowerPoint and weeks later had twelve pages, doubled to 5 x 8 with photos. Wait, I didn’t put in enough details and every time I added new thoughts, I had to redo all twenty-four half-sheets—not easy to do with PowerPoint. After three booklets I knew this would not work. Ok, back to the drawing board! This time I opted for Microsoft Word so I could add and edit to my heart’s content. Comments by my literary sister? Embellish Aunt B., and where’s the dialogue? Describe what you see in each scene, etc., so I started from scratch. A ballet with music and drama explains the story without many words, whereas a book must paint a complete picture with extensive description. This was a horse of a different color! Each paragraph became a chapter of two to three pages. Now the fun began. What was actually happening in the rest of the world historically, politically, and culturally at each time frame? Guess it’s time for Google! My last draft is filled with tons of research, each chapter taking at least ten hours to embellish with authentic people, places, and happenings. The “book” is up to about sixty full-length pages with photos. Thanks to great teaching about correct writing by the fine teachers here at Hilbert, I realized that real editing must begin. My last draft looks like it has the measles. Corrections, corrections, new ideas, and endless additions! I am pregnant with new ideas each day. I knew that my real babies would arrive in nine months—this one may take years!

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Economists—provide rich learning in the arts and sciences and a strong emphasis on such things as inquiry and analysis, critical and creative thinking, integrative learning, and written and oral communication. . . .

The recently released analysis of students’ learning gains in college, Academically Adrift, shows that students with a strong liberal arts and sciences emphasis do better in analytical reasoning and communication than those in narrower programs. Because employers prize these capacities above all others, this research indicates that narrowly focused degree programs will limit graduates’ economic opportunities rather than expand them. It is the graduates with a full portfolio of skills, knowledge, and experience who will succeed not only in getting good jobs, but in helping create new jobs, new industries, and innovative products. Steve Jobs [understood] this well. “It’s in Apple’s DNA that technology alone is not enough,” he . . . noted. “It’s technology married with liberal arts, married with the humanities, that yields the result that makes our heart sing.”

100 DAYS UNTIL GRADUATION

Over twenty Hilbert seniors gathered at JP Fitzgerald’s on Thursday, Jan. 31, for the annual “101 Days ’Til Graduation” celebration. The event, hosted by the Office of Student Activities, is held each year to commemorate the last few months of senior year at Hilbert. Faculty, staff, and students assembled for drinks, wings, and fun give-away items. The Office of Alumni Relations attended the event to congratulate the seniors and encourage them to stay involved with Hilbert following their graduation in May. Many stories, memories, and experiences were exchanged by all who attended.

Office of College Relations

4.0 STUDENT LUNCHEON

On Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013, a lively group of eighty-six came to the atrium of Francis- can Hall to celebrate and honor full-time students who earned a perfect 4.0 GPA in either the spring or fall semester of 2012. Twenty-seven of the ninety invited students attended the brunch, along with many family members and guests. The group was welcomed by Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Christopher Holoman, Ph.D., with congratulatory remarks, emphasizing their outstanding academic performance and celebrating their achievement.

After brunch, each student was individually recognized and presented with a certificate marking his/her outstanding achievement by Kate Munroe, director of student success and retention.

Over the years that this event has been held, one of the highlights is the presence of an alumnus or alumnna who speaks to the group on the Hilbert experience and the effect Hilbert has had on his or her career. This year we were honored to have Amanda Dudek, forensic science major, Class of 2011, and member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, speak to the group, enthusiastically sharing her experiences at Hilbert. Her thoughtful words and comments were spectacular!

Closing the event, President Cynthia Zane, Ed.D., added her remarks, recognizing the outstanding achievement of the students and thanking family members for their support in helping their student achieve this level of success. The students who attended were Amanda Alba, John Babocsi, Katherine Blaine, Mutsa Choukeir, Melody Cole, Nicholas Colac- ci, Elizabeth Constable, Jenna Crans, Shawn Cronmiller, Stephen Cronmiller, Michelle Farrara, Jonathan Hulbert, Daniel Lewis, Sherita Lowe, Lisa Mast, Erin Miller, Melissa Milroy, Rebecca Paolini, Ashlee Peck, Caitlin Queen, Chris- tie Rosney, Rosema- rie Schuster, Jacob Smaczniak, Dana Starr, Deana Tolleson, Lauren Weiss, and Natalie Whitman.

Five of the attending students earned a perfect GPA of 4.0 for both 2012 semesters. They are John Babocsi, Jonathan Hulbert, Lisa Mast, Erin Miller, and Natalie Whitman. Super congratulations to them! As families and students departed into an afternoon of brilliant sunshine and warming temperatures, many commented on the wonderful event and what a nice time they had. We had a wonderful time organizing it and our congratulations go to those students we celebrated.

Kate Munroe, Executive Director of Student Success & Retention  
Michele Soja, Director of Academic Services

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (February-March, 2013)

February
22 101 Days Delivery
23 WNY Student Leadership Conference
25 Intramural Dodgeball, Hafner Recreation Center, 9:30-11 p.m.
26-27 SGA election debate (location & time TBA)
26-27 Blood Drive, Bogel Hall Lobby, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., sponsored by Hilbert Leadership Group
27 Deadline for applications for SGA position (Junior Representative); forms in SGA & Student Activities Office, Campus Center, lower level

March
1 S.A.D.D. Club meeting, St. Joe’s Lounge, 4 p.m.
1-3 Annual Ski Club Trip to Stratton, Vermont
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5 Office of Campus Ministry’s Spring Seed Planting with the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph, 2-3 p.m.
6 Office of Student Activities, the Office of Alumni Affairs, and the Office of College Relations give-away items.
7 Zumba! Workout with Latin & international music, Franciscan Hall Atrium, 6 p.m.
7 SGA Meeting, SGA meeting room, Campus Center, lower level, 3:15 p.m.
10-17 Spring Break
19 Intramural Dodgeball, Hafner Recreation Center, 9:30-11 p.m.
19 H-Files deadline
20 Common Ground Club meeting, Franciscan Hall, Conference Room A, 3:15-4:15 p.m.
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25 Intramural Dodgeball, Hafner Recreation Center, 9:30-11 p.m.
26 Common Ground Club meeting, Franciscan Hall, Conference Room A, 3:15-4:15 p.m.
27 Office of Campus Ministry’s Easter candy event with the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph, 2-3 p.m.

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Alumna Amanda Dudek at 4.0 Student Luncheon

Hilbert Students with 4.0 GPA
Your Hilbert College SGA has been proactively involved with the community. In December, some of the members from the SGA went to visit the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph across the street from Hilbert College on South Park Avenue. The group decorated Christmas trees and sang carols with the sisters. Meanwhile, another small group of members went and volunteered their time helping Autistic Services, Inc., by gift wrapping at the Galleria Mall. In addition, some SGA representatives traveled to WNED studios in Buffalo to raise operating funds for our local public broadcasting. These activities were valuable experiences and allowed the SGA to display the eight core values that Hilbert College students represent.

Throughout the semester SGA members are looking forward to continuing their involvement in the community. Upcoming in March, one effort will support the SPCA: the SGA will provide animals with some greatly needed attention and care. Also, in late February some SGA representatives will be assisting with a blood drive on campus. The SGA is also pursuing a clothes drive toward the end of this semester, a big brother/sister program, and a fundraiser benefit for Autistic Services, Inc. The SGA has truly learned the importance of getting involved and giving back, and we hope that, as young adults, Hilbert students can find the time to do the same.

The 2012-13 Resident Assistant Selection Process Timeline

Feb. 12: RA applications available online under “Becoming an RA” on the Hilbert College Living On Campus page
Feb. 26: RA information session, 9 p.m. Trinity Basement
Mar. 6: RA information session, 8 p.m. Trinity Basement
Mar. 18-22: Interview sign-ups outside Residence Life
Mar. 22: RA application deadline, due to Residence Life by 4:30 p.m.
Mar. 25-28: RA candidate interviews
Apr. 3: Selection letters mailed out (check your mailbox)
Apr. 5: RA acceptance forms due

Emilee Yormick
Graduate Intern
Office of Residence Life

First-Time Experience in the DR

by Caitlin Queen

I had heard about the Dominican Republic service trip through SIFE many times and that is what inspired me to go this year. It is so rewarding to help people of all ages in need. We were able to improve businesses for women in the area. For example, one project we worked on was to build a cabinet so a woman could display her products for sale. In the United States, we would just go out and buy one and it would not seem like a big deal. In the Dominican Republic this is a much larger task.

Another way we helped the community was by fixing up a nutrition center for children. It was so nice to paint games on their concrete patio for them to play. The children were so excited when we were there and it was such fun to play with them.

We were also able to help women learn about business and how to improve their own businesses. Everyone that we helped was so thankful to us, which was rewarding. It is amazing how big of a difference one group of people can make. I can’t wait to go back next year!
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY
by Samantha Sieg

International Women’s Day is Friday, Mar. 8, 2013. This is a day that celebrates social, political, and economic successes of women around the world. Hilbert College’s Great Expectations and Oxfam America Clubs have partnered with the Office of Multicultural Affairs to put together an event that will help our campus celebrate its own strong women.

This event will be held on Tuesday, Mar. 5, at 12:25 p.m. in Bogel Hall, Room 101. This event will open up with a remarkable speaker, Mariatu Kamara, a UNICEF Special Representative and survivor of the civil war in Sierra Leone. This presentation will allow Hilbert faculty, staff, and students to see how Mariatu Kamara overcame her many struggles. Following this presentation, there will be an award ceremony during which four female students and four female faculty or staff members from Hilbert’s campus will receive International Women’s Day certificates. Women can be nominated with the criteria that each demonstrates the eight Franciscan values (hope, peace, service, joy, integrity, respect, compassion, and vision) in her everyday life.

If you know someone on campus fitting this description, please e-mail Professor Marne Griffin at mgriffin@hilbert.edu and she will pass along a nomination form to you.

Come out to the event and support our nominees as our International Women’s Day certificates are awarded. The Oxfam America Club and Great Expectations Club look forward to seeing you on Mar. 5 at 12:25 p.m.

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CLUBS & PUBLICATIONS

HILBERT HORIZONS

Following two big meetings in December to select and organize literary selections, Shannon Connor, Hilbert HORIZONS editor, called a meeting of student staff after the holidays on Jan. 25 in the library conference room of the McGrath Library to review progress.

In attendance, along with Connor, were David Grapes, Angela Borkowski, Krystal Cummings, Bernadine De Mike, Camila Eskew, Tyler Roth, and faculty advisor Dr. Charles Ernst.

As technical layout editor, Grapes walked staff members through each page of the magazine in the InDesign template to show how the various poems and other material had been laid out, including art work thus far, largely in the form of photography. The staff was especially impressed with the layout for the front and back cover.

Aside from minor adjustments on particular pages, more art work still needed to fill several areas, along with an editor’s preface and table of contents.

The staff enjoyed pizza and pop while pursuing their deliberations.

In addition to those present, other staff members attending one or both prior December meetings were Sarah Borodzik, Sean Lynch, Nina Pierino, and Ryan Tofil.

The magazine is scheduled for a mid-April release date.

Over the semester break, members of the Hilbert College Adventure Club spent some time in the sun for a good cause. The group traveled to St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands for a week, raising money for Little Pink Houses of Hope, a charity which provides vacation retreats for families enduring the struggles of breast cancer.

Led by club president Chris Busch, the team also spent the week hiking, snorkeling, paddle boarding, and visiting fourteen different beaches. The island is surrounded by coral reefs, which made for excellent snorkeling and allowed the group to spot sea turtles, sting rays, and numerous types of fish. Much of St. John was formerly sugar plantations, and many of the hikes took the team past ruins of former sugar plantations, where they learned much about how slavery impacted the island. Today more than 50% of the island is a national park, which helps to preserve the natural beauty of the island.

The group also enjoyed the local food, including fresh-caught lobster (courtesy of our tour guide, Charlie), coconut water, and cactus berries, as well as mango in many forms.

The group also experienced the wild life, including wild donkeys, a mongoose, bats, soldier crabs, geckos, and iguanas.

To learn more about Little Pink Houses of Hope, visit http://www.littlepinkhousesofhope.org.

Jim Sturm
Club Advisor

ADVENTURE CLUB NEWS

Drinking Coconut Water

Hiking to Ram Head

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

by Samantha Sieg

International Women’s Day is Friday, Mar. 8, 2013. This is a day that celebrates social, political, and economic successes of women around the world. Hilbert College’s Great Expectations and Oxfam America Clubs have partnered with the Office of Multicultural Affairs to put together an event that will help our campus celebrate its own strong women.

This event will be held on Tuesday, Mar. 5, at 12:25 p.m. in Bogel Hall, Room 101. This event will open up with a remarkable speaker, Mariatu Kamara, a UNICEF Special Representative and survivor of the civil war in Sierra Leone. This presentation will allow Hilbert faculty, staff, and students to see how Mariatu Kamara overcame her many struggles. Following this presentation, there will be an award ceremony during which four female students and four female faculty or staff members from Hilbert’s campus will receive International Women’s Day certificates. Women can be nominated with the criteria that each demonstrates the eight Franciscan values (hope, peace, service, joy, integrity, respect, compassion, and vision) in her everyday life.

If you know someone on campus fitting this description, please e-mail Professor Marne Griffin at mgriffin@hilbert.edu and she will pass along a nomination form to you.

Come out to the event and support our nominees as our International Women’s Day certificates are awarded. The Oxfam America Club and Great Expectations Club look forward to seeing you on Mar. 5 at 12:25 p.m.

The group also enjoyed the local food, including fresh-caught lobster (courtesy of our tour guide, Charlie), coconut water, and cactus berries, as well as mango in many forms. The group also experienced the wild life, including wild donkeys, a mongoose, bats, soldier crabs, geckos, and iguanas.

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ADVENTURE CLUB AT ST. JOHN IN U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

A View of Caneel Bay

Cruz Bay

Sugar Plantation Windmill Ruins

Joe Hart with Dinner

PHOTO CONTEST ENTRIES

Nina Pierino's 3rd-Place “Dominican Sunset”

Kaitlyn Steinhorst’s 4th-Place “Epcot”
PHOTO GALLERY

H-FILES PHOTO CONTEST ENTRIES

Marshall Hand, “Awakening at the Lake”

Jamie Bigaj, “Life Only Stings If You Let It”

Jamie Bigaj, “Falling Wishes”

Nina Pierino, “Birds Over St. Stephen’s Green”

Kaitlyn Steinhorst, “Shamu”

Samantha Sieg, “An Elephan-tastic View”

Samantha Sieg, “Dragon Breath”

Marjorie Sanders, “Destination Unknown”
**Financial Aid Corner**

February 22, 2013

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**2013/2014 FAFSA** – The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) should be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov by Hilbert College’s priority deadline of Apr. 1, 2013. Filing your application before the deadline date enables you to be considered for institutional aid that may not be available at a later filing date, . . . SO BE SURE TO FILE YOUR FAFSA TODAY! ©

**Fall 2013 Registration:** Registration for Fall 2013 is scheduled to begin the week of 3/25/2013. You will NOT BE ALLOWED TO REGISTER if your financial aid file is incomplete (outstanding paperwork) or if you are delinquent on tuition payments according to your signed promissory note payment plan. Please check with the Student Finance Office immediately if you are unsure of the status of your Spring 2013 student account.

**Completed Financial Aid File:** Financial aid cannot be applied to your student account until your financial aid file is complete. Please check with the Student Finance Office staff if you are unsure whether or not you owe any documentation to complete your file.

**Outside Scholarships** – Need Money $?? Stop in periodically to the Student Finance Office and check out the availability of outside scholarships that may benefit you!

**Available Scholarships: Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo 2013-14 Scholarship** – Applications are currently available online at www.cfgb.org. The deadline for the scholarship application is Mar. 1, 2013. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Elaine Szczepanski, Student Finance Office.


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**Financial Literacy Tip of the Month**

Setting the Record Straight: Five Fallacies About Student Loan Delinquency

Student loan delinquency hit its highest point in the final quarter of 2012, with the New York Federal Reserve reporting that 11% of all student loan balances were delinquent for 90 days or more. This is the worst delinquency rate, yet unsurprisingly, students have credit card debt, loans, and other mortgages in terms of payment delinquency. The rate is showing no signs of abating, and appears to be increasing over time. Student loans may be the next problematic focus for private and government lenders. The trouble lies in the fact that most students are ill-informed regarding their loans and this lack of information has led to poor choices and decisions regarding loan payment.

Here are some fallacies surrounding student loan delinquency.

1) Only Dropouts Become Delinquents

A common assumption is that students who will not default or become delinquent in paying off their student loans because they have the means to do so. Though it is true that students who graduate are less likely to default, 20% become delinquent payers in the first five years. More importantly, the job market is not exactly robust, resulting in fewer jobs available and lower pay for those who do find employment, making regular loan payment difficult.

2) Student Loan Debt is “Good” Debt

There is a big difference between “good debt” and “bad debt,” and many students (and parents) believe that it is okay to be in debt for education since it is possible to recoup and is best considered an investment. Unfortunately, the current economic climate has студент debt higher than a graduate’s potential salary, causing delinquency, which in turn allows the debt to balloon further.

3) Delinquency is Better than Defaulting

This mentality has indirectly contributed to the increase in student loan delinquency, as borrowers assume that it is okay to be delinquent with payments as long as they do not default. In truth, delinquency has its own negative effects, including a disastrous credit rating that could impact the borrower’s record for good. The consequences of delinquency can be just as severe as the consequences of default and you want to do everything possible to prevent both.

4) Student Loan Borrowers Can Declare Bankruptcy

Most consumer loans are protected by the bankruptcy clause, but not student loans. Borrowers cannot get rid of their student loans—both federal and public—by filing for bankruptcy. Once you borrow a student loan, you are stuck with that debt until you can either pay it down yourself or find a loan forgiveness program. Forbearance and deferment are temporary options, as is loan consolidation, but bankruptcy is not.

5) Borrowers Know What They Are Doing

This is the biggest and most dangerous fallacy of all. Most student borrowers enter into agreements without even understanding their financial options. Most do not realize the difference between federal and private student loans, leading to problems in payment later on. Smart borrowing is the best, and only, way to borrow, and borrowing smart means being informed about your options.

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**SUNDAY NIGHT STUDY NIGHT**

Trinity Hall, Computer Lab 7–9 p.m.

Continuing for the Spring 2013 semester is a program that can help you improve your learning in the classroom and your study habits. The Sunday Night Study Night held each Sunday night in the basement computer lab of Trinity Hall, consists of tutoring in academic subjects along with help in academic skills. Each night is staffed with three tutors who can provide assistance in overall study skills along with a specialized discipline. Nina is the writing tutor, Sarah is the math tutor, and Jon provides tutoring in psychology and sociology as well as study skills.

This is a great way for students not only to get additional help with content material, but to prepare assignments and materials for the upcoming week. As students return from a weekend home or conference weekend activities, this time can be used to review course expectations for the week, organize their time to complete assignments and/or reading for their courses, or gather with a study group to prepare for exams. It is an ideal time to get academically set for the week ahead.

Sunday Night Study Night is open and available to all Hilbert College students, not only the resident population. “Start The Continued on page 11
DIVISION NEWS

On Feb. 9, 2013, Mary Ann Hobar, Asst. Chair of Hilbert’s FS/CSI Dept., participated as one of eight guest judges representing local colleges for the Buffalo Academy of Science’s Annual Science Fair. The event highlighted over 65 projects created by students in grades six through eleven and emphasized the use of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Each project was to demonstrate a connection between what the student had learned in the classroom and real-life experiences. Each project was judged on creativity, scientific thought, thoroughness, and skill. Awards were presented to the top three projects in several areas and winners qualified for three top overall prizes.

“Past Hilbert Grads - Where are they now?”

Megan Bessey-Gibbs, a 2006 graduate of the FS/CSI Program at Hilbert College, went on to complete a master’s degree in criminal justice at Xavier University. Megan also obtained a paralegal degree, and has been employed as the lab coordinator and full-time criminal justice faculty member at Beckfield College, Kentucky, since 2009. Megan has developed a crime lab certificate training program and is currently working on implementing a forensic science certificate program for their students that can be obtained in addition to the B.S degree.

Megan is the externship coordinator for the criminal justice department and also instructs classes in criminal investigation, criminal evidence, crime scene technologies, and criminalistics. Megan’s efforts have been acknowledged by Beckfield College, where she received the Faculty of the Quarter Award on several occasions (Winter and Fall of 2010, Spring, 2012, and Summer, 2012). Additionally, Megan received the Criminal Justice Department Integrity Award in 2010, which is given to the faculty member who displays outstanding integrity in working with students.

Ray Ernst
Asst. Professor, CJ Division

CJ & FSI NEWS

HILBERT PARALEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM RE-APPROVED

At its midyear meeting in February, 2013, the American Bar Association House of Delegates granted re-approval to the legal studies program at Hilbert College. The term of approval is for a period of seven years, beginning August, 2012, and ending August, 2019. Congratulations to Wendy Edson and to all the staff who contributed to both the report and the ABA site visit.

Hilbert’s paralegal studies program is the oldest and most established paralegal program in Western New York. It has also been approved by the American Bar Association since 1977 and is a member of the American Association for Paralegal Education.

Office of College Relations

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

DVD REVIEW

APOCALYTIC LOVE & FRIENDSHIP: SEEKING A FRIEND FOR THE END OF THE WORLD

by Sean Lynch

What would you do with your time if you found out that the world was going to end in three weeks? It is a very engaging and interesting question, and it is one brought up in Lorene Scafaria’s film Seeking a Friend for the End of the World. This film passed under the radar for many people last year, and those who did manage to catch it gave it mixed reviews. However, I feel that Seeking a Friend was one of the best and most satisfying films that I had seen this past year.

There isn’t much to say about the plot without giving too much away. Steve Carell plays Dodge Peterson, a middle-aged man with a failed marriage who is depressed from his previous goofball roles. You become incredibly connected with the characters as you wish to see nothing but the best for them, despite knowing that the world is going to end at the conclusion of the film.

The acting is sincere, especially with Steve Carell, who plays the part straight and serious (branching off from his previous goofball roles). You become incredibly connected with the characters as you wish to see nothing but the best for them, despite knowing that the world is going to end at the conclusion of the film.

With a phenomenal soundtrack, top-notch acting, and an entourage of excellent cameo, and superb writing, Seeking a Friend for the End of the World will make you laugh, cry, and want to watch it again.

So give it a rental and see what many people missed out on this past year at the movies. Just a word of warning: the film will make you feel emotionally involved throughout.

Film Review

SODERBERGH’S SIDE EFFECTS MAY CAUSE NAUSEA OR HEADACHES

by Sean Lynch

Steven Soderbergh’s latest film, Side Effects, is a rather blunt attack on our society’s attitude toward and acceptance of pharmaceutical drugs. With its outstanding cast and a directorial veteran behind the camera, one would think that this thriller would surely be a smash hit. However, against all odds, the film may just give you the same headache as the drugs it attacks... The film, written by Emily Taylor (played by Rooney Mara) and her recently released-from-prison husband

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Sunday Night Study Night

Week With Your Assignments Complete” is an idea that will help all students prepare themselves for the academic challenges in the week ahead. Your participation will help make this a huge success. Looking forward to seeing many students there!

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Every side effect listed on the side of the bottle, such as vomiting, nausea, and sleepwalking, the film then takes a sudden turn as the effects of these drugs end up leading to a murder, completely shattering the lives of Emily and Dr. Banks.

The second half of the film follows Dr. Banks as he attempts to restore credibility to his name and profession. The man’s life is devastatingly ruined, from the events of his marriage, from the events during this portion by adding tints, blurs, and other neat camera tricks to help the viewer understand Emily’s mind-set while she is on the drugs. During scenes where she is depressed, the camera takes on a bleaker atmosphere. It is such a style really adds to the intensity of the film, until the second half of the plot arrives!

The conspiracy half of the film follows Jude Law’s character through his fast-paced investigation. The creative camera styles are clearly divided amongst its two halves, which ultimately takes away from the experience. The first half of the film is slower paced, more intense, and draws the viewer into the life of Emily Taylor. Soderbergh flaunts his unconventional directing style during this portion by making Dr. Banks one of the most unlikable “heroes” I have ever seen in cinema.

The characters play off each other well and definitely add to the film’s chaotic atmosphere. The plot is unique and the direction work by Soderbergh is fantastic for the first half of the film. It is such a shame that the film’s second half turns into a headache-inducing train wreck. Nevertheless, Side Effects is an intense thriller and an interesting experience that is definitely worth watching, if only for the first half of it.

SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL WINS FIRST UVC MATCH

The Hilbert College men’s volleyball team grabbed its first United Volleyball Conference league win over Bard College in an afternoon match at Medaille College to improve to 1-2. Earlier in the morning, NYU captured a three-set victory over Hilbert to open the UVC weekend cross-over matches in North Buffalo. Hilbert improved to 3-6 overall.

Against Bard, the Hawks picked up their blocking and were more consistent serving, which took Bard out of their offensive system. Hilbert played with confidence and won the close games (26-24, 25-19, 26-24). David Mellerski finished with 38 assists and two assisted blocks, while Adam Weaver earned 17 kills (.412), nine digs, and three service aces. Ryan Ratajczak added 11 digs and Fred Sickau had the only Hawk solo block, but matched four blocks with Scott Ross.

In the morning game, Hilbert made too many offensive mistakes to take over NYU. The Hawks were in each set (25-20, 25-19, 25-20), but had difficulty finishing games. NYU doubled the Hawks’ kills (48-24) and had two players reach for double-figure kills.

Hilbert finished with eight service errors and receiving errors off NYU’s 10 service aces.

Office of Sports Information
TOUGH LOSS FOR HAWKS AT GREENSBURG

The Hilbert College women’s basketball team suffered a 66-50 Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference loss Feb. 9. With the win, Greensburg (9-7) assured itself a spot in the final two of the AMCC play-offs. Hilbert out-rebounded the Mounties (50-23) with 11 offensive boards, but Mount Aloysius finished with five three-point shots and converted five of six shots at the charity stripe to take a 32-20 half-time lead. Bard led all scorers with 14 points, making five of her eight attempts. Jnah Labuski’s six points and six rebounds led the Hawks, who shot 25.8% from the floor. Mount Aloysius made a lay-up on the Hawks’ first possession in the second half, cutting the difference to 10. The Mounties were active without the ball early in the second half, scoring several times off give-and-go cuts. They produced a 15-4 run, which stretched the difference to 21 points. Eggleston’s hustle for loose balls, offensive rebounds, and ball distribution gave the Hawks some life, cutting the score to 14 points at 10:38. The Mounties finished the game hitting threes or making shots from the charity stripe owing to Hilbert fouls. Todd Burkett scored all her 11 points in the second 20-minute period as the visitors’ other double-figure scorer. Labuski and Natalie Whitman each netted eight points, and Groch and Sarah Lorusso produced six points for Hilbert.

Mount Aloysius, the AMCC league leader in free throw percentage, sank 21 of 23 attempts and finished with seven shots behind the arc. In contrast, the Hawks were nine for 25 at the foul line and made only one three-point shot. Hilbert’s hustle earned them the rebounding title, as they secured 55 boards (21 offensive) to Mount Aloysius’ 49.

This season’s volleyball captains will have to showcase their leadership ability, skill, and consistency to guide the Hawks through a defining season. Junior Adam Weaver (Stow, OH/Archbishop Hoban) and senior Scott Ross (Grand Island, NY/D’Youville/Niagara County Community College) are expected to be strong role models by setting good examples for the new players. Weaver, who led the team in 2012 with 287 kills (3.03 kills/set), needs 38 kills this season to become Hilbert’s All-Time Kill Leader. He will be the third player to reach 143 kills (1.64/set) and 59 blocks (68 blocks/set) last season.

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Clabo returns to a defensive role in the back row after his strong performance in 2012, finishing in the top three in digs (131), and currently sits in the top three in Hilbert’s all-time dig list (382). Clabo also leads the program with a .722 service percentage since his freshman season. Sickau was among the team’s leaders in kills (188) and blocks (31) in 2012 and he expects to unlock his true potential this season. He currently has 342 kills and 75 blocks, placing him in Hilbert’s top five in both categories. Blasz is a solid net player while earning points off the service line, too. He is the Hawks’ current #1 service ace leader (56 aces) after only three seasons of play. Blasz has accumulated 118 total blocks and holds down the top spot in the all-time block assist list with 80.

Ratajczak has a new role this year as the team’s starting setter. He replaces Phillips, who suffered a potentially season-ending injury in the fall semester. Phillips, after just one season, was credited with 625 assists, placing him in the second spot on Hilbert’s all-time assist list.

Toft continues to work hard and may earn a spot in the starting line-up. Duncan has made some progress in the off-season and looks to strengthen his offensive and defensive pressures on the opposite side of the net. As a senior, he has accumulated 118 total blocks and holds the second spot on Hilbert’s all-time block assist list, jumping him to #1 in digs per set and #6 in the all-time digs list.

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JOE BUTZ

EGGLESTON DRIVES THE HAWKS

Becky Bard’s 20 points led the visit- ing Mount Aloysius Mounties (8-6) to a 70-46 Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference victory over Hilbert College in women’s basketball Feb. 2. Bard led all scorers with 20 points, making five of her eight attempts. Jnah Labuski’s six points and six rebounds led the Hawks, who shot 25.8% from the floor. Mount Aloysius made a lay-up on the Hawks’ first possession in the second half, cutting the difference to 10. The Mounties were active without the ball early in the second half, scoring several times off give-and-go cuts. They produced a 15-4 run, which stretched the difference to 21 points. Eggleston’s hustle for loose balls, offensive rebounds, and ball distribution gave the Hawks some life, cutting the score to 14 points at 10:38. The Mounties finished the game hitting threes or making shots from the charity stripe owing to Hilbert fouls. Todd Burkett scored all her 11 points in the second 20-minute period as the visitors’ other double-figure scorer. Labuski and Natalie Whitman each netted eight points, and Gro- sch and Sarah Lorusso produced six points for Hilbert.

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Office of Sports Information

MEN’S VOLLEYBALL SEASON PREVIEW

The 2013 men’s vol- leyball season looks promising, as the team returned 10 players and added three freshmen. After an improved second season, Coach Schultz, with the help of Andy Nawotka and a new graduate as- sistant coach, Jeremy Schlosser, aim to take the program to the next level. Expectations remain high for the coaches and their play- ers as a tough United Volleyball Conference (UVC) slate and sea- son awaits the team.

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Ratajczak possesses an impressive ability get- ting to first balls over the net. As the libero last year, he finished with 239 digs (2.75/ set), jumping him to #1 in digs per set and #6 in the all-time digs list.

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he received in 2012, all the pro-scout looks ago, he led the Hawks of his career. A year the best baseball shape and came into camp in strength training winter basketball sea- previous seasons. As curve, as compared to first day of practice, anticipated in the team's years where Hoak par- .422 batting average, Hoak, a 2012 AMCC and 25 hits, sending in plate. He finished the threat for the Hawks a great catcher for the and training in the Babocsi has become team's captains. vide leadership as the Joe Pernick will pro- nick will now cover the center field posi- tion and is expected to be one of the top hit- ters overall this season for the Hawks after knocking in 15 RBIs with a .347 average in 2012. Rounding out the veteran pool are Ryan Hulda, Jimmy Pernick, and Frank Casey. Il- ardi played left field in 2012 but he can also cover second base. He brings good speed (16 runs scored) and ball contact at the plate and a good work ethic. McGrath brings both catching and corners experience in the infield as well as a good bat. He will help Babocsi behind the plate and contribute to the team's .422 batting average, returns in the hole and is expected to pitch, too. This being the first season in four years where Hoak participated in the team’s first day of practice, he is well ahead of the curve, as compared to previous seasons. As a fifth-year senior at Hilbert and with no winter basketball sea- son to train for, Hoak spent the summer and swings and fall semester working on strength training and came into camp in the best baseball shape of his career. A year ago, he led the Hawks with nine doubles and Cody Ashford, Mark Anderson, and Tom Irish. All five are very versatile with good speed and will play big roles right away for the Hawks. Tyler Sulski and Tyler Shaw are both big strong kids who bring some versatility as catchers. An impressive piece to this year’s recruiting class is the Canadian imported pitch- ing staff: Tyler Roth (Ottawa), all 6’7” of him, will pitch and play the field. Andrew Cartaginesi (Toronto) is a dual-sport athlete like Roth (cross coun- try) and both are in great pitching shape. Rounding out the Ca- nadian recruits are the Parachonii brothers, Logan and Colby (Saskatchewan). Both show signs of be- ing franchise pitchers: Logan has great movement and Colby brings a nice fastball and pounds the strike zone. Korey Schwab and Matt Goraj both throw strikes and they work hard in day and day out. Goraj has some great off-speed stuff that will make him a nice set-up man. And finalizing this class are lefties Justin Hul- bert and Tony Marra. Goraj has great command of his curve and can be used as starters and for matching-up in late innings. The coaching staff returns Matt Bauman and Glowacki, Der- ek Speaker, and new comer Jimmy Pernick. The Hawks open their season at the Florida Spring Coast Training tourney Mar. 10– Mar. 16. They return to Western New York for a full slate of Allegheny Mountain Col- legiate games, where they will host Greens- burg (3/30), Altoona (4/13), Bradford (4/16), and D’Youville (4/24). Hilbert’s non- conference opponents are Houghton, Care- novia, Fredonia, and Keuka.

The Hilbert College men’s lacrosse team looks to rebound this year after disappointing 2012 season, when they fell short of qualifying for a playoff spot by just one game as a first-year member in the North Eastern Athletic Con- ference (NEAC). The Hawks battled the injury bug throughout last season, so they will need to be much tough- er this spring if they hope to withstand the rigors of the upcoming campaign. Junior captain Sean Purcell was one of the bright spots last year and will be count- ed on once again to lead the Hawks. He is joined on attack by re- turning veterans senior John Pingitore and ju- nior Greg Zitnik. Also returning on attack is sophomore Elliott Ruis- siliro who turned heads last year with his speed and tenacity. Sopho- more transfer Alex Wisner, and freshmen Brady Metcalfe and Da- vid DeCoco will give Coach Rick Schunke more offensive options. At midfield the Hawks will look to bolster the lines with a strong group of transfers who will join some very experienced returners. Senior Ryan Wagner, juniors Nick Kieffer and James Knapp, and sophomore Bill Molinex welcome the large group of trans- fers: junior Shaun Haug; sophomores Brennan Kane and Aar- on Romanowski; and freshmen Brett Skib- iaik, Jordan Schmidt, Nick Benningfield, Fathom MacKay, and Drew Ublrich. If junior Doug Tacak can remain healthy this season, he could have a breakout year, something he was on his way towards when sidelined last year. The Hawks also welcome back two veterans from Afghanistan, freshmen Jed Bengert and Todd Bentley. Freshmen Ian Holthy and Jacob Zook round out the midfield- ers for the Blue and White.

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HILBERT VOLLEYBALL’S ADAM WEAVER

Jan. 26, Feb. 11

ADAM WEAVER BECOMES ALL-TIME KILL LEADER

Adam Weaver (Stow, OH/Archbishop Hoban) became Hilbert College’s all-time kill leader after he earned his 12th kill against SUNYIT Jan. 26. The outside hitter claimed the top spot on Hilbert’s career leaders’ list after only three games into his career. Weaver is now sixth on the Hilbert record with 528 kills total before he graduates.

Weaver opened the SUNYIT Tournament needing 38 kills to move into the top spot. He secured 26 kills in the Hawks three-set loss to Elm (10 kills) and their three-set victory over Bard (16 kills) on day one. The next afternoon, Weaver broke the record, scoring 17 kills in a shut-out win over SUNYIT. And, in the final match of the tourney, Weaver again reached for 16 kills against a strong Sage College team. The Hawks are currently 2-2 after the opening weekend of play.

AMCC PLAYER OF WEEK

Weaver was named the Allegheny Mountain Conference Player of the Week Feb. 4. The junior from Stow, OH, led the Hawks over the weekend with his 5.14 kills and 3.66 digs (.286 hitting percentage) and four blocks/three service aces in the Hawks’ two conference matches on Sunday. His highlight effort came in a four-set loss to Penn State Altoona, when he recorded 26 kills, three blocks, and 16 digs. On Jan. 26, Weaver became Hilbert College’s all-time kill leader in the morning match against SUNYIT. The outside hitter currently has 627 kills. The Hawks (2-5) have garnered wins over SUNYIT and Bard College, with losses to Elm College, Sage College, Altoona, and Mount Aloysius College (twice). They traveled to North Buffalo for their UVC West Cross-Over match weekend at Medaille College. Hilbert’s next match is against NYU and Bard on Feb. 9 and then Vasar the following day.

WEATHER NAMED AMCC PLAYER OF WEEK AGAIN

For the second straight week, junior Adam Weaver was named Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Volleyball Player of the Week. His Feb. 11th announcement marked the first time a Hilbert student-athlete has been honored with back-to-back accolades.

Weaver continued to lead the Hawks, as he recorded 37 kills, 16 digs, and seven service aces during the United Volleyball Conference cross-over match played in North Buffalo. His highlight performance came against Bard College, where the outside hitter earned 17 kills, nine digs, and three aces, all while hitting .412 in the Hawks 3-0 sweep.

The Stow, OH, product is currently ranked first in the AMCC for kills (4.73), and is tied for second in service aces (36).
**SPORTS**

**MEN’S BASKETBALL — WOW!**

1st 20-win season; 1st AMCC Regular Season Championship

The Hilbert College men’s basketball team captured their first ever 20-win season, and their first ever regular season championship (81 seed) after they defeated La Roche College 79-75 in overtime Feb. 16. The Hawks held a 34-27 halftime lead and held on for a 67-67 regulation tie before they went six for six at the foul line in overtime to clinch the right to host the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference championship weekend Feb. 22 and 23.

Anthony Hodge led six Hilbert scorers with 23 points, five assists, and three steals, all game highs. Trevor Stark was seven for nine from the floor, hitting key three-point shots down the stretch to finish with 20 points. Dan McFarland was credited with two steals, which included him closer to the career leader and he finished with four assists while going four for five from the foul line. La Roche had five players reach double-digit scoring and they all fell between 11 through 13 points. Joel McIntosh led with 13 points and eight rebounds. Hilbert jumped out on top early in the first half and never relinquished the lead. Stark’s three-point shot at 6:08 gave the Hawks a double digit lead (28-17) and forced a Hilbert scorer with 23 points, five assists, and three steals, all game highs. Trevor Stark was seven for nine from the floor, hitting key three-point shots down the stretch to finish with 20 points. Dan McFarland was credited with two steals, which included him closer to the career leader and he finished with four assists while going four for five from the foul line. La Roche had five players reach double-digit scoring and they all fell between 11 through 13 points. Joel McIntosh led with 13 points and eight rebounds. Hilbert jumped out on top early in the first half and never relinquished the lead. Stark’s three-point shot at 6:08 gave the Hawks a double digit lead (28-17) and forced another Hilbert player, the Hawks 2-3 start to their season.

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**JUNIORS HODGE & WEAVER ARE NAMED HILBERT STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE MONTH**

C. J. Hodge and Adam Weaver have been named the Hilbert College Student-Athletes of the Month for January 2013.

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