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**Senior Josh Earl  
Goes To Washington**

# A Tribute to Elizabeth Asche Douglas

Join Geneva College in celebrating one of its most endeared gifts, Elizabeth Asche Douglas, with a Tribute on June 21.

*Crux Jubilant*, painted by Elizabeth Asche Douglas, depicts God's gift to mankind, Jesus Christ. His salvation and eternal life through a saving knowledge of Jesus is extended to everyone who believes in Him. God's amazing gift of salvation is shared through the love and compassion of His obedient servants—servants like Betty Douglas.

Mrs. Douglas has expressed her gift in fine arts and influenced the lives of many people. For 30 years, Mrs. Douglas has impacted the lives of students at Geneva College through her grace, creativity, and inspiration. The students who experienced the humanities at Geneva under Mrs. Douglas' instruction enjoyed her gifts in sculpting, painting, writing, theatre and music. She freely shared her unique diversity in the arts to challenge the hearts and minds of many students.

As the college prepares to honor Mrs. Douglas, there is joyous anticipation and hope to commence the building of the Center for the Arts—a facility to honor the arts. The purpose of this building is to promote and to celebrate the arts in a manner that affirms creativity, inspiration, grace, and majesty.



As you reflect upon the immense value of the fine arts to our society, contemplate the beneficial gifts that people, like Mrs. Douglas, have shared with you. Please consider supporting the Center for the Arts at Geneva College and help Geneva to continue its efforts in the fine arts.

Honor Elizabeth Asche Douglas with Geneva College at the upcoming tribute dinner on June 21. For more information, contact Norma Lagios, director of special events, at (724) 847-6520 or e-mail [events@geneva.edu](mailto:events@geneva.edu). ♦



Douglas' piece *Crux Jubilant*





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## Dear Editor:

It is always good to read your magazine. The fall 2002 issue had one article which troubled me. Dr. Howard Mattson-Bozé believes Geneva was "semi-Christian" when he began his career.

Frankly, this comment does not square with my remembrance of four years at Geneva after W.W.II. Such a statement ignores the dynamic Christian leadership of Drs. J. C. Coleman, G. S. Coleman, C. M. Lee, J. S. McIsaac, A. C. Morrill, M. M. Pearce, J. B. Tweed, J. C. Twinem and G. R. Wylie.

One example was in the daily chapel where Psalms were sung, scripture was read and prayers offered by one of the professors. Dr. John McIsaac never failed to end his prayer with these words, "In death own and save us through our Lord Jesus Christ."

My memory, after fifty years, is not of a "semi-Christian" Geneva.

Sincerely,  
Dr. W. Dodds, '49

P.S. My wife and I were saddened to read Jane and Bob Hendrickson's letter (page 2) of the fall 2002 issue. The denomination which founded Geneva College has always stood for LIFE. During the Civil War they lost every congregation south of the Mason-Dixon line because of their pro-life stand. We are thankful Alan Keyes addressed your students. There are two choices: LIFE or DEATH; we choose LIFE.

## Dear Editor:

I just read the feedback from Jane (Rasmussen) and Bob Hendrickson, (page 2), fall 2002 magazine. In spite of the contradiction that they are pro-choice but do not "personally" support abortion, what a wonderful testimony they have given of Geneva's commitment to Biblical truths.

My daughter is a high school senior and has been accepted at Geneva for the fall term, 2003. We are choosing to consider Christian liberal arts colleges like Geneva specifically for their conservative, Biblical perspective. If I wanted my daughter to be taught tolerance at the cost of truth, I could send her to any one of many secular colleges and universities, and even some Christian colleges. If I want my daughter taught truth and Christian character from a Biblical worldview, my choices are limited.

Thank you, Geneva, for unashamedly having a man like Alan Keyes speak to the student body. Thank you, Geneva, for standing firm.

Sincerely Yours,  
Dawn Powell



## Correction:

The article "McCreedy Quietly Making History" from the fall 2002 issue states: The Golden Tornadoes also reached the American Midwest Conference (AMC) meet for the first time since joining the AMC four years ago.

It should have stated that the Golden Tornadoes [volleyball] reached the AMC.

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# From the President

Dr. John H. White

## Dear Alumni and Friends,

A trip to Washington, D.C. enabled me to interact with one of our students in the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCCU) American Studies Program who is doing an internship at the *Washington Times*. Remarkably, Josh has written several significant feature articles for the newspaper.

I have been listening to honors presentations by English, history, human resources, and engineering majors where excellent research within a Christian worldview is applied to everything: robotics, literature, and a current working environment.

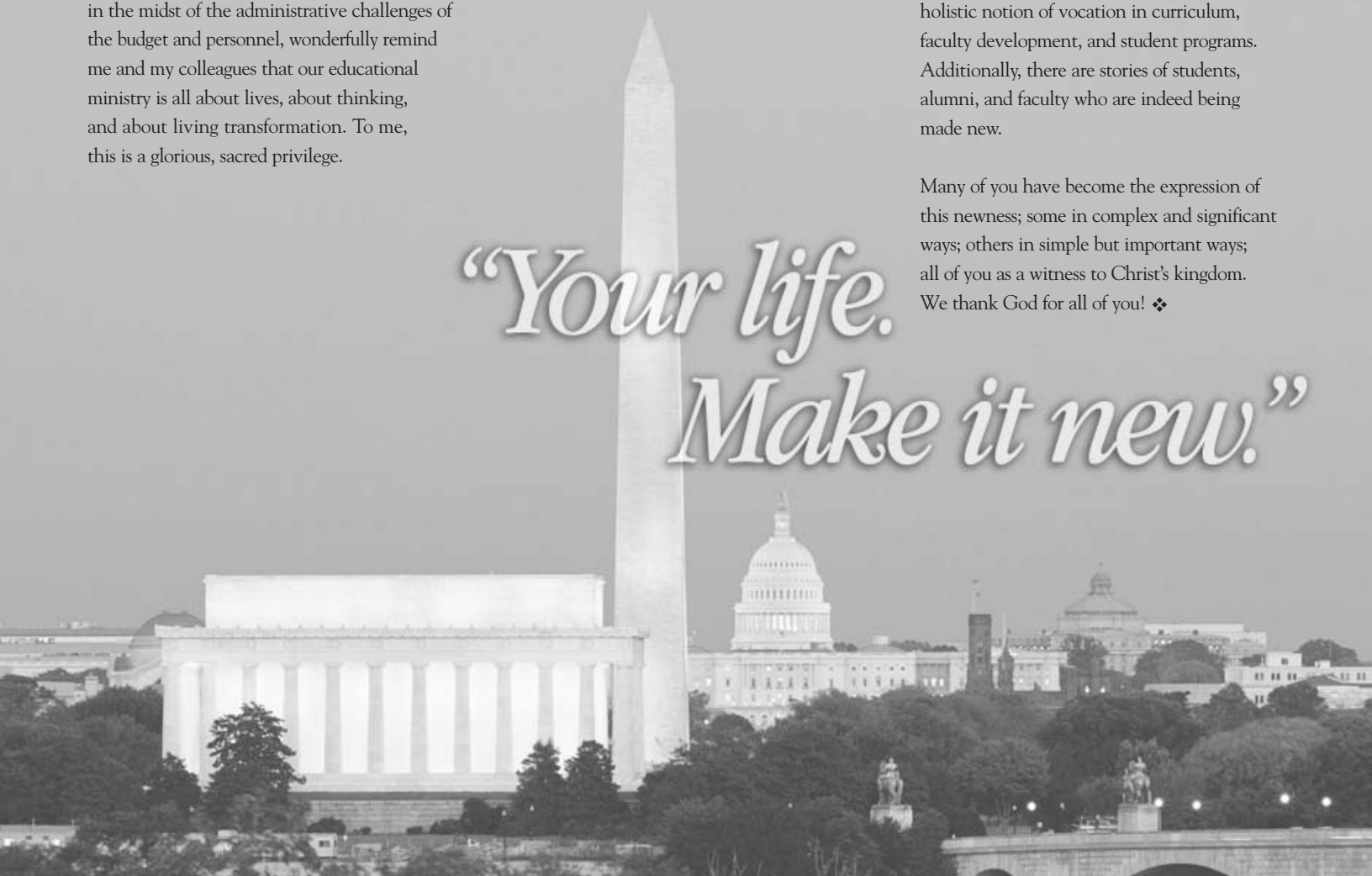
It is these among many other experiences that, in the midst of the administrative challenges of the budget and personnel, wonderfully remind me and my colleagues that our educational ministry is all about lives, about thinking, and about living transformation. To me, this is a glorious, sacred privilege.

You will see the phrase in Geneva's new literature and promotional material, "Your life. Make it new." We believe that this phrase succinctly conveys our mission commitment to "servant leadership" and to the call to "transform society for the kingdom of Christ." We desire to articulate in a fresh way that which was first expressed in the Foundational Concepts of Christian Education where we say that education "should lead students to grasp the foundation of learning so that they can live a life glorifying to God, confronting honestly and confidently the problem and challenges of new knowledge, and contributing to the welfare of society under God."

This issue of the *Geneva Magazine* will inform you of a funding for a program to develop the holistic notion of vocation in curriculum, faculty development, and student programs. Additionally, there are stories of students, alumni, and faculty who are indeed being made new.

Many of you have become the expression of this newness; some in complex and significant ways; others in simple but important ways; all of you as a witness to Christ's kingdom. We thank God for all of you! ❖

*"Your life.  
Make it new."*





# The Call

## \$2 Million Endowment Enriches Campus and Expands Student Opportunities

New opportunities for future faculty development, curriculum enrichment, student engagement, and ministry enhancement at Geneva College sound like an answer to a prayer. Faculty, students, and others now have the ability to fulfill purposeful and insightful ideas and projects they have that embrace the idea of vocation and calling.

This opportunity stems from Geneva College's receipt of a \$2 million grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., which initiates and enhances programs to help prepare a new generation of leaders for church and society. This grant, the largest that the college has ever received, will help students, faculty and staff explore ways in which faith affects life choices, particularly vocational decisions. Geneva College is one of 39 colleges and universities in the country, and the only one in Pennsylvania, to receive this grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc.

To apply for the grant, Geneva, as a four-year, church-related institution, had to provide evidence of current programs that encourage students to reflect upon how their faith commitments are related to their career choices and what it means to be "called" to lives of service. Citing the four required humanities courses, Geneva's Center for Higher Education and Faith, the partnership with the Coalition for Christian Outreach, a vibrant, visible biblical studies and youth ministry department, and a faculty who creatively emphasizes vocation and calling in the classroom, the college was able to exhibit avenues in which vocation and calling are already incorporated at Geneva.

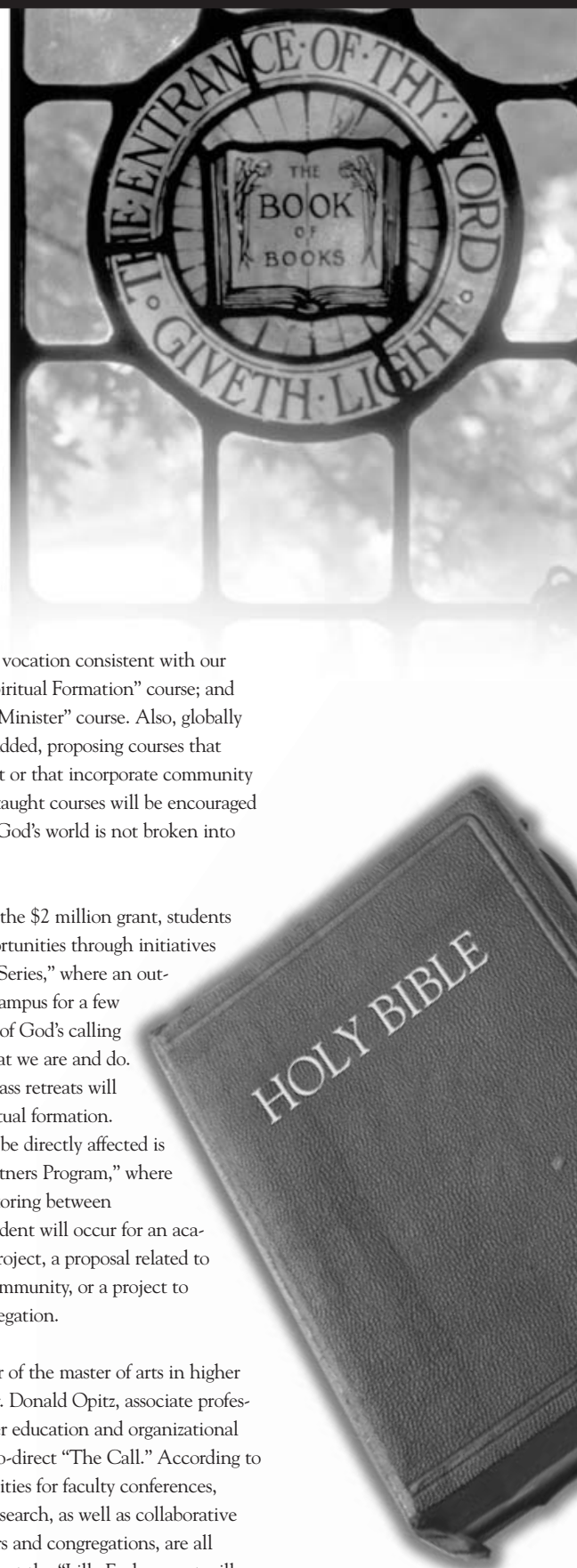
Geneva College's grant will support a comprehensive four-year program entitled, "The Call," designed to infuse the campus with a Christian concept of vocation. "The Call" will help students and faculty explore God's fundamental and life-directing calls for life in our times. President John H. White predicts that "this grant will enable Geneva to further understand and share the understanding that all that we are and all that we do finds fullest meaning in faithful response to God's call on our lives."

As a result of the grant, students will gain a more enriched curriculum through calling-enhanced courses, which will include a first-year course that explicitly includes

theological explorations of vocation consistent with our historic mission; a new "Spiritual Formation" course; and a new "Vocation of Pastor/Minister" course. Also, globally developed courses will be added, proposing courses that include a travel component or that incorporate community service. In addition, team-taught courses will be encouraged to display to students that God's world is not broken into unrelated pieces.

During implementation of the \$2 million grant, students will experience direct opportunities through initiatives such as "The Call Lecture Series," where an outside speaker will visit the campus for a few days to address the subject of God's calling on faithful service in all that we are and do. Also, annual sophomore class retreats will commence to explore spiritual formation. Another way students will be directly affected is through an "Academic Partners Program," where one-to-one academic mentoring between a faculty member and a student will occur for an academic project, a fine arts project, a proposal related to service in the college or community, or a project to improve the life of a congregation.

Dr. David Guthrie, director of the master of arts in higher education program, and Dr. Donald Opitz, associate professor in the master's in higher education and organizational leadership programs, will co-direct "The Call." According to Dr. Guthrie, new opportunities for faculty conferences, course development and research, as well as collaborative initiatives with local pastors and congregations, are all possibilities. Guthrie says that the "Lilly Endowment will give Geneva an opportunity to become what we can be, because of what we already are." ♦



# Welcoming S&E into the 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY

***Renovation of Geneva College's Science & Engineering Building (S&E) has begun to catapult the campus into the 21st century of science and technology.***

***Construction work on the \$10 million project started last June and should be completed by the start of classes this fall. S&E will also house the Denko Science Hall, home to the new Adams Chemistry Center, McMillion Biology Center, and Pinkerton Engineering Center.***

"This project is exciting because it represents an investment in the training of the next generation of scientists and engineers who share Geneva's vision and commitment," said Dr. John Stahl, faculty chair of the chemistry department and liaison between the campus and the architects.

The project includes a complete renovation of the infrastructure, regrouping of offices, and laboratory improvements and additions. S&E will be a 142-room building of 60,000 square feet when students return to classes next fall. Large scale technology projects and engineering classrooms have been relocated to Geneva's newest structure, the Rapp Technical Design Center (see "It's a Rapp" pg. 6), located next to S&E.

After a fire destroyed the Science Hall in 1926, a portion of today's S&E was built in 1928, and two additions were constructed in 1948. The building was officially named Science and Engineering during the addition and renovation in 1966-1968. In 1992 Geneva's administration recognized that S&E needed improvements, and by 1996 the college began a campaign to enhance S&E.

Old science laboratories dating back to 1948 served as the impetus for the renovations. As Stahl explained, "Laboratory facilities are an essential part of education of these students—they need hands-on experience and faculty mentoring that can only occur in such facilities."

The project is composed of four stages spanning from the summer of 2002 through the

summer of 2003. "The phasing is in a patchwork so we can still hold classes in the building during construction," Stahl said.

Phase one took place in the summer of 2002 and included renovating 12 rooms on the first floor. Phase two, during the fall of 2002, included rooms on all four floors. This semester has seen phase three, concentrating on rooms on the first and second floors.

According to Stahl, everything that is not yet completed by the end of phase three must be done in phase four—in the summer of 2003.

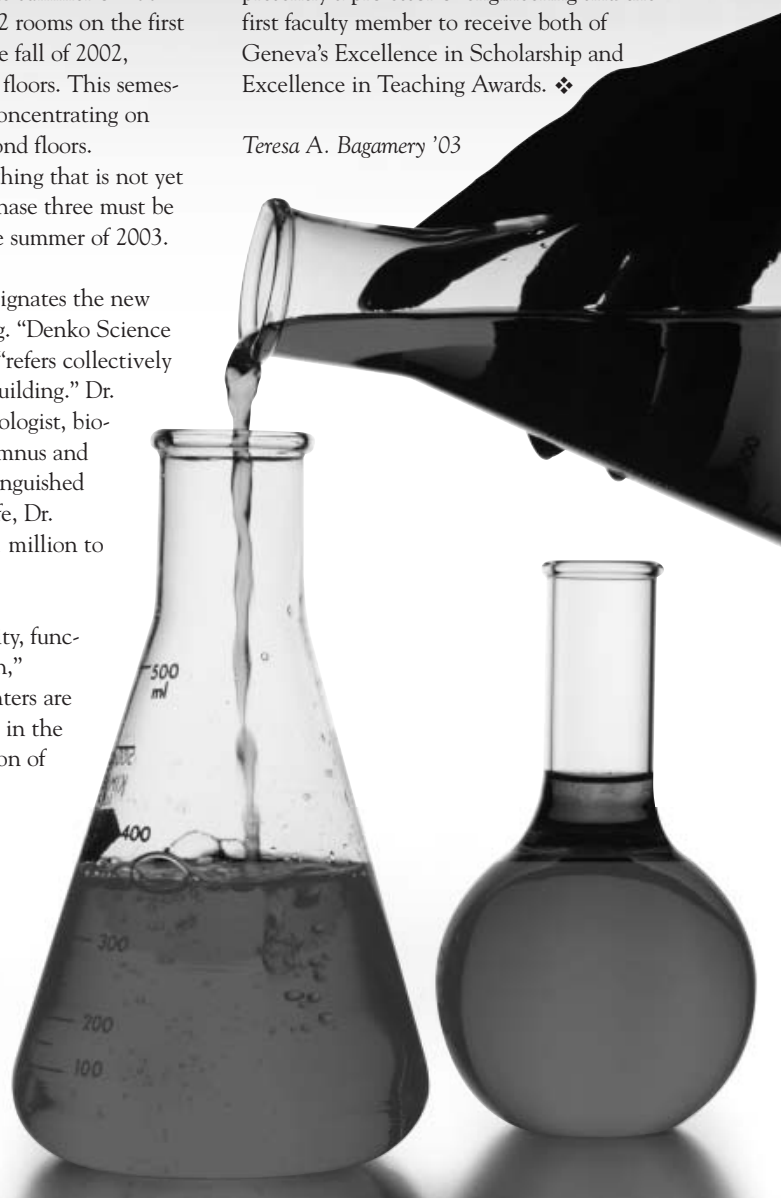
Outside of S&E, a sign designates the new centers within the building. "Denko Science Hall," according to Stahl, "refers collectively to all the sciences in the building." Dr. Charles Denko, a rheumatologist, biochemist, 1938 Geneva alumnus and recipient of Geneva's Distinguished Service Award, and his wife, Dr. Joanne Denko, donated \$1 million to the S&E Project.

"The Centers are for activity, function, learning, and research," explained Stahl. "The Centers are not clearly pinned to areas in the building; it's more a function of what's in the building."

The Adams Chemistry Center honors Dr. Roy Adams, professor emeritus of chemistry, whose wife and four sons are Geneva alumni. The McMillion Biology Center is named for the

late Dr. T.M. McMillion, professor emeritus of biology, who served Geneva students for almost 50 years. The Pinkerton Engineering Center honors Dr. John E. Pinkerton, presently a professor of engineering and the first faculty member to receive both of Geneva's Excellence in Scholarship and Excellence in Teaching Awards. ♦

Teresa A. Bagamery '03





# Expanding Beyond McCartney Library's Walls

"What are your hours?" It's the most commonly asked question of the McCartney Library staff. And now, technically, there is a new answer because Geneva students can now "go to the library" anytime without leaving their rooms or homes. "The Internet has allowed us to bring the library to students," says Dr. Gerald Moran, college librarian. "The library is no longer a place you just go to. It's a service without walls."

McCartney Library has undergone a huge expansion—cataloging the entire collection and making it easier for students to conduct research. The library began its metamorphosis in 1977 when Cataloging Librarian Marilyn Van Dyke began creating computer records for all the library's holdings. Systems Librarian Dr. John Delivuk began to convert paper and computer tape records into electronic records in 1988 so a computer could recognize them. Eight students spent three summers bar-coding every item in the library collection so they could be scanned.

The result is the ability for students to do much of their work outside of the library by logging on to [www.geneva.edu](http://www.geneva.edu) and selecting the library's QuickLink. Students can easily consult the *Oxford English Dictionary*, the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, and other specialized databases and full-text journals.

Users can determine which resources are available and whether an item has already been checked out. They also can reserve materials that are currently on loan with other patrons and renew materials themselves at their own computers.

That kind of convenience is particularly helpful for Geneva's Degree Completion Program, since students often work full-time and may have limited time to visit the campus.

"It cuts research time in half," says Dr. Moran. "Students can do some of the time-consuming searches at home, find out what's available, and make the best use of their time when they get here."

## Starbucks for Studying

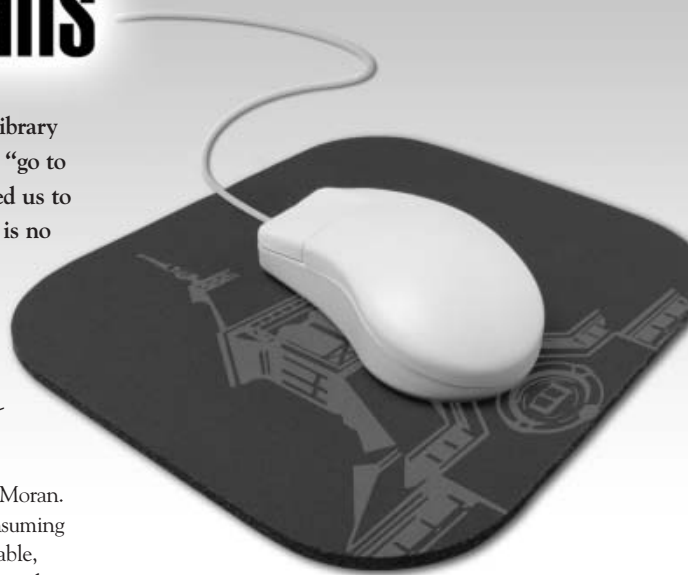
Remember the days of no food or drink in the library? That's all changed, too. In the new Library Gallery, a special area in the west reading room, students can relax in soft chairs and read magazines and books—while enjoying cookies and sipping coffee donated by Starbucks. This quickly became one of the most popular areas in the library with students and faculty alike.

## Changing Times

Every new book now published is available in a digitized format—an electronic copy that can be read on a computer. As traditional paper book

and magazine publishing is supplemented by "e-books" and "e-journals," the typical library reference room is changing. What previously was a room filled with books and card catalogs is now an area filled with computer stations.

The Internet has expanded the walls of the library to include virtually every home and business. While a lot has changed, some things never will. Nostalgic purists can still visit McCartney Library in person to hear the bell tower chimes. ❖



# It's a Rapp!



The Rapp family, Bill and Evelyn and their daughter Beverly '73, along with Dr. White and professor of engineering, Dr. Richard Harwood, unveiled the Rapp Technical Design Center during homecoming weekend in October.

Spring calls for new things to bloom, and the Rapp Technical Design Center has done just that. Housing its first semester of classes, the 8,000 square-foot facility is completely furnished with desks, equipment, and projects. Dr. Richard Harwood, professor of engineering, emphasizes that "the purpose of the center is to provide a facility where design work can progress from concept to prototype in one building."

Students experiencing Dr. Harwood's vision are pleased to be able fully to utilize all that the Rapp Technical Design Center has to offer. Sophomore engineering major David Grubb explains, "There is a large lab room where different projects can go on in the same space. Freshman can now see and be a part of upper classmen's projects." Due to the layout of the Science and Engineering building, this type of interaction was previously unattainable.

The Rapp Technical Design Center, Geneva's newest stand-alone structure is located in the former parking lot between S&E and Metheny Fieldhouse.

Gregory Imbrogno, junior engineering major, is excited about the center. As he said, "It is awesome, amazing, and just what Geneva needed." Greg plans on being among the first class of seniors who will find their senior projects effectively designed in the center and used in community businesses. "It is a great ministry and service opportunity."

The center is named in honor of William and Evelyn Rapp and their daughter Beverly Rapp, who is a 1973 Geneva graduate. The Rapp family has made significant contributions to Geneva throughout the years. ❖



# Freshman Bicycles from Massachusetts to Geneva

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Although most people consider walking five miles in the snow to school everyday an achievement, freshman Mark Schow can claim that he bicycled over 500 miles from his home to school to start his college career. Pedaling at roughly 15 miles per hour for 12-14 hours a day, Schow started in his hometown of Hanson, Mass., and arrived at Geneva five days later.

Inspired by a friend who biked across the country, Schow decided that, by pushing to the limit, this trip would be a good time to learn about himself. Schow spent at least 12 hours biking each week over the summer and never went longer than two days all summer without riding. Despite occasional 100-140 mile rides during the summer, this trip to Geneva was by far Schow's longest.

Schow's parents supported his trip as long as he had maps of his whole route and arrangements for hotels each night. Delayed, however, by the large mountain passes of Connecticut, Schow fell behind about 20 miles the first day and never gained back the distance, making him 20-30 miles shy from the hotels the following nights.

Schow was also 30 minutes behind time for his 6 p.m. deadline to arrive at Geneva ready for the Anvil leadership camping trip, prior to Freshmen Orientation. In order for him to shower and eat before 6 p.m., his parents, who followed him for the last hour, had to take him in the family vehicle the remaining distance from Mercer, Pa. to Beaver Falls.

A friend accompanied Schow the first day, but for the remaining four he traveled alone. Packed in two panniers (saddlebags), the only luggage he brought consisted of a change of clothes, food, maps and gear for cold weather or rain. Rising around 7 or 8 a.m., Schow rode each day until dark and slept in hotels for the night.

The only major close call on Schow's trip occurred the first day when he was coasting down a hill in the rain at close to 40 miles an hour. As Schow neared the bottom where the road curved, a tractor started pulling onto the shoulder toward the road at the same time a jeep was also driving in the lane near the shoulder. When Schow squeezed between the vehicles, his friend behind him said that there was less than a foot of space on each side of him.

Over the last two years, Schow has gained much of his experience through bike competitions, reaching the highest level of junior competition (for competitors 18 and under) in two national races in West Virginia and Vermont. In the 21-mile W. Va. race, Schow placed 37 out of 58, and in the 15-mile race in Vermont, the day before his trip to Geneva, Schow placed 44 out of 64.

"I live for the competition and just to see how far I can push myself," said Schow.

Schow's goal is to reach the pro level of cyclists, which is the top level and includes about 1000 members, though only about 30 of these are actually pro-sponsored. The rating for each level is based on the cyclists' racing results, and the competitors are promoted when they fall in the top 15 percent of a certain number of races. Out of the five categories of bikers, including novice, sport, expert, semi-pro and pro, Schow began the school year in the expert class, but with his 19th birthday in December, he became eligible to continue to the semi-pro group.

Schow got his first bicycle only four years ago but never biked seriously until he started his current job at a bicycle shop two years ago. Schow's coworkers, in fact, gave him the idea for his trip to Geneva in the first place.

When he is not training with Geneva's cross-country team, Schow, an engineering major, usually rides about three times a week around the Beaver Falls area and to local parks for mountain biking practice. Sometimes Schow rides with friends, but most have discovered they cannot keep up with him. ♦

*Katherine Barnett '03*

## Alumnus Relates Servant-Leader Experience to Geneva Grads

A Geneva College commencement is a time for graduates to rejoice, reflect, and contemplate the many changes that will occur in their future. On May 17, G. Reynolds Clark will address the graduating class of 2003. Geneva chose Clark, a 1965 graduate of the college, because "he is both an example of a successful Geneva graduate and one who embodies our mission," according to President John H. White.



Clark continues to be connected with Geneva College, serving on the board of trustees and as president of the Geneva Foundation. In addition, Clark is the co-chair of the KEEPING FAITH WITH THE FUTURE capital campaign at Geneva College.

Clark is the retired chairman of the CBS/Westinghouse Foundation. He steered the former Westinghouse Electric Corporation's community services for nearly 20 years as the executive director of corporate services and community affairs.

Clark currently serves as the vice chancellor of community and governmental relations for the University of Pittsburgh, where he heads the office responsible for managing the university's interactions with federal, state and local governments, and community organizations. Clark also serves the university as a board appointment officer.

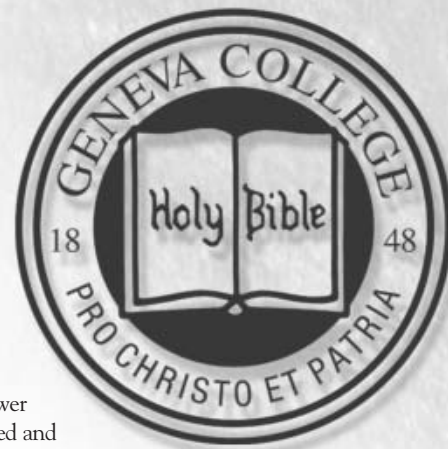
President White is confident that Clark will demonstrate "a life of experience as a servant leader" as he shares his experiences and insight with the graduating class.

Undergraduate commencement activities will take place on Saturday, May 17 at 10 a.m. Graduate school commencement ceremonies will be held on May 15 at 7:30 p.m. ♦

**Mark Schow (freshman engineering major) competes in a race the day before he began biking to Geneva in the fall.**



# JOHN BLACK JOHNSTON SOCIETY: Advancing Geneva's Mission



Romans 12:7-8 exhorts us: "If it is serving, let him serve;  
if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage;  
if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously;  
if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy,  
let him do it cheerfully."

John Black Johnston, Geneva's first president, paved the way for the college by serving, teaching, encouraging, contributing, leading, governing, and showing mercy. Geneva College was founded on April 20, 1848 in Northwood, Ohio. Originally named "Geneva Hall," the college opened with two faculty and 42 students, under Rev. Johnston's leadership.

From its location today in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, Geneva College continues to cultivate John Black Johnston's vision through the promise of individuals. By contributing lifetime gifts of at least \$500,000, these individuals are leading Geneva College in advancing its mission, and are recognized for their sacrificial giving with induction into the John Black Johnston Society.

Those who have demonstrated the spirit of Romans 12:7-8, in their devotion to Geneva College, have given their time, talent and treasure at a significant level—in the same spirit that inspired John Black Johnston. At Homecoming 2002, the John Black Johnston Society was established when a bronze clock, positioned in the middle of the campus, was dedicated in honor of the inaugural class of donors.

## The John Black Johnston Society 2002 Inductees

Ralph B. '22 & Sarah J. Alexander  
John & Emma C. (Chirra '34) Blandford  
Florus W. & Esther B. (Sutherland '27) Gordon  
Eugene F. '36 & Margaret Moltrup Jannuzi  
Joseph & Beth R. (Robb '50) Lamont  
William & Blanche (Cook '39) Lushear  
W. Clair '29 & Melba (Brown '29) Merriman  
Earle R. & Cecil S. (Smith '26) MacLaughlin  
Charles W. '47 & Elda V. Perz  
The Pew Charitable Trusts  
William E. & Evelyn P. Rapp  
James I. & Marjean W. (Wilson '46) Wallover  
Matthew J. & Anne C. Wilson

**Members of the John Black Johnston Society were inducted during Homecoming weekend in October with a ceremony in the middle of campus where a clock was installed to commemorate their dedication to Geneva's mission. Professor Emeritus Dr. David Carson recounted Geneva's founding.**

Also on Homecoming Day, the Tower Society, founded in 2000, recognized and honored individuals, foundations, businesses, organizations, and corporations that have recently made significant contributions to Geneva College. Society members are those who have given Geneva gifts totaling at least \$25,000. The new inductees saw their names added to the commemorative wall found in the Old Main foyer.

## The Tower Society 2002 Inductees

Fred W. Dixon '12  
John O. '31 & Ida L. Edgar  
Ford Motor Company  
Kenneth E. '63 & Dee A. Hartman  
Margaret Bell '30 Huddleston  
Martha L. Hutcheson '58  
Agnes A. Knowles  
The Lilly Endowment, Inc.  
Athur E. & Rebecca S. Macartney  
Ronald B. '41 & Emily P. (Parker '41) Mackall  
John N. & Mary Louise (Lurting '43) Sawyer  
Gail P. '34 & Martha Smith  
The UPS Foundation  
Jeffrey '79 & Kathleen Hayes Wildrick  
Helen M. Willson '35  
Thomas P. & Shirley Woolaway

Geneva recognizes and congratulates those in both the John Black Johnston and Tower Society who have demonstrated a shared commitment to excellence in Christian higher education. ❖





# "Program Changers"

## Sisters Erica and Erin Exler Change the Look of Geneva Softball



*When former head women's softball coach Chelle Fuss was recruiting Erica and Erin Exler (Cheswick, Pa.) she knew they were the type of players who could turn around an entire program.*

Four years later, Fuss has proven to be a visionary as the state of Geneva softball has certainly changed since the siblings arrived on College Hill. Prior to Erica Exler's arrival during the 1998-99 school year, Geneva's softball team had won a total of 105 games in the previous 14 years it competed on a varsity level. In just the past four years, the Golden Tornadoes have won 104 games.

Erica Exler was the first of the two sisters to come onto the Geneva scene. In Erica's freshman season of 1998, Geneva recorded a 28-21 record, a new single season mark for Geneva, as Erica was named a second team All-Conference performer and the American Midwest Conference (AMC) freshman of the year. On the mound, Erica recorded a new school record with 149 strikeouts to go along with her school record 15 victories.

The next season, Erin Exler began her collegiate career with Geneva, and the sisters helped Geneva to a 25-14 record, including the school's first ever visit to the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) National Tournament. In that season, Erica broke her own school record by securing 16 victories on the mound, while Erin hit .356 with five home runs and 26 RBI. A second team All-Conference performer, Erin was also named to the AMC All-Freshman team. Erica was chosen as a first team All-Conference selection.

The 2001 season, the last time Erica and Erin played together, saw the Golden Tornadoes set a new standard. Despite a heartbreaking extra inning loss in the Region 9 title game, Geneva College won a school record 29 games in what is considered the best season in school history. Erica was 9-6 on the mound, while posting 135 strikeouts. Erin was among the top ten in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA) with her .441 batting average to go along with five home runs and 36 RBI. Both Erica and Erin were named to the AMC All-Conference first team.

In what was supposed to be Erica's senior season, the 2002 campaign turned out to be quite a disappointment. Tearing her hamstring during fall workouts, Exler was forced to take a medical red shirt and sit out the entire season.

Without her sister, Erin didn't seem to miss a beat. Erin hit .421 with four homers and 29 RBI while once again being named to the All-Conference first team. Although Geneva did not qualify for the post-season, it did achieve its fourth consecutive 20-win season.

With the 2003 season upon us, Erica and Erin are both healthy and will ironically and most fittingly end their historic careers together. Over the past four seasons, Geneva has compiled a 104-71 overall record, mostly due to the contributions of two women and their commitment to Geneva softball. Erica holds school records with an overall pitching record of 40-24 and incredible 398 strikeouts. Erin has a career batting average of .412 (139-337), which includes 14 home runs and 91 RBI.

"It is incredible to think about the contributions that these ladies have made to Geneva softball," said Van Zanic, Geneva's new head coach. "To look at where Geneva softball is today to where it was, say, five years ago, is simply mind boggling. Geneva is a perennial contender in the AMC and a lot of that success has to do with Erin and Erica."

The Exlers have more than proven to be standouts on the softball field and in the classroom on Geneva's campus during the past four years. True examples of student-athletes, they have worked hard in every aspect of their college careers. One thing that each would like to accomplish before graduation is a conference title. Not since the 2001 season have they played on the same field together. If all goes well in 2003, it could be another historic season for Geneva softball and for two young ladies who, together, have put Geneva softball on the map. ♦

Van Zanic '93



# Geneva's SUPERFANS

College football in western Pennsylvania means winter coats, stadium blankets, and a quiet cheer as fans thaw out their purple lips. Geneva College football, however, means something else; something big, bold, bare-chested, and better than ever. Geneva's own "wild and crazy guys"—the SuperFans, set the standard for audience participation and embody the definition of fanatics.



"Our purpose is to make it more of a lively atmosphere and get people into the game and support the football players; to get more appreciation to the team," said Chris Grant (junior, pre-professional psychology, one of the original SuperFans.)

Scott Pearce (junior, engineering), who was disappointed by how quiet fans were at the football games his first semester at Geneva, is credited as the creator of SuperFans.

"Third game of the (2000 fall) semester, Dave Work (sophomore, pre-professional psychology) and I bought footballs, cut holes in them, wore them on our heads, and painted our faces," said Pearce, describing the genesis of SuperFans.

Although SuperFans started with only two members, by the end of the 2000 football season there were enough members to spell-out "Geneva" on their chests.

The eight students considered as the original members, and as this year "usuals" at football games, are Pearce, Work, Grant, John Buffington (junior, engineering), Bryan Doreian (sophomore, chemical engineering), Kyle Kennedy (junior, engineering), Nick Ritenour (junior, engineering), and Dan Schmidt (junior, engineering). Steve Necaster (junior, political science) was also one of the first members but played football this season. "Coach (Eugene) DeMarco loves the SuperFans; if he wasn't coaching, he'd be a SuperFan," said Necaster.

Coach DeMarco, Geneva's athletic director and head coach of the Golden Tornado football team, said, "The SuperFans have really added to the game atmosphere at Geneva; our student body needs to know just how much their participation helps on game day."

SuperFans start preparing for home football games about an hour before game time in the women's lounge of Geneva Arms, said Pearce. Costumes include a Batman mask, worn by Grant, glittery tights, worn by Kate Trueblood, (freshman, biology), and a clown wig, worn by Pearce. Members paint letters on the males' chests and on the females' shirts.

"Three or four girls joined the SuperFans last year," said Pearce. "This year, there are usually six female SuperFans per game," said Trueblood. A more modest attire is, of course, a necessity.

Homecoming 2002 holds the record for most SuperFans at a football game. Pearce's goal has been to spell out on chests and shirts "Fight Geneva, Fight Geneva, Fight Geneva, Fight;" the popular chant. His dream was almost realized at the October 5, 2002 homecoming game.

"We had 27 people; nine were girls," Pearce said. "We were missing a full 'Fight Geneva' (i.e., the final 'Geneva Fight' section of the cheer)."

Necaster said the "ultimate goal" of the SuperFans had been for Dr. John White, President of Geneva College, to sit with the SuperFans. That desire was fulfilled on game day November 9, 2002.

"He [President White] came down right before the game started," explained Pearce. "He put his hand up and wanted us all to put our hands on his. He told us he would say, 'We Win' and then we would all shout, 'We Win!'"

President White did even more besides leading an opening cheer with the SuperFans; "Third quarter I asked him to come down [to where the SuperFans sit in the bleachers]," Pearce said.

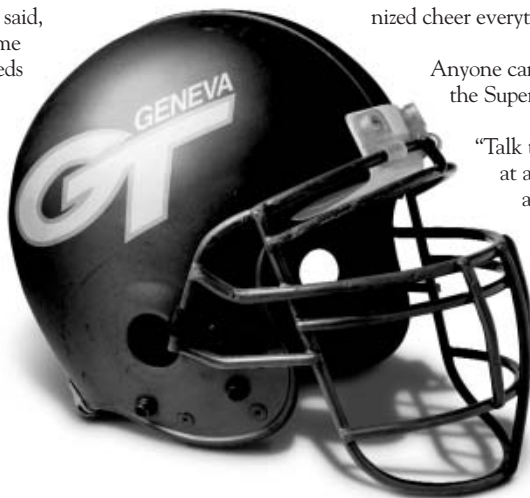
"He came down and did the first-down count," a synchronized cheer everytime the GTs make a first down.

Anyone can participate in a football game with the SuperFans.

"Talk to us to become a member; show up at a game," Grant said. "We don't turn anyone away."

In addition to football games, SuperFans, wearing "SuperFans" tees, sit together at home-basketball games. ♦

Teresa A. Bagamery '03





# Fall Sports Recap

Geneva's fall athletic teams ended their seasons in very impressive fashion. The football team won its third National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Victory Bowl, the women's volleyball team made the American Midwest Conference (AMC) play-offs, the men's and women's soccer teams enjoyed successful campaigns, and the men's and women's cross country teams fared very well on both the conference and national levels.

Geneva's football team rebounded from a 3-5 start to end the campaign on a four-game winning streak and an overall record of 7-5. The culmination was its third NCCAA Victory Bowl title in six years. Geneva traveled to Minneapolis, Minn., to take on Northwestern College at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome. The Golden Tornadoes won the game 19-9 and added another championship banner to the trophy room.

In addition to its success on the field, Geneva partnered with Northwestern College to raise hundreds of dollars and donate hundreds of canned goods for needy families in the Minnesota area. The NCCAA made special recognition of the commitment to character within the football program.

Senior wide receiver Marko Thomas set every receiving record in the Geneva record book and finished his career as one of the best players in school history. Thomas, Mark Villella, and Josh

Mullen all received First Team All-Conference honors. Junior Dave DeChellis was a conference and an National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA) scholar-athlete.

## Soccer

Geneva's men's and women's soccer teams both finished the season with 9-11 records. The men's team placed three players on all-conference teams, while the women had two players honored for their field performance. Rebecca Stewart, who broke Geneva's single season goal record and finished the year with 29 tallies, was named a first team All-Conference selection and the AMC freshman of the year. First year head coach Bryan Drotar watched his team make a six game turnaround in the victory column from last season.

## Volleyball

Geneva's women's volleyball team finished fourth in the AMC regular season, the highest single season finish since Geneva joined the conference. Head Coach Wendy Smith guided her team to its second consecutive 20-win season, which is only the second time in school history that feat was accomplished. Geneva won its first AMC play-off match with a victory over Urbana University in

the first round of the post-season tournament. Two of Geneva's players were honored as All-Conference performers.

## Cross Country

Geneva's women's cross country team had a great fall. Ranked as high as 20th in the NAIA national poll, the women finished fourth at the AMC championships and 6th at the NCCAA national meet. Becky Carter qualified and ran at the NAIA national meet and finished 45th, the best finish for a Geneva woman in school history. Heidi Rickard was named an NCCAA All-American for her 13th place overall finish at the national meet. Carter and Rickard were also named NAIA and NCCAA academic All-Americans, while Ashley Adams and Alison Alessi were named NCCAA academic All-Americans.

The men's cross country team also competed well throughout the year. After winning their season opening meet at Thiel, the Golden Tornadoes ran in the top five in the next six meets. They concluded the season with a 6th place finish at the AMC meet and a 9th place finish at NCCAA nationals. Joe Floris, Seth Miller and Steve Olivieri were named NCCAA academic All-Americans.

The men's and women's cross country teams were both fourth in the NCCAA All-Scholar team rankings. Both teams had group GPAs over 3.35. ❖



Several members of Geneva's NCCAA championship football team display their Victory Bowl banner following a 19-9 victory over Northwestern College, Minn. The victory, which took place in the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, was Geneva's third Victory Bowl title in six years.

## Alumni Profile:

# Sam Boyle

1905-2002

Dr. Samuel E. Boyle '29 had a connection with Geneva College that perhaps no other alumni could boast about, for he arrived on the Geneva campus on September 24, 1905, the first day of his life. He was born on campus in North Hall, a men's residence hall that stood between the McCartney Library and Old Main until it was demolished in the late '40s. Born to the North Hall house parents, Sam spent the early years of his childhood living on campus.

Dr. Boyle died on September 30, 2002, leaving behind a legacy of mission work that spans nearly a century.

James Faris, a friend of the Boyle family, recently eulogized Sam as he remembered his life. Following are excerpts from his remarks:

*Covenanter missions work in China had just begun a little over a century ago, and a dear woman in America with a missionary heart began to pray fervently, like Hanna of old, for a son who would serve God as a missionary in China. In 1905, God gave her that son, whom she named Samuel following Hanna's footsteps ...*

*Sam grew up in a poor, but hardworking Christian family that loved the Lord Jesus Christ. Sam was a sharp-minded little rascal with an eye for good times and more than a few pranks.*

*His career as an artist began in church—he drew pictures in the Psalters during the services. After a few weeks of drawing, an announcement was made from the pulpit asking the offender to erase his work—Sam's mortified mother listened in utter humiliation.*

*In high school, Sam honed his abilities as a cartoonist through a correspondence course and began a promising career as a political cartoonist with the Topeka Daily Capital. In later days, Sam would see God open doors for the gospel in foreign lands through his pictures. Synod would be entertained, and hundreds of children would always remember Sam's ability to incorporate any line into a complete picture. But in his early days Sam was full of himself as a cartoonist—far from his mother's secret prayer that he go to China.*

*Then God broke Sam's young heart through the preaching of Will Robb, a missionary to China. He preached from Mark: 8. "What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and loses his soul?"*

*Sam turned to Jesus Christ that week and said in tears that he was willing to do "whatever God wants"—the dominant theme of his remaining years ...*

*God put the nation of China on Sam's heart in the early 1930s, and Sam went there by faith in 1934. As he prepared to leave for China, his mother finally told him of her secret prayer of over 30 years. Untold thousands have heard the gospel and responded through Sam's faithful years of ministry there and later in Japan ...*

*Sam loved to preach God's word wherever he happened to be in God's world. The greatest story of Sam's preaching came when preaching through an unbelieving interpreter in Japan. It was not his preference to use an unbelieving interpreter for preaching, but it was the best he could do.*

*Speaking of Jesus, Sam proclaimed, "On the third day, Christ rose from the dead!" The interpreter responded, "They're never going to believe this."*

*"Say it anyway," replied Sam. Sure enough, that man himself was converted soon after that event. Sam boldly preached the gospel of King Jesus to princes in Washington, D.C., with the Christian Amendment Movement, and to paupers, the world's poorest on the mission field. God gave Sam grace to be firm in his convictions and tactful in his*



One of Sam Boyle's illustrations, a self-portrait.

*approaches as he preached the whole counsel of God and the Kingship of Christ over men and nations. He preached it in season and out of season. Without a doubt, God used Sam as one of the greatest influences for good in the Reformed Presbyterian Church in the twentieth century ...*

*Now, Sam's life on this earth has ended and he has gone to be with the Lord. Yet the testimony of what God did in and through his life still speaks clearly today ...*

*It challenges us to proclaim the supremacy of Jesus Christ over every man and nation, and it especially challenges young people to consider the claims of Jesus Christ, to give up every aspiration to earthly fame, to give up every love for earthly comfort and laziness, to submit to King Jesus, throwing everything into His fire, giving themselves as yielded vessels and being ready to do "whatever God wants." ❖*



# Supporting Geneva College

Richard B. '47 & Jean C. Weir

*For 44 years I was an English teacher, and teachers make a steady, but not high pay. Looking back, I realize that Geneva College prepared me effectively for my career. I wanted to thank the college for what it did to help me, but we could not afford to. After we both retired, my wife and I looked for ways to give to Geneva. One of our sons also graduated from Geneva, and that made us want to help even more. Our three children have all been self-sufficient, so when the nest was empty we began to save. Finally, we managed to be able to make our gift, but we still needed the interest from that investment to enable us to make ends meet on retirement pay. So we decided to give that money as a charitable gift annuity. This way we have the satisfaction of being able to help the school and at the same time keep our accounts in the black.*

*I have a degree from the University of Wisconsin, and we both have degrees from New York University. Each of these universities asks us to give, and asks insistently. Yet the first is a large state school with all the backing of the government, and NYU is the largest university in the world. One more reason for us to support our small college is that it is the only one of the three to stand for the Word of God. We are very pleased to be able to give, at least this once, to Geneva College.*

As a way to make a gift to Geneva, the Weirs have purchased a charitable gift annuity. This



annuity provides them with an absolutely guaranteed stream of payments for their lifetimes. These payments enhance their retirement income, while the residue, after their death, will directly benefit Geneva College.

If you would like to know more about annuities or other ways of giving to Geneva, please contact W. Davis Smoot, Director of Charitable Estate Planning at (717) 284-5831 or [wds moot@geneva.edu](mailto:wds moot@geneva.edu); or Virginia Humes '68, Director of Alumni Relations and Planned Giving Officer at (724) 847-6525 or [vmhumes@geneva.edu](mailto:vmhumes@geneva.edu). ❖

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## Geneva Community Recognizes Two Educators

Each year Geneva College awards a faculty member with the "Excellence in Teaching Award" and another with the "Excellence in Scholarship Award," based on nominations made by members of the college community. A committee comprised of students and faculty makes the final selection.

Dr. Paul Kilpatrick, associate professor of English, achieved the "Excellence in Teaching Award" based on his classroom teaching ability, educational leadership, creative teaching methods, and program development. Enhancing the educational climate of Geneva College, Dr. Kilpatrick deserves the award because he not only teaches material, but also interacts with it, and in doing so he encourages students to think divergently about the course material. According to one student, "I've had three classes with Dr. Kilpatrick, and after each one I have walked away with knowledge that has shaped who I am as a person." Dr. Kilpatrick's colleagues agree. As one said, "His interdisciplinary travel courses have been extremely well organized and effective. The courses he has developed are creative and thorough."

Last spring, Dr. Kilpatrick provided the opportunity for over 25 students to learn intensely about the culture of Puerto Rico and travel to the island over spring break. Because of the success and growing popularity of the earlier trips, Dr. Kilpatrick has organized two travel courses, one to Ireland and another to Arizona.

Dr. David Essig, associate professor of biology, gained the "Excellence in Scholarship Award" based on his demonstration of scholarly depth in his discipline, which has significantly enhanced the intellectual climate of Geneva College. On campus, ensuring compliance with federal standards, Dr. Essig organizes and supervises the campus animal laboratory. He also directs Geneva College's cardiovascular technology program at Fairfax Hospital in Virginia.

Outside of college endeavors, Dr. Essig published two articles in the past year, in the *American Journal of Physiology* and the *FASEB Journal*, focusing on muscle deterioration. Dr. Essig also continues to do research on genes in the retina under a multi-year National Institutes of Health grant and serves as a manuscript reviewer for the *American Journal of Physiology* and the *Journal of Applied Physiology*, two of the leading journals in his discipline. ❖

# SAM SIPLE

## Named Advancement VP at Geneva

President John H. White has announced the appointment of Sam Siple to the position of vice president for institutional advancement. Siple, who has worked at Geneva since 1997, served as the school's interim VP last year as a nationwide search was conducted to fill the position.

"We realized we had the best candidate in our own backyard," Geneva's President Dr. John H. White said about Siple's promotion. Previously Siple served as the college's executive director of public relations & marketing. "Sam's understanding and passion for Geneva, as well as his track record for building relationships by sharing our vision, made him ideal for this new job," White continued.

Siple received his bachelor's degree in broadcast communications from Geneva in 1985, and later earned his master's in organizational leadership at the college.

Giving leadership to the area of institutional advancement, he is now responsible for fundraising, alumni relations, public relations and other initiatives promoting the development of Geneva. "There's nothing better than sharing with others a passion for what Geneva's all about," said Siple. "This is an exciting period in the growth of Geneva as we successfully complete our capital campaign this year and launch into the next phase of developing the life of college." He is filling the vacancy of Harold Hazen, Geneva's former institutional advancement vice president, who departed in 2002 for a similar position at Taylor University.

A resident of White Township, Pa., Siple is the father of two children: Madison, age 10, and Sammy, age 6. Active in the community, Siple also serves on the boards of the Beaver County Chamber of Commerce, Beaver County Children & Youth Services and Beaver Falls Business District Authority. ❖



## Student Profile: Sarah Boyle

Another Boyle generation has made its way to Geneva. Following in the footsteps of her grandfather, who was born on Geneva's campus; then her father (William '76), mother (Carol Tweed '77), brother (Matthew '00), and many aunts and uncles, senior Sarah Boyle from Shawnee Mission, Kans., will graduate with a major in biology.

When asked what it is like attending a school where so many relatives have gone before, Sarah points out, "I have some of the same teachers my dad had, and he likes to tell me stories about some of the faculty who taught him when he was a student."

Sarah is particularly interested in forensic science, a field that includes DNA testing and blood analysis frequently used in criminal investigative work.

"When I was in high school, I watched several autopsies and found it very interesting. I've also taken a field trip to the Allegheny County Crime Lab in Pittsburgh and have toured the morgue and lab facilities.

"I like the idea of working with people, helping to solve crimes, and giving families closure knowing what may have caused a death," says Sarah, who hopes to earn a master's degree once she graduates from Geneva.

In her lighter moments, Sarah likes to crochet, watch movies, and play intramural basketball. She also works as a lab assistant in the biology department. ❖



# Dr. Harry Farra:

## Communicating through Teaching, Preaching and Writing *Brings 40-Year Career to a Close*

Born on a leap year at the end of the Great Depression, Dr. Harry Farra, who is retiring after four decades of teaching communications at Geneva College, gained his transcendent values from his family. "My father drowned when I was in the third grade. That left a large, empty hole in our family life," Dr. Farra reflects. "My mother was a common worker, a cook in a small restaurant and a department store clerk. We were poor and had to scrounge for a lot, but we got by. I grew up on Spam in a thousand forms and my other favorite, fried baloney sandwiches with ketchup."

"In many ways, my values are those 'be-attitudes' driven into us from the Great Depression: be good, be hopeful, be honest, be responsible, be helpful, be truthful, be a good neighbor, be in church, be hard-working, be a good American, be respectful, be grateful, be loyal, and be yourself. These values and experiences greatly affected my approach in the classroom."

Joining the Geneva community as a communications professor in 1962, Dr. Farra began sharing these "be-attitudes" and other valuable experiences, including his interest in preaching and education, with his students. Dr. Farra has preached short-term at 50 different churches. He received a bachelor of arts in communication from Northwestern College, Minn., a master's in speech communication from the University of Minnesota, a master's of divinity in theology from Bethel Seminary, and a doctorate in rhetoric and speech from The Pennsylvania State University.

Students who have experienced Dr. Farra through his involvement in drama, communications classes, missions trips to Haiti, counseling, mentoring, consulting, and preaching have noticed certain themes:

"A *Christian* liberal arts education is integrated, balanced and whole;"

"Reading, learning and thinking can be exciting experiences;"

"The classroom, for students, is the real world, not simply a rehearsal for living;"

"Human potential is boundless; people are unique and can do the impossible, with God's help;" "Anything and everything we do involves some form of communication."

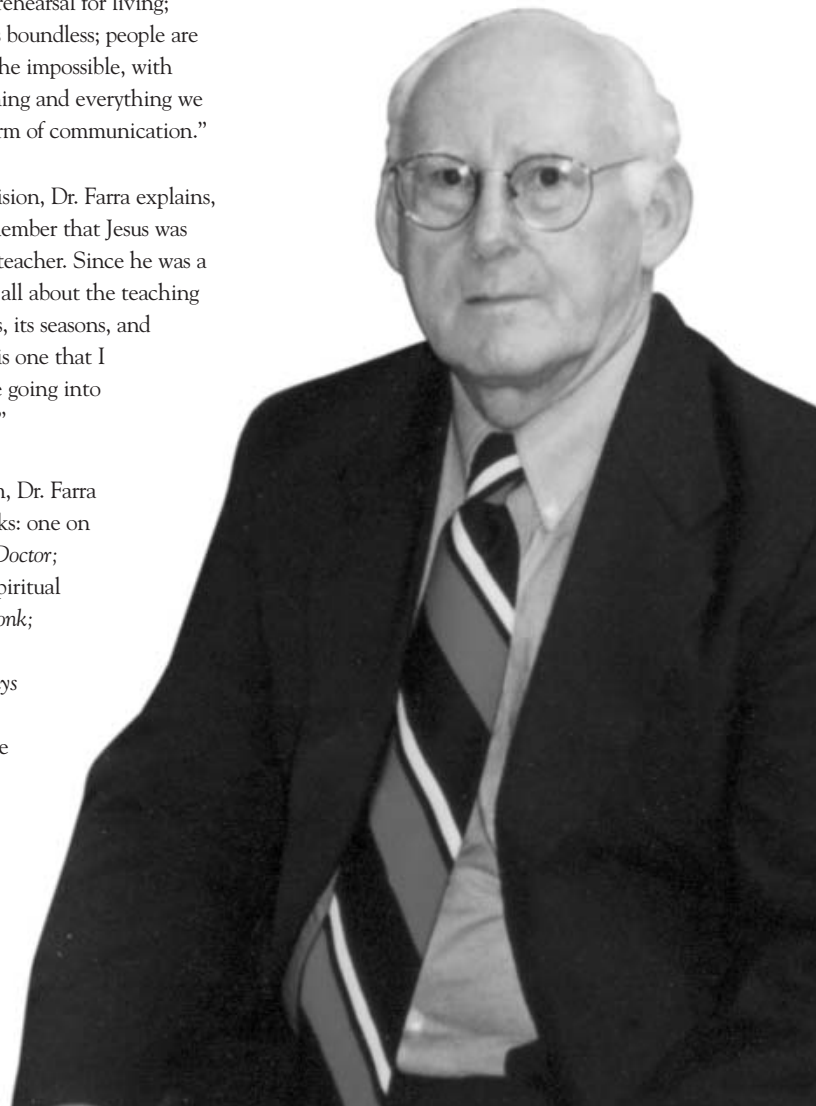
Retaining his positive vision, Dr. Farra explains, "I've always tried to remember that Jesus was also a teacher, a master teacher. Since he was a teacher, he understands all about the teaching life, its joys, its problems, its seasons, and its purposes. His model is one that I would suggest to anyone going into the teaching profession."

Outside of the classroom, Dr. Farra has published three books: one on preaching, *The Sermon Doctor*; one on prayer and the spiritual disciplines, *The Little Monk*; and a book on spiritual formation, *The Early Days of the Little Monk*. The "little monk" books have been translated into Slovak and Korean.

Currently Dr. Farra is putting the finishing touches on a Christmas book titled, *The Christmas Rose* and has begun writing another "little monk" book. In addition, Dr. Farra is working on a second preaching book, *Pulpit Excellence*, incorporating principles and strategies used by Dr. Clarence Macartney, in whose honor Geneva College's library was built. Dr. Farra says, "God has blessed my teaching and writing. For me, writing is another form of teaching, just as preaching is."

At the close of the 2003 school year, Dr. Farra will retire from Geneva College. He plans to continue many of the things he already does: writing, preaching, perhaps some teaching, and consulting with Christian organizations in the area of communications. On the personal side, he wants to travel more and enjoy his friends, especially his best friend—his wife, Vonnice, to whom he has been happily married for 45 years. ❖

Petra Kessler '03



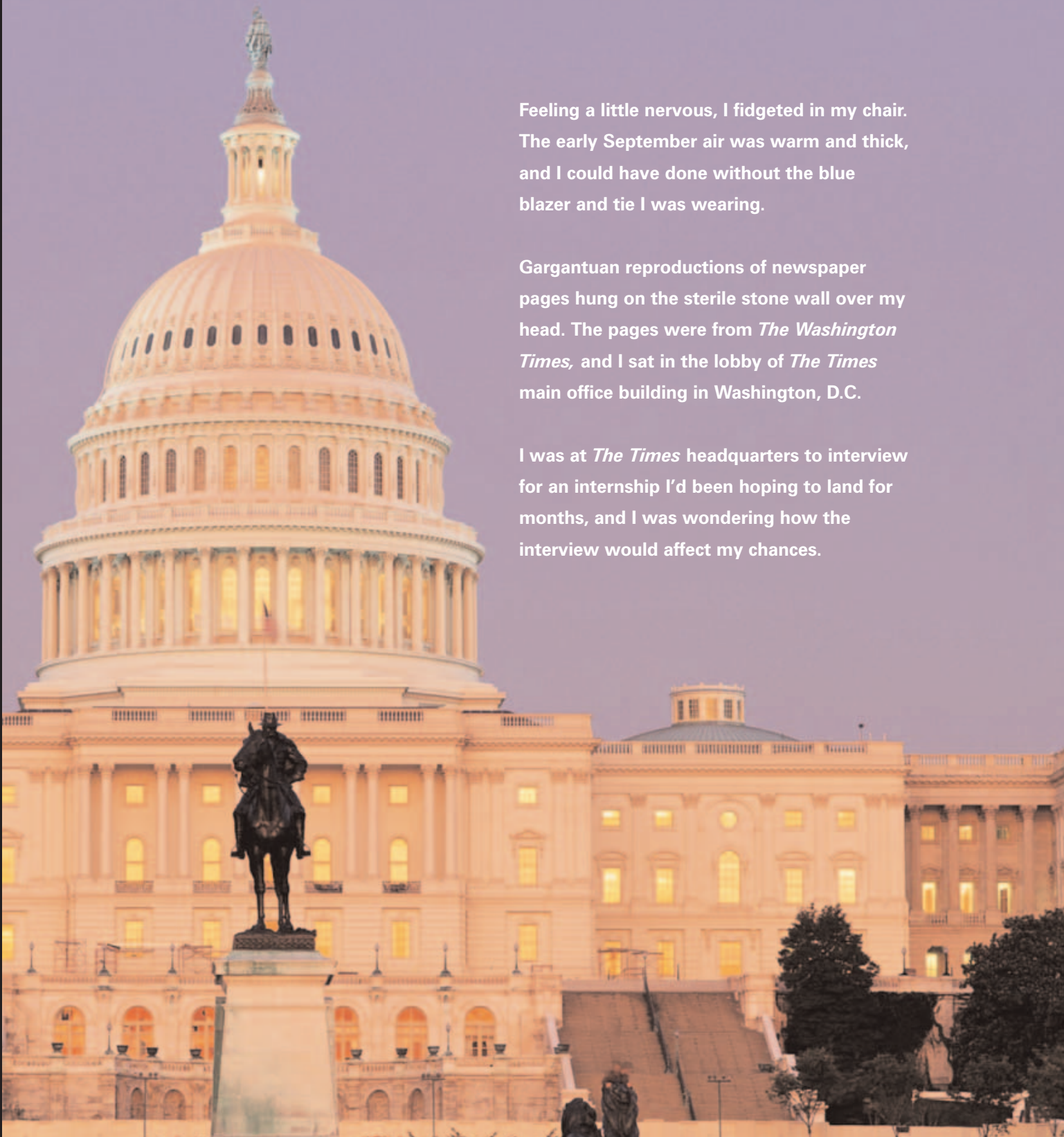
# Experiencing the District

## Senior Josh Earl Goes to Washington

Feeling a little nervous, I fidgeted in my chair. The early September air was warm and thick, and I could have done without the blue blazer and tie I was wearing.

Gargantuan reproductions of newspaper pages hung on the sterile stone wall over my head. The pages were from *The Washington Times*, and I sat in the lobby of *The Times* main office building in Washington, D.C.

I was at *The Times* headquarters to interview for an internship I'd been hoping to land for months, and I was wondering how the interview would affect my chances.





A few minutes later, national desk editor Ken Hanner walked through the double doors. In his powder-blue polo shirt, pea-green slacks and pinstripe blue suit jacket, Hanner was everything I'd expect a newspaper editor to be: sharp as a tack but tactlessly dressed.

Hanner showed me to my cubicle, located between veteran reporters Jerry Seper and Cheryl Wetzstein. Bill Gertz, said to be one of the country's best military and defense reporters, sat two desks over.

Hanner invited me to the daily 4 p.m. news meeting, where a dozen or so editors gather to decide what hundreds of thousands will read the next day. Perched on a filing cabinet, I watched in fascination as tomorrow's front page took shape.

Apprehensions nibbled at me as I rode the bus back to Union Station. I was set to start the following Monday. Was I up to the task of writing for a major metropolitan daily?

My internship at *The Times* was part of the semester I spent last fall at the American Studies Program. Established by the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCCU), the program gives students a chance to study public policy in the District's rich environs, while experiencing first hand the Washington work world.

A semester at the American Studies Program (ASP) is different from a typical college term. ASP's mission is to develop in students a vision for taking their biblical faith with them into the work place, and the faculty designed the curriculum with that goal in mind. The program blends academics with real-world experience, taking advantage of its location only eight blocks from the Capitol building.

The ASP was a semester-long pilgrimage outside my comfort zone. The D.C. ghetto is a country mile from the rural Ohio township where I grew up, and many aspects of city life—public transportation, a never-ending stream of panhandlers, grifters and vagrants—were new to me.

So was crime. Despite swarms of blue and white squad cars, Washington maintains one of the highest crime rates of any city in the country. That fact was reinforced for the students by a rash of four gunpoint muggings early in the semester. A thief backed one ASP student up against a car, jammed the muzzle of his gun in her throat and stole her laptop, CD player and cell phone. The Beltway sniper shootings in October also contributed to our unease.

While safety was always a concern, most of our time our thoughts were on work. Lots of work. We spent 20 to 25 hours a week at internships with the White House, offices in the Senate and House of Representatives, several non-profit organizations or, in my case, at *The Washington Times*. The rest of our time we divided among classroom lectures, exploring the city, digesting the readings and working on ASP's legendary (among students) research projects.

Public policy is not the only topic ASP addresses. Classroom time is split between policy lectures and talks on philosophical and theological topics. A major emphasis of the program is connecting theory with practice, and the policy issues—this semester we studied immigration and the threatening war with Iraq—serve as a foil for the theoretical issues raised by the faculty and in our assigned readings.

In one unit, for example, we were to consider what the concept of biblical justice would look like when applied to a facet of the U.S. immigration problem. Ideas have legs, as one guest lecturer reminded us, so our job was to try to see the practical consequences of the theories we were considering. And along the way we would gain a significant pool of knowledge about a specific piece of policy.

The research projects attacked these goals in several ways. The papers were relatively short—less than five pages—but they were required to be highly condensed, without the usual college student “fluff,” so they required us to reconcile our policy recommendations with our theoretical conclusions. The massive annotated bibliographies we compiled, often longer than the papers themselves, also had to show how theoretical considerations influenced our thinking.

For my first paper, I considered the issue of giving legal immigrant status to those who had evaded the lawful immigration process. Does granting amnesty to illegal aliens line up with the Bible's definition of justice? The question raised others: Should U.S. policy seek justice only for its citizens or for all people? Does justice mean enforcing the law or uplifting the downtrodden? My roommates and I spent many evenings debating different angles of these questions.

The faculty also emphasizes “sidewalk research,” so our assignments required us to interview people who make and influence decisions on the issues that we studied.

These interviews, while causing endless amounts of stress for the students, were beneficial. Through them, we learned to negotiate the city and work within the ponderous Washington bureaucracy.

We learned some lessons the hard way: For one interview, I failed to do my homework beforehand—I was unaware that the person I was meeting had written several books on the subject—and the expert dismissed me curtly from his office.

Sometimes guest lecturers from government offices, think tanks and advocacy groups visited our classroom, but often we convened at off-campus sites. We had briefings at the Pentagon, State Department and in the Senate and House office buildings.

While class work was demanding, most of the challenges I encountered in Washington came at my internship. Depending on where they work, ASP interns have different levels of responsibility. One of my roommates, Clint Doña from Biola University in California, reviewed case files for small-time juvenile offenders as part of his internship. Another of my roommates, Ben Dowling from Montreat College in North Carolina, spent most of his time filing papers and making copies.

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**“I'd made new friends and contacts. Most significant, though, were the hours I spent thinking about what my faith in Christ means in the work place and my attempts to act out those beliefs.”**

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*The Washington Times* treats its interns like entry-level journalists; I spent most of my time reporting and writing stories. I was assigned to the culture page, a portion of the national section then edited by Julia Duin. The culture page has a vaguely defined mandate to cover the areas where politics, religion and popular culture intersect. The page has some of the longest stories in the national section—up to 30 “column inches” in newspaper parlance, or about the length of a four-page college essay. This affords reporters a break from the harsh discipline of newspaper writing, which boils intricate stories down to a few hundred words.

The work environment at *The Times* was fast paced and demanding—but enjoyable. Watching newsbreak was exhilarating. For example, in early October, I tagged along to a press conference with George Archibald, *The Times* silver-haired investigative reporter.

Archibald took me to the National Press Club, where Erika Harold, the new Miss America, would meet the Washington press corps for the first time. An inside source had told him that Miss America was being forced to abandon her pro-abstinence message for a more politically correct youth violence prevention platform.

A polite bulldog, Archibald persisted with his questions, angering Harold's handlers. His aggressiveness paid off when Harold confirmed the story. After the article came out, pageant officials caved and Miss America was again allowed to speak on abstinence.

None of my stories made such a stir. They ranged from the mundane—researchers releasing a report that stated the obvious—to the controversial—a Christian group asserting that homosexuality is a preventable disorder—to the outlandish—a businessman in Illinois sending telegrams to the afterlife.



“As I look back on my experience, one thing stands out to me now despite my initial uncertainty: My Geneva education prepared me well for my semester in the District.”

A national newspaper like *The Times* doesn't print fluff, and my stories had to meet the editors' demanding criteria. Having my work picked over by several editors was an entirely new experience for me.

Editors are an idiosyncratic bunch; ask a question, and you'll usually get a response that combines almanac trivia with obscure grammar and rules of style (complete, with exceptions) and concludes with the admonition, “But you might want to check on that.”

Every editor had a different set of pet peeves, and I sometimes found myself caught between warring factions. One editor would “suggest” a certain change, which I would make, only to have another editor change it back to the way I had originally written it.

Mostly, though, they taught me better writing: Cut the clutter. Be specific. Check and double check. Talk to people who observe events first hand not just pontificating experts.

My internship also provided me with a lab where I could test many of the theories I heard in the classroom. ASP required all of us to keep a daily journal in which we reflected on the circumstances we encountered and how they related to our studies in the Bible and philosophy.

As I look back on my experience, one thing stands out to me now despite my initial uncertainty: My Geneva education prepared me well for my semester in the District.

I'd heard stories from other ASP alum: Never worked harder, one said. While the assignments were hefty and time consuming, I felt up to the task. The writing assignments were tough, but not more so than writing political science papers for Geneva professors Dr. Eric Miller or Dr. Jay Neikirk. My internship proved challenging, but the situations were often the same ones I'd faced in miniature on the student newspaper.

When the semester ended and I headed home, I took with me several intangibles. I'd learned to cope in a big city. I had a portfolio full of articles I'd written and the experience of writing them. I'd made new friends and contacts. Most significant, though, were the hours I spent thinking about what my faith in Christ means in the work place and my attempts to act out those beliefs.

In the notes from my first ASP class is a quote from Alasdair MacIntyre: “I cannot answer the question, “What ought I to do?” until I have answered the question, “Who am I?”” Washington D.C. and the American Studies Program helped me realize who I am. ❖

Josh Earl '03

*Josh Earl is a senior political science major at Geneva College, a fellow of the World Journalism Institute and the editor-in-chief of The Cabinet, Geneva's student newspaper. After graduation this May, Earl plans to pursue journalism professionally.*



# Geneva Profile:

## Joy Jewell



Rock climbing. Doppler radar. Two thousand chicken wings.

Joy Jewell (Morgan '68) has undertaken many *unusual* assignments in her work at Geneva.

So it's really hard to imagine that as an incoming freshman, the current vice president for student development and dean of students thought she was too "timid" to live on campus.

But her experience helped develop the sensitivity that Joy Jewell brings to her work with Geneva students—particularly incoming freshmen.

Joy's mother recognized that as salutatorian of her high school class, Jewell had the potential for academic success. "My mother wanted me to attend college, but I was very timid, so I started as a commuter. As I became more involved in activities, I realized it would be easier if I lived on campus, so I eventually moved," she said.

After graduation and spending many years teaching in a variety of schools, Jewell returned to Geneva for an assignment that combined some unlikely areas. She spent ten months as director of career development while teaching communication classes, coaching the speech team and serving as advisor to the fledgling aviation program. Aviation?

"The program was in its infancy and the students needed an advisor," said Jewell. "I took them to the airport and to other flight facilities for specialized training. I learned a lot about Doppler radar—what it was and how it worked."

It's that willingness to serve wherever needed that makes Jewell so successful in her work. "Working with students really pumps me up," she said. "I enjoy seeing the light in their eyes and watching them accomplish something they didn't think they could do."

In 1987, she was named associate dean of students, giving up the aviation program and career development. But she continued coaching the forensics team—leading them to the state debate finals, and undertook the student orientation program. Quite a change from the shy young woman reluctant to live on campus. Jewell refined the orientation programs—developing a one-credit success class required of all incoming freshmen.

"We now walk alongside new students helping them with time management, spiritual development, learning skills, and conflict resolution" said Jewell. "We also help them understand what it means to be part of a community." Enter 2000 chicken wings and a Geneva beach.

"At a recent opening picnic for new students, we had a beach vacation theme—"Jamaican Me Crazy." We made surfboards from plywood and asked everyone to bring a beach towel, which was spread out on campus—creating a sort of patchwork quilt beach.

"The point was that the towels were totally different, although some overlapped—like the people at Geneva. We asked students to look around. Their towels were directly across from some and directly touching others. It helped underscore the point of diversity," says Jewell.

Other activities during the orientation program included portable rock climbing and bungee jumping. These team-building activities help new students get to know each other and forge relationships. "It also gave them quite an appetite," said Jewell. "Afterward, they devoured 2000 chicken wings."

Attendance at orientation activities is required, but students aren't forced to do anything they may be uncomfortable with. "It's part of helping us demonstrate that everyone doesn't have to be the same to have a place here," said Jewell. "We're each unique, but we're all part of the community in some way."

Joy and husband, Paul, '67 who worked as Geneva's director of alumni relations from 1968 to 1976, also are active speakers for CORE, the Center for Organ Recovery and Education. Paul received a successful heart transplant in 1993, and the Jewells work to encourage organ donation. They also team-teach in Geneva's Degree Completion Program.

Joy's mother probably never imagined years ago that her "timid" daughter Joy would end up in a job where she encouraged students to climb rocks and bungee jump—all in the name of learning to be a good student. But as Joy's granddaughter says about her, "That Mammy is full of surprises!" ♦

**"Working with students really pumps me up. I enjoy seeing the light in their eyes and watching them accomplish something they didn't think they could do."**

Debbie Melone '78

## News & Notes

### '30s

**Dr. John McStallworth '36** was featured in an article in the *Dayton Daily News* which recounted his years of service as an educator, most recently at Wilberforce University where he still teaches part-time. He and his wife live in Wilberforce, Ohio.



### '40s

**Dr. Vivian (Davidson '43) Hewitt** represented Geneva College at the inauguration of Lee Bollinger, new president of Columbia University. Hewitt's collection, "Celebration and Vision: the Hewitt collection of African-American art," began a national tour at the von Liebig Art Center in Naples Fla., in January.



**Eston Husted '49**, Ross Andrusko (former Geneva professor), and Steven Miske '76 attended the Victory Bowl (Geneva 19; Northwestern 9) in November at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minn.



Eston Husted, Ross Andrusko, and Steven Miske

### '50s

**G. Theodore Coene '52** is a financial advisor for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. He's a member of National Association for Insurance and Financial Advisors, Million Dollar Round Table, and National Association of Fraternal Insurance Counselors. He and his wife Louise live in Redondo Beach, Calif.

**George Westerlund '55** of Palmyra, Va., writes book reviews for *Library Journal*. He is retired from the Providence Public Library.

**Angelo Frangopoulos '56** is an engineer with Dave Zimmerman International. He and his family live in Colonial Heights, Va.

### '60s

**William Steel '61** of Freedom, Pa., has been elected to serve on the Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees. He is Pennsylvania state grange master and a member of the Beaver/Lawrence County Farm Bureau.

**John Hnath '63** of Mattawan, Mich., retired after 38 years with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources where he served as a fish health specialist and certified Fish Pathologist (American Fisheries Society, Fish Health Section).

**G. Reynolds Clark '65** is vice chancellor for community and governmental relations at the University of Pittsburgh. He was previously president of the Westinghouse Foundation. He and his wife, Linda, live in Pittsburgh.

**Father Rodney Torbic '65** and **Paul Vukas '65** traveled to Serbia as part of a tour group organized by Popadija Svetlana Zaremba of the St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in Midland, Pa. Twenty-eight people were in the group. Father Torbic serves at St. George Orthodox Church in Carmichaels, Pa.



**John '68** and **SallyAnn (Dunbar '68) Miller** along with their daughter Anna were featured in an article appearing in the September 3 issue of *Woman's World Magazine*. The Millers live in Spartanburg, S.C.

### '70s

**Katharine (McMillan '72) Dennis** works for the Scottsdale Healthcare Foundation in Scottsdale, Ariz. She and her husband, Doug, live in Cave Creek, Ariz.

**Mary (Mateer '72) Farrer** works as an administrative assistant at KBI in Windber, Pa., and as director of music at Trinity Lutheran Church, Somerset, Pa., where she resides.

**Donna Petro '72** of Danville, Ky., works at FKI Logistex Automation Division as an installation support supervisor. She serves as acting youth director, Sunday school teacher, and participates as a soloist in adult choir.

**Hollie (Smith '72) VanHorne** has published numerous books in a series called Time Travelers. Her books include *Reflections at Toddsville*, *Wild Roses for Miss Jane*, *McKnight's Revenge*, *When We do Meet Again*, *The Diary of Jean-Jacques Coudier*, and *Portrait of Lydia*. In addition to writing, she also presents a complete lecture series. She and her husband, **Bruce '72**, live in Columbiana, Ohio.

**Gay (Burrows '72) Varner** taught in public school for 16 years and now works in the public library. She lives in Virginia Beach, Va.

**Lutitia (Myles '75) Clipper (MSOL '00 #010)** is a system process improvement specialist at Dominion Peoples Natural Gas Co. She is enrolled in a doctoral studies program at the University of Pittsburgh. She and her husband, **Ernie '94 (DCP #034)**, live in Pittsburgh.

**Dr. Steven Garber '76** after many years with the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities in Washington, DC, the last several as its Scholar-in-Residence, has been invited by Calvin College to become Fellow and Lilly Faculty Scholar. In addition to the opportunity to work on a book, his work will focus upon the mission of Calvin as a college, serving as the eyes and ears across the curriculum from academic affairs to student life to the chaplain. With his wife Meg (Elliott '73), their children and chickens, he continues to live in Virginia where he still serves as senior fellow for the C.S. Lewis Institute and fellow of the Wilberforce Forum. (Yes, this means he commutes between Washington and Grand Rapids, Mich., several times a month!)

**David DeWall '78** of Erie, Pa., has earned industry certification – Certified NetWare Engineer and Microsoft Certified System Engineer. He was recently appointed to the executive board of the Technology Council of northwestern Pennsylvania. He works for Erie Insurance Group. He serves as an elder in the Faith Reformed Church.

**Randy Singer '78** authored the novel, *Directed Verdict*, published by Waterbrook Press. He serves on the board of legal advisors for the American Center for Law and Justice, a public service law firm that defends religious freedom both in the United States and abroad. He serves on the North American Mission Board in Atlanta, Ga., where he lives with his wife, **Rhonda (Pursifull '75)**, and their two children.



**John T. Petures, Jr. '79** was recently named president of the arthritis Foundation's northeast Ohio chapter after a 23-year career with United Way organizations in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Ohio. While holding various development positions with the United Way, he assisted with campaigns that raised over \$750 million since 1980. Formerly of Monaca, Pa., he and his wife, Cindy, and their three children currently reside in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

### '80s

**Donald Cowart '80** who holds a doctorandus in theologie degree from the University of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (Kampen, the Netherlands), and pastors the New Holland Christian Reformed Church in South Dakota.



**Dr. Henry Lindner '80** after living and working in Turkey and Saudi Arabia for 12 years, has retired as a physician to become a philosopher. He and his family live in Falls, Pa.

**Dr. Anne (Ladrach '81) Harper** serves as the Tuscarawas County health commissioner and medical director of the Tuscarawas County Health Department. She and her family live in Mineral City, Ohio.

**Eric Hall '85** is director of finance with Wright Commercial Products in Frederick, Md., a manufacturer of commercial lawn mowers and accessories.

**Carl Emerick '86** has joined Sentinel Wealth Management, Inc. in Reston, Va., as a senior financial advisor. He serves clients by providing financial planning and investment management services on a fee-only basis. He is also pursuing a master's degree in financial planning. The Emericks live in Herndon, Va.

**Dr. Jeffrey Shaw '86** works as a staff physician for University Physicians & Surgeons in Huntington, W. Va., and is an assistant professor on the faculty of Marshall University School of Medicine. He and his family live in Huntington.

**David Goodboy '87** is a financial publisher, index futures trader. His hobbies include watch collecting, fishing, reading, and automobiles. He and his family live in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

## '90s

**A.J. "Rick" Vaccarelli '90 (DCP #004)** received the Renee Brown Award, the Employee of the Year Award for 2002, from WQED Multimedia. Rick is executive director of sales and underwriting for WQED Multimedia which includes WQED TV, Radio, Internet, and *Pittsburgh* magazine. He and his wife live in Monaca, Pa.

**Don '91 and Donna (Stewart '91) Briggs** manage their own business in Titusville, Fla.

**D. Craig Dean '91** teaches social studies at Corry Area Senior High School in Corry, Pa., where he and his family reside.

**John Fry '91** successfully defended his doctoral dissertation, titled "Reading, Reform, and Rural Change: The Midwestern Farm Press, 1895-1920" and graduated from the University of Iowa in May with a Ph.D. in history.

**Charles S. Kovach '91 (DCP #009)** is facilities designer in the facilities and material handling systems for FedEx Ground in Moon Township, Pa.

**Ray VanSickle '91** is looking for alumni who worked in productions at the Bagpiper during the 1980s and 1990s. He can be contacted at [rayleevan-sickle@yahoo.com](mailto:rayleevan-sickle@yahoo.com).

**Curt Creely '92** is the corporate counsel for Liquidmetal Technologies, a Tampa-based public company. Curt resides in Tampa.

**John Gallo '92 (MSOL #011 '00)** is executive director of BIG (Beaver Initiative for Growth), a non-profit economic development organization whose aim is to foster growth in Beaver County. John and his wife, **Christine (Hoffman '94 & M.Ed. '02)**, live in New Brighton, Pa.

**Gina (Madia '92) Stropkaj**, who earned an M.A. degree in speech-language pathology from the University of Pittsburgh, is employed by The DePaul Institute in Pittsburgh as the coordinator of the speech & language preschool program and summer speech clinic. She is actively involved in her church choir and also enjoys reading, scrap booking, and crocheting. She and her husband, **Mark '89**, live in Verona, Pa.

**José Lockward '93** is project manager at Costa Nursery Farms, Inc., a major national supplier of ornamental and bedding plants. He and his family live in Miami, Fla.

**Chad Baumgartner '94 (M.A. Higher Ed. '99)** is director of professional development at Questeq. He and his wife live in Pittsburgh.

**Frank R. Prestia Jr. '94** of Ellwood City, Pa., has earned his certified valuation analyst designation. The CVA certification recognizes certified public accountants that value non-publicly traded companies for gift and estate planning, buy-sell agreements and divorce engagements. He is president and chief executive officer of Prestia Consulting, LLC, in Ellwood City.

**Rebecca Myers '95** is working as a technical writer in the engineering research and development department of education, Luminex Corporation in Austin, Tex.

**Robert E. Scholz '95 (M.A. Psychology)** works within student affairs at the University of California-Irvine, Calif.

**Jeffrey Schindel '95 (DCP #050 HR; MSOL '99 #007)** has been named executive director of public relations and marketing at Geneva College.

**Jean Walker '95 (DCP #052 HR)** of Cabot, Pa., was voted president-elect of the Pennsylvania Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. Walker is director of financial aid at Butler County Community College.

**Julie (Miskolcse '97) Evanish** works in the global cash management division of Mellon Financial Corporation. She and her husband live in Ambridge, Pa.

**Linda Gibb '97 (DCP #078 HR)** earned a master of science in human resources management from LaRoche College, Pittsburgh, in May.

**Jacquelyn Jeffrey '98** is employed as a speech-language pathologist for Seneca Valley School District in Cranberry, Pa. She lives in Gibsonia.

**Rev. Kenneth E. Johnson '98 (MSOL #005)** was installed as the pastor of the Carrone Baptist Church in the Homewood section of Pittsburgh. He and his family reside in the North Hills.

**Dr. Carrie Judy '98** received a doctor of medicine from Penn State University School of Medicine in Hershey, Pa. She is a captain in the Air Force and is doing her three-year residency at Eglin Air Force Base in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., in family practice. She is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society.

**Elise Turner '99** works at the Liberty Center in Pittsburgh and is enrolled in a graduate program at Robert Morris University in information systems.

**J. J. Schidemantle '98** teaches world history at Etowah High School. He and his family live in Acworth, Ga.

**Sarah Zwinger '98** is the assistant director of admissions at Waynesburg (Pa.) College. She is working toward her master's degree in communications and information systems at Robert Morris University, Pittsburgh. She resides in Sewickley, Pa.

## '00s

**Nicholas C. Bruich '00 (DCP #119 HR)** retired in September as Lt. Commander of Allegheny County station at Pittsburgh International Airport to accept an appointment from the Secretary of Transportation, Norman Mineta, to become the federal security director for the Transportation Security Administration at Yeager Airport in Charleston, W.Va. He is also responsible for the federal security of Tri-State Airport in Huntington; Woods County Airport in Parkersburg; Harrison-Marion Airport in Clarksburg; and Morgantown Municipal Airport in Morgantown.

**Jennifer Jamison '00** of Mauldin, S.C., earned an M.S. in chemistry at Bucknell University. She works as a nuclear magnetic resonance chemist at Cryovac/Sealed Air in Duncan, S.C.

**Jennifer Weir '00** is accounting and database manager for the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCCU) in Washington, D.C., where she resides. She also serves as treasurer for the Anchor Fellowship R.P. Church.

**George Ciganik '00 (DCP #117 HR)** earned a master of science in human resources management from LaRoche College, Pittsburgh, in May.

**Carissa (Bair '01) Anjard** is working as an elementary reading teacher for Rockingham County (Va.) Public Schools. **Daniel Long '02** works as a family services worker in the same school district. The Longs live in Harrisonburg, Va.

**Tara Clark '02** is employed by the Navy Facilities Engineering Command, Southern Division in Charleston, S.C. She lives in Hanahan, S.C.

**David Glosser '02 (DCP #149 HR)** was promoted to operations manager of Furniture Box, an RLV Services company headquartered in Archbold, Ohio.

## Down the Aisle

### '70s

Ginger T. Gilbert to **Terry L. Norris, DMD '74** on February 16, 2001.

### '80s

**Tracy L. McMahon '88 Miller** to Michael James McKee on March 12, 2002.

### '90s

**Grace A. Moran '94** to Ryan C. Bailey on August 17, 2002.

**Lisa M. Bidwell '99** to **Raymond D. Hammond III '01** on October 6, 2001.

**Sarah Karns '99** to **Andrew Warner '02** on June 22, 2002.

### '00s

**Allyson Moore '00** to Robert Gulish on December 14, 2002.

**Carissa S. Bair '01** to Steven A. Anjard on June 30, 2002.

**Elisa Fragello '01** to **Todd J. Witterman '02** August 25, 2001.

**Faith Noack '01** to **Benjamin Burchfield '01** on December 28, 2001.

**Allison Green '01** to **Andrew Dennison '97** on November 23, 2002.

**Erika S. Hemphill '01** to **Jason D. Fluharty '02** on August 10, 2002.

**Shannon L. Stiefel '01** to 2nd Lt Jeffrey Swartzlander on June 8, 2002.

**Melissa L. Tepke '01** to **Daniel E. Long '02** on September 28, 2002.

**Tammy J. Allen '02** to **Jonathan C. Shebish '02** on December 21, 2002.

**Julie Elizabeth Reed '02** to **Steven Michael Rossi '02** on September 1, 2002.



**Nicole Terebayza '03** to **Thomas J. Keller '01** on December 29, 2001.

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## Future Alumni

### '80s

Francesco "Frank" to Frank and **Cathy (Edwards '83) Sigmund** on October 22, 2002.

Joshua David to **Joseph '86** and **Janet (Shirley '89) Hines** on December 12, 2002. Joined sisters Jessica and Julia.

David Yoo-Han adopted by **Eric E. '87** and **Deborah (Warrick '86) Bennett**. Born December 17, 2001.

Abraham Nicolas Roque to Nicolas A. and **Tara L. (Ledrick '88) Rodriguez**. Joined siblings Jotham and Tessa.

Emily Grace to Robert and **Tammy (Ruggiero '88) Taylor** on January 8, 2002. Joined brother Robert David.



Nolan Gideon to **Guy W. '89** and **B. Joann (Mershimer '84) Curran** on August 1, 2002. Joined brothers Ethan, Shane, and Caleb.

Megan to **Douglas** and **Tami (Davis '89) Curtner** on April 25, 2002. Joined brother Danny.

Rebekah to **Kray '89** and **Thais (Johnson) Kibler** on January 20, 2002. Joined brother Joshua.

Keenan Joseph to **Jeffrey '89** and **Kathy (Worsham '89) Milroy** on October 21, 2002. Joined siblings Kayla, Jayson, Kyle, Justin, and Jared.

Thomas Jacob to **Michael '89** and **Sally M. Mirabella** on March 13, 2002.

### '90s

Dawson Carroll to **Breton C. and Ronda (Duvall '90) Fink** on October 5, 2001. Joined brothers Westin and Owen.

Matthew Steven to **Steven D. '90** and **Janice (Baldwin) McLeod** on December 14, 2001.

Hannah Alice to **Mark R. '91** and **Christina L. (Huebner '93) Ratti** on March 12, 2002. Joined sister Emma.

Jacob Andrew to **Jim G. '91** and **Tricia (Althouse '90) Stevenson** on October 7, 2002. Joined sisters Rachel and Bethany.



Baylor Michael to **Eric and Jennifer (Evans '92) Joseph** on September 26, 2002.



Julia Spencer to **Jeremiah B. '92** and **Kristin Stonefield** on January 23, 2002. Joined sister Sheridan.

Shane Timothy to **Todd '93** and **Traci (Rosenberry '93) Hughes** on September 10, 2002. Joined siblings Noelle and Joshua.

Michael Alexander to John and **Melinda (Alward '93) Stephens** on October 29, 2002. Joined brother Adam.

Silas Gabriel to **Chad '94** and **Alison (Tweed '94) Agnew** on July 2, 2002. Joined siblings Noah and Fiona.

Emma Laurene to **Christopher '94** and **Sharon (DeRosia '93) Huggins** on February 23, 2002. Joined siblings Ryan and Sarah.

Tirzah to **Christopher '94** and **Mishelle (Wurpts) Levi** on March 17, 2002. Joined siblings Micah, Jonathan, and Gershom.

Lucy Elizabeth Faith to **William M. '94** and **Marci (Wilkey '89) Martin** on December 28, 2001. Joined brothers Elia and William.

Janie to **Nathan '94** and **Heidi (Angell '94) Wilkey** on August 2, 2002. Joined sister Elli.

Nathaniel Ian to **Thomas V. '95 (M.A. Counseling '97)** and **Gail (Hui-Li) Frederick** on November 8, 2002.

Maura Angeline to **Jesse '96** and **Jennifer (Jones) Rosenberger** on September 22, 2002.

Maryna Grace to David and **Misty Ann (Young '97) Lytle** on November 6, 2002.

Nathan Wesley to **Jason '97** and **Rebecca (Ward '97) Neudeck** on March 16, 2002.

Joshua Michael to **Craig '98** and **Rachel Waller** on November 4, 2002.



Ethan Paul to **Michael '99** and **Amy Abrahamsen** on May 17, 2001. Joined sister Mackinley.

Anya Elizabeth to **Jacob '99** and **Alison (Kearise) Rainwater** on September 17, 2002.

Annabele Colleen to Jim and **Amanda (Poole '99) Spiker** on June 20, 2002.

## '00s

Luke to Kelly and **Angela (Copeland '00) Marshall** on January 3, 2002.

Jovan Isaac to **Jonathan R. '01 and Rachel (Putman '01) Fales** on October 17, 2002.

## Friends

Christopher Wagner to **Eric**, Geneva history and humanities professor, and **Denise Miller** on July 21, 2002. Joined brothers Ian and Luke.

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## In Memoriam

### '20s

**Rev. Samuel E. Boyle, D.D., '29** on September 30, generous supporter of the college, received the Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award in 1971.

**Louis Saul x33** on April 4, 2001.

**W. Dale Coleman '34** on August 11, 2002.

**Duane O. Littell '34** on July 12, 2002.

**Eugene W. Ramsey '35** on October 5, 2002. Ramsey served on Geneva's Board of Trustees from 1951 to 1959.

**S. Katherine (Lauderbaugh '37) Streeter** on October 7, 2002.

**Eva (Fronko '38) Ofcharka** on August 12, 2002.

**Roy M. Wilson '38** on June 30, 2000.

### '40s

**Jean E. (Rutherford '40) Pence** on November 16, 2002.

**Eleanor W. (Coleman '42) Edgar** on September 26, 2002.

**Rev. Charles S. Sterrett '42** on August 26, 2002. Sterrett, who served on the college Board of Corporators and as a volunteer in the alumni and institutional advancement department for several years, was presented the Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award in 1992.

**Ann B. (Falcia '43) Bittner** on November 18, 2002.

**Robert B. Hendrickson, Sr. '43** on November 5, 2002.

**Mary Jean (Mayers '45) McMurdy** on October 22, 2002.

**Thomas G. Riddel '49** on November 9, 2002.

**Paul B. Schmunk '49** on November 5, 2002.

### '50s

**Andrew Radi, Jr. '50** on August 4, 2002.

**Leonard H. Miller '51** on October 22, 2001.

**Huldah E. (Mortimer '51) Rode** on November 6, 2002.

**Mary Catherine (Wayne '53) Rose** on October 1, 2001.

**Evelyn M. (Harrington '54) Felker** on December 4, 2002. Mrs. Felker, author of three books, also served as Geneva College's "first lady" while her husband **Dr. Donald H. Felker '54** was the college president from 1980 to 1983.

**William M. Schell '54** on October 8, 2002.

**E. Dean Shuster '55** on July 10, 2000.

**Robert A. Craig '57** on September 1, 2002.

**Nancy (Young '58) Lindemann** on August 17, 2002.

**Dr. Chester E. Wesner '59** on August 19, 2002.

### '60s

**M. Peter Marchion '60** on August 18, 2002.

**E. Marie (Meade '60) Lopez** on August 18, 2002.

**Robert K. Smith '60** on November 8, 2002.

**Clifford J. "Biff" Aultman, Jr. '61** on December 13, 2002.

**S. Belle (Scott '64) Foster** on August 16, 2002.

**Dr. Patrick (Paschal) F. Serrapere '64** on August 8, 2002.

### '70s

**Nancy Lee (Gahles) Huffman '71** on October 23, 2002.

### '80s

**James R. Robb, Jr. '84** on March 7, 2002.

### '90s

**Diogenes V. Canzano '92** on May 16, 2002.

### '00s

**Brendan Charles Fabian**, current student, on November 4, 2002 following an extended illness.

## Friends

**Lawrence J. Arent**, member of physical plant staff at Geneva and U.S. Army veteran, on December 16, 2002.

**Ida L. (Briars) Edgar**, wife of **Dr. John O. Edgar '31**, and mother of **Louise (Edgar '66) Copeland**, member of the Geneva faculty and staff, on September 13, 2002.

**Dr. Calvin Freeman** on November 29, 2002. Dr. Freeman was a biology professor at Geneva from 1974 until his retirement in 2001. He counseled many students as the pre-med advisor and will be remembered by a host of other persons as a caring friend and teacher.



**Eleanor M. Jantso**, mother of **Betty Iben**, director of development accounting and records., on November 10, 2002.

**Betsy (Tanner) Martini** on September 20, 2002. Martini worked in the college food service for over 30 years and was the mother of **Cecilia Martini '95**.

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## CSF Choir Reunion

A reunion of Christian Student Fellowship Choirs is being planned for the weekend of June 7-8 which will include a tribute to **Charles McBurney '38** and will culminate with the presentation of "Witnesses Unto Me."

If you remember the Christian Student Fellowship Choir, you may have been a Geneva student between the late 1950s and the early 1980s, or you heard the programs of these choirs on campus, in local churches, on recordings, or at other gatherings. These special programs promoted the psalms of scripture in music. The first of these programs was "The Life of Christ" in the Psalms, which was prepared originally by Dr. and Mrs. John Coleman, former faculty members at Geneva, and has gone through several adaptations since then.

Charles McBurney, former political science professor at Geneva, directed the choirs most of those years and prepared a few other scripts of reading and singing, which also were presented at various times in an informal rotation. Among them were "Pilgrim's Progress," "Out of Egypt," and "Witnesses Unto Me." Each involved scripture reading by individuals or the whole choir and psalms sung by the choir, by soloists, or by other ensembles.

If you were one of those participants, please contact **Louise (Edgar '66) Copeland** at (724) 847-6661 or [lcopelan@geneva.edu](mailto:lcopelan@geneva.edu). She will send information about the reunion. ❖



## Alumni Distinguished Service Award Recipients

### Craig Steven Carter '77, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Dr. Craig Steven Carter has dedicated himself to his demanding professional life. After graduating from Beaver Falls High School, Dr. Carter continued his education close to home and graduated from Geneva College in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in pre-medicine. While building for his future at Geneva, Dr. Carter participated in varsity football, the pre-med club, and Tri-Beta Honor Society. Following his graduation from Geneva, Dr. Carter entered Temple University School of Medicine where he earned his doctor of medicine degree. His post-graduate training includes a five-year internship at Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia, where he was first a resident in general surgery and later promoted to chief resident.

Since graduation, Dr. Carter has ministered to the health of many at Mercy Hospital of Philadelphia; Mercy Catholic Medical Center; Episcopal Division-Temple University Hospital; Northeastern Hospital; Temple University Hospital; Lower Bucks Hospital; and Frankford Hospital, all located in eastern Pennsylvania.

With his dedication to his vocation, it is no surprise that Dr. Carter has been honored with awards from the Medical College of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and Episcopal Hospital. He also is the recipient of numerous American Medical Association Physicians recognition awards.



Dr. Carter, currently a staff physician at Episcopal Hospital in New Jersey and a clinical assistant professor of surgery at the Medical College of Pennsylvania, embraces the high standard of total dedication to the patient.

Dr. Carter, his wife, Dr. May Thomas, and their two children, Craig and Lori, reside in Moorestown, N.J.

### Frances Eleanor Fischer '77

Ms. Francie E. Fischer represents one of Geneva's success stories. She does so quietly in ways many would never notice. Following her graduation 25 years ago, she began work at Ohio Edison. She carried her math degree into her programming career and on into her present managerial status in the SAP infrastructure of First Energy. This achievement is impressive, but more impressive is how many lives Ms. Fischer has touched.

It has been said that dedicated people can change the world "one person at a time." Ms. Fischer has done this in her work with the Boy Scouts Explorer Program for which she was recognized with the "Great Trail and Distinguished Service Award."

She has dedicated herself to ministry in the Presbyterian church, holding positions of deacon, clerk of session, and elder. She was also chosen as part of a small select group as commissioner to the Presbyterian General Assembly in 1989.

Presently, Ms. Fischer plans to revive that lifelong dream of seminary and ministry, carrying the passion and dedication that brought her through Geneva into the rest of her life. Certainly, humble as she may be, Ms. Frances Eleanor Fischer is making a tremendous difference in the world, "one person at a time."

Ms. Fischer resides in Akron, Ohio. ❖

# Alumni

## Weekend of Events

May 2 & 3, 2003

### Friday, May 2

Heritage Luncheon  
Founders' Day Gala – "Dinner & Swing"

### Saturday, May 3

Breakfast with the President – Class of 1953

Carillon Concert

Memorial Service – featuring "New Song"

Tours of campus – including the renovation of S&E and the new Rapp Technical Design Center

Coverlet Exhibit in McCartney Library with a reception with the collectors, Foster & Muriel (Phillips '47) McCarl

Reunion Luncheons – classes from 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973

Lecture – "The Joy of Art Collecting" by Dr. Vivian (Davidson '43) Hewitt

Alumni Awards Banquet – presenting the Distinguished Service (DSA) and Life "G" Awards

### *DSA Recipients:*

Winifred (Coleman '38) Elliott  
Kenneth E. Hartman '63, Ph.D.  
Foster and Muriel (Phillips '47) McCarl  
Barbara (Pawc '63) Pupi  
Louis J. Radnothy, Jr. '53, D.O.

### *Life "G" Recipient*

Donald C. McCune '38

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# Swingin' into Spring

## Founders' Day 2003

Reunite with alumni and friends in celebration of Founders' Day 2003, as Geneva presents "Dinner & Swing" Saturday, May 3. Geneva talent will be serving dinner and swinging to Geneva performances by the Stage Band. The band welcomes guest soloist Elizabeth Asche Douglas, professor emerita and accomplished blues singer, and past and current Geneva students.

Last year a sell-out crowd enjoyed "Dinner on Broadway." Don't miss this year's Founders' Day performance, "Dinner & Swing." For more information, contact Norma Lagios in the Office of Special Events, at (724) 847-6520 or [events@geneva.edu](mailto:events@geneva.edu).





## Events

### April 2003

- 3 Genevans at Heinz Chapel
- 4-5 Genevans Spring Concert
- 12 Jazz Band Concert: In the Mood VII
- 24-26 *Hedda Gabler* playing at the Studio Theatre
- 26 Spring Band Concert

### May 2003

- 1-3 *Hedda Gabler* playing at the Studio Theatre
- 2 Founders' Day Gala
- 3 Alumni Day
- 15 Graduate Commencement
- 16 Baccalaureate & Senior Brunch
- 17 Undergraduate Commencement
- 21 Henry Mancini Musical Theatre Awards

### June 2003

- 7-8 CSF Choir Reunion
- 21 Tribute to Elizabeth Asche Douglas, professor emerita

### October 2003

- 11 Homecoming

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