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# A new temptation?

The case against embryonic stem cell research

The ethic that attempts to justify the use of "extra" embryos as sources of stem cells is the utilitarian claim that the end, treating disease, justifies the means, killing human embryos. But from a biblical perspective, it is unjust to deprive one person of his or her life to ease



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#### Geneva Magazine

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#### IN RESPONSE

#### letters from readers

#### Keep responsibility where it belongs

I enjoy receiving *Geneva Magazine* and keeping up with some of the changes going on at Geneva College. I especially enjoyed your article introducing Ken Smith as Geneva's new president. He seems to be a man with the talent, energy, and vision to carry Geneva forward in the new century.

However, what I chose to write to you about is a statistic used in "Beaver Falls to Birmingham." It is a pet peeve of mine to see easily checked and obviously erroneous statistics blindly picked up and repeated, especially in an educational institution periodical. The mere fact that something manages to get into print does not make it factual.

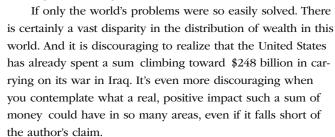
Under the "June 14—Selma, Alabama" heading, the student writing claims that the combined wealth of the 12 richest people in the world could provide basic education, health care, and housing to every man, woman, and child in the world. The symbolism of this powerful statement, made by author Anthony Grooms, clearly had a dramatic impact on the young person who quoted it. The only problem is that a little basic math and rudimentary research easily exposes what an unrealistic statement this is.

Try this: The combined wealth of the worlds 12 wealthiest people is \$248.2 billion. The world's population is 6,457,345,000. That works out to \$38.44 per person.

I think you would have to admit that it is a real stretch to believe that this amount of money could provide basic education, housing, and health care for a person. Think about all this would encompass. It would take a real stretch of the

YUP, NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN.
CLAIMS HIS NAME IS "SMITH":

term "basic" and the time frame such services would cover. A lifetime, or perhaps several lifetimes, of wealth accumulation might provide a week or month of services. It does not serve the purpose of open and honest debate to allow pulled-out-of-the-air statistics to go unchallenged.



We should not allow ourselves to try to make the world's problems the responsibility of some vague other "rich people" group. The responsibility belongs to all of us. Let's not oversimplify the difficulty inherent in solving such complicated issues by implying they are a class issue that a few "others" could easily solve.

Allen R. Morrow '71 Poland, Ohio

#### What would Jesus carry?

I graduated from Geneva College over 50 years ago when Charles Marsden Lee was president. I was fortunate enough to take a year of Greek from that great gentleman.

I now find it absolutely disgusting that a Christian college would select as president someone who claims that his "defensive weapon of choice is a Glock" and who admits to carrying several clasp knives.

I was under the impression that a Christian, particularly the president of a Christian college, should, insofar as he can, pattern his life after Christ's life. I wonder: What defensive weapon of choice would Christ have chosen? As I recall it was a cross.

Times change of course. Pity.

Henry E. Klugh '51 Traverse City, Michigan



#### Abortion views an abomination

I have been receiving the *Geneva Magazine* and was very impressed by the article in the spring issue about Joshua VanTassel, the marine reservist who served in Iraq ("Tires in the Sand," spring 2004). He well articulated the reasons we were at war in Iraq and our success there, despite the way the press has distorted the events of the war.

However, I was very disappointed in the article titled "A Republic of Rulers" in the summer 2004 issue. You published the views of two history professors who are so blinded by their loyalty to the Democratic party that, although they are employed by a fine Christian college, they will not stand against abortion. They go so far as to condone a candidate who will do nothing to stop this evil practice. This is an abomination to God.

Please remove me from your mailing list since I will not be associated with a Christian college that does not take a stand against abortion! You tolerate on your staff those who don't seem to be bothered by this practice and endorse candidates who will appoint Supreme Court justices that will continue this policy.

John Lieb '72 Niceville, Florida

#### Beyond provincialism

Perhaps 15 years ago, a Geneva College professor from my undergraduate era (who is still alive and smiling) stated in a school publication that the college was still too provincial. It needed a farther-reaching ethos.

The articles in the summer issue of *Geneva Magazine* reveal considerable advance in this regard. It was gratifying to read about the newly formed study abroad office, the bus tour to Birmingham to visit milestones of the civil rights movement, Scott Schidemantle leading an archeological expedition to Israel, and about basketball Sefan Grundberg from Sweden. I feel that even the story describing the new seven-member bagpiper corps shows this trend: The corps serves, as the article states, "to add Geneva pride and bring back the Covenanter tradition."

Tom Grahek '61 Columbus, Ohio



#### A welcome tide of memories

Thank you very much for sending to me *Geneva Magazine* on a regular basis. In a moment where a flood has carried away all my belongings, the summer magazine has brought a little joy to me in reminding me the wonderful time I experienced in Geneva during the years 1994 to 1998.

Henri Jean Gonaives, Haiti

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# in brief



#### College names top scholar

Dr. S. S. Hanna received the 2004 Excellence in Scholarship Award. The award goes to one faculty member a year whose contributions have advanced his or her academic discipline and who has achieved recognition beyond the campus. Hanna, a professor of English, has been a Geneva faculty member since 1982. In that time he has mentored students and colleagues in writing and served as faculty adviser to the college

literary magazine, student newspaper, and yearbook. Hanna encourages students to research and write about Geneva's history. The resulting works are archived in McCartney Library. He has also published two books of his own and is seeking a publisher for a third.

#### Frey's teaching recognized

Dr. Brad Frey '73 received the 2004 Excellence in Teaching Award for his classroom teaching ability, educational leadership, creativity in teaching methodology, and course and program development.

Frey, a professor of sociology, has taught at Geneva since 1984. His work was instrumental in creating the master



of higher education program and the student ministries major. He has a passion for sociology, and in the last several years he has helped revive Geneva's flagging sociology major, updating the curriculum and increasing the number of students majoring in the subject.

He also works closely with students in the master of higher education program, aiding them in their research projects, and he leads undergraduates on field trips to the Institute for Advanced Culture Studies in Virginia.

#### @Geneva expands list

The college expanded the reach of @Geneva, its electronic newsletter, in January. The newsletter now goes to every e-mail address in the college's database of alumni and friends, a total of about 7,000 recipients. Alumni previously had to subscribe before receiving the newsletter. @Geneva is published monthly by the public relations office and contains updates about college events and news.



# GENEVA INSTALLS 19TH PRESIDENT

Geneva inaugurated Dr. Kenneth A. Smith as its 19th president on October 29–30, 2004.

The two-day celebration commenced with an evening worship service on Friday, October 29. Greg Smith '83, brother of the president, prayed that God would bless the new president as he leads Geneva.

Dr. Dennis Johnson, academic dean of Westminster Seminary California, delivered a sermon titled "Lord of the Universe, Treasury of Wisdom."

At the inauguration ceremony on Saturday, October 30, Beaver Falls Mayor Karl Boak and Representative Michael Veon of Pennsylvania's 14th district offered greetings and congratulations to Smith.

Smith was officially invested by Kenneth Orr, board of trustees chair, who presented Smith with the presidential medallion.

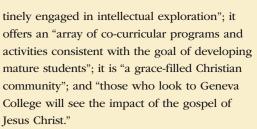
In his inaugural address, Smith invited the audience to imagine the college in 2015: Geneva is a place that has a fully integrated curriculum; it is "an academic community rou-



think there is work to do."

Following the inauguration, Smith greeted college supporters and dignitaries at a private luncheon. Ken Carson '79, faculty chair and longtime friend of Smith, introduced the president. In what Smith later described as a "mild roast," Carson presented Smith with a collection of hand-made Ken Smith bobblehead dolls. The bobbleheads are on display in the president's office.

For transcripts, audio, and more photos from the inauguration, visit www.geneva.edu/genevamag.html.



"I believe a good deal of the foundation is already in place," he said. "But I also



#### Geneva celebrates 125

In 1880, Geneva College packed up its books, professors, and students and moved from Northwood, Ohio, to Beaver Falls. This year marks the 125th anniversary of the move. To commemorate the anniversary, the college is planning special homecoming festivities and a celebration on September 15, the date on which Geneva's first Beaver Falls class began. Check Geneva's Web site, www.geneva.edu, for future updates.

*Geneva Magazine* will also commemorate this landmark in an upcoming issue. Readers can contribute by sending their Beaver Falls memories and stories to editor@geneva.edu.

#### Russell moves on

College Chaplain Timothy Russell '79 resigned December 7 to become the president of the Memphis Center for Urban Theological Studies (MCUTS). Russell worked as Geneva's financial aid director from 1990 to 1995, when he became the chaplain. Founded five years ago, MCUTS gives urban church workers and pastors access to higher education. MCUTS is not affiliated with Geneva's partner institution, the Center for Urban Theological Studies in Philadelphia.



#### Seminar addresses bioethics

Geneva College sponsored Cutting Edge Bioethics, a two-day conference, on November 13–14, 2004. The conference featured speakers Dr. C. Ben Mitchell, associate professor of bioethics and contemporary culture at Trinity International University, and Dr. William P. Cheshire, associate professor of neurology at the Mayo Clinic. Topics included reproductive technology, stem cell research, and end-of-life issues.

#### CUTS renews search for president



After a brief stint in retirement, Dr. Verley Sangster is back at the helm of the Center for Urban Theological Studies (CUTS) in Philadelphia. Sangster stepped down in 2004 after 10 years as president.

Sangster was appointed interim president of CUTS after his successor, Dr. Rick McKinney, resigned in September 2004.
McKinney's resignation, which came less than four months after his appointment as president,

was prompted by disagreements with the CUTS board of trustees over McKinney's vision for the organization.

Sangster will stay on as president until CUTS finds a permanent replacement for McKinney.

#### Evans headlines lecture

Dr. C. Stephen
Evans delivered the
first address of the
Byron Bitar
Memorial Lecture
Series on
September 23,
2004. Evans is an
author and profes-



sor of philosophy and humanities at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. His presentation, titled "Can love be commanded? Kierkegaard on the foundations of moral duty," emphasized that, for Christians, loving their neighbors is an ethical duty, not an option. Students, faculty and staff members, and college friends attended the lecture, which included a semi-formal dinner. The lecture series is funded by the family of Lucas Kriner '04 in memory of philosophy professor Dr. Byron I. Bitar, who died of cancer in May 2003.

# Geneva aligns with learning center

Geneva College has joined forces with a dozen other western Pennsylvania colleges and universities to form the Regional Learning Alliance (RLA). The RLA one-stop training and degree programs for busy adults. The \$16 million facility is located in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania, and includes classrooms, a 70-seat lecture hall, computer labs, video conference technology, and a library and bookstore. Geneva's degree completion and master of science in organizational leadership programs started offering classes at the RLA in the fall of 2004.

#### Remembering

#### Michael Barbato '98

by Johnny Noonan

My cousin, Michael, and I were born a year apart. As a child I enjoyed few things more than hunting for crabs with him and his brother Kevin in the marsh-



es of Cape Cod. In the year or so before college, Michael and I became closer. I joined him at Messiah College where we were nearly inseparable, living together for three of our four years. We joined the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) together, held similar positions (he here at Geneva and me at Messiah), and saw each other at CCO functions. I helped him set up the evening he proposed to Kristi, and I stood with him at their wedding.

In Michael I had a rare friend, someone who not only knew me, but also knew where I had come from and even shared in that history and heritage. Our love for each other was greater than the sum of our kinship and friendship. Somehow the two enlarged each other.

The evidence of Michael's love for me can be seen in one of the greatest gifts he, or anyone else for that matter, has ever given me. He knew me very well, and his intimate knowledge of and deep love for me were evident in the playful way he mocked my particular foibles and idiosyncrasies, and in the way, especially in the company of others, he encouraged me to tell stories about myself.

He especially enjoyed hearing stories about my penchant for self-inflicted injuries, close calls, and bizarre circumstances. Nobody, not even my wife, has heard some of those stories as many times as Michael, but rather than roll his eyes when I began telling one of them, Michael was pulling the stories out of me. He did not want to tell the stories; he wanted me to tell them in the way only I could. He did not want to be the center of attention; he just wanted to listen to me "creatively interpret" the truth of what happened.

His enjoyment of my storytelling always gladdened my heart. This is the greatest gift that he gave me—me. His encouragement and pleasure said, "Tell your story; it is worth telling."

In the autumn of our relationship, in those last days when the leaves were falling from the relationship that we had cultivated, he would, with earnest intensity, tell me that he loved me. We had grown up saying, "I love you," but now it seemed to have taken on a new urgency for him.

Now it is I who feel the urgency. There are so many stories of my life with Michael to remember. Stories that I want to remember, stories that I feel the need to remember.

Yet I fear time's way with memory. Like moving water across a stone it makes soft what was sharp; the memories that are clear will become fuzzy, and then I will lose him again. I want to remember everything about my beloved friend. Anything less seems unfaithful.

# bringing in the green

the geneva women have been formidable fund raisers for nearly three decades

by Ashley (Adams '03) Ewer

You might see them at the country fair, selling homemade goodies. Or throwing a benefit concert that fills the John H. White Chapel. Or just enjoying lunch and a program in the dining hall and planning their next act of generosity.

For the last 27 years the Geneva Women have been a fund-raising powerhouse, quietly gathering money for special campus projects—from New Song's trip to China to the new deck behind McKee.

"We don't do anything for ourselves," says longtime member Madge (Woods '44) Adams.

When the women heard that the 2004 McKee deck addition was short by at least \$2,000, they voted to donate \$2,500 to the cause.

"It just depends on which people ask us," says Martha (Irons '44)
Russell, the group's first and only treasurer. "We try to give to groups that don't get funding otherwise."
They hand out at least \$1,000 every year.

One donation helped literature students travel to Calvin College for a conference. The cheerleading squad, Dr. S. S. Hanna's publishing class, and some bridge-building engineering students received similar gifts.

"We've given a good bit to the music department because they help us with our fund raisers," says Russell, who listed the Genevans and the music building as past beneficiaries.

Louise (Edgar '66) Copeland, who

directs New Song, says the Geneva Women "have been very kind to the music department, and in return we have been happy to provide programs for them for their fund raisers." Although their *Incredible Edibles* cookbook was a hit, the annual concert featuring Geneva musicians brings in the most cash.

Another repeat event is next March's "Green Tea." The 2004–05 Geneva Women's Program instructs each member to arrive "with a guest and some green paper."

All of that "green paper" could go to a group, a one-time project, or even an individual. One student received a \$300 humanities scholarship.

Sally (Twinem '49) Erath, the former director of alumni relations, founded the group in 1978 with Agnes Clarke, the wife of Geneva's 15th president. The late Martha (Greer '37) Edgar was the first president, and Adams and Russell were among the dozen or so original participants.

Ginny (Montini '68) Caldwell, alumni relations director, acts as a liaison between the Geneva Women and the college. Janet (Wherry '64) Wise is the current president, Linda (Focer '58) Richards is the vice president, and Muriel (Jerome '45) Frieler-Rozmus is the secretary.

At each meeting 25 to 30 women enjoy a short program. This year they will hear from a survivor of the Titanic, Geneva's bagpipe corps, and President



Kenneth A. Smith—or "young Ken," as he is known to his father's generation.

Nearly all of the women earned their Geneva diplomas and started giving to the college before the class of 2005 was born.

"The women who come are very faithful, but we're getting older. We need some new blood," Russell says. The group has no official membership or dues; the only requirement is an interest in helping the college.

Copeland describes the Geneva Women as "very giving, very approachable." "They are a wonderful group of ladies who have done many wonderful things for Geneva," she says.

# John Hill's interest in both engineering and physics started at Geneva.

# engineering a BREAKTHROUGH

by Lisa (Chiappelli '02) Earl

ohn Hill '79 is directing a project of astronomical proportions.

Hill is overseeing the construction of the Large Binocular

Telescope (LBT), the most technologically advanced groundbased telescope in the world.

Located on Mount Graham near Safford, Arizona, the \$120

million LBT will be able to view never-before-seen images of planets outside the solar system. When the LBT is fully operational later this year, experts expect it to produce images 10 times sharper than those from the Hubble Space Telescope.

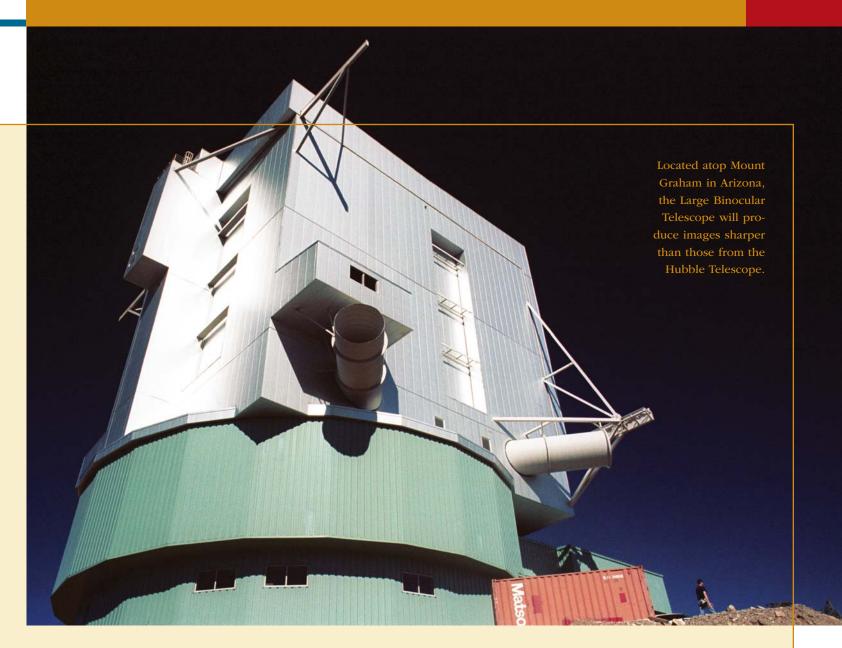
The LBT uses twin 8.4-meter (27.6-foot) lightweight "honeycomb" mirrors that sit on a single mount. The LBT's mirrors change shape to correct blurring caused by the atmosphere. This makes for sharper images and allows astronomers to see deeper into space.

Although the LBT is located in Arizona, the project is a result of national and international collaboration. Partners on the project come from several Italian and German institutes and observatories. Stateside involvement comes from the Ohio State University and the Research Corporation, which includes the University of Notre Dame, the University of Minnesota, and the University of Virginia. The two project offices that oversee the design and construction activities of the telescope are located in Tuscon, Arizona and Arcetri, Italy. Partners from Arizona, Germany, and Italy make up 75 percent of the project ownership.

"The international partners bring a scientific and institutional diversity to the project," Hill says. "This is almost always good, but it can sometimes be challenging when there are disagreements. The best part is the cultural exchange when visiting other countries. I now have my own restaurant guide to Florence and Milan in Italy."

While the LBT is near completion and celebrated its dedication in October 2004, it has met challenges along the way. The Nuttall and Gibson wildfires that raged through Arizona last July came within 400 yards of the Mount Graham International Observatory.

"It was close, but thanks to a great job by the firefighters, the telescopes were undamaged," Hill says. "I had been there Thursday, July 1, when the Nuttall fire was still several miles away and mostly contained.



On Friday, July 2, both the Nuttall and Gibson fires flared up, and they evacuated the observatory. At 1 p.m. on Saturday, they told us the fire would overrun the observatory in two hours. That was a nervous afternoon!"

Project coordinators contend that new advanced mountaintop telescopes offer huge potential for future discovery at a much smaller cost than instruments in space.

Hill joined the project efforts as part of the University of Arizona in Tuscon. "I got involved with Roger Angel, who was my adviser as a grad student," Hill says. "We started developing the technology to cast large honeycomb mirrors of borosilicate glass in 1980. As that technology started to look promising to other people, the talk of building a telescope became more serious."

The LBT Project started feasibility studies in 1985. Hill began working on it just one year later. Hill's interest in both engineering and physics started at Geneva. "I was a chemistry and physics major while I was at Geneva. Because physics majors were quite rare in the class of '79, many of my courses were filled with engineers. This turned out to be very useful when it came time to build a large telescope," he says. "First, because I lived and studied with them everyday, I learned to communicate with engineers—not every astrophysicist has this talent. And second, it meant that the courses often had a practical engineering bent to them."

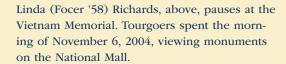
Hill says that the rewards of working on the project outweigh the challenges. "The hardest part of such a large project is solving the personal and political challenges that come with a large group of people," Hill says. "Solving the physics and engineering challenges is the fun part."

### FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP, AND A REUNION IN THE

# capital

Photos by Josh Earl '03

Fourty-two friends and alumni of Geneva College boarded a purple bus in November 2004 for a tour of some of our national treasures. The trip, which ran November 5 and 6, included stops at Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania, a nighttime tour of Washington, D.C., and a visit to the World War II Memorial and Washington National Cathedral.



The 7.4-acre World War II Memorial, right, which opened in May 2004, is located on the National Mall between the Washington and Lincoln memorials. The monument's perimeter is marked with 56 granite pillars, representing the 56 states and territories, connected with a bronze rope that symbolizes the nation's unity.

Two 43-foot pavilions, representing the Atlantic and Pacific theaters, serve as the monument's northern and southern entryways. Each pavillion is crowned with a bronze wreath, below. Each wreath is held by four eagles and symbolizes the victory of the World War II generation.





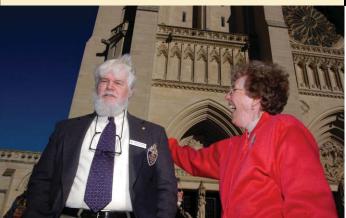


During the interludes of travel on the bus, the group sang songs, shared memories, and held devotions together. On Friday, following the tour of Gettysburg National Military Park, Mary Alice (Kyle '32) Craig performed [name of poem] from memory. [quote from poem]

Saturday's site seeing concluded with a tour of the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, better known as the Washington National Cathedral. At right, Edith (Baker '68) Metheny and Muriel (Jerome '45) Frieler-Rozmus examine the cathedral's east nave. The east nave contains the High Altar, which is made of stones quarried outside Jerusalem. The carved stone wall behind them is the Ter Sanctus (thrice holy) reredos. The figure of the Christ in Majesty occupies the center; he is surrounded by 110 saints, prophets, martyrs, angels, and faithful Christians.

Bruce Boston,below, a volunteer with the cathedral, led the tour. As he introduced himself, Boston mentioned that he grew up in New Castle, Pennsylvania. A look of recognition lit up the face of Joan Raney, mother-in-law of Carylon (Benson '70) Raney. "I taught you in Sunday school!" she told Boston, who didn't remember her.





# LOCKED in Cans

by Josh Earl '03

#### Handcuffs hurt.

The steel feels cold against your skin, and as the bracelets ratchet tighter, they bite into your wrists. You're trapped. A prisoner.

Debt is like that.

It confines you, often painfully, limiting your choices and your ability to pursue God's calling for your life. And it's difficult to escape—as the clock ticks, interest compounds.

But for most college students today, debt is as unavoidable as exams and research papers. Just ask Laura Leigh Brandyberry, a junior math education major at Geneva College.

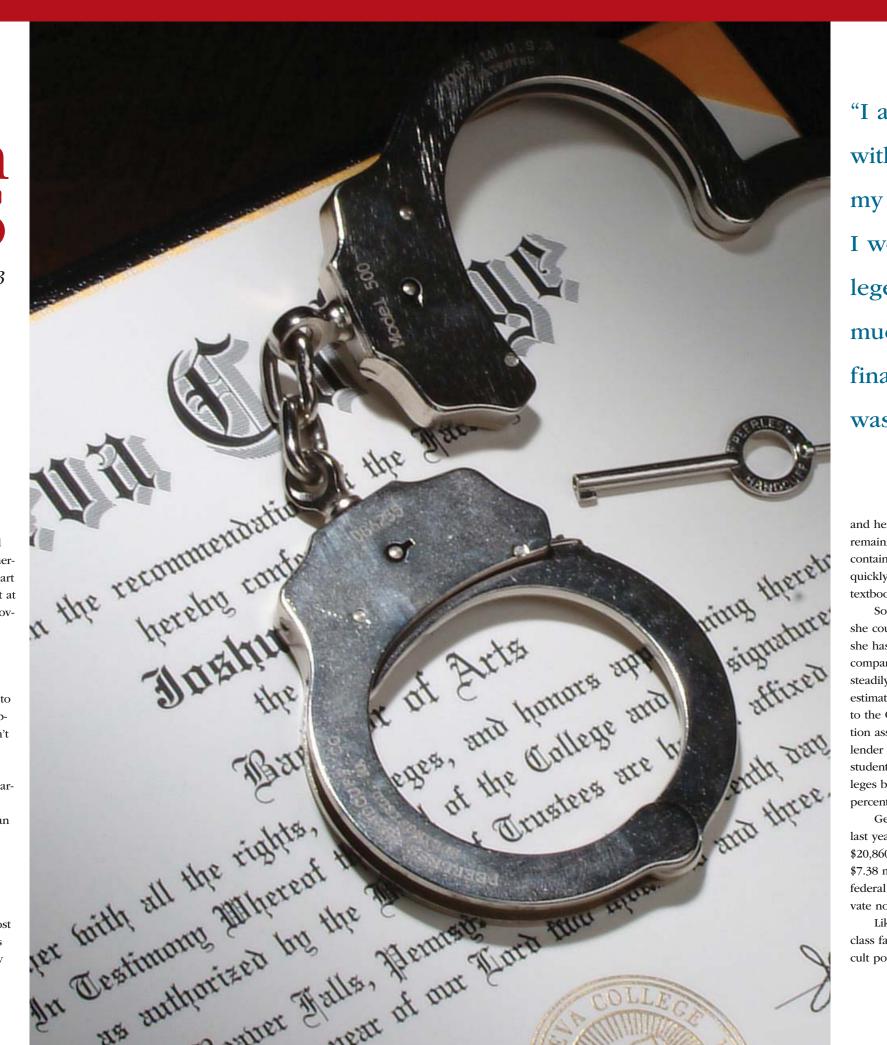
As a high school student,
Brandyberry was hardly a slacker. She
graduated sixth in her class from
Cornell High School in Coraopolis,
Pennsylvania, with a 4.13 grade point
average and an SAT score of 1330. That
while participating in the band, cheerleading squad, drama club, and student
council, working as coeditor of the
yearbook, and serving as Key Club
treasurer and secretary.

Attending college had been her dream since she was a little girl, and Brandyberry focused on preparing herself academically. She also worked part time as a cashier at Cash Market, but at \$6.25 an hour, her earnings barely covered her car insurance and an occasional trip to Eat'n Park with her

"I assumed that with my grades and my SAT scores that I would get to college and not have much of a problem financially," she says. "That wasn't the case."

For her academic achievements, Brandyberry received a \$4,000 scholarship from Geneva. Because she is a member of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Geneva also gave her a 15 percent discount on the price of tuition. The state of Pennsylvania awarded her \$3,000 in grants.

When Brandyberry arrived on campus in 2002, a year at Geneva cost \$20,890. Her grants and scholarships totaled \$9,200, meaning Brandyberry



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and her parents had to make up the remaining \$11,690. Her savings account contained less than \$1,000 and was quickly drained when she started buying textbooks and dorm necessities.

So Brandyberry did the only thing she could—she took out loans. To date she has borrowed \$24,000. She's in good company; student borrowing has grown steadily in the United States, reaching an estimated \$68 billion last year, according to the College Board, a nonprofit education association. A study by private lender Nellie Mae found that in 2002 students attending private, four-year colleges borrowed an average \$21,200, a 38 percent increase over 1997 levels.

Geneva graduates fare a little better; last year their average indebtedness was \$20,860. Geneva students borrowed \$7.38 million last year—\$4.8 million in federal loans and \$2.58 million in private notes.

Like many students from middleclass families, Brandyberry is in a difficult position because of the way the U.S. financial aid system works. "People look at me and think, 'Her dad can afford to send her to college," she says. "But they can't give me a cent." Her dad, Edward, works in sales and shipping for International Staple and Machine in Butler, Pennsylvania. Her mom, Frances, holds two full-time jobs—one as a customer service coordinator at Cash Market, one at the Coraopolis McDonald's—and works 70 hours a week.

The federal government bases its calculations of financial need largely on household income. On paper, her parents make too much for her to qualify for much grant aid. In reality, they can't afford to pay her bills out of pocket.

Colleges and universities do what they can to help. About 60 percent of students at private colleges and universities received aid directly from the institution, the College Board says. At Geneva, that number is about 90 percent, according to Steve Bell, Geneva's financial aid director. For Brandyberry that aid takes the form of her \$4,000 academic award and 15 percent denominational discount.

Geneva awards about \$7 million in institutional aid every year, which accounts for nearly 25 percent of its annual expenses, says Mike Fox, Geneva's controller. The average Geneva student has 35 percent of his or her tuition covered by awards from the college. In Brandyberry's case, her institutional aid amounted to a 43 percent discount on the price of her tuition.

The problem is that, even at a 43 percent discount, a hefty college bill remains hefty. College is expensive, and it's getting more so every year. Nationally, the price of a college education is increasing faster than the rate of inflation. Last year, when inflation measured 2.1 percent, the average cost of attending a private four-year college increased by 5.6 percent, reaching \$27,516, the College Board says.

Geneva's increase was slightly higher, although Geneva's price tags remains well below the national average. The cost of a year at Geneva rose 6.1 percent to \$23,918. That means Brandyberry is paying 11 percent—or \$2,300— more for her junior year than she did for her freshman year.

Family incomes aren't increasing at a comparable pace. According to the latest census data, median family income in the United States rose 10.7 percent from 1990 to 2001. In roughly the same timeframe, Geneva's costs rose 36.6 percent

Colleges are as distressed about the trend as students and their families are, but the problem seems unavoidable. Why is higher education getting more expensive when costs in other industries are constantly dropping? Financial writer James Surowiecki explains: "When Mozart composed his String Quintet in G Minor in 1787, you needed five people to perform it. Today, you still need five people, and, unless they play really fast, they take about as long to perform it as musi-

cians did two centuries ago. . . . An economist would say that the productivity of classical musicians has not improved over time, and in this regard the musicians aren't alone. . . . The average college professor can't grade papers or give lectures any faster today than he did in the early '90s."

And while productivity stays level, colleges have to pay higher salaries to attract faculty members in today's competitive environment. Thus it costs more every year just to maintain a college's quality of service.

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Likewise with the exploding costs of medical insurance. When Fox started working at Geneva in 1994, he says, the college paid about \$500,000 per year to provide its employees with health-care coverage. Ten years later, Geneva dishes out \$2 million every year—and that's after introducing aggressive "cost-sharing" policies that require employees to contribute more to the cost of their health-care plans.

Students' changing needs and expectations present another challenge, Fox says. Employers expect college graduates to be able to understand and use current technology, which means colleges have to keep pace with technological change, Fox says. Today's students also expect more comfortable living arrangements than their predecessors, Fox says. Geneva has spent millions in the last few years to upgrade its technology and has invested \$35 million in the last eight years to renovate all of its student residences, build Northwood Hall and the Rapp Technical Design Center, create a running track and fitness center, and refit the Science & Engineering Building.

While the upward trend in tuition prices will continue for the foreseeable future, Geneva is doing what it can to minimize increases. Outsourcing—hiring outside vendors to provide services—is one cost-cutting measure the college has used. The college's food and maintenance services, as well as

the campus store, are run by companies that specialize in those areas. Geneva and other colleges are also considering the feasibility of creating health-care consortiums to keep insurance costs in check.

Perhaps the most significant way schools can relieve the debt pressure on their students is by actively raising money for scholarships from alumni and friends. Geneva has created 115 endowed scholarships, worth \$9.3 million, that award



\$505,000 a year.

Brandyberry entered her freshman year at Geneva expecting to pile up more than \$40,000 in loans. This year, though, she received an unexpected blessing—two scholarships that together could add up to \$7,400 over her junior and senior years.

"I would not be where I am, and I would be paying a lot more in loans if people had not been willing to give of themselves because of what Geneva has done for them," Brandyberry says. "I know when I get out, I'm going to be giving."

For her part, Brandyberry has tried to keep her loans to a minimum by managing her money well and working hard. She has three jobs on campus—she sings with New Song and works as a teaching assistant for the Bible and math departments—that bring in between \$3,000 and \$4,000 a year. She watches her spending and doesn't carry a balance on her credit card, although she confesses to buying the occasional pair of shoes. She plans to spend her senior year living off campus to save money on room and board. She hopes to keep her debt total under \$30,000.

Brandyberry and millions like her accept the handcuffs of debt willingly, because they know that a college degree will lead to greater freedom in the long run. The College Board agrees: The income gap between those with a high school diploma and a college degree has grown significantly over time, and the additional earnings that college graduates will enjoy eclipse the cost of college in a relatively short period of time.

There are intangible benefits, too. "College was life-changing for me," Brandyberry says. Her professors and friends have challenged her, and she has grown in her relationship with God and in her maturity. "God put me here. I needed it," she says.

In the short run, Brandyberry's choices are circumscribed by the need to pay off her debt. She plans to get a job as a math teacher as soon as she graduates and to work until her loans are paid off. That necessity conflicts with other plans: She'd like to get married and have children, and she strongly believes that mothers should stay at home with their children.

Pennsylvania's teachers are among the highest paid in the nation, with an average starting salary of around \$32,000 a year. Still, her debt will consume a large percentage of her personal income. Student aid experts generally consider a monthly debt burden of 8 percent or less to be manageable, according to the American Council on Education's Center for Policy Analysis. If she borrows \$30,000 by the time she graduates in 2006, Brandyberry will probably pay \$311 a month if she opts for the standard 10-year repayment term. That comes to 11.7 percent of a Pennsylvania teacher's before-tax salary. If she ends up borrowing \$35,000, her monthly payments could be \$363—13.6 percent of a teacher's before-tax earnings.

But Brandyberry's attitude toward incurring college debt is typical of students today. "I didn't think twice about it," she says. "Everybody has loans. It was worth it to come here."

Her generation sees college debt as a sound investment in the future. Some don't share that view, Brandyberry has learned. "Last summer, I was at a church on a New Song tour," Brandyberry recalls, "and there was a lady that said, right in front of me, 'I can't believe those children that go to college and come out with \$30,000, \$40,000, or \$50,000 in loans. It is not worth it. They are just out of their minds.'

"I was really insulted, but at the same time I realize she didn't understand. The loans are a good thing. They teach me to really value the education I have because I really did work for every cent. I worked hard for what I have, so I'm not ashamed of it."

# in motion ATHLETICS NEWS

#### **Football**

When Matt Nowacynski, Geneva College's all-conference receiver, injured his hand during the summer, Head Coach Geno DeMarco should have seen it as a sign of things to come. As Geneva's season came to an end with an overall record of 5-5, Nowaczynski finished his time on the football field as Geneva's fifth quarterback of the season. A total of 16 season-ending injuries hampered the Golden Tornadoes all season and kept them from advancing to the post-season for just the fifth time in DeMarco's 12 years as head coach. A loss in the season finale prevented Geneva from making its fifth Victory Bowl appearance and dropped the Golden Tornadoes to fourth place in the Mid-States Football Association's (MSFA) Mideast League. Despite the injuries, Geneva did start developing a fine defensive unit. With just two seniors leaving for graduation, the Golden Tornadoes should have the pieces in place in 2005 to make another strong run at the MSFA. On offense, a healthy unit should put the Golden Tornadoes back where fans expect them—the postseason.

Sophomore midfielder William Ford, below, prepares for a corner kick.

Senior outside hitter Natalie Vidnovic, right, earned an all-conference honorable mention.



#### Volleyball

The women's volleyball team finished the 2004 season with a record of 17–15. It was the first time in four years that Geneva did not win 20 games and advance into the AMC playoffs. The Golden Tornadoes were competitive all season, but after a late-season slide, they finished the season with a 9–9 conference mark. This was good enough for a





sixth place tie with Notre Dame College for the final play-off spot, but a tie-breaker scenario kept the Golden Tornadoes from advancing into the conference post-season. Sophomore Marisa Barickman was named a second team all-conference performer, while (class) Megan Summers, senior Natalie Vidnovic, and (class) Stephanie Harwood were honorable mention selections. Freshman Ashley Allen was named to the conference all-freshman team.

#### Men's soccer

One-goal games are exciting for the fans, but men's soccer head coach Dave Murray saw them as nothing but a headache in 2004. The Golden Tornadoes ended the 2004 campaign with an overall record of 7–10–1. All 10 loses came by just one goal. Competitive in every game all season, Geneva just could not get the breaks it needed and fell short of the playoffs for the first time in eight years. Senior Neil Rabi led the Geneva offense with 14 goals and seniors Dan Manius, Sean Rabi, Greg Tulley, and

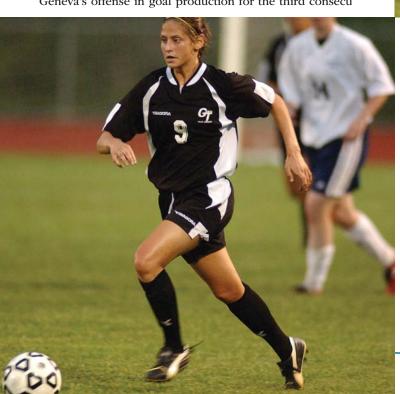
Kevin Romasco were outstanding on the defensive side of the field. After losing some talented players, Murray will have to retool for the 2005 season to continue the run of excellence that has been established for Geneva men's soccer.

#### Cross country

Continuing to rise toward the top of the AMC, Geneva's men's and women's cross country teams enjoyed another solid season. At the conference meet, the men finished seventh out of 13 schools, while the women brought home a fourth place finish. Geneva's women won a total of three meets throughout the 2004 season and got stronger as the fall continued. Seniors Dawn Sell and Juliann Spencer qualified for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national cross country meet. For Sell, it was the second consecutive season that she advanced to the national stage. The team also competed on a new home course at Fishers of Boys Camp off Route 51 in Chippewa, Pennsylvania.

#### Women's soccer

After dropping six of its first seven games, Geneva's women's soccer team rebounded to end the season with a 5–5 mark in the final 10 games. The team's 6–11 record included a respectable 4–4 mark in the American Mideast Conference (AMC) North Division. Head coach Bryan Drotar continued the process of building a contender on College Hill. Junior Rebecca Stewart scored seven goals to lead Geneva's offense in goal production for the third consecu





tive season. Sophomore goalkeeper Erin Scanlon played Geneva's final 10 games in the net and posted a goals against average of under two goals per game.

#### GTs on the Web

Golden Tornado fans can hear Geneva basketball games broadcast live on the Internet. To listen, go to www.geneva.edu. Select "Athletics" from the "Quicklinks" menu. Click the "Listen to GT Basketball" link.

Senior midfielder Jamie Howell, left, controls the ball in a game against Goldey-Beacom College.

Senior Dawn Sell, above, qualified for the NAIA's national cross country meet.

### dynamic duo

#### LEAD GENEVA SURGE

by Van Zanic '93

Head coach Jackie Myers left Geneva College and the women's basketball program following the 2001–02 school year. But before she headed south to take an athletic director's position in North Carolina, Myers wanted to make sure the cupboard wasn't bare for Geneva's next head coach. As it turned out, head coach Ron Galbreath owes Myers a debt of gratitude for recruiting two of the best players that have ever taken the floor for the Golden Tornadoes.

Junior forward Jen Rawding and junior guard Ali Cananzi, who together helped Blackhawk High School to a pair of championships under head coach Dori Anderson, signed letters of intent for Myers and Geneva College prior to Myers' departure. Since arriving on campus, the dynamic duo has



Junior forward Jen Rawding entered the 2004–05 season as the 10th leading scorer in Geneva's history.

helped to turn Geneva's fortunes around to the point that the Golden Tornadoes are now serious contenders in the American Mideast Conference (AMC).

"Jen and Ali have been wonderful since day one," said Galbreath. "They are both outstanding leaders and are very talented individuals."

"Talented" is an understatement. Coming into the 2004–05 season, Rawding had already climbed the scoring ladder to become the 10th leading scorer in Geneva history. Her 550 points last season gave her the third highest single-season total in school history. While Rawding was filling the nets from the paint, Cananzi has developed into one of the finest outside shooters in the country. Cananzi hit a school-record 103 three-point field goals last season. Both players were named to the



Junior guard Ali Cananzi made 103 three-point shots in 2003–04, setting a school record.

AMC-North all-conference team.

The Rawding-Cananzi duo helped the Golden Tornadoes to a 19–10 overall record last year. Geneva hosted the AMC final four for the first time ever last year, and despite a loss in the semifinals to Ohio Dominican, the season represented another step towards a conference championship.

"Jen and Ali both have skills that our team needs to be successful," Galbreath said. "They are both outstanding passers and each of them sees the floor very well. Obviously, both ladies are able to put the ball in the basket, which gives us a pretty solid one-two punch."

If being talented basketball players was the end of the story, it would be enough in its own right. However, Rawding and Cananzi are more that just leaders on the floor. The pair has developed leadership skills that have had a positive impact on the entire team. "When your top players have good attitudes and work hard at everything they do, it can only serve to rub off on the rest of the team," said Galbreath. "Ali and Jen have been outstanding role models for the rest of our players and have helped the overall development of our program."

In the next two years, look for the Geneva record book to be rewritten by two of the best women players to ever set foot in Metheny Fieldhouse. The good news for Galbreath and Geneva College is that both players still have a whole season to contribute in 2005–06. The bad news for the AMC is that the combination of No. 13 and No. 14 isn't going anywhere anytime soon.

"You know that you have a couple of special players when opposing coaches start asking you when those two are going to graduate," Galbreath said. "When you are coaching against great players, you can't wait for them to leave. In this case, I wish we could find a way to keep Ali and Jen around for a few more years."

#### in review

# **BIOCOMPLEXITY**

by Norman Carson '47

Randy Singer. Irreparable Harm. Waterbrook Press, 2003.

The second of Randy Singer's three novels, *Irreparable Harm* describes from an evangelical Christian point of view the complex moral dilemmas raised when law and bioethics intersect.

Singer attended Geneva College as a freshman, and today is the executive vice president of the North American Mission Board and a legal adviser for the American Center for Law and Justice. He is married to Rhonda Purcifull '75.

Irreparable Harm centers on a moral dilemma faced by a young attorney presenting his first significant case. A prominent physician, who is dying of AIDS, and his wife choose to undertake in vitro fertilization. By means of a controversial cloning process an embryo is implanted in a surrogate mother, a young Cambodian refugee who has recently escaped from enslavement to a vicious Asian gang. Eight additional embryos are given to the CEO of a highly successful scientific company, where they are cryogenically preserved for future use in stem-cell research.

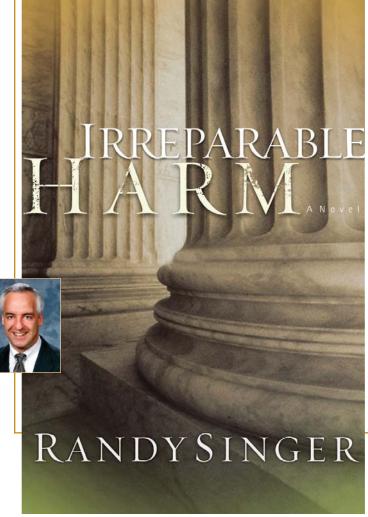
The surrogate mother discovers that the fetus she carries is likely to have Down syndrome. The physician's wife is determined to have the baby aborted and one of the frozen embryos implanted in the surrogate mother as a replacement.

Meanwhile Congress has enacted the Bioethics Act, which prohibits human cloning; therefore, allowing the surrogate mother to resist the wife's insistence on the abortion.

Thus the dilemma: If the lawyer, representing the surrogate mother, protects the frozen embryos, the ban on cloning will be overturned. Yet at the same time, the surrogate can save her child only if the ban is upheld.

Some have compared Singer's novel to those of John Gresham; both deal with the world of law and moral issues. The novel is a fast read and for the most part quite engrossing. Singer has done his homework well, albeit with the help of a number of experts in such fields as genetic research. His omniscient style focuses the reader on one major character's point of view, then another's, often with surprising twists. He does not hesitate to introduce unsavory and even one or two attractive characters with a frankness not always found in novels written by Christians.

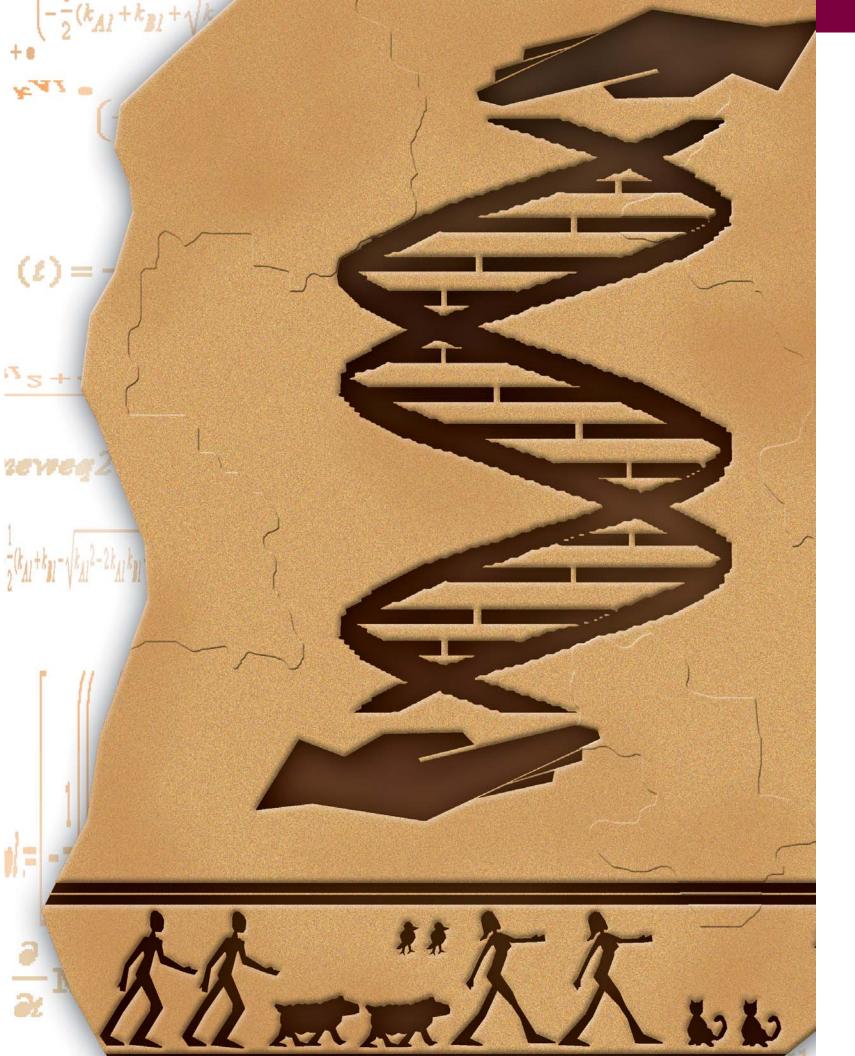
Intertwining bioethics, the law, high finance, and the



"As 'Christian' novels go, *Irreparable Harm* is several cuts above the usual pabulum."

threatened immigrant, the plot is often Byzantine. Some characters seem undeveloped or close to unbelievable. The Cambodian surrogate is much more like a typically beautiful American post-teenager than a confused refugee struggling to master the English language. Character traits—like those of the woman judge and the CEO—are exaggerated almost to the point of caricature. Occasionally an inexplicable hole in the plot leaves the reader scratching his head. The midpoint conversion, while ultimately appealing, borders on the obligatory.

As "Christian" novels go, however, *Irreparable Harm* is several cuts above the usual pabulum. Anyone seeking to understand the problems arising from modern bioethics should read this novel. They will be generously repaid for their effort.



# a new temptation?

the case against embroynic stem cell research

by Dr. Daryll Sas

ith most public opinion polls suggesting that 70 percent of Americans support human embryonic stem cell research, it is no surprise that California voters approved a \$3 billion bond initiative in the November 2004 election to make that state "the hotbed of stem cell research." But what is the allure of human embryonic stem cells that would make the citizens of a state with an already fragile economy sink three billion of their hard-earned tax dollars into a gamble that most venture capitalists apparently consider too risky? What are the potential benefits? What are the likely risks? And what ethical concerns are raised by this line of research?

#### origin

Human embryonic stem cells (HESCs) are obtained early in the embryo's development, when it consists of a ball of about 100 cells. This stage is reached approximately one week after fertilization, before the embryo implants in the uterus. The embryo's cells are arranged in two groups: The majority, located around the perimeter of the ball, and a dozen or so in the center. It is this inner cell mass that grows into a human baby, and therefore these stem cells (like the stem of a plant which eventually produces leaves and flowers) have the potential to form any cell in the human body.

If these inner cells are removed from the embryo, they can be kept alive and multiplying in "dishes" indefinitely, without turning into muscle cells, brain cells, pancreas cells, or another mature cell. Supposedly, scientists will someday be able to stimulate these immature cells to develop into mature cells of their choosing and transplant them into diseased patients as a cure or treatment for a wide variety of diseases, including diabetes, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, heart attacks, muscu-



lar dystrophies, multiple sclerosis, and liver cirrhosis. By one estimate, 128 million people in the United States have now been told that their diseases can be treated with HESCs.

Fortunately or unfortunately, a ready source of human embryos is available: "extra" embryos left over from in vitro fertilization attempts. For reasons of economics and convenience, in vitro fertilization, a common treatment for infertility, involves the production of more embryos than can be implanted at one time. Embryos that develop poorly are discarded immediately. Embryos appearing normal to the infertility specialist's eye, or those that pass genetic tests, are kept, and a small number are implanted into the woman's uterus. The extra embryos are generally stored in liquid nitrogen and can be implanted later if the first attempt proves unsuccessful. However, if the woman becomes pregnant and the extra embryos remain in storage, they gradually lose their ability to survive. After six years, they are no

remain in storage, they gradually lose their ability to survive. After six years, they are no longer viable. So, argue the proponents of HESC research, death for these embryos is inevitable. If, instead, the extra embryos are gutted for their stem cells, some good will come from their short lives. Thus goes the sales pitch: These extra embryos are going to die anyway. Why not use them to treat diseases?

#### definitions of personhood

Probably the most important question in the HESC debate is whether these "extra" embryos are, in fact, persons protected by the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Our humanistic culture makes a critical distinction between human being and human person. No one disputes that these embryos are human beings. But those who promote their use as sources of HESCs emphatically deny that they are also persons.

Personhood was also the issue in Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. In Roe, the majority of the court ruled that only viable human beings, i.e.,

those able to survive outside of a mother's uterus, are truly persons under the Constitution; nonviable human beings can be legally aborted.

The distinction between a human being and a human person, though, is artificial. Biologically, development is a continuous, seamless process that begins at conception and continues on past birth, with no clear line separating personhood from non-personhood. Those who impose a line separating the two do so because of a particular agenda or worldview.

Biblically, the defining characteristic of human beings is that they are made in the image of God. That principle alone, however, doesn't completely solve the problem. Some people equate the "image of God" with the ability to reason, which a pre-implantation embryo—and a newborn baby for that matter—lacks. I believe that it is more helpful to think of the image of God as a relationship that God initiates at conception. It is at this stage that a genetically unique human being is present for him to relate to. The image of God doesn't depend on human effort at all, and it is independent of one's stage of development. It is entirely by God's prerogative.

#### do noble ends justify immoral means?

The ethic that attempts to justify the use of "extra" embryos as sources of HESCs is the pervasive utilitarian claim that "the end justifies the means." That is, the end, treating disease, justifies the means, killing human embryos, required to achieve it.

Biblical justice, however, demands that ends and means must be commensurate—"eye for eye, limb for limb, life for life." This concept of justice, although unpopular these days, has not been abolished in the New Testament (see Matthew 5: 17–20). Furthermore, God commands us to make sacrifices to protect the weak. Jesus' exhortation for his followers to exhibit selflessness, to "turn the other cheek," suggests that adults should be willing to give their lives to save the innocent—helpless embryos, in this case.

From a biblical perspective, then, it is unjust to deprive one person of his or her life—and very existence—to ease another's suffering, no matter how great that suffering may be

In the case of HESC use, the ends do not justify the means used to attain them. According to the sixth commandment, an innocent person cannot be killed without his or her consent for any purpose. No one would accept the

Nazi's implicit argument "these Jews are going to die anyway, and our soldiers could benefit from the results, so let's do experiments on the Jews before we gas them to death." Neither should we accept its modern-day parallel: "These extra embryos are going to die anyway, and millions of people could benefit from their stem cells, so let's remove their stem cells and expedite their deaths."

The notion that a person's value lies in his or her usefulness to society is perverted. It implies that "un-useful" people can, or even must, be eliminated. Several years ago, the governor of Colorado suggested that elderly people have a duty to die, because they are no longer useful, contributing members of society and only burden the economy. This runs contrary to the biblical mandate to show special concern for widows and orphans, who are similar "burdens" on the economy. Utilitarian arguments are easily twisted to the selfish ends of those who have the power to define what and who is useful. The biblical call is clear: to exhibit selflessness.

Furthermore, this utilitarian argument is based on the false premise that the "extra" embryos are going to die anyway. At least one agency, Snowflakes.org, attempts to make these embryos available for adoption. We need to remember that the extra embryos are persons made in the image of God, which makes them very, very small orphans! They need special provision, as commanded by God in the Bible, preferably adoption and implantation. Death is not inevitable.

#### old testament lessons

Interestingly, a similar temptation was present during the period of history covered by the Old Testament. People, including those that belonged to the kingdom of Judah, were encouraged to sacrifice their children to the Canaanite god Molech. For what ends, we do not know—perhaps to ensure a good crop or for protection from disease. But God disdained the practice, calling it "abominable" and "detestable." King Manasseh, who sacrificed his own son to Molech, is considered the worst king in Judah, and he is judged for shedding innocent blood "from one end of Jerusalem to the other." Are we close to being guilty of the same sin—sacrificing our children to the false god of technology or personal autonomy in return for deliverance from disease? Will the United States be judged for having shed innocent blood from one end of the country to the other?

#### hype

The use of HESCs to treat disease is surrounded by oceans of hype. The whole idea is much less likely to succeed than is claimed. First of all, these cells do not adapt well to growing in "dishes," which is a foreign environment for them. Currently it takes on average 100 embryos to produce one successful stem cell culture, or line. Few of the 64 HESC lines approved by President George W. Bush in August 2001 have proven stable and usable.

Secondly, scientists are presently unable to stimulate the cells' development into the desired mature cell. In all cases I have examined, claims to have stimulated embryonic stem cells to develop in a particular direction are exag-

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gerated. Instead of developing into a group of healthy, useable cells, only a tiny fraction of the embryonic stem cells mature in the manner desired. Those that do "mature" display only a handful of the characteristics of the cells they were supposed to become. In one particular study published in Science in 2001, mouse embryonic stem cells that supposedly matured into insulin-producing pancreatic islet cells expressed only three of the characteristics of islet cells. That is like claiming a stethoscope, an IV bag, and a siren constitute an ambulance. "Mature" embryonic stem cells have not been shown to actually function in a physiologically relevant way. So—no surprise here—none of them have been able to reverse the symptoms of disease when transplanted into mouse models of human diseases.

Thirdly, it is not possible to control the cells once they have been transplanted. If few are transplanted, they obviously have no effect on the disease. If more are transplanted they produce a unique type of cancer, called a teratoma, in almost every case. Teratomas contain bits of several

organs—some bone, a few neurons, several hairs, some stomach cells. Again, no surprise, since the embryonic cells were programmed to form such organs in the first place. Their side trip through a culture dish has not changed their ultimate fate. The chief advantage of embryonic stem cells—their ability to generate any and every type of cell in the body—is also a significant weakness.

Lastly, the HESCs are in the end just another type of transplant, which, if not well-matched with its recipient, will certainly be rejected by the patient's immune system, making all of the work and rationalizing for naught. Even patients with well-matched organs suffer the side effects of a lifelong course of immune system–suppressing drugs.

#### cloning for therapy

A solution to the problem of transplant rejection has been proposed-therapeutic cloning. In therapeutic cloning, also called somatic cell nuclear transfer, a nucleus from a cell of the diseased patient is transferred into a donor human egg that has had its own chromosomes removed. The egg's cytoplasm directs the new nucleus to begin embryonic development. If the procedure is successful and the embryo is implanted into a uterus, it would grow to be a clone of the patient. That possibility, called reproductive cloning, is uniformly condemned by governments across the globe as arrogant, repulsive, and dangerous to the clone. Many people, however, want to remove the inner cell masses of these clones and use them to create HESCs that match the patient perfectly, avoiding transplant rejection. While reproductive cloning remains the fantasy of a few, South Korean scientists in February of 2004 were successful at creating a human clone for its stem cells.

The bad news associated with therapeutic cloning is that the justification of using an "extra" embryo has been lost. Let's be honest: This is premeditated murder of a tiny person. The opposition to reproductive cloning is so intense that proposed legislation would make it a crime not to kill such embryos. In contrast to the old command "Thou shalt not kill," the new command is "Thou shalt kill."

The danger of therapeutic cloning is not limited to the embryo, however. In reproductively cloned animals, up to 4 percent of the genes have been found to be defective. Defective genes—and far fewer of them—cause cancer. In one Rockefeller University study of 35 mouse embryonic stem cell lines created by cloning, 50 percent of the lines had abnormal numbers of chromosomes, a trait typical of cancer. And remember the propensity of transplanted embryonic stem cells to induce teratomas. If HESCs from a

clone are transplanted into a patient, cancer seems inevitable.

#### the mature alternative

Fortunately, there is an alternative to the use of HESCs to treat diseases—adult stem cells. It is likely that every organ in the human body already contains stem cells that continually reproduce to provide replacements for cells lost due to injury, disease, or normal wear and tear. Such cells have been identified in blood, fat, muscle,

and brain tissue as well as the spleen and other organs. It is possible that many diseases, perhaps aging in general, are caused by these cells not reproducing fast enough to replace their dead comrades.

Actually, the use of adult stem cells is nothing new. Bone marrow transplants, which have been done for nearly 20 years as a treatment for leukemia and some other blood diseases, are essentially the transplantation of blood stem cells. Since physicians are much more familiar with adult stem cells, they would seem to be the superior option.

What's more, stem cells from one organ seem to be able to provide replacements for other organs. Blood stem cells, for example, have been found to generate heart muscle and brain tissue. This is a natural source of stem cells that are immunologically compatible with the transplant recipient and do not require a person to be killed in their production. Furthermore, since adult stem cells are more mature and do not have the ability to generate any and every type of cell in the body, they are much less likely to produce teratomas when transplanted. Patients and patient support groups ought to be demanding more federal funding for research on adult stem cells.

The therapeutic success rate for adult stem cells is much higher than for embryonic stem cells. For example, a group of Harvard Medical School researchers reported in late 2003 that in a mouse model of type I diabetes, the disease was cured by introducing stem cells from another mouse's spleen. But adult stem cells are relatively rare, hard to get to, poorly understood, and difficult to patent, making them less attractive to the biotechnology industry.

#### why all the hype?

Given the serious ethical and practical problems with HESCs, why the clamor to legalize their use? For one thing, biomedical research is under intense pressure to produce results. It has soaked up billions of dollars and still has no cure for diseases like AIDS, cancer, heart disease, and Alzheimer's. HESCs represent the next chance for a breakthrough. Similar hype surrounded previous breakthroughs in gene therapy (which has yet to cure one patient by

itself) and human genome sequencing.

Secondly, patients (128 million of them) and patient support groups are becoming impatient waiting, waiting, waiting for better treatments. And there is no doubt some pressure by the biotechnology lobby, since there are huge amounts of money to be made selling (the promise of) HESC treatments. The hype over HESCs is reminiscent of the hype surrounding the dot-com "revolution," which eventually failed.

Another reason for the hype is fear—fear of death. For the non-Christian, if this life is all there is, and technology is his only hope, he must grab at every opportunity to

prolong life. And finally, who knows to what extent humanism—the desire to be in control, autonomous, self-sufficient, to determine right and wrong—factors into the push for HESC research. Ever since Eden, humans have wanted to be like God.

#### boundaries for technology

How do we know when our technology is going too far in our attempts to reduce suffering? I propose three guidelines. First, it must not violate God's law as summarized in the 10 commandments. If a particular use of technology breaches one of God's laws, as the production of HESCs does in requiring the murder of pre-implantation embryos, it is unethical. Second, it must be motivated by biblical, selfless love. If a proposed use of technology is motivated

by selfishness rather than selflessness, it is unethical. Is there any dispute that killing one person to relieve another's pain is ultimately selfish? And third, it must show concern for biblical justice, the just distribution of those things that sustain life. It is not just to use technology to deprive one person—the embryo—of life itself so that another person doesn't have to undergo daily insulin injections, for example, as painful and inconvenient as that might be.

#### conclusion

President Bush's moratorium on the use of federal funds to sacrifice any more human embryos to make HESCs ends in August. You can bet that the pressure on him to make federal money available to support this research will be intense. Pray that he doesn't cave in to that temptation. And do whatever you can to dispel the myths about HESCs, so that others are not tempted by them. And pray for yourself and your family, "Lead us not into temptation."

Who knows when the false promises of HESCs might be offered to you? For some researchers, it already has been. Get on the band wagon or get left behind. For many legislators, that bridge has already been crossed . . . and burned. There are huge technical problems, such as the risk of cancer, that might delay its availability to the rest of us for many years. But eventually, if the Lord tarries long enough, you may be given the option of an HESC treatment for a disease you are suffering from. What will you do then? Create several clones of yourself and use one of them as a source of HESCs? Or will you act justly, embrace self-lessness, and walk humbly and obediently with your God?

Dr. Daryl Sas is an associate professor of biology at Geneva College, where he has worked since 1988. Sas holds a doctorate in cellular and developmental biology from the University of Minnesota. He is a former research fellow of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, and the two-time winner of Geneva's Excellence in Scholarship Award.

# in touch

NEWS FROM ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Includes news received as of November 1, 2004. Notes for the spring issue must be received by xxxxxx xx.

#### Send your news to:

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#### 1933

Rozetta Huey celebrated her 100th birthday on November 2. Friends may send greetings to the Reformed Presbyterian Home, 2344 Perrysville Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15214-3560.



#### 1937

Sara (Brock) Clark married J. Murray Burns, a Penn State graduate, at the Chapel at Concordia III in Cabot, Pennsylvania, on May 8, 2004.

#### 1945

Betty (Miller) Zahn was featured with her daugh ter, Paula Zahn, in the October 19, 2004, edition of Family Circle Magazine. The article centered on the issue of "fighting cancer as a family affair." Paula Zahn, Betty's daughter, who anchors Paula Zahn Nou on CNN, has taken a public role in the breast cancer battle, fueled mainly by her mother's own battle with that disease.



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#### 1955

Marie (Conner) Teets was featured recently in a Pittsburgh Post-Gazette article. The article, "I Remember Mama," honors Cranberry theater founders and recounts the history of the nonprofit Comtra Theatre in the northern Pittsburgh suburb of Cranberry Township. Marie founded the theater in 1983.

#### 1957

Jack J. Klein, retired president of Elmer Hospital Cardiology Association, would love to hear from some classmates. He lives in Swedesboro, New Jersey.

#### 1962

Howard and Sally (Brown '64) Peters wrote an article, "History of Chemistry and the Joseph Priestly Bicentennial," which appeared in the Silicon Valley Chemist newsletter. Howard has been active in the American Chemical Society and was elected director at large. The election was covered in the September issue of Chemical and Engineering News and at www.howardpeters.net.

#### 1963

J. Edwin Frendberg retired from Michael Baker Corporation in June. He had worked with the company for 37 years as a structural engineer.

#### 1967

John H. Park is the dean of the Anglican Cathedral of the Good Shepherd in Lima, Peru.

#### 1971

Theodore Kay recently spoke at the University of Michigan on the topic "A Manufacturing Perspective: The Evolution of GM Finance Support—From Transaction Accounting to Financial Analysis." Ted is the finance manager, Worldwide Facilities Group vice president of finance, REALM & ENCORE Subsidiaries of General Motors Corporation.

Kenneth Carson received the Distinguished Service Award at Geneva's President Council dinner on October 1.



Diane (Stevens) Jackman is currently teaching third grade at Southern Maryland Christian Academy.

John Stahl received the Distinguished Service Award at Geneva's President Council dinner on October 1.



#### 1980

Larry Oldaker writes: "Effective June 30, I resigned as pastor of Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Mansfield, Ohio, a church God used me to organize. I was installed as the regional home missionary of the Presbytery of Ohio in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church on August 6 to develop new mission works in the states of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky."

Martha (Kaminski) Frendberg retired from teaching in June. Martha taught first grade at Northwestern Primary School in the Blackhawk School District in Darlington, Pennsylvania.

#### 1983

Judy (Frangomeni) Bannister and her husband, Steve, became the parents of Domenique Gabrielle on January 19. Domenique joined siblings Stephen, Adam, and Brooke.



Cathy (Edwards) Sigmund and her husband, Frank '05, became the parents of Solomon on April 22. Cathy is a member of the psychology faculty at Geneva.

#### 1984

Christina (Pinon) Bouwens is the director of programs for the training and simulation solutions business unit of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). She develops and implements project and program management processes and procedures for over 75 projects, helping to ensure successful project execution and profitable performance. Her hobbies include playing the guitar and running. She and her husband, James, have been married for almost 14 years, and they have two daughters, Carolyn, 9, and Jamie, 4. They live just outside Orlando, Florida.

Joel McKee is a professor of English in South Korea, where he has worked since 1998. He has also taught at universities in Malaysia, China, and Korea. Joel earned his master of arts in foreign languages at West Virginia University in 1994. He is also the senior warden in a small English-language expatriate Anglican congregation that meets in the crypt chapel in Seoul Anglican Cathedral.

#### 1985

Hugh Knight married Trish Weyd on February 28 at the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Jim Neice—see Linda (Spear) Neice under 1987.

#### 1987

Jay D. Humphreys is currently employed as a licensed practical nurse and serves in the U.S. Army Reserves as a staff sergeant

for the 402nd Forward Surgical Team. Jay and his wife, Dawn, have two children, Leah Grace and Timothy David.

Mary Kate Kelley married Ryan Little on August 30, 2003 in Pittsburgh.

Linda (Spear) Neice writes: "My husband, Jim Neice '86, is currently serv ing in the U.S. Air Force, and we are stationed at Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany. He is serving here as the new commander of 52 Logistics Readiness Squadron. Just after his change of command he was deployed



to Iraq, where he will also serve as the commander for another LRS squadron. While he is away I keep things running here in Germany with our four children, Rachel, Derek, Emily and Claire. I enjoy overseeing their schooling as well as teaching an inductive Bible study for the youth of the church we attend.'

#### 1988

Rebecka (Johnson) Carullo is a senior programmer and analyst for Erie Insurance Group in Erie, Pennsylvania. She earned a general insurance certificate and has started graduate school at the University of Phoenix Online.

Scott G. and Laura (Vent) Decker became the parents of Jaden on December 3, 2003. Jaden joins sisters Jessica, Joyanna, Julia, and Jenessa.

Lee Wolverton is an assistant suburban editor at the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. He and his wife, Dana, have seven children: Robert, Jaime, Matthew, Meg, Seth, Ethan, and Gioia.

#### 1989

Kurt R. Keul is a small-group marketing manager for HealthAmerica's central Pennsylvania operations. He oversees sales teams in the small-group market, develops and maintains relationships with brokers, and coordinates new product initiatives.

Lori (Griffith) Kurtzhal and her husband, Daniel, became the parents of Evan Luke on March 29. Evan joins sister Hannah.

Yvonne (Nienhuis) Douglas and her husband, Joseph, became the parents of Samuel Jansonon October 22, 2003.

**Phil Isett** is the interim director of customer care for Adelphia Communication's northeast region. He worked previously as the general manager for Adelphia's Blairsville, Pennsylvania, operation.

Suzanne (Merce) Tarini is a preschool speech-language diagnostician for the Palm Beach County School District in West Palm Beach, Florida. She evaluates children with speech and language delays. She lives in Royal Palm Beach with her husband, Peter, and daughter Jillian Faith. They attend United Methodist Church of the Palm Beaches.

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#### 1991

**Sharon D'Achille** married Todd Hyre on October 2. Sharon is pursuing a master's in special education at Geneva College.

Marsha L. Smith married Michael S. Bahur on May 15, 2003.

**Rachelle (Abbey) White** and her husband, Brian, became the parents of Angela Rose on March 19.

#### 1992

**Debra (Forsythe) Giglio** writes: "I am currently working at Aliquippa Alliance for Unity and Development as a workforce development coordinator. I just received my certification as a global career development facilitator and my national certification as a certified workforce development professional."

Alana (Myers) Krispin and her husband, Timothy '93, became the parents of Seth Daniel on December 9, 2003. He joins siblings Benjamin, Samuel, and Charlotte.

**David** and **Natacha (Zbyszewski) Liang** became the parents of Evie Claire on May 17.

**Damian Lombardi** married **Sarah Creech** on June 27. Damian is a senior network engineer for MCI's federal government accounts in Cary, North Carolina, and Sarah is a laboratory systems manager at Wayne Memorial Hospital in Goldsboro, North Carolina. They live in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Van Zanic and his wife, Rebecca (Patterson '94), became the parents of Alexia Marie on April 19. She joins brother Zachary. Van is the sports information director and head softball coach at Geneva College, where he has worked since 1998. Becky is a first-grade teacher at the Woodland Hills School District in Pittsburgh, where she has worked for the past eight years. The Zanics reside on College Hill in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

**William Murray** and his wife, Pattilyn, became the parents of Ian Thomas Murray on August 26.

#### 1993

**Jeanne (Kuglics) Creese** has been named township manager of Collier Township, Pennsylvania. He worked previously as the manager of Rochester Pennsylvania and is a state-certified emergency medical technician and fire academy instructor.

Holly (Woleslagle) Kellam and her husband, Stephen, became the parents of Susannah Grace on November 11, 2003. Susannah joins sister Bethany.

Timothy H. Krispin—see Alana (Myers) Krispin under 1992.

Celeste (Schmitt) Poliscastro is the director of marketing for AuthorHouse, a print-on-demand company. Celeste oversees the brand strategy, marketing, public relations, communications, and product development functions at AuthorHouse. An award-winning business writer and newspaper editor, Celeste has held senior marketing management positions with Westinghouse, Instron-SATEC Systems, Woods Equipment, and Underwriters Laboratories. She earned her master's in management from St. Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania.

#### 1994

**Timothy** and **Sally Kay (Smith) Hunter** became the parents of Marlee Christine on July 1. Marlee joins sisters Kara and Sydney.

Heather (Schneider) Maloney writes: "I have been promoted to translation coordinator of DDI's international operations. DDI is a global human resources consulting firm that specializes in selecting and developing leaders. The company has more than 1,000 employees in 26 countries around the world. I am based in the corporate headquarters in Pittsburgh."

**Steven Mattocks** is a missionary to the Czech Republic with Missionary Athletes International. He and his wife, Suzannah, have two boys, Steven Michael and Caleb Mark.

Marcinda (Rickrode) Minnick and her husband, Sam, became the parents of Carson Ryle on December 30, 2003. Carson joins siblings Alexis and Hunter.



Rebecca (Patterson) Zanic—see Van Zanic under 1992.

#### 1995

**Eugene Patterson** married Marcia Moner on November 22, 2003. The wedding was held on St. Johns Island in the Virgin Islands.

**Brenda Sue Price** married **Corben M. Russell '05** on December 6, 2003. They became the parents of Pearl Margaret on October 7.

**Jason V. Ranone** married **Lauren D. Straub '01** on May 31, 2003. Jason earned master's degrees from California University of Pennsylvania and University of Pittsburgh and works in the

Department of Defense in Washington, D.C., as an intelligence officer. Lauren, whose degree from Geneva was in pre-professional psychology and law, earned a JD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in May.

**Steven E.** and **Margo (Finley) Schwartz** became the parents of Zachary Steven on August 23, 2003.



**Steve Sinka** and his wife, Lisa, became the parents of Matthew James on June 15. Matthew joins brother Steven Jr. Steve is the mechanical engineering manager for ABB Turbine Automation in Natrona Heights, Pennsylvania. The family lives in West Deer Township, Pennsylvania.

**Jessica (Martin) Twardzik** and her husband, Dave, became the parents of Jacob David on November 7, 2003.

#### 1996

**Colleen (Cole) Anderson** and her husband, Jeremy, became the parents of Fiona Reilly on August 14, 2002. Fiona joins siblings Jeremy Jr. and Erin Catherine.

**Bethany (MacDonald) Bechtold** and her husband, **Jason '98**, became the parents of Emma Rose on June 19.

**Tammy (Kolody) Crabtree** and her husband, Keith, became the parents of Caitlyn Brooke on August 16.

Katrina "Kat" Faessel writes: "I have become the first American (or foreigner for that matter) to graduate as a master from the Vakhtangov Theater Institute in the stage movement department. I teach stage movement there as well as at the Moscow Art Theater. I am also working in feature films from Hollywood that film here in Russia. I have had roles in seven since last September and work the production end as an assistant director."

**Brian Kelly** writes: "I'm working for Border's Books, Music, and Cafe in Davis, California. It's easy to commute to work by bicycle because there are many bike paths in Davis. In 2005 my plan is to take the certified public accountant exam and apply to graduate school at the University of California at Davis."

**Jason Neudek** and his wife, **Rebecca (Ward '97)**, became the parents of Hannah on August 11. She joins brother Nathan.

**James Puglisi** is attending the Catholic Theological Union working towards his ecumenical doctorate of ministry in cross-cultural ministries. He still plays rugby.

Marsha L. Smith married Michael S. Bahur on May 15, 2003.

**Heather (Nutter) Smith** and her husband, the Reverend Paul Smith, became the parents of Elliott Grace on August 25.

**Matthew A.** and **Emily (Ernst) Thompson** became the parents of Olivia Ann on October 13. Olivia joined brother Micah.

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**Lori (Olmstead) Ballard** writes: "We had a new baby, Heather Brydn, on March 12. She is our second daughter. Her sister is Erienne Shawn. We moved to Alliance, Ohio, last year because my husband, Jack, took at job at Malone College as a professor of music technology."

**Charles A. Brown** and married Miriam Shofstahl on January 10. Charles is the pastor of the Westminster Reformed Presbyterian Church in Prairie View, Illinois.

**Jason A. Fiorenza** and his wife, Kathy, became the parents of Vincenzo James on August 14. Vincenzo joins sister Emiliana Mae. Kathy is the head trainer for Geneva's women athletes.

**Christina (Baldauff) Koerber** writes: "My husband, Matthew, and I are working on our master's degrees. I'm studying counseling, and Matthew is going for his master's of divinity. We just had a healthy baby boy, Isaac Dwight, on August 30."

Rebecca (Ward) Neudek—see Jason Neudek under 1996.

Jennifer Olsson married Joshua D. Smith on August 9, 2003. Jennifer is teaching chemistry at Anne Arundel County High School. Jason is a computer programmer and Navy veteran. They reside in Severna Park, Maryland.

**Luke O'Neill** writes: "I graduated from Carnegie Mellon University in May 2004 with my MBA. I accepted a job thereafter with Wilshire Associates in Pittsburgh. I am an investment consultant to pension plans and endowment funds, helping them determine how best to invest their monies. My wife, Jen, and I are expecting a baby girl in December 2004. Big brother Ethan, 2, is very excited, although I'm sure he doesn't really know what changes are in store!"

**Becky Roosa** is pursuing God's calling to the mission field. To help raise support, she has produced her own CD entitled *The King's Whisper*. The CD includes three original compositions and piano arrangements for seven classic hymns. At the end of the CD she presents the gospel message. For more information, write to: Becky Roosa, PO Box 1404, Canyon Lake, TX 78133.

**Rachel (Stenbach) Sauders** and her husband, **Scott '98**, became the parents of Shannon Grace on February 25.

**Jessica (Anstead) Sutton** and her husband, Jonathan, became the parents of Cole Allen on August 26. Cole joins brother Gage Parker, 2. The family resides near Charlotte, North Carolina.

**Robert E. Tarullo** and his wife, **Sarah E. (Bingham '98)**, became the parents of Nathaniel James on April 23.

Melissa (DeSanzo) Tweed and her husband, David B. '98, became the parents of Iley Elizabeth, on September 1. Iley joins brother Ian.

**Jessica (Rosales) Wright** and her husband Brian became the parents of Molly Sue on February 26. She joins brother Jackson.

#### 1998

Jason Bechtold—see Bethany (MacDonald) Bechtold under 1996.

**Sarah E. Bingham**—see Robert E. Tarullo under 1997.

**Brian Dewar** is working toward his PhD in toxicology at the University of North Carolina. His wife, **Shannon (Jones '99)**, is teaching second grade at Abundant Life Christian Academy in Hillsborough, North Carolina.

**Mandy (Padgett) Dlugos** recently accepted position of director of marketing and communication for Achieva, a nonprofit organization serving people with disabilities, located on Pittsburgh's South Side. She is working toward her PhD in communication at Duquesne University.

Erica (Spahr) Gardner and her husband, William "J.R." '99 became the parents of Gabriella Nicole on March 8, 2003. She joined brother Crescenzo William. The Gardners work with youth and their families at Waterdam Evangelical Free Church in Pittsburgh's South Hills.



**Beth W. Gideon** married **T. Scott McBroom '99** on September 7, 2002.

**Elizabeth (Stocker) Hake** and her husband, **Jess '99**, became the parents of Nessa Ann on May 24.

**Steve T. Nelson** married Whitney Henderson on March 6 at Pawleys Island in South Carolina. Steve earned a master's degree in instructional leadership at Tennessee Technological University this fall and has taught school and coached in the Chattanooga area for more than five years. His is now involved in the principalship program in the Hamilton County school system. Whitney is an attorney from Memphis, Tennessee.

**Jason G. Ryce** married Janine L. Trombetto on February 28. Jason is an insurance agent for State Farm in Wexford, Pennsylvania, and a part-time youth pastor at the Fountain Park Church in Mars, Pennsylvania. They live in Pittsburgh.

Scott W. Sauders—see Rachel (Stenbach) Sauders under 1997.

**Luanne Steffy** writes: "I recently graduated with a master's in environmental science from Drexel University, and I am now employed as a stream biologist at the Susquehanna River Basin Commission in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania."

Jamison Stivers married Katie (McClain '02) on October 23, 2003. Katie and Jamey met at Geneva's cardiovascular technology program in Fairfax, Virginia. They reside in New Castle, Pennsylvania, where Jamey is pursuing a career with Guidan Corporation.



David B. Tweed—see Melissa (DeSanzo) Tweed under 1997.

**Lisa Ann Walter** married Robert David Brown on June 14, 2003. They honeymooned in Great Britain and now live in Belcamp, Maryland, where both teach mathematics in a community college. Lisa earned her master's degree in 2001 at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

**Craig Waller** and his wife, Rachel, became the parents of Isaac Benjamin on August 25. Isaac joins brother Joshua.

Mark F. Witterman married Rachel S. Phillips '02 on July 23. Mark teaches social studies at Hopewell High School, and Rachel teaches special education in Beaver Falls. They live in Portersville, Pennsylvania.

#### 1999

**Thomas S. Anderson** graduated with honors from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in May 2003, and is employed with Yukivich, Marchetti, Liekar and Zangrilli, PC, a law firm in downtown Pittsburgh. His wife, **Angela (Dawson) Anderson**, received her master's in education from Loyola College in 2001. Their daughter, Sydney Rae, was born June 2, 2003.

**June Domasco** writes: "I have been employed as a loan officer for Excel Mortgage Group, Inc., in Beaver, Pennsylvania, for the past two years. I really enjoy my job since I am able to help people buy a home. Plus, I am always meeting new and interesting people."

William "J.R." Gardner—see Erica (Spahr) Gardner under 1998.

Jesse Hake—see Elizabeth (Stocker) Hake under 1998.

**Shannon Jones**—see Brian Dewar under 1998.

**Melanie (Kaufman) Kendrew** and her husband, J. Ben, became the parents of Luke Benjamin on October 14, 2003.

Connie Sue Lora married Thomas
Anthony Monroe Troyer on June 7,
2003. Connie and Tom are employed at
Barbour Publishing, Inc., a Christian publishing house located in Uhrichsville,
Ohio. Connie is the managing editor at
Barbour, while Tom holds the position of
controller. They live in Dover, Ohio, with
their three cats. Geneva alumni in the

wedding included Michelle McCoy '98, Elise Turner '99, and Marie (Tillery '02) Lambert.

**Seth Madjerich** and his wife, Beth, became the parents of Aidan Layne on August 16.

T. Scott McBroom—see Beth W. Gideon under 1998.

**Kelly (Stewart) Papst** married Chad Papst on June 19. Kelly works as a speech-language pathologist for Carlynton School District. They live in Robinson Township, Pennsylvania.

**Joshua Van Ee** and his wife, **Heidi (Yoder)**, became the parents of Caleb Micah on September 4. Caleb joins sister Eliyana.

**Jeremy Wilcox** works in business development for Washington, D.C.-based Stratfor, Inc., a private geopolitical intelligence company.

Susanah Wilson married Brian Hanson on August 14, 2004. She and Brian met on eharmony.com. Other Geneva alumni at the ceremony were Trudi Dunlap '99, Mark Hillwig '00, Todd '99 and Joy (Pipping '00) Eckstein, Gina (Capece '99) Colau, and Jaime Smith '99. Susanah graduated from Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry with a master's degree in Christian ministries and biblical studies. She works as library specialist at the Trinity library.

#### 2000

Joycelyn Banks received her Pennsylvania academic private school teaching certificate in elementary education in May 2002. She is a rehabilitation specialist at United Cerebral Palsy of Pittsburgh. Joycelyn is also the author of two books. *Two Nations* United, a teen romance novel, was published in 2003 by PublishAmerica Inc in Frederick, Maryland. *The Day America Hit Its Knees*, published in 2004 by PublishAmerica, is a collection of poetry and short stories. The title piece, "The Day America Hit Its Knees," is a poem written shortly after September 11. For more information visit www.geocities.com/brandieup and click the "My Writer's Pen" link.

**Heather (Hahn) Berner** and her husband, Christopher, became the parents of Faith on May 14. Heather is a kindergarten teacher in Pittsburgh.

**Ryan Estes** married **Kelly Jean Moore** on September 25. Kelly is a high school English teacher at West-Mont Christian Academy.

**Libby (Lichius) Flick** and her husband, **Kevin '01**, became the parents of Nathan James on June 15. Nathan joins sister Leah.

Renee (Bovey) Gerkens and her husband, Matt, became the parents of Madelyn Leela on June 28.

Melanie Hayden is the director of development and communications at Massachusetts Family Institute.

Daniel M. Howe and his wife, Esther (Wright), became the parents of Aidan Samuel on July 21, 2003.

Christopher K. Mathews and his wife, Colleen L. (McCready), became the parents of Katelyn Jean on October 15. The family lives in Gibsonia, Pennsylvania.

**Deb (Csellar) Ott** works with Silver Ring Thing, a Christian abstinence program that has been featured on MTV, CNN, Newsweek, and the BBC. Deb is married to **Jared Ott '02**, who also works with Silver Ring Thing.

**Michael Rectenwald** married Lisa Palmer on May 22. Michael teaches English and history at Pittsburgh East Christian School. He is working toward a master's degree in English at Duquesne University.

**John M. Schmitt** and his wife, **Jeannette Rae (Carroll '01)**, became the parents of Ashlee Paige on June 17.

Rachel Wilson teaches fifth grade at Asuncion Christian Academy in Asuncion, Paraguay, where she has been living and teaching since 2000. She earned a master's in elementary education from the University of Alabama in May through an overseas program.

#### 2001

Carrie (Harman) Bowers teaches first grade at Walnut Grove Christian School in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. Her husband, Justin '02, works as a Youth Pastor at Westminster Church in Upper St. Clair, Pennsylvania.

**Kristen M. Gerolami** married Aaron M. Dorr on July 10. They live in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Kevin Flick—see Libby (Lichius) Flick under 2000.

**Mary (Pranno) Fincham** married Christopher J. Fincham on November 29, 2002. They became the parents of Jeremiah Christopher on January 10.

**Heather Harvey** married Matthew Mundis on June 5. They live in New Freedom, Pennsylvania.

Brian R. Helmick married Cheryl Woodburn on May 24, 2003. Groomsmen included **Dan Gossner**, **Sam Foster**, **Will Smith**, and

**Steve Eisenhart '00**. The Helmicks live in Allentown, Pennsylvania. **Erika Hoogerbrugge** married **Andrew Zimmerman '04**. Their son, Xavier Yakob, was born November 5, 2003.

Rebecca J. McMahan and Takahiro Ota '02 were married on July 31 at the Topeka Reformed Presbyterian Church in Topeka, Kansas. Participating in the ceremony were the Reverend Bruce Backensto '69, the Reverend J. Bruce Martin '70, Rachel McMahan '05, Peter McDonald '02, Jenn Weir '00, Christina Sterrett '01, Allison (Green '01) Dennison, and Yuko Shiotsu '00. Rebecca and Taka live in Kobe, Japan, where Rebecca is an English teacher at an international school.

**Lori Reda** is a support staff member in Geneva's master of higher education program, where she started working in September.

Marisa (Todd) Scalamogna and her husband, Dominic, became the parents of Antonio Jeffrey on April 16. Antonio joins sisters Angel and Mia. The family lives in Center Township, Pennsylvania.



Jeannette Rae (Carroll) Schmitt—see John M. Schmitt under 2000.

**John D. Stephenson** and his wife, Morgen, became the parents of Justin Damon on August 5. Justin joins twin sisters Jadyn and Jocelyn and brother John Jr.

Lauren D. Straub—see Jason V. Ranone under 1995.

#### 2002

Justin Bowers—see Carrie (Harman) Bowers under 2001.

Jeremy Brown married Jessica Young '04 on May 1. The wedding party included Nicia Hobbes '04, Katherine Barnett '03, Veronika Verebeychik Schmidtke '03, Mike Gardner '02, Steve Pala '02, and K. Miller '08.

**David Burkholder** writes: "After a brief stint 'acting' in 'films,' I am currently producing and directing."

Andrew Cassidy writes: "I am serving in the United States Army, 82nd airborne division. I have taken part in one eightmonth deployment to Afghanistan and one four-month deployment to Baghdad, Iraq. A third deployment in the future is likely. I currently live on post with wife, Cherish (Lewis), and our 13-month-old daughter, Joni. Our second child is due in April 2005. My family is my anchor. I love and depend on them. My job can be very stressful, but I have grown up in ways that even college could not bring about. My travels have given me a great appreciation for our own country and the freedom that, too often, is taken for granted."

Mindy (Hackman) Etters married Chris Etter on July 31. She

works at Lancaster County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Offices as a supports coordinator. Chris is a middle school teacher in the Middletown Area School District.

Wendy Leigh Ferguson married Michael Jonathan Mallek on October 4, 2003. Attending the wedding were Sabrina (Dortin '02) Kuiken, Lisa Cilli '04, Peter Hixson '03, David Mallek '01, Ames Eckstein '03, and Keith Knowlden '03.

Eric J. Hall married Cara Guerrieri '05 on July 24.

Blake C. Irwin married Christina Y. Gates '04 on August 5 in Greenville, South Carolina. Norman Carson '47, grandfather of the groom, helped officiate the service. Erik Irvin '06 was the best man

David T. Lakin married Allison M. Boidock on September 14, 2002. Other Geneva alumni participating in their wedding were Erin (Miller '02) Deibert, Christina Huwalt '01, Danielle (Frech '01) Snyder, Carrie (Robinson '01) Hendrickson, Nate Kobb '01, and Scott Weeber '01.

**Sandy Matiko** was promoted to a corporate position as a compliance auditor with Accredo Health Group. His previous title was manager of training quality assurance and auditing.

**Ryan M. McBurney** and his wife, **Joy (Irvine)**, became the parents of Edan Christopher on July 11.

Katie McClain—see Jamison Stivers under 1998.

**Leah (Howard) Newell** writes: "I am working as a preschool teaching in West Chester, Pennsylvania. I'm also enrolled as a full-time graduate student in communication disorders at West Chester University. I love reading, writing, shopping, and hanging out with my husband and friends."

Jared Ott—see Deb (Csellar) Ott under 2000.

**Tracey Patrick** teaches first grade at Old Town Global Academy in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Rachel S. Phillips—see Mark F. Witterman under 1998.

Takahiro Ota—see Rebecca J. McMahan under 2001.

**Matthew Weleski** and his wife, Melanie, became the parents of Elijah Matthew on June 2.

#### 2003

**Jennifer R. Ayres** married Scott Pennington on October 25, 2003. They reside in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

**Michael Barton** writes: "I was married on July 17 to my bride, Julie Grace Klicker. I work for the Coalition for Christian Outreach at Waynesburg College as a resident director and campus missionary. I am the staff adviser for the Waynesburg Outdoor Experience Club,

as well as the staff adviser for the Jubilee committee. I also assist student activities on many of its activities, both on and off campus."

Christopher Essig married Ashley Nauck on May 24, 2003.

**Lindon Fowler** works as the director of student ministries for Memorial Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, Alabama.

**Nathan Gardner** married **Alissa Hicks** on June 26. Nathan is employed by E.M.H.& T. Inc. as a civil engineer. Alissa is pursuing a degree in middle childhood education at The Ohio State University. They live in New Albany, Ohio.

**Emilee Girty** writes: "I am currently living in Pittsburgh. I'm enrolled in the master's of social work program at the University of Pittsburgh and am working in the human services field. I am planning to focus on mental health in social work, and I'd like to move south eventually."

Joshua Gossner married Elizabeth Gouldsbarry '04 on June 12. Josh works as a mechanical engineer at Bricmont Inc. in Southpoint, near Pittsburgh. Elizabeth works at Hallmark. She is also a self-employed Mary Kay independent beauty consultant.

**Jennifer Klacik** married David Lapic on February 14. Jennifer is in her second year teaching third grade in the Spotsylvania County schools.

**Melody Joy Mayeux** married **Joel Alan Gowman '04** on June 19. They live in Washington, Pennsylvania.

**John Marc Murphy** and his wife, Elizabeth, became the parents of Madeline Claire on September 6.

**Julie Snyder** writes: "I am traveling with Wycliffe Dinner Theatre, which is based in Portland, Oregon. I am currently acting in *And the Word Came with Power*, a true story about missionary work. We tour the western United States each fall and spring."

**Lynette (Zellefrow) Spinnenweber** and her husband, Derek, became the parents of Andrew Lynn on June 17.

**Levi Stahl** is enrolled in the computational engineering master's program at Mississippi State University.

**Chepchumba Yego** is a second-year graduate student at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

#### 2004

Kristen Nicole Erdos married highschool sweetheart Lt. Jonathan Stuart Gardner on August 13. Jonathan is training as a pilot at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas, and Kristen is pursuing a master's degree in social work. They recently adopted a Welsh corgi named Dexter.



Christina Y. Gates-see Blake C. Irwin under 2002.

Elizabeth Gouldsbarry—see Joshua Gossner under 2003.

Joel A. Gowman—see Melody Joy Mayeux under 2003.

Sara K. Harman married Jeremy S. Linder on June 19. The wedding party included Carrie (Harman '01) Bowers, Justin Bowers '02, Brandon Marzley '04, Justin Bail '04, and Kevan Gray '05. The Linders live in North Canton, Ohio.

Stacy Lee Kiehl married Keith J. Hastings on June 5. The wedding party included Sarah Hoffman '04 and Emily Lundeen '04. Keith works as a math teacher at Cornell Abraxas. Stacy teaches math at Kane High School. They live in Kane, Pennsylvania.

Carrie Holman is a first-grade teacher in the Frederick County Schools in Winchester, Virginia.

Tatiana Pressau is a payroll specialist for Bozzuto & Associates in the Washington, D.C., area.

Stephanie Price is a case worker and counselor for Accion Social Comunitaria in St. Louis, Missouri. The agency addresses the needs of immigrant families.

Jessica Young—see Jeremy Brown under 2002.

Andrew Zimmerman—see Erika Hoogerbrugge under 2001.

#### 2005

Brian Emerson married Christina McClelland on August 2, 2003. Brian is pursuing a master's degree in higher education at Geneva and a master's degree in theology from Christ the King Seminary.

Cara Guerrieri—see Eric Hall under 2002.

Frank Sigmund—see Cathy (Edwards) Sigmund under 1983.

#### Friends

Thomas Gray and his wife, Carmel, became the parents of James on March 4. James' siblings are Avery, Clayton, Benjamin, Gracie, and Abigail. Thomas is Geneva's assistant chaplain.

W. Joseph McFarland, retired president of Geneva College, is in his 50th year of officiating high school football. According to the Topeka, Kansas, *The Capital-Journal*, the 75-year-old McFarland plans for this to be his last year on the field as a referee. Following a serious illness last summer, he thought he might have to stop at 49 seasons. During the treatment for acute aplastic anemia, making his officiating career an even 50 years was one incentive that "got me out of bed," he says.

Jim Richardson, Geneva's former assistant director of financial aid, now works in financial aid at the University of Pittsburgh.

#### in memoriam

#### 1920s

Maude (Slater '27) Lundy on September 21, 2004.

Lillian (Nevin '27) McDole on March 27, 2004.

#### 1930s

Isabelle F. (Javens '32) Grunhart on January 12, 2004.

Naomi (Boss '33) Blackwood on November 1, 2004.

Margaret (Gibson '33) Mehrling on April 19, 2004.

Jeanne M. (Kimmel '34) Brown on October 18, 2003.

**Samuel W. Purdy '34** on May 7, 1999.

Mary (Baldwin '34) Stauffer on June 22, 2004.

**Wayne S. Luce '35** on July 3, 2004. Wayne was a member of Geneva's board of trustees for several years.

Theodore W. Roessing '35 on June 29, 2004.

John A. Griffiths '36 on September 17, 2004.

Carl F. Horten '36 on August 13, 2004.

Michael J. Trbovich '36 on August 1, 2002.

Samuel John Wylie Jr. '36 on May 26, 2004.

Esther E. (Dinsmore '37) McCammon on August 10, 2004.

Winifred (Bliss '38) McCune on August 1, 2004.

Mildred "Sis" (Craft '37) Schaubhut on October 24, 2004.

Elizabeth E. "Betty" Beeson '39 on March 8, 2003.

Charles H. Laing '39 on April 28, 2003.

Anne C. (Forsman '39) Rackel on April 21, 2003.

#### 1940s

Arnold F. Braun '40 on April 23, 2004.

George O. Baker '41 on August 6, 2004.

Ronald B. Mackall '41 on September 11, 2004.

Jean (McCaughtry '41) Wicks on July 27, 2004.

Robert A. Adams '42 on August 7, 2003.

Victor R. Beltram '42 on August 20, 2004.

**James E. Rizzuto '42** on December 25, 2002, the 43rd anniversary of his marriage to Rita.

Robert C. Palmer Sr. '43 on June 21, 2004.

Marjorie (Guyton '44) Winslow on June 15, 2004.

Jane Martin (Ward '45) Reynolds on September 10, 2001.

Chester E. Bonner Sr. '47 on May 12, 2004.

Jane W. (Steel '47) Crawford on September 26, 2004.

James E. Rowley '47 on July 20, 2004.

Clarence Carson Blair '48 on July 5, 2004.

Joseph Lyle Ball '49 on July 29, 2004.

Donald R. File '49 on June 19, 2004.

Robert E. Howarth '49 on June 18, 2004.

Frank E. Lordi '49 on June 14, 2004.

Norman F. Richards '49 on September 18, 2003.

Charles Lee Weimer '49 on October 31, 2004.

#### 1950s

Clarence L. Allen '50 on March 1, 2004.

Arthur L. Murphy '50 on October 16, 2004.

Lula Mae Langnecker Young '50 on August 12, 2004.

Harold C. Kornman '51 on March 5, 2004.

Angelo J. Landolfi '57 on August 22, 2004.

Bernice E. Magee '57 on November 29, 2003.

Danield J. Sekeres '57 on October 1, 2004.

#### 1960s

Justin J. Finigan '60 on June 23, 2004.

Robert D. Hazen '60 on July 13, 2004.

**John M. Mervis '60** on July 19, 2001.

Robert R. Pardue '60 on June 7, 2002.

Joseph Pushinsky '61 on July 19, 2004.

Mary Jane Redmond '67 on September 29, 2003.

Twila Mae Palmer '68 on September 3, 2000.

Robert H. Shuster '69 on August 29, 2004.

#### 1970s

Arthur W. Deemer '71 on August 23, 1998.

Darlene (Bowman '79) Caskey on June 26, 2004.

#### 1980s

Martin R. Cummins '80 on June 21, 2003.

#### 1990s

Thomas Scott Belich '90 on June 12, 2004.

Michael P. Barbato '98 on October 4, 2004. See tribute on page 6.

#### Friends

**D. Ross Adams** on February 3, 2004. Ross was a member of Geneva's Tower Society.

**Jessie Mavis Binder** on April 25, 2004. Jessie was a longtime staff member in Geneva's bookstore.

**James Elliott Brooks** on April 22, 2004. James was former Geneva linemen coach.

**Jean Patterson Coast** on September 13, 2004. Jean retired in 1987 from the Geneva College staff.

Louise M. Coene on July 10, 2004. Louise was the wife of Ted Coene '52.

**Clyde B. Coulter** on May 5, 2003. Clyde was a Geneva supporter and the former publisher of *Flagler News* in Colorado.

John Cruzan on July 28, 2004. See tribute at right.

**A. James Cutri** on October 5, 2004. James was the father of **James A. Cutri** '67 and **William J. Cutri** '71, who is a member of board of trustees. A former Beaver High School football coach, James is listed in Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame and Edinboro University Sports Hall of Fame.

**Clayton C. Daley** on January 26, 2004. Clayton was the widower of **Jane (Smith '35) Daley** and a loyal supporter of Geneva.

**Sally Price Eynon** on March 23, 2004. Sally was a generous supporter of Geneva College.

Alfred U. Gallagher on December 20, 2003.

**Archie C. McKissick** on September 29, 2003. Archie was the father of Vickie, **Robert '73**, **Bruce '77**, and **Jean '78**. He is also survived by his wife, Ruth Hindman McKissick.

**Norman R. Keck** on July 20, 2004. Norman was a faithful volunteer in Geneva's institutional advancement office and the father of Norma Lagios, the college's special events director.

**Helen Barthes Swetka** on July 18, 2004. Helen was a Geneva supporter and the widow of the **John Swetka** '38.

**Robert L. Timmerman** on September 14, 2004. Robert was an assistant Geneva football coach in 1974–75 and is honored in the Lawrence County Sports Hall of Fame.

**Marvin VanderWal** on October 23, 2004. Marvin was a former professor of civil engineering at Geneva.

**Karl B. Woodson** on October 4, 2004. Karl was the father of Geneva enrollment counselor Kristina Woodson-Graham and Jonathan, who died in 1986 while a student as a result of a bicycle accident.

# in memoriam Dr. John Cruzan

#### by Luanne Steffy '99

When I reflect on my years at Geneva, I realize how much of a positive impact Dr. John Cruzan had on my life.

During my sophomore year,

he took a special interest in me and gave me many opportunities to learn under his leadership, mentoring, and guidance. I had the privilege of being his student, working with him on his research and assisting him in the lab.

Before I took his ecology class, I had little direction as far as career goals, but after that first class I recognized that this was what I wanted to do with my life. Since then, I have realized more than few times in the course of my own work and research how many of the things I have experienced and accomplished can be traced back to his influence and guidance. I am so grateful that he believed in me and took it upon himself to mentor me and encourage me to believe in my own abilities.

During my senior year at Geneva, Dr. Cruzan invited me to go with him and his wife to California for a 10-day research trip in the Mojave Desert. The one occasion that defined for me what Dr. Cruzan was all about happened on this trip.

We usually worked in the mornings and then hiked and explored the desert in the afternoons. Dr. Cruzan had a passion for the unique setting of the desert and he enjoyed hiking and climbing the mountains and rock formations. One day we hiked about three miles up to Ryan Mountain, one of the highest points in Joshua Tree National Park. After a pretty strenuous climb we reached the summit and beheld an amazing panoramic view.

As we stood there catching our breath and taking it all in, I remember looking over at Dr. Cruzan. He was standing on top of that mountain with a look on his face that seemed to say that he knew that this was where he was supposed to be. It said he was doing what he was meant to do, and he was content despite the obstacles he had to overcome to make it there. That picture has stayed in my mind throughout the years, and I see it in my mind's eye whenever I think about him.

Dr. Cruzan served the Lord through his work, protecting and caring for the creation. I have been blessed to have that kind of example in my life.

I don't know how the sights and sounds of heaven will compare to those on earth. But I know that Dr. Cruzan is exploring all that God has prepared for him and that he is enjoying the presence of the creator.

#### in conclusion

#### A DETOUR I NEVER THOUGHT I'D TAKE

#### by Kim Kennedy '78

Sometimes, we are able to choose a course in life and follow it, and things go according to plan. At other times, however, our sovereign Lord leads us down a path we would not normally choose. My life since college is an example of the latter.

Things started well enough. I married a guy I'd been dating for a while, and we lived in Annapolis.

I commuted to a wonderful press relations job in Washington, D.C., with a steel industry trade association. I loved interfacing with the media, scientists, engineers, and political leaders.

I gave that up three years later so my husband could enter seminary in Philadelphia. After he graduated, we took a job directing a home for—and living with—16 international students and their families. Two weeks after that we had our first daughter, Megan, and our second daughter, Bethany, followed a year and a half later.

The next few years brought financial and emotional strain. My husband started physically abusing me during arguments. Then I found a condom in the car. When I confronted him, he confessed to paying prostitutes (and not using protection half the time). We entered counseling. At the conclusion of one year's therapy, I saw no promise of change. I left a marriage of 10 years with two toddlers, no job, no home, and \$38.

Though a believer since I was 8 years old, I suddenly found I could not read—or even open—my Bible. How could God do this to me!

My daughters and I moved in with a single girlfriend. My parents watched my kids for two weeks while I pounded the pavement applying for jobs, welfare benefits, and food stamps. I filed for custody and child support. When I applied for free legal help, I was put on a 10-month waiting list.

Many Christians who had been close friends deserted me. Depression and devastation became my daily companions. I can remember eating nothing for two days straight. I moved off the couch only to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the girls when they got hungry. Love songs on the radio sent me into sobbing fits.

When my kids spent weekends with their father, loneliness took over. One Christmas in particular was painful. My daughters were with their father; my parents and siblings were six to eight hours away and I couldn't afford to travel. Some friends invited me for dinner on

Christmas Day, but I didn't know how to fill the rest of the time. Celebrating my birthday

alone on December 24 compounded the sadness.

In time, God sent compassionate Christians to help me. Some invited me to their homes or brought groceries from a food closet. I joined a Sunday school class for separated and divorced people at Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. We lived without a car for the next six years, but the Lord provided rides through friends, and

public transportation. Several lawyers, Tenth members, donated their time to help me during court hearings.

I started reading God's word again, and I learned that he is sovereign—even in these circumstances that I didn't choose.

Amazingly, I found myself in a position to comfort those who found themselves in similar situations, telling single moms about God's grace. I had credibility. I co-led divorce recovery seminars and single parent Bible studies and edited a single parents newsletter.

In this life, nothing is certain except God's promises. I've learned to rest in him in the midst of change. The things God allows may not be "good" things. His may not be the path we would choose. But he brings good out of it.

Kim Kennedy '78 lives near Philadelphia, where she works as program adviser for Eastern University's School of Professional Studies. She also leads her school district's Moms In Touch prayer group. In her spare time, Kennedy is an avid reader and enjoys freelance writing and gourmet cooking.

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