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Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.. ~ John 8:32
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Midnight Madness is coming

Deborah Alexander/Staff writer

Friday evening Metheny Fieldhouse will be filled with laughter in celebration of the opening of the basketball season.

Midnight Madness, according to student activities coordinator Adam Foss, is more about the community effort and the coming together of the entire campus than it is about being a costume showcase. There will, however, be many dressed in full costumes. Midnight Madness takes place Friday Oct. 31, the same day as Halloween. Foss described Midnight Madness as potentially "one of the top three greatest moments of your life."

The event has a two-fold agenda. The first is to gather the Geneva community—staff, faculty and students—together in one place to spend time in each other's presence. The second part of the event is threefold: to preview the coming basketball season, introduce the men and women's basketball team to the campus and allow the coaches to speak about their goals for the coming basketball season.

Midnight Madness gives the campus an opportunity to meet the players for the 2008-2009 basketball

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Christians and Halloween

Where do Christians fit in with the Halloween season?

Heavy Petal

Abbi Gregg/Staff Writer

Witches, ghouls and children dressed as devils wandering the streets and demanding candy from strangers are all things indicative of an age-old debate.

For many people, and especially for Christians, Halloween is a taboo subject, rejected because of its association with witchcraft and the occult. Many a young child does not get to go out with his friends and get delicious candy because the whole idea of trick-or-treating is "of the devil." Yet, there are many children (and adults) of Christian families who do celebrate Halloween. So, why the controversy? Should Christians be celebrating Halloween, or should they be locking

their doors and praying for the souls of those poor pagans out there in their costumes and face-paint, begging for sweets?

Halloween was indeed originally a pagan holiday, though only in the West where there was a strong Celtic influence. In the East, the holiday was set to be the Sunday after Pentecost. Christians decided to incorporate the pagan feast of the Harvest because that made it easier for them to evangelize and identify with the people they were trying to reach.

The pagan festival of the Harvest included ancestor worship, with people going to graves and leaving food as an offering to ensure a good harvest. It is easy to see how the early

church leaders simply took the ancestor worship and combined it with the worship of the saints. In the 9th century, when the pope made November 1 the official day to commemorate the martyrs, he also added unnamed saints to the mix. This justified the ancestor worship and helped square it with the Christian faith.

For Christians, All Hallows Eve—or Halloween—was a vigil much like Christmas Eve. People sang songs and celebrated the Lord's Supper, preparing their hearts and minds to contemplate the enormous sacrifices of their Christian brothers and sisters. Though the vigil would sometimes lead to drunken carousing and immoral behavior, it was

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UN attacks rebels to protect civilians in Congo

Michelle Faul/Associated Press Writer

Furious mobs stoned U.N. peacekeepers' compounds Monday and thousands of desperate people fled advancing rebel troops as chaos returned to eastern Congo, fueled by festering hatreds left over from the Rwandan genocide and the country's unrelenting civil wars.

In what appeared to be a major retreat, hundreds of government soldiers pulled back Monday from the battlefield north of the provincial capital of Goma, fleeing any way possible, including using tanks, jeeps and commandeered cars. Soldiers honked their horns angrily as they struggled to push through throngs of displaced people on the main road.

Crowds of protesters threw rocks outside four U.N. compounds in Goma, venting outrage at what they claimed was a failure to protect them from rebels. Later in the day, peacekeepers in helicopter gunships attacked rebel forces surging on Kibumba, about 30 miles north of Goma, said U.N. spokeswoman Sylvie van den Wildenberg.

Renegade Gen. Laurent Nkunda has threatened to

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Campus News



Midnight Madness takes place Friday night in the Fieldhouse.

Rima Warren/The Cabinet

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seasons. Nathan Reep, a junior communications major and player for the men's team, is looking forward to Midnight Madness and the beginning of basketball season, but he is unable to predict just how the season will turn out. "It's too early to tell how the season will go, as a team we're still learning to mesh together," Reep said.

The Midnight Madness festivities keep students coming back each year. There are two basketball competitions at which that contestants can win prizes. The 3-point contest has been revamped. Instead of having the contestants shoot

the free throws alone, they will be matched up with a player from the men and women's team, who will shoot with them, giving them better odds of winning. Each team shoots free throws for a minute, alternating player and contestant every 15 seconds. The team of player and contestant with the most points at the end of that minute will win the contest.

The rules and regulations of the basketball dunking contest are also new this year. Foss and Student Activities would like to leave some things to be discovered the night of Midnight Madness.

Foss decided to not uncover more of the activities

at Midnight Madness because he says the community needs to come out and see for themselves. "I always have a good time and hope to win a prize," said business management/resource management and graduating senior Phillip Krahe.

Unfortunately, there will be a few community members missing from the crowd. Amy Vezzetti, a junior student ministries major, along with many other students, will be attending the National Youth Workers conference that began Thursday Oct. 30. "I love Midnight Madness and am saddened that I will have to miss the festivities," Vezzetti said.

Wucker seeks to dispel immigration myths

Megan Miller/Staff Writer

Michelle Wucker, an expert on immigration, international finance and debt, is bringing her expertise to Geneva as part of the college's Colloquia series. The Colloquia series exists at Geneva to aide students, as well the community, in understanding different aspects of the world in which they live. The array of speakers, addressing such diverse topics as education, science, politics and economics, bring new perspectives and deeper insight to many controversial subjects.

One of the most controversial topics in America today is immigration. Wucker, an expert on the political and economical aspects of immigration, has lectured at various universities and often serves as a guest commentator on MSNBC. In her book entitled, *Why the Cocks Fight: Dominicans, Haitians and the Struggle for Hispaniola*, Wucker addresses the impact and politics of language as it divides the island. She also looked into studying immigration issues of the United States while in Hispaniola, leading to her book *Lockout*.

Lockout was written as a way to address false myths about immigration to America and, in her attitude, to keep our country from making more mistakes about immigration. After comparing and contrasting the similarities and differences of immigration today and immigration in past centuries, Wucker concluded that immigrants today are not any different from immigrants before.

Her appearance at Geneva will provide students, faculty and the community with new debate on the topic and will challenge our ways of thinking about immigration. Wucker holds a degree in French and policy studies from Rice University, as well as a Master of International Affairs and a certificate in Latin American studies from Columbia's School of International Affairs. She will appear in Skye Lounge on November 6 at 7 p.m. and on November 7 at 10:10 a.m. More information can be found at www.wucker.com

Halloween

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largely a time for people to commune with one another and worship God. "The point of a feast day from the early days of the church has always been to promote fellowship, gather as a body of believers, take a day off work and . . . to extend the Lord's Supper to a common meal," said Dr. Andrea Smidt of the history department. Everyone partook of the feast on Halloween, poor and rich alike.

The holiday came under some criticism in the Reformation because of its emphasis on saints, particularly in the Americas where Puritans had a penchant against what they saw as witchcraft. Halloween's association with nighttime revelry and graveyards certainly made it a fertile ground for legalistic attacks. However, Halloween traditions in America are as much a part of the American pastime as baseball or apple pie and the holiday is not so much a celebration of Satan as it is an expression of the American spirit.

Should Christians celebrate Halloween? "I believe from a Reformational perspective that it's like everything that is of this world . . . there is a potential to celebrate the good," said Smidt. "I don't think it's a bad thing. It's a tradition; it's not mandated in scripture." Christy Aiken, junior biology major, said, "Coming from a kid who wasn't allowed to go trick-or-treating after 5th grade, I say having fun on Halloween isn't a problem, but if you're older than fourteen and still asking strangers for candy . . . let's get serious."

Halloween is what one makes of it. To commemorate those who have died for Christ and remember loved ones who passed on is never a bad thing. Furthermore, Halloween is an important way for a person to get involved in their community, meet new people and get a little fun and exercise in the process.

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Calendar of Events

Friday, October 31

Midnight Madness

The Diviners, Theatre Production, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 1

Cross Country at PAC Championship

Genevan's Banquet

Volleyball at Chatham

Men's Soccer at Grove City, 12:00 p.m.

Football at Bethany, 1:00 p.m.

The Diviners, Theatre Production, 2:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer at Grove City, 2:30 p.m.

Calling and vocation booktable begins, 8:00 a.m., Bookstore

"The Dash" exhibit begins, Riverview Café

Monday, November 3

Explore Your Calling: Computer Career Assessment, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. or 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., Northwood 212

Wednesday, November 5

Chapel, Dr. Esther Meek, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 10:10 a.m.

Fondue Theatre, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 6

Michelle Wucker, Colloquia Speaker, 7:00 p.m.

The Diviners, Theatre Production, 8:00 p.m.

Friday, November 7

Family Weekend

Colloquia Speaker, Michelle Wucker, 10:10 a.m.

Study Skills Workshop, How to Read a Text Book... and learn something, 10:10 a.m.

Broadway Revue, 7:30 p.m.

The Diviners, Theatre Production, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 8

Family Feud, Student Activities

Family Weekend

Football vs. Thomas More, 1:30 p.m.

HUM 304: making history come alive

Kaylyn Brice/Staff Writer

Ever wanted to just get away from the monotony of college life and go where no one knows you—some place where you can just relax and enjoy another culture? Have you been thinking to yourself, "I cannot handle one more humanities class!?" Fortunately, Geneva has a HUM 304 where you can step outside of this community and into another.

Every year, Dr. Paul Kilpatrick takes a group of students to Puerto Rico. Students can receive six credits for this three hour class. The class can be applied for a non-lab science (SCS 491), a HUM 304 or both. Twice a week, they meet with a new professor to learn more about Puerto Rican culture.

During spring break, students will go horseback riding on the sunny beaches of Puerto Rico, visit the University of PR, wander through the beautiful city of Ponce, explore a rain forest, see Arecibo Observatory, go snork-

The Chimes: a product of passion

Emily Jameson/Staff Writer

"What is the *Chimes*?" Attentive students across campus have asked this question many times over the years. For those that are not aware, the *Chimes* is the student literary publication for Geneva.

The *Chimes* fills a unique position in the Student Publications world, as there are no 'staff' writers. Instead, the content is based on student submissions. So, everyone who writes, regardless of their major, is eligible to submit their work.

For the past 77 years, the *Chimes* has been putting out a publication, all based around campus submissions. Works have included poems, prose, short stories, essays, photography and original art.

In addition to artistic and literary experimentation, the

keling on the coral reef in the Caribbean Sea and journey through Old San Juan to see the fort El Morro and many amazing museums.

The cost of this trip is only \$2200 and includes everything (except souvenirs). Kilpatrick gives students a daily allowance that helps with food expenses.

Dr. Tom Copeland has also pieced an exciting trip together. His class will go to Scotland, Ireland and England in May. The trip counts for HUM 304 credit and is \$3000. The trip also includes some classroom time.

While in Scotland and Ireland, students will be able to explore ancient cultures, learn about the history of the church, visit castles, the highlands and maybe see the Loch Ness monster. The possibilities are endless.

"On the trips, the goal is to learn about other cultures, learn from them and experience them first-hand at deeper than just a "tourist" level," said Copeland.

If leaving the country is not for you, there are various other courses on campus available for HUM 304 credit. A

Chimes has experimented with a variety of publishing styles. The magazine, published two times a year, has been produced as Chinese takeout boxes, a deck of cards, in a can and in a traditional half-sized booklet.

Like the orange paper of the original issue, first published in November 1931, the *Chimes* seems to have had faded from view. The publication's current editor, Keri McConnell, is hoping to change the current situation by reviving the *Chimes*, bringing it back into the campus view.

McConnell has been responsible for the recent wave of advertising across campus. Anyone who submits work to the *Chimes* is eligible for a cash prize, which will be determined after publication. A \$25 prize will be rewarded for the best poem and best work of art/photography, and the best short story will win \$50.

Even though the *Chimes* is

handful of them include Copeland's terrorism class, world music and chemistry in art.

Additionally, Kilpatrick has an introduction to film class on Tuesday nights. It is offered as either ENG212 or HUM 304. "We do a structural approach to film—looking at editing, camera placement, etc . . . and the overall theme is 'reality and illusion,'" said Kilpatrick.

During this class students will watch Woody Allen's "Purple Rose of Cairo," Charlie Chaplin's "Modern Times," Ford's "Stagecoach," Hitchcock's "Rear Window," Zhang Yimou's "Raise the Red Lantern" and others, depending on the class' make-up.

"In general, the purpose of the HUM 304 courses is to offer students a cross-cultural experience, perhaps to juxtapose our Western culture with another—or—it may help students interact with 'unheard' voices—women's and minority literature, for example," said Copeland.

open to any and all submissions, McConnell still stresses quality over quantity. "We're looking for something fresh that hasn't been done before," said McConnell. The current staff, with ten students and McConnell, hopes that the call for submissions will bring out the best of the whole campus.

Recent issues have been heavy on poems, but not on short stories. McConnell hopes that the next issue will change that. "People love reading short stories. A well-crafted short story can really add a lot to the publication and makes it more interesting to read," she said.

The *Chimes* is open for all student submissions. Poems, short stories, photography and art should be emailed to chimes@geneva.edu or sent to box #1865.

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The purpose of The Cabinet, the official student newspaper of Geneva College, shall be to keep the members of the College community informed about all events that concern it, whether they be of international or campus-wide significance; to provide for an open forum for airing the views of all interested groups on campus in order to promote understanding among all the groups; to help create a climate of intelligent and mature consideration of issues and events; to help expose injustice on any front; to develop in the readers an appreciation of Christian values by approaching all duties in the spirit of love, justice, and responsibility that Christ showed in all His dealings on earth.

National News

Obama ahead or tied in eight key states

Ron Fournier/Associated Press Writers

Barack Obama leads in four states won by President Bush in 2004 and is essentially tied in two other Republican states, according to new AP-GfK battleground polling that suggests most roads to victory are closed to John McCain. Obama could win big.

While no poll can predict next week's results, the AP-GfK surveys explain why Obama is hoping not just for a win but a transcendent victory that remakes the nation's political map. McCain is scrambling to defend states where he wouldn't even be campaigning if the race were closer.

Less than a week before Election Day, the AP-GfK polls show Obama winning among early voters, favored on almost every issue, benefiting from the country's sour mood and widely viewed as the winning candidate by voters in eight crucial states -- Colorado, Florida, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

"I've never seen the United States in this bad of shape," said Debby Granik, an executive assistant from Las Vegas who voted for Obama last week. "We

need change. We need change desperately."

Despite a mounting chorus of Republicans predicting their nominee's demise, McCain aides insist their internal surveys show victory is still within reach.

Indeed, polls are mere snapshots of highly fluid campaigns, and this race has been unusually volatile. McCain was written off prematurely last year, and Obama seemed poised for victory in New Hampshire's Democratic primary just before Hillary Rodham Clinton thumped him.

Even this close to Election Day, racial tensions and the numbers of late-deciding voters identified by the AP-GfK polling leave room for doubt. But the surveys confirm what McCain aides acknowledge privately - their chances of winning are low.

The polling shows Obama leading in Ohio (7 percentage points), Nevada (12 points), Colorado (9) and Virginia (7), all red states won by Bush that collectively offer 47 electoral votes. Sweeping those four -- or putting together the right combination of two or three -- would almost certainly make Obama president.

It takes 270 electoral votes to win the White House. Obama can earn 252 by merely reclaiming states won by John Kerry in 2004. There are only two Kerry states still in contention, Pennsylvania with 21 votes and New Hampshire

with four, and AP-GfK polls show Obama leading both by double digits.

Ohio alone has 20 electoral votes. Nevada has 5, Colorado 9 and Virginia 13.

In addition, Obama is tied with McCain in North Carolina and Florida, according to the AP-GfK polling, two vote-rich states Bush carried in 2004. Obama is throwing his time and money into the Sunshine State, which has 27 votes, part of a strategy to create many routes to victory and push toward a landslide of 300 or more electoral votes. North Carolina has 15 votes.

Independent polling suggests that New Mexico and Iowa, two traditionally GOP states, are out of reach for McCain. Other red states may be creeping away from him and into contention, including Montana.

The bottom line: McCain must overtake Obama in the many red states where he is trailing or tied in a tall order. Or he needs to gain some breathing room by winning Pennsylvania, where he trails by 12 percentage points, according to the AP-GfK poll.

Many of his own supporters say the race is all but over.

If you believe in miracles," said GOP consultant Joe Gaylord of Arlington, Va., "you still believe in McCain."

"I get the sense it's shutting down," said Tom Rath, a GOP consultant in New

Hampshire where McCain trails by 18 points.

He added, "Where there's a week, there's hope."

A couple of factors might cut McCain's way.

First, there are still a good number of voters are open to changing their minds - from as low as 4 percent in Nevada to 14 percent in New Hampshire.

Thomas Aelker, a Republican from central Florida who considered voting for Obama, said he's back with McCain. He said of Obama, "I just think his lack of experience will be a detriment."

Second, the impact of race is a hard-to-measure factor as Obama seeks to become the nation's first black president.

In three states -- North Carolina, Florida and Pennsylvania -- the number of white Democrats who said the word "violent" described most blacks hit double digits in the polling.

In those same states, Obama was having trouble winning over white Democrats -- 20 percent of them in North Carolina said they were voting for McCain; 12 percent in Florida and 8 percent in Pennsylvania.

Obama may have coattails. Democrats lead the Senate races in Colorado, New Hampshire and Virginia, according to AP-GfK polls. In North Carolina, GOP Sen. Elizabeth Dole is essentially tied with state Sen. Kay Hagan.

In all four of those Senate races, the Democratic candidate leads among early voters, a sign of a strong ground game driven by the top of the ticket. Obama easily outpaces McCain among early voters, holding about a 2-1 advantage in six of the states.

Obama is favored on almost every issue in every state, the polling says:

- Voters in all eight states gave him the highest marks on whom they trust to fix the economy and improve health care.

- Even on the question of "who would make the right decision about national security," typically a strong suit for McCain, Obama holds a slight lead in Nevada and is running even against his GOP rival in Colorado, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

- Obama's message of change is playing well among women, especially in Florida where they gave Obama 54 percent of their support in the polling.

Susan Pogue, 56, of West Palm Beach, said McCain lost her vote during the final debate. "When it comes to meeting with world leaders," she said, "I want someone who is not clucking and rolling his eyes."

- By large margins, voters in each of the eight states consider Obama the likely winner Tuesday.

- Voters in each state believe McCain has run a far more negative campaign.

- Seven in 10 Hispanics in Colorado say they are voting for Obama, a margin that could help him win a state that has chosen Democratic presidential candidates just three times since 1948.

The political landscape tilts against McCain. Just 8 percent of voters in New Hampshire think the country is headed in the right direction. Three-quarters of voters in Pennsylvania disapprove of Bush's job performance. Nine in 10 voters in North Carolina are worried about the economy.

"I'm a Bush-generated Democrat," said Connie Lilly of Richmond, Va.

The AP-GfK Battleground State Poll was conducted from Oct. 22-26 in eight states. It involved interviews by landline telephone with likely voters in each state, ranging from 600 in Florida and New Hampshire to 628 in Nevada. The margin of sampling error was plus or minus 3.9 percentage points in Colorado and Nevada, and 4 points in the other states.

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Iraq outlines changes it wants in pact with US

Qassim Abdul-Zahra/Associated Press Writer

Iraq wants a security agreement with the U.S. to include a clear ban on U.S. troops using Iraqi territory to attack Iraq's neighbors, the government spokesman said Wednesday, three days after a dramatic U.S. raid on Syria.

Also Wednesday, the country's most influential Shiite cleric expressed concern that Iraqi sovereignty be protected in the pact. Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani wields vast influence among the Shiite majority and his explicit opposition could scuttle the deal.

Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the ban was among four proposed amendments to the draft agreement approved by the Cabinet this week and forwarded to the U.S.

White House press secretary Dana Perino said U.S. negotiators in Iraq are closely reviewing the new amendments from the Iraqis to see if they are acceptable to the administration.

Al-Dabbagh said the Iraqis want the right to declare the agreement null and void if the U.S. unilaterally attacks one of Iraq's neighbors.

U.S. troops launched a dar-

ing daylight attack Sunday a few miles into Syrian territory against what U.S. officials said was a key figure in al-Qaida's operation that moves foreign fighters and weapons into Iraq.

A senior U.S. official said the al-Qaida figure, an Iraqi known as Abu Ghadiyah, was killed. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the raid was classified. Syria says eight civilians died and has demanded an apology.

For nearly two weeks, Iraqi politicians have been considering the draft security agreement, which would keep U.S. troops in Iraq through 2011 unless both sides agree that they could stay longer.

The pact would also give the Iraqis a greater role in supervising U.S. military operations and allow Iraqi courts to try U.S. soldiers and contractors accused of major crimes off duty and off base.

But critics say the current version, reached after months of tough negotiations, does not go far enough in protecting Iraqi sovereignty, and key Shiite politicians argue it stands little chance of approval in Iraq's fractious parliament in its current form.

The agreement must be approved by the end of the year when the current U.N. mandate expires or the U.S. military would have to suspend all operations in Iraq.

Quake in remote Pakistan border region kills 170

Ashraf Khan/Associated Press Writer

A strong earthquake struck before dawn Wednesday in impoverished southwestern Pakistan, killing at least 170 people and turning mud and timber homes into rubble.

An estimated 15,000 people were left homeless, and rescuers were digging for survivors in a remote valley in Baluchistan, the remote province bordering Afghanistan where the magnitude 6.4 quake struck.

Officials said they were distributing thousands of tents, blankets and food packages and sending in earth-moving equipment to dig mass graves. Many of those who survived were left with little more than the clothes they had slept in, and with winter approaching, temperatures were expected to drop to around freezing in coming nights.

Worst-hit was the former British hilltop resort of Ziarat and about eight surrounding villages, where hundreds of houses were destroyed, including some buried in landslides triggered by the quake.

"There is great destruction," said Ziarat Mayor Dilawar Kakar. "Not a single house is intact."

Aftershocks rattled the area throughout the day, including one estimated at magnitude 6.2 in the late afternoon. There were no reports of additional casualties or damage.

Kakar said the death toll from the quake was 170, with 375 injured. Around 15,000 people lost their homes, he said.

Kakar appealed to "the whole world" for help, but the head of Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority said an international relief effort would not likely be necessary.

Report: NKorea's Kim suffers new health setback

Jean H. Lee/Associated Press Writer

New South Korean intelligence indicates that ailing North Korean leader Kim Jong Il suffered a serious setback in his recovery from a stroke and has been hospitalized, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

The report in the Dong-a Ilbo newspaper cited an unnamed government official in saying intelligence obtained Sunday suggested "a serious problem" with Kim's health. The report did not elaborate, and South Korea's National Intelligence Service and Unification Ministry said Wednesday they could not confirm it.

Kim, 66, reportedly suffered a stroke and underwent brain surgery in August. A Japanese TV station says his eldest son went to Paris to recruit a neurosurgeon who was flown back to Asia to treat Kim.

The Dong-a report came a day after Japan's prime minister told lawmakers in Tokyo that Kim probably is in the hospital, though "not unable" to make decisions as North Korea's leader.

The chief of the National Intelligence Service had told lawmakers Tuesday that Kim was "not physically perfect" but still able to rule the country.

North Korea denies Kim is ill. However, speculation about the reclusive leader's health grew when he missed a September military parade marking North Korea's 60th anniversary. He then disappeared from public sight for two months.

Kim, who rules the Stalinist nation with absolute authority, has not publicly named any successors, leading to concerns about an uncertain future in the impoverished, nuclear-armed nation.

North Korea has sought in recent weeks to tamp down rumors about Kim's health with news reports and footage portraying the leader as active and able, attending a soccer game and inspecting a military unit. The reports, photos and video are undated.

Congo

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take Goma despite calls from the U.N. Security Council for him to respect a cease fire brokered by the U.N. in January. Nkunda charges that the Congolese government has not protected his minority Tutsi tribe from a Rwandan Hutu militia that escaped to Congo after helping perpetrate the 1994 Rwandan genocide. Half a million Tutsis were slaughtered.

The peacekeeper assault Monday was the second in a year against Nkunda's rebels. In December, U.N. officials also used attack helicopters to repel the rebels, killing hundreds under their mandate to protect civilians in the vast Central African country that has been ravaged by years of dictatorship and civil war.

Washington-based Refugees International criticized the international community late Monday, saying the peacekeepers "have been betrayed by all parties to the conflict, as well as the international community." It said the U.N. gave them "an exceptionally complex set of tasks to accomplish, but never came through with the resources or the political support to get the job done."

After meeting with U.N. officials, civil society leaders said they did not understand how U.N. soldiers sent to protect them could fire live bullets at people and kill three of them.

Congo has been ravaged by years of dictatorship and civil war that have kept people from profiting from vast reserves of diamonds, gold and other resources. Congo held its first democratic elections in more than four decades in 2006. But the new government has struggled to assert its control of the sprawling country, which is the size of Western Europe, particularly in the east.

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The soccer team works hard on and off of the field.

Rima Warren/The Cabinet

From Geneva to Uganda

Desirea Towne/Staff Writer

The world's most popular sport brought Geneva's women's soccer team around the world during May 2008. From May 19 to May 30, eight members of the team—along with Coach Linda Sumner and two Geneva men's soccer team alumni—spent time in Soroti, Uganda.

The trip was first suggested by teammates Amanda Munsch and Abigail Young as an opportunity to minister to African children. Coach Sumner recalled the practice when Munsch told the team about an experience she had while in Honduras. Whenever Munsch would go out in the evenings with a soccer ball, the Honduran children would surround her, wanting to play and talk. This became the motivation to make a similar trip as a team.

Getting to Soroti required a lot of support from family, friends and the community. The trip cost \$2,200 for each individual.

During the first week, the group visited various plac-

es including a local Bible college, an AIDS orphanage and Soroti Agriculture and Crafts Association for the Blind. The team also helped teach vacation Bible school. "I especially loved going to the AIDS orphanage and holding a little boy named Godfrey all afternoon," said senior biology major Amanda Caler.

Among the lessons learned during the trip, one of the most important was "walking by faith, not by sight." This age-old imperative hit home when the team visited with patients at a local blind organization.

The second week, the team put on a soccer clinic for girls in four of the local high schools. Sumner said that she enjoyed watching her team organize and join together for a successful clinic.

Caler described the trip in three words: "Something not anticipated." She also said that she learned a lot while she was out of the States. "I experienced what it is to be happy with nothing," she said.

Amanda Munsch, a junior missions major, had the same type of reaction. "The

world is so much worse off than we see it from the paradise we try to hide in," she admitted. She hopes everyone will continue to pray for Uganda. "Pray that Christ would be the true leader in the lives of Ugandans."

The group saw a glimpse of absolute poverty. Caler said that her goal was to "come home knowing that I gave all I could possibly give to those people."

Coach Sumner also saw this trip as a way for the team to bond. She recognized the extreme talent the group possesses. "I was so impressed with their creativity—coming up with Bible stories, crafts, songs . . ." she said.

Coach Sumner, Munsch and Caler would love to return to Soroti, although they admit it would not be easy. "I won't pretend I have nothing holding me back, though. Africa is a hard place to experience and a hard way of life to witness," Munsch confessed.

"God is working everywhere. God has not left Africa," Munsch said.

Men's soccer: "We are a brotherhood"

Lisa Lyon/Staff Writer

October 22, last Wednesday's game, was a turning point for the men's soccer team. Not only did the 4-2 win break a frustrating three game losing streak, but the team walked off the field knowing they had played the game well.

"Last night we played like the team I know we can be," said Coach Todd Beall.

Beall has led the GT's to solid 11-5 season. Their 10-game winning streak earned the team an 8th place NCCAA national ranking earlier in the season. Their secret to success? Teamwork.

"We have complete faith and confidence in each other. We are a brotherhood," explained senior captain Mark Zurbrick.

This attitude of teamwork defines Geneva men's soccer. From the freshmen to the seniors, from the offense to the defense and from the starters to the managers, soccer is about the team and what they can accomplish together.

Zurbrick has led Geneva's defense to allow an impressive .8 goal average this season and the team has looked to him as a leader both on and off the field. Working with such a young group has been an experience for Zurbrick, but he has no doubts about the quality of players that make up the team. "There is a culture of serving on this team and of putting the team over the individual. That is what makes this team unique," said Zurbrick, who is now looking at the last two regular-season games of his collegiate career.

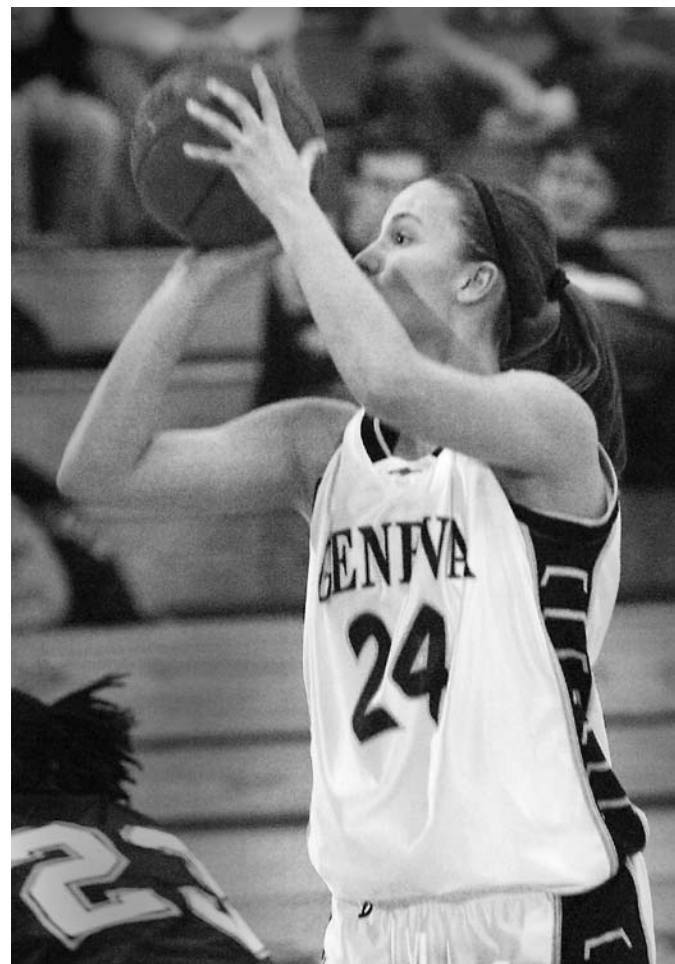
After Zurbrick and fellow seniors graduate, the majority of the responsibility will be shouldered by this year's sophomores. Sophomore Bruce Fox showed

his potential by scoring the first two goals of Wednesday's game. Fox said that after three tough losses, "we were just ready to win again." Fox is joined by fellow sophomore, Jake McCracken, who believes that the win can be attributed to the fact that, "we were able to really just control the flow of the game, which allowed us to generate scoring chances."

Wednesday's second two goals were put away by freshman Josh Mann. Mann is looking forward to the opportunity to continue to grow as a player, and has learned a lot from upperclassmen like Zurbrick: "The upperclassmen have been awesome examples. It has been wonderful to have Christ openly seen as our ultimate reason for playing the game."

Whatever their background, age or experience, the men's soccer team is united by three common themes: their love of the game, their commitment to Christ and their respect for their coach. Coach Beall is in his 3rd year of coaching at Geneva, and the pride he takes in his team is contagious. Zurbrick believes that, "this team is unique because of our coaches. Coach Beall and his staff have a vision and a passion for this program and they instill that in us in every practice."

Spirits were high heading into Saturday's game against Thomas More, but the GT's couldn't seem to find that magic that had shown itself so clearly in Wednesday's competition. No matter the record, the goal is the same and Coach Beall still has high expectations for his young team. With only two season games left, the team is looking forward to the opportunity to continue on into post-season play and compete in the national tournament.



Geneva's basketball teams gear up for more success on the court

Julia Santilli/Staff Writer

Leaves are changing, the air is getting cold and fall is finally here. November can only mean one thing to the Geneva community: basketball. The men's and women's basketball teams are gearing up for another exciting season of play. Geneva's annual Midnight Madness will take place this Friday night in the Metheny Fieldhouse to kick off the upcoming basketball season.

Geneva's women's basketball team put together another impressive season last year finishing with an overall record of 20-6, putting up back-to-back 20-win seasons -- the first time in Geneva history. The team put these successful seasons together under coaching of Ron Galbreath.

The Golden Tornadoes will look to make another run at such a successful season this year; however, they must do it without Coach Galbreath. Galbreath is taking the season off to continue his recovery.

With a new season comes a new head coach. Amy Russin will step in as the women's new head coach for the 2008-2009 season. "It will be different this year, but Coach Russin is good. We'll pull it together. A lot has changed. It's a whole new season," sophomore Val Hamilton said.

Russin played for Geneva in the 1990's and has a passion for the game, as well as for the Golden Tornadoes. Coach Russin is excited and hopeful about her first season as head coach. "I am very excited about the team this year. We have a young team with only three upperclassmen. In fact, half of the team is freshmen. This being the case, we are going back to the basics."

The plan for success this season is focusing on the basics. Coach Russin feels confident about the team's strategy going into this season. "We are focusing on doing



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the little things well -- in fact, doing them better than others." As the team prepares for another season, they are looking to improve on their strengths. "I think our strength will be in our captains. And I think our speed will compensate for our lack of height," said Hamilton.

Geneva's men's team will be looking to take their success to the next level as they hope to make their presence known in the PAC this season. Coach Jeff Santarsiero feels confident in the strength of his team. "I believe our team strength will be two-fold. One, we will be extremely fast with the ball. The ability for us to get easy points has increased with the addition of several new players this year. Two, our bench will be once again be deep with talent. Any one person can step in and contribute," Santarsiero said.

The team has high hopes for the 2008-2009 season. "My hopes for this season are that we get 20 wins this year and that we can compete for a NCCAA championship at the end of the season," said junior

Bryan Hill. "With us losing three starters from last year, we really need to get together as a team and play together and the wins will follow."

Every team has its strengths and weaknesses. The Golden Tornadoes hope to focus on their strengths this season. "Our strength this season is that we have great chemistry among both the players as well as the coaches," said starting point guard Justin Nardi.

Sophomore Bryce Salomone adds youth to the list of Geneva's strengths. "Every team has their strengths and weaknesses. I think our youth and speed will be big for us this year," he said.

As a new season begins, expectations are high and tend to be the same from year to year, win. "Expectations never change, it's always win. We have a young team this year which is exciting. Our players are hungry for success and I believe our chemistry will pull us through," said Salomone.

Breakdown of the candidates

Josh Cretella/Assistant Editor

The 2008 election is a few days away. With the minute-by-minute election coverage from all news sources everywhere, it seems redundant and self-serving to write yet another sentence, word or letter about the election. For those who haven't been keeping track, Barack Obama (D) and John McCain (R), have been in a fierce battle, the product of a long primary season, almost two years long. Even though the general election only has been contested since early this summer, the debate between the candidates is heated.

Unfounded rumors about both candidates have been thrown out dangerously, resulting in a campaign that has frequently turned into ugly politics. For the uninitiated, ill-informed and undecided, the *Cabinet* has decided to break down the two major-party candidates to the best of our abilities. Obviously, we encourage everyone, especially the undecided, to seek out a variety of reasonable and well-written sources and opinions, in an attempt to develop their own thoughts. Here, however, is a breakdown of the candidates via the *New York Times* on some major issues.

The following information has been adapted from the *New York Times'* election guide, found at <http://elections.nytimes.com/2008/index.html>

CLIMATE CHANGE:

Barack Obama: Says U.S. must lead global efforts to reduce emissions; would institute cap-and-trade system; reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent by 2050; double fuel standards within 18 years, tax credits to auto makers who want environmental efficiency; support alternative fuels (in general).

John McCain: Says U.S. should work toward a global effort that would include developing countries; reduce carbon

emissions by 60 percent of 1990 levels by 2050; supports clean coal, but also supports all coal programs; wants increase in fuel emission standards; reduce foreign dependency on foreign oil.

ECONOMY:

Obama: Enact a 90-day moratorium on most home foreclosures; immediate tax cuts (\$500 for individuals, \$1,000 for families) for households making less than \$250,000, and for retired senior citizens making up to \$50,000, based on 2007 tax returns; eliminate capital gains taxes on small and start-up business investments; temporarily suspend mandatory annual withdrawals from Individual Retirement Accounts and 401(k)s; cost of stimulus plan \$175 billion, the campaign says.

McCain: Purchase troubled mortgages directly from financial institutions and replace them with fixed-rate, government-guaranteed mortgages at the homes' reduced value; also extend most of the Bush tax cuts for taxpayers that otherwise would expire after 2010 and cut the corporate tax rate; temporarily suspend mandatory annual withdrawals; cost of plan \$352.5 billion, the campaign says.

EDUCATION:

Obama: on No Child Left Behind: believes law is good in concept but poor in design, funding and implementation; would negotiate teacher pay performance programs with teachers, prioritize recruitment and offer professional development; would spend \$10 billion a year to expand early childhood education; would increase federal funding for after-school programs; would double federal spending on public charter schools while holding them accountable; would streamline application process and increase Pell grants.

McCain: on No Child Left Behind: would keep law's emphasis but shift the way it measures progress; would offer

bonus pay for teachers who raised achievement or worked in hard-to-staff schools; would use federal money to support existing early childhood programs; would expand after-school tutoring; would allow parents to choose the school for their children.

HEALTH CARE:

Obama: Would require that all children have health insurance; aims for universal coverage; require employers to provide insurance or contribute to the cost, but exempt smallest businesses, and reimburse all employers for catastrophic health costs; provide subsidies for low-income people; create purchasing pool with choice of competing private plans and one public plan like Medicare; prohibit insurance companies from denying coverage to people with health problems or charging them higher rates; would pay for additional costs by wants to roll back President Bush's tax cuts for households earning more than \$250,000.

McCain: opposes mandate requiring everyone to obtain health insurance; said he wants to give individuals free to choose their own health care; would provide tax credits; has pledged affordable health care for every American; provide \$2,500 tax credits for individuals and \$5,000 for families to buy their own insurance; would pay for additional costs without tax increase.

IRAQ and AFGHANISTAN:

Obama: wants to withdraw one or two brigades a month to finish within 16 months; use troop withdrawals to try to encourage change; opposed troop increase sanctioned by Bush; invasion of Iraq: opposed from the beginning.

McCain: Against a timetable for troop withdrawal, but projected he would have most American forces home by 2013; use American troops to contain violence and allow political headway; supported troop increase; invasion of Iraq: voted yes in 2002, still supportive.

Beaver County prepares to vote

Rob Beaver/Staff Writer

As the election gets closer and closer, Beaver County is gearing up for an unexpected rush of 75,000-plus voters. With over 129 voting locations and over 114,000 registered voters, Beaver County is significant for the candidates hoping to win Western Pennsylvania in this election. The Beaver County Bureau of Elections expects this year's turnout to surpass anything this county has seen over the last 40 years.

Voting, however, has never been a big issue in Beaver County. This year's election marks a change in the history of the area.

According to a study conducted by Allegheny College, Beaver County has only had more than 40% of registered voters vote in more than one election. In the last general election, only 25% of the resident population voted. And on top of that, only 15% of the residents in Beaver Falls were registered to vote, with about 7% actually voting.

It seems hard to believe that in the 2004 presidential election, only 26,684 people out of the 177,897 living in Beaver County were registered to vote in the last election. However, the situation in 2008 is vastly different. In the most recent estimates, Beaver County has registered over 87,000 new voters. In the 2008 party primaries, 45% of registered voters voted.

In past elections Beaver

County has voted Democratic 87% of the time and this election seems to be no different. In this year's primaries, 61% of the Democrats registered in Beaver County came out to vote compared to 30% of registered Republicans. The Democratic voters in Beaver County came out strong in the election but, instead of voting for Obama, 69% of the registered voters voted for Hilary.

As the general election comes up, Beaver County Democrats will have another opportunity to vote but this time, they'll be looking to support Obama who last visited Beaver County August 31 in Beaver.

So, how can you get out and vote if you live in Beaver County? Where can you go? When are the polls open?

For those registered in Beaver County, there are over 129 polling locations throughout the various precincts, with many locations near campus. The College Hill United Methodist Church, located on College Hill right behind the College Hill Apartments, is perhaps the closest location for Geneva students registered in the Beaver Falls precinct. Other locations can be found on the Beaver County Board of Elections website.

Polling locations often open early and close anywhere from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., while others stay open as late as 8:30 p.m. or 9:00 p.m. It is important to make sure and check out your own voting locations before November 4 to make sure you can get out and vote.

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Dining plan to reduce 16.2 tons of waste

Sean Singer/Staff Writer

New leadership brings change. Since the Director of Food Service baton has been passed to Clayton Cappellanti, some changes have been made in the dining hall and in the Brig, with others still in the works.

Cappellanti proclaimed that Food Services is working with Student Government to approve the replacement of Styrofoam cups in the Brig with reusable mugs, in order to cut down on waste (6,000 Styrofoam cups per week). A recycling program is also a hopeful possibility down the road.

Perhaps the most notable of the possible impending modifications is trayless dining.

The prospect of quitting trays cold turkey may spark negative implications in the minds of the student body, but students are encouraged to weigh both sides of the argument.

"Change doesn't come

easily," Cappellanti remarked about the possible transition to trayless dining. "I know there would be some resistance to the change, but I think if people had a better idea as to how much gets wasted, they might be a bit more open to listening to why we want to do this."

So why *do* they want to do this? Well, the idea is that using a tray tends to make a student a bit more cavalier about taking much more food than he or she is going to eat, in order to keep from making another trip. Without a tray, students would have to take less at first, thus reducing the biting-off-more-than-you-can-chew factor.

An experiment was conducted at Alex's last Friday, Oct. 24, to test out the first half of this theory. According to Cappellanti, it was "a below-average participation day," with about 450 students, compared to an average of 550 for that particular meal slot. In the dish room were pre-weighed buckets. "Anything that came back that was on a tray, that didn't get dumped prior to coming back, we put in the buckets," explained Cap-

pellanti.

At the end of the meal, they weighed their loot. Cappellanti said, "Minus the weight of the buckets, and not including beverages, the weight of the food that came back was 125 pounds." That's in one meal. That's 375 lbs a day—2625 lbs of wasted food per week.

In order to be realistic about the turnout for breakfast and other factors, the number crunchers knocked off 425 lbs per week, lowering the number to 2200, coming to about 16.2 tons of food in a semester. Cappellanti also stressed the point that "This doesn't include the Brig, and it doesn't include any of our paper products. Trayless dining would cut down on that, and we'd also be putting less back into the system, as far as chemicals go, because we'd be washing less."

"The toughest thing initially would be getting people used to taking multiple trips for food. People are creatures of habit, but as stewards, and for the environment's sake, we have other things to consider," Cappellanti said.

Geneva Students getting connected to local community

Kaylyn Brice/Staff Writer

Students in Service, or SIS, is a great way to help out in the community. There are many different branches of SIS and it is a great opportunity for students to become involved in ministry.

"Students in Service have four major services that we provide -- tutoring, social action, senior ministries and building and construction," explained Bridgette Hinzman of Student Development. "Each branch of SIS works independently, but each team coordinator is encouraged to support and encourage each other," she said.

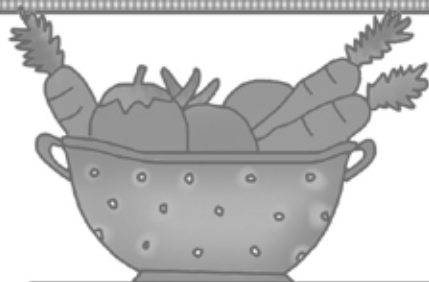
The tutoring program is partnered with Tiger Pause Youth Ministries. For the past twenty years, Geneva students have volunteered their time to tutor in the Beaver Falls community. Currently there are three locations in Beaver Falls. "The purpose of this program is to share the love of Christ," Hinzman said, "while providing children with a solid academic foundation for life."

Social action is intended to spread awareness about the needs in the surrounding community. Some of the activities SIS Social Action are involved with include working in local soup kitchens, volunteering with the Salvation Army, fundraising for local organizations, including the-Make a Wish Foundation, and restoring local parks.

Thirdly, senior ministries is designed for students to spend time visiting and sharing God's love with the elderly. Geneva students participate in regularly scheduled arts and crafts programs in a nearby senior care center.

Lastly, building and construction is a program that works with the Beaver County chapter of Habitat for Humanity (along with other local organizations) to provide housing for those in need. Students are involved in everything from demolition to finishing touches. "Geneva students have had the opportunity to show the love of Christ through the hard work associated with building and renovating homes within their local community," said Hinzman.

If helping out the local Beaver County community and SIS sounds interesting, contact Bridgette Hinzman and the SIS crew for more information on how to become connected in the community.



Questions or comments?
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Eggdrop Ramen Noodles

Being college students, everyone is familiar with Ramen noodles. Here's a little twist to help you escape the mundane.

- 2 eggs
- 1 package of Ramen noodles
- Water

- Optional:
- 1/4 cup of onion
 - 1/4 cup of celery
 - 1/4 cup of green pepper

Place optional ingredients, noodles and Ramen seasoning in bowl and add hot water to completely cover noodles.

Microwave on high for 3 minutes.

CAUTION: the bowl will be very hot.

Scramble the eggs in a bowl, then pour into hot Ramen mixture.

Stir completely, and microwave for 1 minute.

After finished, let sit for a couple minutes because the bowl will be incredibly hot.

Quest 2009 Spring Break Missions Trip

- Apply to lead a mission trip
- Applications now available in Campus Ministry office
- Applications due Friday, October 31

Hope for a change

Deborah Alexander/Staff writer

This past Monday the 28th I had the opportunity to stand outside in 50°F weather, caught outside for one hour, inching my way towards a door. I started at the top of hill and worked my way down to the bottom, only to start my way up another hill, in hopes of getting closer to the door. Finally, I saw the door only to realize that I had to enter a maze in order to reach it. I succeeded in reaching the finish point of the maze and was faced with the now infamous door and the warmth emanating from inside. The proverbial door I am describing is the door that leads into Mellon Arena that overlooks downtown Pittsburgh.

The reason I waited in the line for an hour after the door had been open was inside there was the promise of seeing the Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama. My wait in line was not all in vain. I did get the chance to meet some very nice people like Gil, a Vietnam War veteran. I also met little Tommy, escorted by his dad and, when asked who he was there to see, said "Barrack Obama."

Volunteers walked around the block that Mellon Arena sits on, uttering the rules and regulations for entering the arena to the crowd. One volunteer stood out to me. Although he was from Chicago, Illinois, he had a vast knowledge of the volunteer centers within Pittsburgh, telling people where to go to work.

All of this shows how much Senator Obama's campaign has been a grassroots effort, now days within of seeing how their labor and effort will turn out. I had now arrived at the door, inside the arena, and set about to find a place to sit down. The seats, although away from the podium, were still good.

A little after 5:00 p.m., Senator Bob Casey and Gov. Ed Rendell came out to greet the crowd. They were soon joined on stage, but not by Obama. Instead, Dan Rooney, owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers, came on stage and led the crowd in Steelers slogans. He introduced Obama in the way only Western Pennsylvania could.

Finally, Obama, the man of the hour, came to the podium and the pandemonium erupted across the packed arena. I, too, screamed like I had lost my mind. Senator Obama gave the same speech I heard him give in Canton, Ohio (on television). Even with the same speech, I was overwhelmed with how patriotic I felt. From the singing of the National Anthem at the opening of the rally, to the Pledge of Allegiance or to looking at one of the candidates on stage, I was taken over with feeling.

Watching Senator Obama as he spoke reminded me of all the videos and clips I had seen of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. speaking. I attended the church, Mason Temple COGIC in Tennessee, that Dr. King gave his "Mountain Top" speech and I still could feel his presence in that church. That was how I felt in the arena -- like there was a presence hovering over us, watching something great take place. When it was over, there chatter, but many were silent. I think we all felt a sense of awe at how much of Dr. King's dream had been realized.

Dr. King would have been proud to see both white and black candidates, side by side, putting forth their arguments for the Presidency. We have come a long way in America, and we still have along way to go, but I will never forget the day I was a part of history, championing one of the men who will hopefully bring change to Washington.

Getting to know John McCain

Carolyn Bolton/Features editor

At first glance, the title may be misleading. After all, I didn't have a formal audience with McCain, nor did I get the chance to shake his hand last month during the Naval Academy's "Great '58" reunion. In fact, I only saw McCain for a few seconds before Secret Service men persuaded the presidential candidate to exit a poorly secured reunion luncheon. However, in visiting the Naval Academy (NA) the weekend of September 14, and, in familiarizing myself with McCain's alma mater and the type of people it churns out, I came to a better understanding of John McCain himself.

In visiting that weekend, I heard stories of a man who liked to party, who received a plethora of demerits and who struggled to maintain the level of academic excellence achieved by many of his peers. Furthermore, there were rumors of infidelity and heartbreak after the "Maverick"'s first wife left her husband—also a member of the NA class of '58—for McCain. In McCain, I saw a man who has grappled with the same human excesses as the best of us—and who likely struggles with those same excesses today.

Despite what many perceive as McCain's shortcomings, throngs of "Great '58" graduates stood with McCain-Palin buttons proudly pinned to their lapels, patiently waiting to catch a glimpse of their comrade. The classes' sense of solidarity was overwhelming and wasn't limited to the class of '58, but held by the

Academy at large.

During a class banquet, I listened as two midshipmen shared their personal experiences, challenges and triumphs from their first two years at the academy. Through their stories, I discovered institutional themes of endurance and determination—characteristics indicated by the many memorials scattered across the campus. Hanging in the Academy's Bancroft Hall is a flag with the words "Don't Give Up the Ship." Below the phrase is a large placard dedicated to the many sailors who have perished in the line of duty.

At the reunion, I learned that McCain is not the ideal candidate, nor am I entirely persuaded of his religious conviction (in fact, McCain has always been wary when speaking about his faith, and his history with religious leaders has been a rocky one). Rather, I discovered that there are indisputable virtues that each NA graduate possesses to some degree, including John McCain.

When considering who to support politically, St. Augustine encouraged that one evaluate candidates based on their level of commitment to the four cardinal virtues: prudence, temperance, fortitude and justice.

Though McCain has not always evidenced these characteristics, he has come a long way since his days at the Naval Academy. Furthermore, his days at the Academy and his service in the United States military, compounded with his thoughtful deliberation of the issues, equip him with an unparalleled wisdom that only serves to further qualify him for the office of President of the United States.

A series of unfortunate events

Steve-o Grant/Layout Editor

There's been a growing trend here at Geneva during my four years here: apathy. How many students have walked by a piece of trash on the ground? Just think about it. It would take two seconds to pick it up, and I can almost guarantee wherever you're walking there's a trash can there. Take it back a step further. Why are you people just throwing your trash on the ground? Seriously? As we previously determined, there isn't a shortage of trash cans on campus, so you have no excuse for dropping your stuff all over the floor. Let's even go one step back: why are we consuming so much trash? There's a nice poster in Skye that will help explain this to you. I got an idea: go get a travel mug, I'm sure you already have 10, and bring that into the Brig instead of getting a Styrofoam cup. It's just a novel concept, and I'm sure no one would mind.

This brings up my next point. Do you have any idea how many people are skipping meals? Think outside of the Geneva bubble to the world around us. How many swipes do you have left on your card? Do some good. Buy a couple meals from the Brig and go give them to someone downtown who needs them. I dare you to work with your church and organize a trip for a couple people to come to Alex's and you swipe for them. What do you have to lose? Meal swipes? Or perhaps you're worried about breaking the new campus phenomenon: apathy.

Knowledge for FREE!

Rob Beaver/Staff Writer

So, listen up friends! Who would have guessed that the \$27,850 we're spending a year at Geneva could be used for something other than really expensive job training? What if all that money could be used for something exciting . . . perhaps something as novel as learning about subjects you're passionate about outside your major! What if, for \$27,850 a year, we could actually have the doors of our minds opened wider than we've ever dreamed?

Auditing classes is one of the most undervalued and underused perks of a high-priced college education. Auditing classes is a process that we're all eligible for, too; all that is required to do is talk to registrar's office, get their, or the professor's approval and then sign up for a class as an audit instead of a regular 'for-credit' course. With these three easy steps any of us can be on our way to free knowledge.

And you know what the most difficult thing is about an audited class? Making sure you're

there on time. Audited classes don't require the heavy workload of other courses because you are free from all assignment requirements: no papers, homework, tests or debates for the select auditing few. In fact, all you have to do is sit and absorb the knowledge floating around this place.

But, I understand that the process isn't as simple as I'm making it. The most burdensome part of auditing classes is that typically, students are too overwhelmed with their own courses of study to actually find time to enjoy learning. Pounded with homework, reading and discussions, students struggle to find social time, let alone extra time, to take more courses.

And yet, we have a privilege unlike millions of other Americans; we have a four-year opportunity to study and acquire a wealth of information about everything from terrorism to learning disabilities. As students in contemporary society, we can engage in real academic discussions that tie together knowledge from every discipline to develop what a valuable liberal arts education should look like.

I encourage you to take a quick

glance at some of the classes offered this coming semester:

Church Renewal, Entrepreneurship, Video Production, Play Directing, PR Publications, Cinema, Faith and Literature, a Flannery O'Connor Seminar, the Crusades, a book discussion on *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* or *The Shack*, World and Pop Music and a number of music classes teaching you everything from percussion and brass to guitar and piano.

And these aren't even half of the interesting classes that Geneva offers next semester!

However you look at it, college serves as an extended form of job training for many students, rather than an educational endeavor. I think it's time we took back the educational heritage our forefathers established for us and claim the knowledge that is waiting just on our doorstep. And who knows you just might find the adventure you're looking for.

"It's a dangerous business going out your front door. You step out onto the road and if you don't keep your feet, there's no telling where you might be swept off to."

From the Editor:

Toni Marshall/Editor-in-Chief

It is amazing how often I check the time. Most often it is just to know. Sometimes that desire of knowledge is in anticipation, anxiety or boredom. A friend of mine just recently told me of a challenge his pastor presented the church: to pray each time you look at the time. You can pray for others, you can pray for forgiveness, or you can pray for yourself. The pastor suggested a prayer of forgiveness to remind us not to worry so much and trust in Him. Because this may not be the case each time I look at my cell phone, I decided to use that time to tell God "thank you" for that specific minute. It has served as a reminder to remain joyous and be grateful, even for the small things.

For some reason, God has placed me at this school, in this major, in this group of friends and in this position as editor. He has placed me here, and although sometimes I don't want

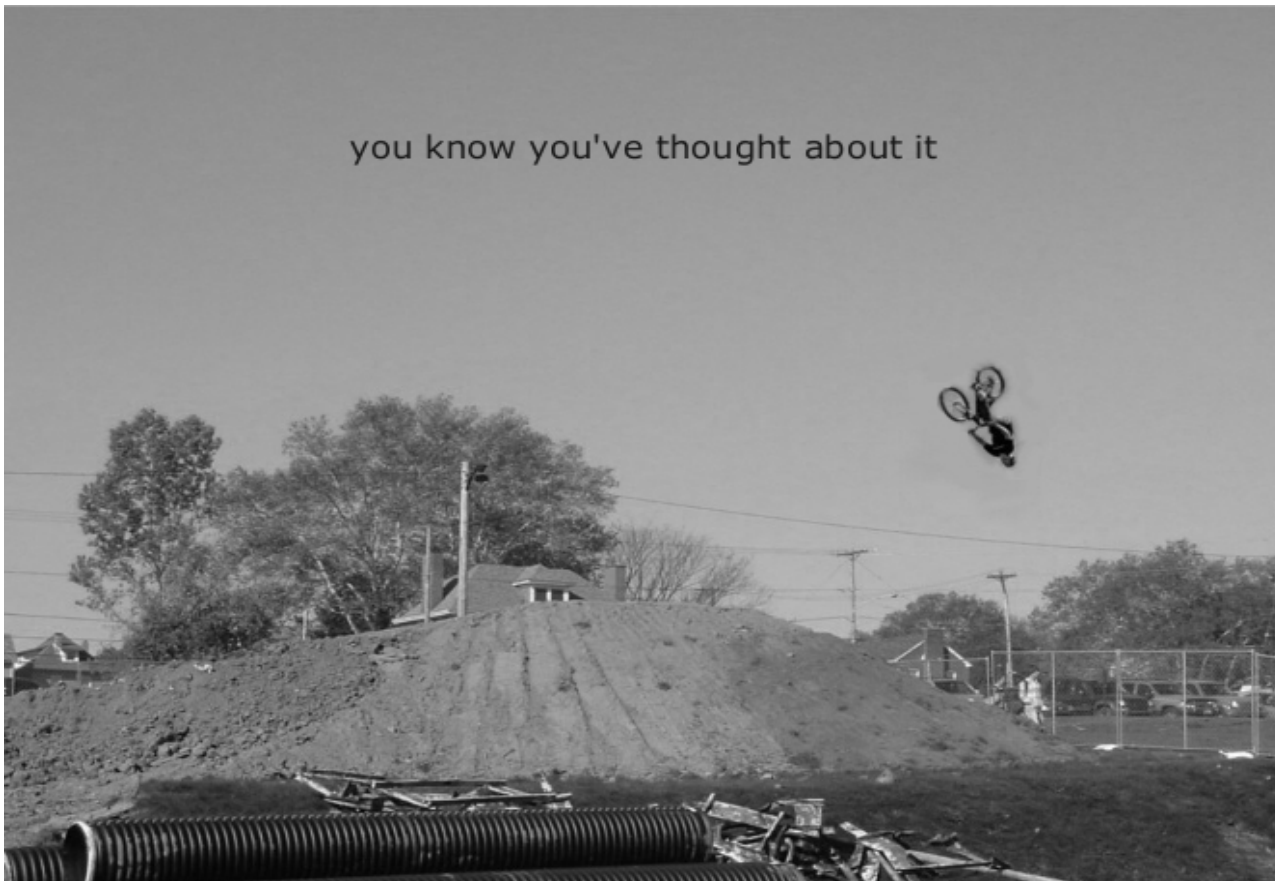
the things He gives me, He gives them to me. I know that God has given me His grace, His love, His joy and His peace. And for that, I am grateful. I know that often my actions fail to prove my gratefulness, but I try to remember to be thankful not only for the things God has given me, but also for God's existence in general. God loves us not matter how unworthy we are. We cannot earn His love. He freely gives it to us. Phil Wickham wrote it best in the song "Cannons," saying, "I'm so unworthy, but still You love me. Forever my heart will sing of how great You are." We should be so grateful.

We are called to be thankful, but it seems as though it is one of the most difficult things to remember to do. In all our time spent at Geneva, it is easy to find the flaws; it is more difficult to thank God for it. There is so much we can complain about. What about those who have none? What about those who aren't free as we are? We should be thankful for the opportunity to attend a Christian school, a place where we can freely worship our Father. It is a place where our professors share our beliefs and we can be in fellowship with them and our peers. We forget to be thankful for the hard working people who keep Geneva going. We forget to thank God for the opportunity to know Him, especially intimately, at all. What a wonderful gift He has given us.

And, just in writing this, I checked for the time at least 20 times. And with each time, I said thank you. Sometimes I thanked Him for big things. Sometimes I thanked Him for the minute my Lord God and Savior has given me. Either way, in just the short time I have been in the practice of praying each time I check my watch, I have been grounded even deeper in Christ. What will you do when you check the time?

for your safety and convenience by Evan Banks

you know you've thought about it



Student life

Recycling renews

Abbi Gregg/Staff Writer

How can a Geneva student save the earth, feel good about himself or herself and make the school money in the process? By recycling, of course! The catch? "We just need everyone to cooperate," said Marjory Tobias, professor of biology and faculty advisor of the Creation Stewardship Club.

There are a few basic facts to understand about recycling on campus that are probably unknown to most of the student population. First of all, many of the dumpsters for recycling located across campus are color-coded. The ones for paper are green and yellow and do not take cardboard. The ones for commingled, or mixed, recycling are lime green and orange, each carrying labels stating what can go in them. These dumpsters take cardboard, plastic containers, aluminum, metal cans and glass, all items that are just as important to recycle as paper.

Another largely unknown fact about recycling on campus is that it actually saves Geneva money, and, in some cases, makes the campus money. "The more we recycle the more money the college gets," Tobias stated. Geneva has to pay for garbage removal, so the less recyclable items that are thrown away, the less trash that has to be removed.



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Even with a large number of recycling bins on campus, students face problems in their quest to recycle. Many times, trash appears in the recycling only-dumpsters, therefore making the whole dumpster useless and unable to be properly processed. The paper has to be sent to the landfill. "Just a few people throwing trash into recycling containers ruins everyone else's effort," said Tobias. "People need to read the labels."

There is also a strange dearth of recycling containers in some of Geneva's buildings. Alexander Dining Hall has no recycling containers, though it is a main source of newspapers for many students. Methany Fieldhouse has also been known to lose its containers mysteriously, though recently the field house has acquired several new official recycling containers.

However, the situation is not hopeless. The Creation Stewardship Club has a few solutions. To keep people from throwing trash into recycling

they don't see them.

Another solution is to have easily accessible recycling bins in every dorm and office building. Students and staff are encouraged to recycle on their own, filling a cardboard box with anything they use that can be recycled and not thrown away wastefully

Creation Stewardship Club is open to new ideas and conversation about the topic. If anyone is interesting in helping with the recycling effort in this way, students should contact Marjory Tobias or the officers: Matt Cesare, Sarah Costia and Rob Leiphart. The club hopes to have a place in the near future where people can just pick up a recycling box when needed.

The club hopes that students at Geneva will realize the impact that recycling and other environmentally-conscious actions can have. "As God's children we should care about the world he created, use our resources wisely, and recycling is part of doing this and honoring God," said Tobias.

cling containers, the containers could have lids with slits. They could also be as accessible as the garbage dumpsters. It would prevent people from being lazy and throwing recyclables in the trash or throwing trash in recycle. The signs on the recycling dumpsters should also be far more noticeable than they are currently. People simply ignore the signs there now, perhaps because

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Thumbs up, thumbs down



... to chapel. We're thankful for students who are willing to share.



... to Pioneer going green. Environmental friendliness and extra profit never came together so easily.



... to November 1st. It's the best day to buy candy and we will use that to our benefit.



... to the mud paths bordering the great fence. Grove City doesn't have these problems.



... to online web registration. Good thing a lot of people don't use iMacros for Firefox ...



... to the people that wear shorts when it is snowing. You are solely responsible for the rise of health care costs.

In Your Opinion

What do you think about being text messaged by the GC Alert system?



"I personally don't get them yet but I think it would work well if alerts came out in a timely manner. All I've heard so far is about alerts coming out after the fact."

Alex Schenk
Fr. Youth Ministry



"I'll probably get them since every three days or so there seems to be a warning on campus ... just seems like the smart thing to do."

Cristina Kruk
Fr. Human Resources



"I think it's good that Geneva is balancing with the fact that everyone is carrying around a cell phone--it keeps everyone up-to-date."

Stephen Bauthier
Sr. Psychology

"I think it's good because not everyone checks their e-mail."

Joel Dille
Jr. Mech. Engineering

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