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ON THE COVER:
Geneva College trim carpenter Rick Fleischer
at work in his woodshop (story page 23).

Share the gift.

Once a student who struggled to pay for tuition, Marjorie (Muldoon '45) Doriani Griffin now makes Christ-centered education possible for others. Mrs. Griffin made a donation in the form of a charitable gift annuity,* which gives her a fixed income and a significant charitable deduction during her lifetime. At her death, the remainder will go to educate students at Geneva College.

Will you support Geneva College students through a gift annuity?



"I believe Geneva truly does furnish a Christian background and orientation. The professors were wonderful...and they were a big part of the reason I wanted to give back to the college."

Marjorie (Muldoon '45) Doriani Griffin

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from the president

“So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.” I Corinthians 4:1-2

After God had created the universe and called it good, He created human beings to serve as His caretakers, or stewards. “The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it” Genesis 2:15. The Hebrew words *abad* (to work) and *shamar* (to care for), literally mean “to serve” and “to protect.”

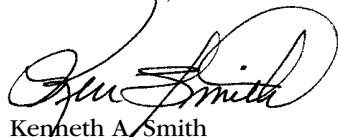
But our Master has entrusted us with far more than the earth itself. Time, resources, skills, abilities, opportunities — everything we have is a sacred trust from God.

But while we are all commanded to be faithful, we each have unique roles and responsibilities in God’s kingdom. No two individuals are called to serve the same way. This issue of *Geneva Magazine* is a celebration of faithfulness and the multitude of ways our alumni, students, faculty and friends are responding to God’s call.

In “The Earth and Its Riches,” two alumnae are putting their faith and education to work as they care for the environment. “Always Faithful” (page 18) is the story of Paul Jewell and John Mlynarski, two members of the Geneva College community who received the gift of life through the power of prayer. On pages 34-35, a faculty member and a Geneva College alumnus share personal perspectives on living faithfully, whether that’s on the other side of the world or in their own neighborhoods. As we read these stories and reflect on others that remain untold, we see God’s faithfulness woven in and through each one.

As you faithfully serve where God has called you, we thank you for making Geneva College part of your life. You are our graduates, our supporters, our friends, but you are also much more. You are our brothers and sisters in Christ and our fellow workers in His kingdom. Thank you for partnering with us as we strive to be faithful in our mission in the classroom, on campus and around the world.

In His service,



Kenneth A. Smith
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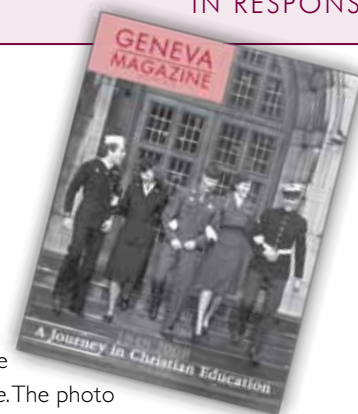


We salute you.

We have received a number of letters in response to the cover photo for the Winter 2008 issue of *Geneva Magazine*. The photo was taken to honor Geneva College students and alumni who served in the armed forces during World War II. Pictured from left are John Richards '50, Navy; Vi Curtis '50, Navy; Jesse Swaney '50, Army; Becky Blair '49, Army; and Al Lepore '50, Marines.

We would like to publicly thank these men and women, along with all members of the Geneva College community who have served in the military, for their dedicated service to our country.

We want to hear from you! Please send your letters to editor@geneva.edu.



Calling all veterans.

Geneva College would like to honor the alumni, faculty and students who have served our nation in the armed forces.

If you or someone else you know in the Geneva College community is a veteran, please contact us. Call Director of Alumni Relations Ben Becze at 724.847.6880 or e-mail bbecze@geneva.edu. You can also update your information online at www.geneva.edu. Go to the Alumni page and click on "Update Form."



Roy McDonald '49, Air Force; SPC Harold Chamberlain '03, Army

in brief

CAMPUS NEWS

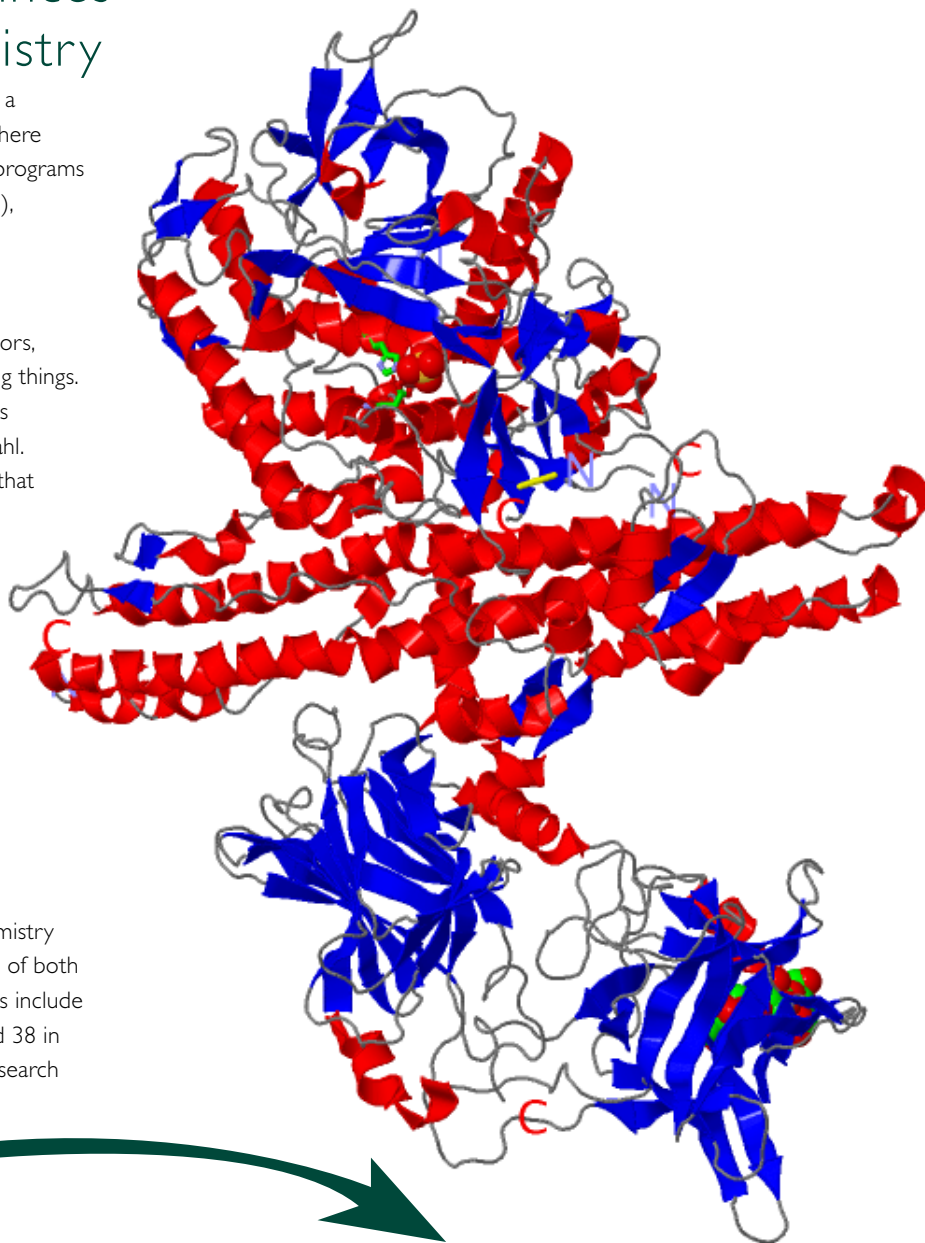
Geneva College announces new major in biochemistry

Beginning in the fall of 2009, Geneva College will offer a bachelor of science degree program in biochemistry. There are only a few Christian institutions whose chemistry programs are approved by the American Chemical Society (ACS), and Geneva College's program is one of the first to offer ACS-approved biochemistry.

Formerly offered as a concentration for chemistry majors, biochemistry is the study of chemical processes in living things. "The degree offers a lot of versatility for students," says chemistry professor and department chair Dr. John Stahl. "A biochemist can work in many of the same careers that a chemist can, as well as careers in allied health fields and the emerging field of biotechnology."

While biochemistry is not a new discipline, the field has grown rapidly over the last decade. "It's becoming more and more apparent that this is where the action is," says Dr. Rodney Austin, associate professor of chemistry and coordinator of the new program, "and a lot of students are looking for a Christ-centered college with the quality of the ACS."

The biochemistry program is administered by the chemistry department, but draws on the strengths and expertise of both the chemistry and biology faculty. Course requirements include at least 12 credits in biology, seven in biochemistry and 38 in chemistry. Each student will carry out independent research with a faculty member on a biochemical topic as part of the new program.



STEM at Geneva College

From K-12 classrooms to colleges, STEM has become a common acronym for the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. STEM programs at Geneva College include:

Applied Mathematics Biochemistry Biology

Cardiovascular Science
Cell and Molecular biology
Environmental biology
Human biology
Medical Technology
Pre-Medical

Pre-Nursing Chemical Engineering Chemistry

Pre-Forensics
Pre-Pharmacology
Computer Science
Hardware
Information Systems
Science/Math Programming

Web Technology Engineering

Civil
Computer
Electrical
Interdisciplinary
Mechanical
Physics



(Left to right) Andy Lubic, Melissa Gulstrom, Nick Carson, David Jackson and Amanda Havener.

Grads of steel

BY BONNIE SMITH '12

Competing against schools like Cleveland State University, Ohio University and Stark State College of Technology, Geneva College placed third in the Ohio Valley Regional Student Steel Bridge Competition this spring.

This accomplishment sent senior civil engineering students Nick Carson, Melissa Gulstrom, Amanda Havener, David Jackson and Andy Lubic to the University of Nevada in Las Vegas to participate in the National Student Steel Bridge Competition. After graduation, during the weekend of May 22 and 23, they competed against students from 46 different schools from across the nation.

Advised by civil engineering professor Robe Liljestrand, the five students participated in the Steel Bridge Competition to complete their required senior project. While they finished 35th in the national competition, everyone involved agreed that the event was beneficial in more ways than one.

"The main reason that I wanted to do the steel bridge was the chance to work on a project from start to finish," explains Lubic. "We started with paper and pencils and ended with welding machines and drill presses."

"As a civil engineer, the steel bridge project was appealing to me because it incorporated the entire design process of brainstorming, design, fabrication, and competition," adds Gulstrom.

In addition to showcasing the academic quality of Geneva College's civil engineering program, the competition gave students a practical opportunity to live out their faith. The regional judges were surprised and impressed when the team showed their honesty and commitment to truth when they confessed an unnoticed mistake and asked for the penalty required.

All of the funding and materials for the project were provided by local business people and alumni, solicited by the students themselves. Liljestrand and the team would like to thank Littell Steel Company and Standard Steel Specialty Company for their involvement.



New opportunities in the arts

Thanks to a renewed affiliation agreement between Geneva College and The Art Institute of Pittsburgh, a number of new communications programs are now available for students. These include advertising, digital media production, fashion and retail management, game art and design, graphic design, interior design, media arts and animation, photography, and visual effects and motion graphics.

"This affiliation has been around since the late 1980s or early 1990s but has never really been understood," says Todd Allen, chair of the Geneva College communications department. "We're hoping that this new agreement makes the program more understandable and accessible to Geneva College students."

The program will follow a study-abroad format, allowing Geneva College students to study at The Art Institute for up to one year. Students at The Art Institute will also be able to take classes on Geneva's campus.

Leah Kiehl, a sophomore communications major, is looking forward to attending The Art Institute in the fall. "As I look into a career in event planning, the courses I take at The Art Institute will make me more marketable and credible in the field," she says.

According to Allen, Geneva's affiliation with The Art Institute will open up new courses of study for students, while continuing to give them a base of Christian education. "As an institution that specializes in the arts, AIP has greater resources in this area than we do at Geneva," he says. "As Geneva enters this agreement, our mission continues to be to equip Christians for whatever career path they may choose."

The Art Institute of Pittsburgh is regionally accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and maintains programmatic accreditation by the American Culinary Federation and the Council for Interior Design Accreditation.



Pictured above (from left to right) are Cindy Cook, assistant dean of student development, and Geneva College students Bonnie Rapp, Stefanie Strosko, Tayler Longo, Amanda Caler and Katie Martin.

Students speaking out

The Geneva College chapter of Acting on AIDS traveled to Washington D.C. this spring to lobby against domestic and global poverty and the AIDS epidemic. The group partnered with *Sojourners* magazine, a Christian periodical commentary on faith, politics and culture.

"This trip to D.C. was part of Acting on AIDS second annual Summit on the Hill," says Katie Martin, a senior biology major and president of the Geneva College campus chapter. "We listened to a number of speakers, some from the White House, on the role of faith in eradicating domestic poverty."

Speakers included *Sojourners* founder and editor Jim Wallis, racial reconciliation advocate John Perkins, Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro and political economist Jeff Sachs. Martin had the opportunity to speak, as well. The group also went to Congress and lobbied, mostly on domestic issues, but also to educate their congressmen and senators on global poverty and the devastating effects of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

"The biggest thing for me was meeting with my district representative," Martin says. "It was good for me to be able to have that experience, and encouraging to know he supports a lot of the things we were lobbying for."

Cindy Cook is the assistant dean of student development and director of multiethnic student services at Geneva College. She has worked with Acting on AIDS since the campus chapter was founded in 2005, and traveled to Washington with the group. "This was a tremendous trip for the students to take part in working alongside individuals who care about these issues," she says.

The purpose of the Acting on AIDS club is to mobilize students to do something about the global AIDS pandemic through awareness, advocacy and activism. Their goal is to change hearts on campus, create awareness in the community, and advocate for innocent victims of HIV/AIDS around the world.

Geneva College welcomes new Vice President of Business and Finance

Larry K. Griffith '85 has accepted the position of Vice President of Business and Finance at Geneva College. Griffith comes to the college from Alltel

Wireless, where he most recently served as area president of south operations.

Griffith spent 16 years in leadership roles at Alltel, and holds extensive experience in profit and loss (P&L) responsibility, operations, cost control, sales, marketing, turnaround management and business integration.

"Mr. Griffith has shown himself to be a principled and highly motivated leader in his field," says Geneva College President Dr. Kenneth A. Smith. "This is a difficult time to navigate the business world, and we are confident that Mr. Griffith will guide the college's financial decisions wisely and effectively."

Prior to his career at Alltel, Griffith served as a lieutenant with the United States Navy. He graduated from Geneva College in 1985 with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications.



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Geneva Magazine is now sent to the parents of current students, as well as alumni and friends who have made a donation of any amount. If you do not currently receive Geneva Magazine and

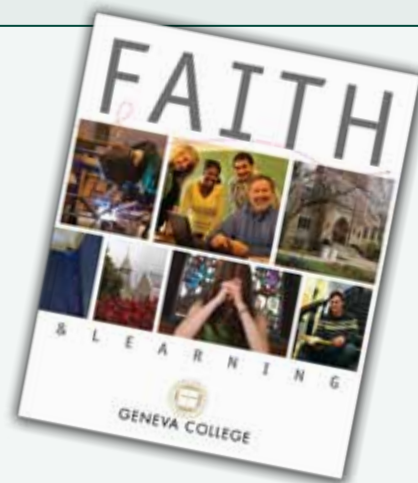
would like to be added to our mailing list, please send your gift to: Geneva College, Institutional Advancement Office, 3200 College Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA 15010

Here's what's happening @Geneva

If you are an alum, student or friend of Geneva College chances are you regularly see this subject line in your e-mail inbox. @Geneva is a bi-monthly online newsletter that shares news, stories and prayer requests from the Geneva College community.

This fall, @Geneva will become sleeker, simpler and easier to use. The newsletter will go out once a month, sharing one full-length article and links to the latest news at www.geneva.edu. The new format will also provide easy access to department Web pages, so you can stay up-to-date on what's happening in your area of interest.

Let us know what you think! Send your comments and suggestions to editor@geneva.edu.



Bringing faith to life

What is "the integration of faith and learning?"

As admissions counselors talk to prospective students, this is a question they face every day. "It's the heart and soul of a Geneva College education, but it's a tough concept to explain, especially to high-school students," says Dean of Enrollment Dave Layton.

For this reason, the college has produced the *Faith & Learning* viewbook. Blending stories, Scripture and excerpts from the college's framing document (*The Foundational Concepts of Christian Education*), the viewbook captures the meaning of Christ-centered education.

Faith & Learning is the third in a series of viewbooks illustrating life and learning at Geneva College. Access the viewbooks online at www.geneva.edu.

"Geneva recognizes God's purpose to use humble and willing people to transform and redeem all aspects of the world for His own glory. Rather than isolate Christians into their own social spheres, Geneva trains young people to interact with the world with godliness and wisdom." Audrey Joseph, political science major.

Bike ride concludes the 160 celebration

BY RIMA (WARREN'09) CAMPBELL

The celebration of Geneva College's 160th anniversary began in April 2008, when a torch was lit at the college's birthplace in Northwood, Ohio. After traveling to the Ohio-Pennsylvania border by car, the flame was passed in a relay all the way to Beaver Falls. As part of this year's Founders Day festivities, Geneva College organized another journey from Northwood — this time, by bike.

Bicycles have become a preferred method of transportation by many students on campus, and Dean of Student Development Mike Loomis thought this would be a unique way to get the campus community involved in the Founders Day celebration.

"We wanted to create some school spirit and get folks together, while promoting intramurals and celebrating Geneva," he says.

Accompanied by an escort van, 16 students made the two-day trek from Northwood. "It took roughly five hours to drive there and 22 hours to make it back," says Jeff Kirksey, director of student programs and leadership.

Dan Williams '07, who received his master's in higher education from Geneva College this year, was the only one to ride the entire 225 miles. "The toughest part of the course was finishing the first day," he says. "The last 30 miles were extremely hilly, and after biking 90 miles it was challenging to finish it."

The college also held two "fun rides" to provide shorter options for the campus and community. Dozens of alumni, students, faculty and their families rode the 15 miles from the Ohio-Pennsylvania border, or joined a more manageable six-mile ride. As they arrived on campus and crossed the finish line, they were welcomed by refreshments and a jazz band on the McCartney Library lawn.

Formerly called Alumni Weekend, Founders Day included a variety of events for alumni, students, families and friends. While alumni gathered to celebrate class reunions, students competed in the Big, Bad Big-wheel Rally and the Little Bat competition. *The Fate of Chauntecleer*, a chamber opera written by Geneva College junior David Dinsmore and composed by senior Emma Cowell, was held in the John H. White Chapel. Other events included alumni reunions, the Distinguished Service Awards, a faculty presentation, campus tours, and the annual alumni dinner.

Look for full coverage of Founders Day 2009 in the next issue of *Geneva Family Matters*.



More than one reason to celebrate

The Geneva College community can rejoice in the completion of the new campus entryway. More than our new “front door,” it’s a stone-and-steel testimony of God’s provision through His people. Thanks to the generous support of numerous alumni and friends over the last four years, Geneva College has successfully raised all the funds for the \$8.6 million Beyond the Bend campaign. The campus improvement project began at a projected \$7.5 million, and subsequently climbed with inflation.

“God has shown us His faithfulness along every step of the way,” says President Ken Smith.

“Donors from all over the country have shown such generosity, and the Beaver Falls community has been extremely gracious.”



Working together when times get tight

For many students at Geneva College, the economic downturn has become a frightening reality. Some students' parents have lost their jobs, while others are facing decreased hours or have gone from two incomes to one.

"Students and families across the board are concerned about the cost of higher education," says Director of Financial Aid Steve Bell. "But we are committed to making a Christian education at Geneva College as affordable as possible for them."

Even after students file their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), the college can still make adjustments on a case-by-case basis. "When we send students their financial aid award letter, we let them know that we're willing to look at things again if their financial situation changes," Bell says. "About six percent of our students last year had some kind of adjustment, and we expect those numbers will continue to climb."

Counselors work directly with students and their families, evaluating their individual situations and walking them through the financial aid process. "And we encourage students to keep those lines of communication open throughout their years at Geneva," Bell says.

Types of Aid

Geneva College grants and scholarships

Federal and state grants

Federal and private educational grants

Campus work-study programs

Church, school and community grants and scholarships



Whether they are concerned about their bill, have questions about their loans, or need to find an additional scholarship, students are always welcome to sit down with financial aid counselors.


But students don't always choose to ask for help. While they are required to meet with financial aid at the beginning and end of their college careers, they often don't come in between. The department is now taking additional steps to reach out and get information to students.

"We invited seniors to sign up for one-on-one appointments this spring, and we met with over 70," says financial aid counselor Amanda (Spinneweber '08) Morrison. This fall, they will begin meeting with sophomores in special financial circumstances.

But the financial aid office doesn't want to educate only graduating seniors or students in financial hardship. All students should be aware of their financial situation and prepared to manage their loans after college.

"A lot of students have no idea what their interest rates are, what 'subsidized' means, or even how much debt they have," says Allyson Bentz '04, assistant director of financial aid. "We can't tell them what to do, but we can explain their options so they can make wise decisions."

To open a more personal avenue of communication with students, Bentz and Morrison led a spring semester book discussion on *Money, Possessions and Eternity*, by Randy Alcorn.

"The book explains God's ownership of everything and how that plays out in finances," Bentz says, adding that it was an opportunity for her to learn as well as to teach. "The students all brought different perspectives to the table, and we had some great discussions. We hope to offer it again next year." 

The college distributes a yearly total of
in federal, state and private grants.

\$13,000,000

About **95%**
of students qualify
for some type of
financial assistance.

Schedule of Costs for 2009-10

	Year	Semester
Tuition	\$21,400	\$10,700
Room & Board	\$7,770	\$3,885
Total	\$29,170	\$14,585



The Geneva College Financial Aid team includes (from left) Allyson Bentz, assistant director; Esther Cox, staff support; Steve Bell, director; and Amanda Morrison, counselor.

Although the price of tuition went up this year, Geneva increased its financial aid budget by almost \$1,000,000. Nearly 95 percent of students qualify for some type of financial assistance, and the college awarded approximately \$9,000,000 in institutional aid during 2008-09. These grants and scholarships are based on need and/or academic merit and come directly from the college.

Because private Christian colleges are often perceived to be more expensive, many students feel they must turn to state-related alternatives. The cost of tuition at Geneva is \$21,400, but a typical student could receive \$8,000 or more in institutional grants and scholarships. These funds are awarded directly from the college and lower the actual net price to \$13,000, an amount comparable to the in-state tuition offered at state-related institutions.

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ABC's of Generosity

BY BOB BEAVIN
Director of Development

In our society, especially during the current recession, giving our money away doesn't always seem like a good idea. But as Christians, we know God calls His people to be "generous and willing to share" (1 Timothy 6:18b). What does it mean to be a faithful giver? Let's get back to basics and find out what God's Word has to say about generosity.

God owns it.

Perhaps the most fundamental truth God wants us to know about money is that He owns it all. In our secular culture, that concept is unfamiliar and almost unthinkable. Even within the Christian community, materialism is often a struggle. But relinquishing control of our "stuff" is an opportunity for God to free us up from fear and worry. We can see God's perfect provision more clearly in our lives.

He wants us to share it.

Not only does God own it all, but He wants us to share what He provides for us. A great financial truth is found in John 3:16: God loved the world so much that He *gave*. God gave us an indescribable gift in His only Son (2 Corinthians 9:15). Since we are made in His image, He intends us to become givers as well.

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It's all about attitude.

God is more interested in our attitude toward giving than in how much we give. "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). In fact, the ancient Greek word for "cheerful" is *hilaros*. Do you get the picture? We are to give with so much joy that we can hardly contain it!

Every gift matters.

Do you ever withhold giving because you think a small gift has no importance? We often get caught in that subtle little trap. The giving itself is what's significant, not the amount. It's a heart thing. Picture Christ and His disciples in the temple, observing a widow dropping her last two mites into the coffers. Her gift was much smaller than those of the rich, but she is the one Christ commends. She gave all she had, not just what she had to spare. How was she able to do that? It was probably not the first time she had given everything to God. Her faith enabled her to trust in God's daily provision, not in money.

God sees what we give.

The widow's story also shows us that God is watching when we give. Have you taken a good look at your bank accounts lately? God knows what is in there. Actually, our accounts are not merely a record of our finances, but also a record of our spiritual life, an indicator of our concern for the cause of Christ. Reformer Martin Luther said that people go through three conversions in the Christian life: "the conversion of the heart, the conversion of the head, and the conversion of the purse. Unfortunately, not all at the same time."

You have probably seen the bumper sticker about doing "random acts of kindness." That's fine, but why not do thoughtful, purposeful acts of generosity? They will help both our vertical relationship with the Lord and our horizontal relationships with those around us.

Blessings come with giving.

Another important principle is that of blessing and reward. Teachings in these areas are often distorted, but God clearly promises that He will bless those who are generous. "Give generously...and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to" (Deuteronomy 15:10). It's never

“...Be generous
and willing
to share.”
—Timothy 6:18b


a “give-to-get” thing. That’s entirely the wrong attitude. We are to give because we love and care for God’s people and His kingdom.

So how does all this relate to Geneva College?

Geneva College is worthy of your generous giving. After 160 years, the college continues to provide Christ-centered education that transforms hearts, minds and the world. When you give to Geneva College, you are building Christ’s kingdom in every area of society. The whole campus stands as a brick-and-mortar testimony of the faithfulness of God’s people in the Geneva family.

However, the number of generous Geneva College givers is not nearly what it could be. I am truly thankful for all who have given this past year, but it’s time for many more in the Geneva family to step up and be generous. Are you on the periphery, content to let others do the giving? If more and more members of the Geneva College community step up and take part in building the Geneva Fund, the financial future of the college will be much more secure, even in uncertain economic days.

Your joyful generosity is needed. No grumpy givers allowed! Consider that a number of current students and their families are struggling financially with being able to return in the fall. Other young people and their families are concerned about having enough funds to even enter Geneva College. Government and bank loans are helpful, but you can give our students access to more need- and merit-based scholarships, not loans.

Why shouldn’t an institution like Geneva College lead the way in creating a community of generosity? Is it too much to dream that Geneva’s alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students become known as some of God’s most generous servants? 

Ways to Give

Easy giving plan

Transfer your donation directly from your checking or savings account.

Matching gift

Many companies will match charitable contributions made by their employees. Visit www.matchinggifts.com/geneva to find out if your employer is a sponsor.

Planned giving

Leave a legacy of support through your will, bequest, charitable gift annuity or IRA rollover.

Volunteer

Give your time and talents to support the work of Geneva College.

For more information visit www.geneva.edu or call 724.847.6797.

A new fiscal year has just begun, running from June 1 through next May 31. With the completion of the Beyond the Bend capital campaign, now is our opportunity to make the Geneva Fund as strong as possible. It’s a vital part of Geneva College’s financial foundation.

Will you check your ABC’s? Will you look carefully at your giving? Will you help build up the Geneva Fund right now?

Please call me in the Institutional Advancement Office at 724.847.6752 or e-mail me at rebeavin@geneva.edu There’s an envelope provided in the magazine for your convenience.



Bob

Bob Beavin
Director of Development

THE GOLDEN TORNADOES

Dan Terracciano, Football: All-District 1st Team Academic All-American

Terracciano was honored by *ESPN the Magazine* and the Sports Information Directors of America as an All-District Academic All-American. He was a first-team selection and only one of five players so honored in the Presidents' Athletic Conference. Off the field, he maintained a 3.94 GPA while playing a huge role in the turnaround for the Golden Tornadoes on the field. Starting every game at outside linebacker, Terracciano finished the season with 61 tackles, six tackles for loss and a pair of interceptions.

Michawn Rich, Softball, Women's Basketball: Two Sport All-Conference, NCCAA All-American

Rich was one of only two student-athletes to be honored with All-Conference coaching honors in two separate sports. Rich was the leading scorer for the women's basketball team with a team best 13 points and nine rebounds per game. On the softball field, Rich received NCCAA All-American honors for her .354 batting average and team best 33 runs scored. She ended her career with the Geneva College record for runs scored with 121 in four years.

Rich Colick, Men's Basketball: 1st Team NCCAA All-American

Colick led the Geneva College men's basketball team this past season with 16 points and 7.5 rebounds per game. Colick was honored as a first team All-American selection by the NCCAA. He was also one of three Geneva men's basketball players to receive All-Conference coaching honors. Colick became the first men's basketball player to receive first team All-American honors since 2005.

Adriane Blake, Women's Volleyball: 2nd Team NCCAA All-American

Blake spearheaded an impressive turnaround season for the women's volleyball team. She was rewarded with a second team NCCAA All-American honor. The first women's volleyball All-American in over ten years, Blake led the Golden Tornadoes to a 22-11 overall record while leading the Presidents' Athletic Conference in kills (3.95/gm) and service aces (0.61/gm).

Van Zanic, Head Softball Coach: 200 Coaching Victories

Zanic earned his 200th coaching victory in the last game of the 2009 season. Zanic's club finished the season at 25-15, which was their fifth consecutive 25+ win season. For his career, Zanic has compiled a 200-129 record in his seven-year tenure. Zanic's teams have rewritten the Geneva College softball record book in the past seven years, breaking a total of 24 school records and leaving only three still standing.



TOP TEN FROM 2008 - 09

Derek Sumner, Baseball: All-District Academic All-American, 1st Team NCCAA All-American

Sumner ended his brilliant career with nine victories and yet another school record for strikeouts. He currently holds the single season and career records for strikeouts by any Geneva College pitcher. With 99 strikeouts this year, he moved his career total to a record 256. For his efforts on and off the field, Sumner was honored by *ESPN the Magazine* and the Sports Information Directors of America as a 2nd team All-District Academic All-American. He was also honored as an NCCAA 1st team All-American.



Amy Pearce, Softball: 1st Team Division III Magazine All-American, 1st Team NCCAA All-American

Pearce broke a total of eight school records in her career including highest average, hits, home runs and RBI's. This year she was honored as a pre-season first team NCAA Division III All-American by the Division III softball magazine. At the end of the year, she was a first team NCCAA All-American and Scholar-Athlete. She batted .459 with six home runs and 41 RBI's in her senior season.



Linda Sumner, Head Women's Soccer Coach: NCCAA East-Regional Coach of the Year

Sumner orchestrated one of the best turnaround seasons in Geneva College history. After winning just two games in her first year at the helm of the Geneva women's soccer program, Sumner led her team to an 8-5-5 mark in 2008. She also guided her team to a trip to the NCCAA East regionals. For her efforts, she was named the NCCAA East Regional Coach of the Year.



Tiffany Bear, Women's Track: NCCAA National Champion – Javelin

Bear became the only NCCAA national champion of the season with her efforts at the NCCAA national track and field meet at Indiana Wesleyan University. Suffering with a back injury, Bear was unable to compete in the heptathlon, but she saved her strength for a memorable performance in the women's javelin. Bear out-threw her closest competitor by nearly eight feet with her 140-foot championship throw.



Academic Honorees: 57 PAC Scholar-Athletes, 39 AD Award Winners

2008-09 turned out to be another stellar year in the classroom for the student-athletes of Geneva College. A total of 57 student-athletes were honored by the Presidents' Athletic Conference for maintaining at least a 3.6 GPA during their season of competition. In addition, 39 juniors and seniors were honored with the Athletic Director's Scholar-Athlete Award for maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2.

Student-athletes pitch in for their programs

Putting a winning product on the field or the court isn't as easy as it looks. Coaches at every level put together game and practice plans to help their teams reach their full potential. But many people don't realize how much financial planning goes into running a successful college athletic program.

The Golden Tornadoes sponsor 15 intercollegiate teams, and each has found creative ways to supplement the annual athletic budget. "The administration at Geneva has always been very supportive of athletics," says Athletic Director Kim Gall. "But in this day and age, it is almost a necessity for our athletic teams to find ways to help raise funds to maintain a successful level."

One of the most dramatic examples of this is the annual baseball-softball trip to Florida for spring break play. The baseball and softball teams campaign throughout the year to raise funds. From carwashes to pepperoni rolls, every dollar counts.

"This is not a vacation or some extra perk for our student-athletes," Gall says. "These trips are a legitimate part of the season for baseball and softball and without the ability to head south each year, our teams would lose significant portions of their season because of poor weather."

Other athletic programs do their fair share of fundraising, as well. The men's and women's basketball programs have held mini basketball camps and golf outings to raise money for trips and uniforms. The football program holds an advertising campaign each summer to generate funds for practice gear and



The softball team has gained a significant portion of support running the concession stand at football and basketball games, and the baseball team sells advertising and apparel.

weight room equipment. Geneva's track and field team has seen great success through its annual plant and flower sale each May. The women's soccer team traveled to Africa on a mission trip in the summer of 2008 and raised the bulk of their funds through on-campus soccer tournaments and solicitations from friends and family.

From carwashes to pepperoni rolls, every dollar counts.

"Our coaching staff is a very driven group," says Gall. They all understand that sometimes we need to work a bit harder to finance their programs. With roster sizes at an all-time high for our athletic teams, it becomes even more essential that our programs find creative ways to support those numbers."

The Life of a Sports Journalist

BY VAN ZANIC '93

For 26 years, Geneva grad John Perrotto '85 covered just about every sport imaginable throughout Beaver County. One night he'd be interviewing a 16-year-old running back at a high school football game, and the next he'd be at Three Rivers Stadium talking to some of the stars of major league baseball. It was just part of the job for this veteran newspaper man, but for his readers, it was poetry.

John Perrotto came to Geneva College in 1981 with a passion for sports and reporting. A native of Beaver County, he had been writing for *The Beaver County Times* since his junior year at Western Beaver High School. By the time he was a sophomore at Geneva, he became a part-time member of *The Times* staff. Four years after that, he joined full time.

In 1988, *The Times* made Perrotto beat writer for the Pittsburgh Pirates. It was a position that he held for two decades. He saw the good, but mostly the bad times of a Pirates team that has now gone 16 years without a winning season. But through all the losses and disappointments, Perrotto was true to himself and to his readers. He wrote the truth, at times putting himself on the line by simply being honest about the home team he loved.

During the 20 years he covered the Pirates, Perrotto became one of the finest and most recognizable baseball writers in the country. We often saw his by-line in national publications, heard him on the radio and saw him interviewed on regional or national TV.

For most people, it will probably be those years with the Pirates that make Perrotto's work stand out. But for me it will always be his love for and dedication to Geneva College, his alma mater. Perrotto covered Geneva College athletics from the time he stepped foot on the campus as a student. He was at football and basketball games not because he was being paid, but because he loved being on campus. He took time out of his rigorous schedule to interview Geneva College student-athletes for feature stories that would have never appeared had it not been for Perrotto's love for the Golden Tornadoes.



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This spring, Perrotto ended his run with *The Beaver County Times* when he took a job for Ogden Publications. The Wheeling, West Virginia-based company is owned by the Nutting family, the same Nutting family that currently owns the Pittsburgh Pirates. That in itself is a true testament to the reputation of excellence that John Perrotto has brought to his work on a daily basis.

Geneva College should be proud to know that one of its own has gone on to greatness in the world of sports journalism. More importantly, John Perrotto has not forgotten his roots. On the night of his final assignment covering Geneva College athletics, the Golden Tornadoes and Athletic Director Dr. Kim Gall presented Perrotto with an honorary athletic letter. Following the night, he claimed it as one of the proudest moments of his life.



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F A I T H F U L

BY JENNY (BOWER '05) PICHURA

Paul's story

Anyone who knows Paul '67 and Joy (Morgan '68) Jewell knows them as people who give. It's just part of who they are. Sharing their time, their resources and their lives, they have served the Geneva College community together for over 30 years.

Joy spent most of those years as a teacher, mentor, and then as dean of student development. Paul worked in the alumni relations office from 1968 to 1976, and he and Joy have both served as adjunct faculty in the Adult Degree Completion Program (ADCP). Paul left Geneva to take a position in human resources management at People's Home Savings Bank, but continued to volunteer his time in a variety of ways.

No matter what was going on at the college, the Jewells were there. So everyone was concerned when Paul missed commencement weekend in May 1993.

After going to the doctor with what he thought was a bad case of bronchitis, Paul found out his heart was failing. He had been diagnosed with a heart condition over 10 years earlier, but this was the first serious problem he had encountered since then.

"It's called an idiopathic cardiomyopathy," he says. "My heart was enlarged, beating irregularly and only pumping a fraction

of the blood it was supposed to. There wasn't a medical reason for it, and I didn't have heart disease in my family."

Admitted first to the Medical Center of Beaver County and then life-flighted to Allegheny General Hospital, Paul went into cardiac arrest 20 times in the next 24 hours. There was no question about it: he needed a new heart.

"They decided to send me to UPMC Presby where they could put me on a heart assistance device," he says. Artificial hearts were experimental at that time but could sustain life until an organ was available.

When Paul arrived, the doctors told his wife that he was too sick to be put on the assistance device. He needed a transplant. Until then, his only chance was a dangerous procedure called electrophysical ablation, which would kill the portion of his heart that was causing the irregularity.

Taking a leap of faith, Joy agreed. The ablation worked, and the doctors attached Paul to his artificial heart two weeks later.

"I told the doctors the only reason I was still alive was that so many people were praying for me," Paul says.

For the next 141 days, Paul was tethered to a 300-pound machine that pumped the blood through his body. Joy still had responsibilities at the college, especially when the



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summer ended and students came back to campus, but she knew her place was with Paul. To make that possible, the Geneva College administration allowed Joy to work from the hospital.

"Joy was able to carry on her work and care for Paul at the same time," says friend and former director of alumni relations Ginny (Montini '68) Caldwell. "She held court in his hospital room. If people needed to see her, they met with her there. She just carried on as if that were her office."

Without the convenience of e-mail, the college administration had one secretary who brought Joy paperwork at night, and another who brought it back to campus the next day. "It would have been very, very different if I had worked somewhere else," Joy says. "We've always been very grateful for that."

From their Geneva College family to the hospital staff, the Jewells were surrounded by a network of endless support. "There were so many people who took on so many extra jobs to keep us physically and emotionally healthy, and give us some semblance of normality," Joy says. "We always had such faith support from our Geneva family, our church family, our hospital family — so many people were so faithful in praying for us and with us. They kept on holding us together."

But the Jewells also gave support to the people around them. "They became good friends with doctors, staff, orderlies, everybody," Ginny says. "Even while they were still in the

process, they became an encouragement to other patients waiting for transplants."

As Paul and Joy comforted and encouraged those around them, their hearts also went out to families on the other side of the transplant experience. In 1976, their first son, Todd, had been born with spina bifida. Severely disabled, he had lived for only five years. When he passed away, his parents decided to donate his eyes. They found comfort knowing that, because of him, someone else could live a fuller life. "When you lose a child, it's very difficult," Paul says. "But it takes some of the sting away when you know that he didn't live for nothing — that part of him lives on."

The Jewells didn't know when or how God would give Paul a heart, but did believe in His faithfulness. And even if those months in the hospital were to be Paul's last, he and Joy weren't about to let them go to waste. They had birthday parties and barbeques on the patio of the hospital, and even celebrated their 25th anniversary in Paul's hospital room. Even though they weren't at home, they were together, and that was reason enough to rejoice.

At last, after six long months in the hospital, their prayers were answered. Paul had spent two hours in the rehab room, and was just sitting down to a prime rib buffet when his doctors came rushing in. "Don't eat another bite," they said. "We think we have a heart for you."

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(Page 19) small photo: Paul and Joy celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary in the hospital; large photo: Paul and his artificial heart device. (Above) Paul and Joy (Back row, left) and their family at the 2008 Transplant Games.

After 12 hours in surgery, a healthy new heart was beating in Paul's chest. He left the hospital only 15 days after the transplant. He returned to work a few months later, and is now the proud grandfather of five grandchildren.

After retiring in 2005, Paul began raising awareness for the nationwide need for organ donors. In 2008, the Jewells were involved in the International Transplant Games, an Olympic-style athletic event which drew over 7,000 people from all over the world to Pittsburgh.

Dr. Thomas Starzl, who completed the first successful liver transplant in 1967, was the keynote speaker for the program opening night. In his presentation, he talked about a little boy named John, who had just received a new liver that morning.

John's story

Sunday, April 27, was a typically busy day for the Mlynarski family, but 10-year-old John was unusually sluggish. The next morning, his mother, Karen, took him to their pediatrician. Only five minutes after they arrived, they were headed for Children's Hospital Pittsburgh of UPMC.

The doctors diagnosed John with Wilson's disease, a rare genetic disorder that keeps the liver from producing an enzyme that processes copper in the body. If caught early enough the disease is treatable, but John's condition was very advanced. By Wednesday, he was on the transplant list.

"It all happened so fast," Karen says. She and her husband, Mark, felt completely powerless to help their son, but they knew God wasn't. They contacted members of their family, church and community, and asked them to pray.

Mark and Karen have two daughters at Geneva College, and Karen is the special events planner for the admissions office. They decided to share John's situation with the campus community. "We all gathered together to pray at certain critical times in John's journey," says one friend and co-worker. "My personal commitment to John was to pray Psalm 31, crying out to God to have mercy on him and heal his body."



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As John's parents talked to his doctors, they began to realize the serious emotional implications of accepting an organ. John needed time to understand what was happening to him, but there was no time. He needed a liver.

Mark was sleeping by John's bedside on May 3 when a doctor came to talk to him. "They had a match, but it was a high-risk donor," he says. "We had to decide in a very short period of time whether we would accept the liver."

Mark called Karen and they prayed together over the phone. Next he called his pastor. "It was one of the few times in my life that I felt entirely surrounded by the Holy Spirit," he says.

The Mlynarskis decided to wait for an organ they knew was healthy. God had given John the time that he needed. Over the weeks that followed, Mark and Karen talked to him about what a transplant would mean.

"It was really hard," Karen says. "Over and over I would say, 'John, if you were riding your bike and got in an accident, and there was nothing we could do to save you, could we give part of you to save someone else?' He always said yes. Then I would ask, 'Would it be that person's fault that you died?' No, he said. 'So if someone else could give you a new liver, would you be okay with taking it?' That's when it got

tricky. For a while he did not want it at all, no matter what. Then he finally said, 'I think I would just want half, so they could keep half and get better.'"

"He had a lock on the fact that someone would have to die," Mark says. "In his mind, that meant someone had to be killed so that he could live."

The doctors sent John home to try to rest and heal. One afternoon in July, Mark took him for a walk at a state park near their home. "We just walked around and looked at the lake. Then, John bent down to pick up a rock and he couldn't stand up. He was too weak," Mark remembers. "Before we left, John looked at me and said, 'Dad, I can't wait to get my new liver.' He was just so tired."

That same day, a healthy young man in another part of the country was riding his bike. He was struck by a car and rushed to the hospital. The next day, the Mlynarskis got a phone call from Pittsburgh Children's. "We might have a liver for John. Are you interested?"


John was immediately taken to the hospital, closely followed by his family. He spent 11 hours in surgery, and woke up only half an hour later. That meant his new liver was working, processing the anesthetics.



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Back in his room, John was too weak to speak, but silently whispered, "Thank you. Thank you."

His doctor was stunned. "That's the first time anyone has thanked me after surgery," he said.

It's been almost a year since John's transplant and he's living the life of a normal kid. He's back in school and his schedule is as busy as ever. This summer, he and his family will participate in the American Liver Foundation walk, and John is already making big plans for the future. When he grows up, he wants to be doctor, so that he can help people with Wilson's disease, or a chef, because he knows how hard it is to be on a restricted diet. He'll probably do both. 

There are currently over 100,000 people on the waiting list for transplants. Every year, approximately 10,000 to 16,000 people who are eligible for organ donation die, and less than half of those people are registered organ donors. To learn more about how organ transplantation saves and enhances lives, go to the Center for Organ Recovery and Education's Web site at www.core.org.

(Page 21) Large photo: John wakes up after his transplant on July 10, 2008; small photo: John holds his mom's hand during a blood draw in June 2009.



Through this life-changing event, Mark and I have felt a strong presence of our Lord guiding us, holding us and placing in our paths people who have emulated to us the strength and love of the Body of Christ. We want to express our sincere appreciation for all that has been done for our family. We have experienced unconditional love, compassion, uplifting prayer and astonishing expressions of support. We cannot begin to express what this has meant to us.

Our prayers continue to be for the family who donated life, for God to hold them close as they find comfort and peace in the priceless gift they willingly gave to those they did not know. We acknowledge and give thanks to the entire Children's Hospital staff and professionals who cared for John in a way that was exceptional and truly reflected the hand of God.

God's blessings and our love to you all,
 Mark, Karen, Meghan, Mary, Mark E, and John Mlynarski

in service

OUR PEOPLE

Rick Fleischer



There's a lot of history under the floorboards and plaster of Geneva College, and Rick Fleischer is the resident expert. But he's a trim carpenter, not a professor, and his classroom is the Geneva College workshop.

Rick has completed and consulted for countless jobs during his 12 years at Geneva College. The Presidents Dining Room (PDR), where board of trustees meetings and other important events are regularly held, is lined with his handiwork from floor to ceiling. The lower level of the Student Center recently went through a complete renovation, and Rick crafted all the woodwork for the Brigadoon and the Riverview Café.

Rick hasn't always been a handyman. He was never into woodworking as a kid and discovered his love of carpentry when he and his wife bought their first home, an old house in Ellwood City. "Before that, I mostly did what everyone else could do," he says. Along with fixing up the house, he started building furniture as a hobby. "Everything just kind of grew from there."

Rick does his homework before starting any project, especially when it means cutting into older campus buildings like Fern Cliffe and Old Main. "Generally, I'll check things out completely before I start," he says. "There are so many people who have been in here or done things, and things have been changed or moved so many times."

Like any true historian, Rick bases his research on first-hand sources whenever possible. "I'll try to find somebody who went to school here, especially senior faculty," Rick says. On a number of occasions, he consulted the late Dr. Stewart Lee, professor emeritus of economics. "Dr. Lee was a very good resource. He not only went to school here, he grew up here. He pretty much knew all the changes that had happened, especially to Old Main."

Once, before expanding an office in Fern Cliffe, Rick checked with professor emeritus and Geneva College historian Dr. David Carson to find where the original wall had been. "Dr. Carson wasn't sure, but he gave me the name of a woman who used to live there," Rick said.

Fern Cliffe, which now houses the English and Humanities departments, had once been the home of the college president. As a college student in the 1930s, Frances McDonald '47 had lived in the attic and remembered the precise layout of the house. "If we had built the new walls where we had planned to,

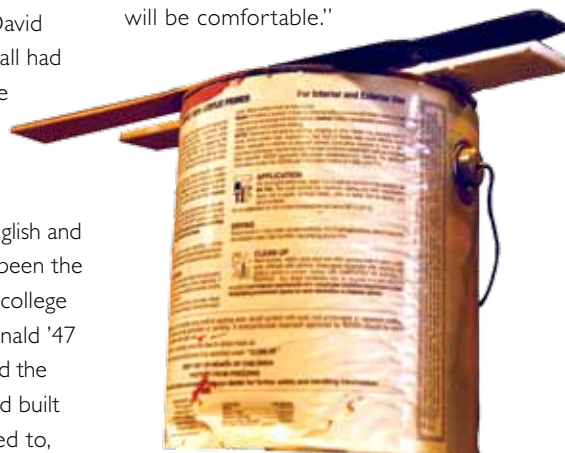
there wouldn't have been anything to support them," Rick says.

Rick is the college's only carpenter, but he does have student workers who help him in the summer. He has also had the president of the college helping him out on the job.

The summer Dr. Ken Smith came to Geneva College, he spent time working alongside everyone on campus. "He wanted to see what everyone was doing and what it was all about," Rick says. "He spent a day working with us laying stone blocks for the outside wall going down to the fieldhouse."

Rick describes himself as one of the pickiest people on campus. "It'll take me hours to decide on one little molding style because everything relates," he says. "I know what I want. If I can't find what I want, I'll make it myself." And that happens fairly frequently. Most of his projects start with raw materials in his workshop.

Designing cabinets and shelves for offices is one of Rick's favorite jobs, and makes sure people get what they want. "People don't understand that if you have a comfortable office and it's nice and it's you, then you're going to want to be in that office," he says. "So if you're getting an office, I will bug you to death with questions, but you will be comfortable."



From his high school days to his involvement as a donor, Gene Jannuzi '36 has been a vital part of the Geneva College community.

The ninth of 12 children, Gene graduated from Beaver Falls High School at the height of the Great Depression. "With the help of my older siblings I scraped together the enormous sum of \$100, a semester's tuition at Geneva College," he wrote in a March 2009 opinion-editorial for the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. "I went up the street to the college and enrolled."

Jannuzi was already familiar with Geneva's campus, even before becoming a student. As a young teenager, he wanted to play tennis, so he got a job cleaning, rolling and lining the courts just north of McCartney Library. "I got to watch some good players, and I got to play a little bit too," he says. One of the players he admired most was Edwin Clarke — who would become president of the college in 1956 — and the two played together for years.

Gene earned his degree at the age of 20 and began teaching science at the Beaver Falls junior high school. But his life completely changed a few years later when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. Gene joined the Navy and was given command of a small ship, an LCI (Landing Craft Infantry).

"Our first stop was North Africa, where we took part in the North African campaign," Gene says. He was also involved in the invasions of Sicily, Salerno, Normandy and Southern France.

When the war finally ended, Gene came home and married Margaret Moltrup, whom he had met before joining the Navy. The



couple settled down in Beaver Falls, where Gene reconnected with the college and rediscovered his favorite sport.

He also developed a passion for the arts. After the war, he took a job as a reporter at the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and soon began specializing in drama and television. "I had a great experience on the drama desk, interviewing all the people who used to come through Pittsburgh from Broadway and Hollywood," he says.

After five years as a reporter, Gene spent 14 years at the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation at J&L headquarters in Pittsburgh. In 1966 he became chair and CEO of Moltrup Steel in Beaver Falls. He served on Geneva College's board of trustees from 1969 to 1976.

"The college has been a part of my life for so long," he says. "I always knew the people — the administration, the staff, the professors — and associated with them in other pursuits. Three

of my sisters are Geneva alumnae, and my oldest brother, Frank H. Jannuzi, received his bachelor's degree in the Degree Completion Program in 1991 at the age of 91."

Gene continues to serve as a donor, sharing his passions, as well as his resources, with today's Geneva College students. In 2006, he funded a major renovation of the campus tennis courts. Named after Gene and his late wife, the tennis courts were one of the first projects in the Beyond the Bend campus improvement campaign. And in honor of the thousands of men and women who, like Gene, have served in the armed forces, he has contributed to the building of the Veteran's Plaza outside Reeves Field.

Even more significantly, he and Margaret generously established a unitrust for the future development of the Geneva College Center for the Arts. As members of the John Black Johnston Society, their names are displayed on the rock at the center of campus.



Gail Bitar



Dr. Byron Bitar taught philosophy at Geneva College for 25 years. He was diagnosed with cancer in 2002, and passed away a year later. In 2004, Geneva College received an endowment to continue his vision for education and philosophy, and has held the annual Bitar Memorial Lectures ever since. His wife, Gail, continues to run the small business they started together, continuing his legacy in her own way.

Teacher. Wife. Business owner. Mother. Gail Bitar lives with a heart open to God's call. "I'm one of those people who still wants to know what I want to be when I grow up. I've had different little careers along the way, and I grew up thinking I had to choose just one. But I've learned that there are different callings for different times in your life."

Gail was born and raised in Everett, Washington, and entered Pacific Lutheran University in 1965. "As a woman in the 1960s, I



thought I only had four choices: nurse, teacher, secretary or medical technician." She tried the medical field, then decided elementary education was a better fit. Byron was a student at PLU as well, and they married soon after graduation.

For the next eight years, Gail taught while Byron pursued graduate work, first in Philadelphia and then in Virginia. In 1977, he accepted a position teaching philosophy at Geneva College, so the Bitars moved to Beaver Falls. They planned to stay for about four years, but God had other plans for them.

Byron developed an interest in French cuisine and started experimenting with different recipes. Soon he was inviting friends over to try his concoctions. "When he got into something, he really went at it," Gail says.

As Byron's skills grew, so did his need for culinary equipment. But the only suppliers were expensive and designed solely for professional kitchens. So, in their fourth year at Geneva College, the Bitars started a mail-order kitchen-



ware business out of their home.

"Neither Byron or I were business people," Gail says. "We started it on a shoestring and did it all ourselves. I'm sure if we had had more money we could have gotten bigger faster; but we've always been a mom-and-pop kind of business. We enjoyed it."

Byron lived with intensity — for philosophy, for his students, for French cooking. And while Gail says she doesn't have that same type of passion, she knows her life, and the lives of those around her, is making an impact.

"I'm not out there being a community leader or a speaker or a mentor; but I can be the human being God created me to be," she says. "Don't feel guilty if you don't have a passion. The relationships we have in this life, with other people and with God, are what are important. Who knows how the world is going to change because of you?"



The term “creation stewardship” can encompass so many topics: conservation, recycling, energy, bio-fuels — the list goes on and on. But a key component is water conservation and preserving water quality. Two Geneva College alumnae feel so strongly about God’s creation that they are doing work in this field to help preserve the environment.

Luanne Steffy graduated in 1999 with a degree in biology. She now works near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania as an aquatic ecologist in the Watershed Protection and Assessment Division of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, monitoring and assessing the water quality of the rivers in the basin.

“I get to spend about half my time working outside in rivers and streams doing a wide variety of sampling,” she says. “The other half the year is spent trying to make sense of all the data we collect, doing all the data compilation and analysis, and then putting it into reports that can be used by the states to better protect water quality.”

Steffy says that Geneva College gave her the foundation for the work she is doing today. “After taking my first ecology class with Dr. Cruzan at Geneva in 1997, I knew environmental science was a career path I wanted to pursue.”

That knowledge was confirmed in 1998 when she spent a summer studying at the Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies. “The professors at Au Sable were so enthusiastic and really encouraged us to pursue science as a career, but also to view stewardship of the earth as a part of our faith and Christian life,” Steffy says.

Amber Leasure-Earnhardt graduated in 2006 with a major in political science and a minor in environmental science. “Both were amazing programs,” she says. “I had many like-minded peers and professors that challenged me and made me realize the importance our work here on earth has for God’s Kingdom. These experiences and worldviews really helped to lead me in my decision to live how I am and will for the rest of my life.”

Leasure-Earnhardt also had the opportunity to pursue her unique blend of interests in off-campus programs, through Au Sable Institute’s Pacific Rim Campus and the American Studies Institute



Luanne Steffy ('99)

in Washington D.C. “Both of these experiences, along with campus life at Geneva, helped me to grow in my desire to care about my community and God’s creation.”

Leasure-Earnhardt now works in Mineral City, Ohio as the assistant watershed coordinator for the Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership. This non-profit group is restoring a watershed that has been negatively impacted by acid mine drainage (AMD) from poor coal mining practices. In her position, Leasure-Earnhardt works to educate people of all ages about the effects of AMD.

“Educating the youth is so exciting. They are our future, and if they do not understand what is happening to their environment, changes will not be made to better God’s creation,” Leasure-Earnhardt says.


Leasure-Earnhardt says that she and her husband Eric ('06) have also made lifestyle changes to become better stewards of creation. “For our first year of marriage, we traveled to Iowa and served on an AmeriCorps trails crew with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. This experience started to shape our idea of simple and environmentally responsible living. We lived in a tent for over seven months, cooking our meals on a fire and taking only what could fit in our small Ford Focus.”

Although the couple now lives in an apartment, they still take easy steps like recycling, limiting their paper and plastic product purchases, using reusable shopping bags, and buying local and organic foods. The couple also doesn’t have cable television or the Internet, and they keep most of their appliances unplugged when not in use.

“These small measures are not ‘going green’ for me, but a way I can take joy in everyday living and try not to be wasteful with what God has given me,” Leasure-Earnhardt says.

Steffy has taken similar steps. “I try to do little things that are environmentally friendly, like recycling, using energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulbs, eating locally grown food as much as possible and using reusable grocery bags,” she says.

Both of these alumnae agree that God has called all His people to be good stewards of creation, just as we are stewards of all His gifts and blessings.

“It is not only right for us to look heavenward at the beauty and grace of eternity, but also to look around at what God wants us to be doing right here and now on this earth,” Leasure-Earnhardt says. “Christians today cannot turn a deaf ear to this ‘green’ movement in our culture. Not because we want to be fashionable, but because we serve the one true God.” 



Amber Leasure-Earnhardt ('06)

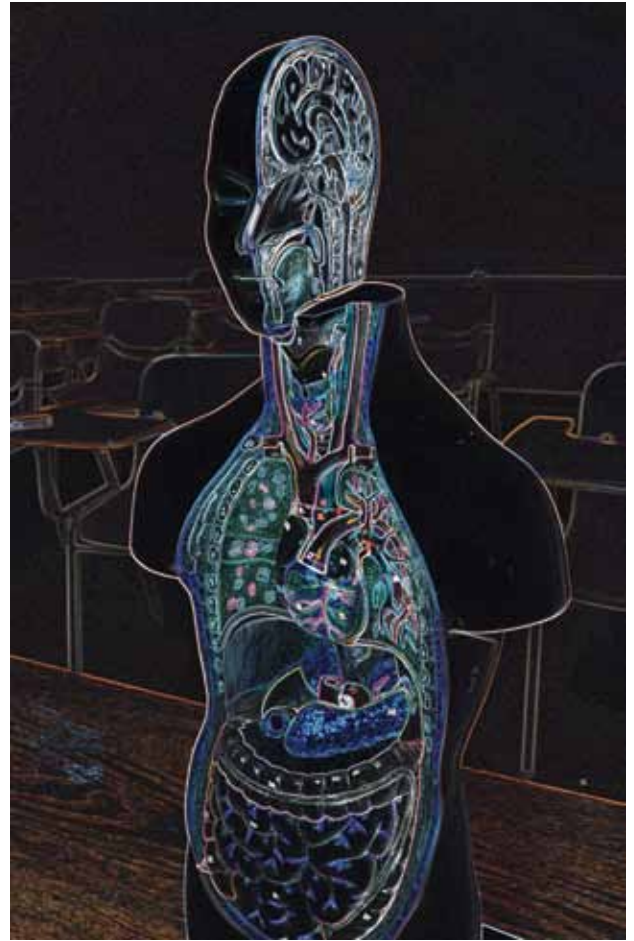
Shades of Green at Geneva College

In 2006, biology professor Marjorie Tobias teamed up with a group of students to start the Creation Stewardship Club at Geneva College. One of their first objectives was to promote recycling, a simple lifestyle change that often leads people to think about other areas of environmental stewardship. With the help of the Geneva College Physical Plant, the club has increased the variety and quantity of campus recyclables.

This year, the club entered Geneva College in a nationwide competition called Recyclemania. In addition to getting the campus involved, club members collected weekly data by checking the contents of recycling dumpsters. Geneva ended the competition in the 19th percentile, recycling 38.38 percent of its total waste (a total of 2.61 pounds of waste per person and 5,767 pounds overall).

Thanks to people like Tobias and her students, the green continues to spread. To limit the amount of Styrofoam used in the Brigadoon, the Geneva College Student Union (GCSU) and Pioneer Food Services now provide reusable travel cups. Students who purchase the cups get free refills of any beverage.

The Creation Stewardship Club is also coming alongside Rails to Trails, a program that is converting former train rail areas in Beaver Falls to biking, walking and running paths. A mile-long bike trail currently runs along the Beaver River, and will be expanded in the near future.



Honor God with your

Dr. Daryl Sas and Dr. David Essig

Dr. Daryl Sas is a professor of biology and chair of the Department of Biology at Geneva College. Dr. David Essig is an associate professor of biology and college coordinator of the cardiovascular technology program (CVT). Geneva College offers the CVT program in association with the INOVA Heart and Vascular Institute (IHVI) in Fairfax, Virginia.

As Christians, how should we view our bodies?

DS They are valuable. I Corinthians 6:19 calls our bodies “temples of the Holy Spirit.” The direct context is sexual immorality, making that sort of activity a trashing of the Holy Spirit’s temple. Our bodies are also created fallen (oh, so fallen), but redeemable. God values our bodies enough to resurrect them.

DE Humans are the crown of God's good creation. Of all his creation, we alone are called to be his image-bearers. Scripture teaches us that reflecting God's image (at least in part) involves being caretakers or stewards of His world. Because we are God's image-bearers and temples of the Holy Spirit, we should take care of our bodies. They have value and worth in God's eyes. But of course, all of creation, including our bodies, has been affected by Adam's sin.

Is it important for us to understand how our bodies work?

DS Absolutely! In order to counter the effects of the fall by treating disease, we have to know how the human body works. Otherwise we end up with treatments that are counter-productive, such as blood-letting to treat cholera, as was done in the early 1800s. It took enormous amounts of knowledge about how the immune system works to make organ transplants possible. We can share in the work of redemption by learning how to treat disease. That's what makes a research scientist's job just as valuable to God's kingdom as a youth minister's.

which both body and spirit are created, fallen and redeemable. Jesus commands us in Mark 12:30 to "love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." Heart and soul may be spiritual, but mind and strength are clearly physical and just as important. Jesus didn't just forgive sins; He healed bodies, too. God cares enough about our bodies to resurrect them and create a new earth for them to inhabit.

DE Our physical bodies are to be of no lesser or greater value than the soul. Biblically, the relationship between body and soul is a very close unity which results in a whole person. Some traditions view human beings dualistically, seeing body and soul as separate entities, with the soul valued above the physical body. But our understanding is that physical body and soul function together and reflect the image of our Creator God. And while our bodies and souls are corrupted by sin, they are redeemable by the work of Christ on the cross.

How does the way we care for our bodies impact our service in God's kingdom?


body | Corinthians 6:20b

DE Understanding is the key to stewardship. I think that we as a society need to have a body of knowledge upon which we can continually base decisions regarding the care of our bodies. We don't all have to be biologists or doctors, but it's a good idea for everyone to possess a basic understanding of the human biology, including genetics. With a better understanding of the human body and the role of family history in our health, we can all make wiser, more informed health care decisions.

Isn't the spiritual more valuable and lasting than the physical?

DS No. That sort of hierarchy reveals a dualistic worldview, which is contrary to a holistic biblical perspective in

DS Striving to have a fit body can be very self centered, but as I say in my biomedical ethics course, "motivation matters." If you are working out and keeping in shape to draw attention to yourself, "you have received your reward in full." But if you are keeping in shape to be better able to serve God and your neighbor, then your focus is not on yourself. It's hard to serve God or your neighbor if you have made yourself unhealthy. By staying in shape you are witnessing to the fact that bodies matter to God.

DE Regardless of vocation, living as a passionate kingdom builder is physically demanding. As a result, we should invest in wise health practices (exercise, diet, rest). However, good health should not become obsessive or take on the role of an idol. Because of sin and God's disciplinary love in our lives, there will always be periods of sickness and suffering from disease. 

Practical Stewardship in Calvi



“There cannot be a safer rule, nor a stronger exhortation to the observance of it, than when we are taught that all the endowments which we possess are divine deposits entrusted to us for the very purpose of being distributed for the good of our neighbor.” John Calvin

Divine deposits. This was John Calvin’s view of time, money, possessions, friendships, abilities and every other gift from God. He believed that Christians guard and grow these divine deposits for the glory of God, for the good of others and for the growth of the church.

During the mid-1500s, while Calvin served as the principal pastor in Geneva, Switzerland, persecution and violence were sweeping the Protestant church in Europe. “The Roman Catholic Church was trying to take over Geneva and turn it from a Protestant to a Roman Catholic city,” says Dr. Richard Gamble, pastor, professor at the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, and leading Calvin scholar.

As Geneva faced religious, political and economic turmoil, Calvin partnered with the city’s leaders to promote the physical, intellectual and spiritual well-being of the people.

He saw education as a pivotal step in bringing social and religious reform to Geneva. At that time, education was available only to a limited few and it placed power in the hands of those who could afford it.

“The University of Paris was established in the 1200s, and cathedral schools educated young men for the church, but

only about 10 percent of people could read,” says Gamble. “And even while a businessman could learn to read, cipher and do his books, true scholarship remained an elitist accomplishment. However, Calvin believed that it was in the best interest of the city to have an educated populace.”

In addition to promoting social justice and equality, Calvin believed this type of education was vital to the growth of the church. All Christians, regardless of gender or social standing, should be able to read, study and understand the Scriptures for themselves.

But not only did Calvin want to make education available for everyone — even little girls — he wanted the city taxpayers to pay for it. This push for public education stemmed not from a desire for shared wealth, but for shared responsibility. If Geneva’s people were caring for each other and bearing one another’s burdens, the entire city would become stronger and better able to withstand physical and spiritual attack.

With the approval of Geneva’s government, Calvin and a team of fellow leaders set out to build a school from scratch. They decided the age at which children should start school. They hired teachers, chose books and wrote curriculum for the youngest to the most advanced students. “Education then was very different from anything we’ve ever experienced, but Calvin’s school at Geneva was the beginning of public education,” Gamble says.

Calvin’s educational investment in the city also included a seminary. Giving his time, energy and resources, he trained

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men from all over Europe so they could carry the gospel to their home countries.

But such a vision carried a risk. Governments dominated by the often corrupt Roman Catholic Church earnestly sought to suppress the Protestant faith. Imprisonment, execution, even hired French assassins faced those who left the protection of Geneva. Nearly a third of the ministers trained at Calvin's seminary died within three years of graduating.

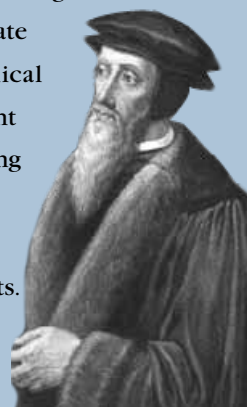
If a student was killed, his wife and children could make their way from safe house to safe house, all the way back to Geneva. To help provide for them, Calvin had a standing deal with a pawn shop around the corner. "Giving up a few books to provide food and lodging for someone in need seemed a small price to pay," Gamble says. "That's why we don't have many of Calvin's personal books today."

Calvin's life as a pastor, teacher, mentor and friend reminds us that we too are stewards of divine deposits. "In our good works nothing is our own," he wrote, and he was not above risking his personal resources, even his own safety, for the good of God's kingdom. Stewardship is a life-changing call that can impact Geneva College just as much as it did Geneva, Switzerland. As the college strives to continue his vision of Christ-centered, kingdom-building education, may we claim this principle for our own lives, transforming our society for the glory of God alone. 

Celebrating the Calvin 500

Born 500 years ago in Noyon, France, Calvin became one of the most influential leaders of the Protestant Reformation. He spent much of his life in Geneva, pioneering spiritual, social, economic and political reform, and the city became a center of Protestant activity. While there were often tensions between Calvin and the city's civil authorities (he was exiled from 1538 to 1541), Geneva thrived under his spiritual leadership. Geneva College was named after this city, and holds to the same biblical truths that Calvin and other reformers fought for.

On July 3-10, Christians from all over the world gathered in the city of Geneva, Switzerland to celebrate the legacy of John Calvin. Professor of Biblical Studies Dr. Byron Curtis went to represent Geneva College. Dr. Curtis is also co-authoring and editing a book entitled *Calvin and the Prophets of Israel*, a guide to Calvin's commentaries on the Old Testament prophets.



Open our eyes Quest 2009

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ." Philippians 1:9



"While a week of labor is good, our hope is that these trips will open students' eyes to the brokenness of our world and transform their lives in the process. True service must come from a sense of compassion and love for others, and love abounds more and more from knowledge and depth of insight. Therefore, the more we understand about the places and people we visit, the better servants we become, not just for the week of spring break, but for our entire lives."

Wendy Van Wyhe
Coordinator, Quest spring break mission trips



Washington D.C.



South Bronx, New York



"For most of the time I spent in New York City, I felt like I was in a foreign country. Most of the places that I've lived in the U.S. have been hardly ethnically diverse. In fact, my hometown is almost 100 percent Caucasian. New York is the definition of diversity. Hispanic, Indian, African, Jewish, Arab, and countless others ethnicities and nationalities walked the streets with us. I enjoyed meeting and interacting with people from different countries, and I hope that in the future I will be able to live in a city that has a similar diverse situation."

Caleb Miller, sophomore accounting major
South Bronx trip

"Transformative love was a running theme I've noticed throughout all of the spring break trips, whether it was sitting down and listening to a homeless man's story 'on his level' in New Orleans, teaching English and ministering to Muslim women in Dearborn, Michigan, rebuilding a countertop in a center for at-risk youth in Alaska, teaching people good nutrition in the South Bronx, or gaining a firsthand understanding of where our daily pot of coffee comes from in Guatemala. All of these trips involved stepping outside of our respective comfort zones and coming to recognize others as image-bearers of God and worthy of our attention and respect."

Evan Banks, senior writing major
Washington D.C. trip



Dearborn, Michigan



New Orleans, Louisiana



Anchorage, Alaska



Costa Rica*



Aliquippa, Pennsylvania



Huehuetenango, Guatemala

"Learning about the process of harvesting gave me a completely different perspective that I carry with me each time I drink coffee. I have realized the importance of developing stronger relationships and being more mindful of those in the world around me. I still recall many things learned from the trip on a daily basis and hope to put those lessons into practice. I witnessed just a sliver of another side of life, recognized areas where God is working, and as Luke 10:37 instructs, my job at this moment is to 'go and do likewise.'"

Allison Law, senior biology major
Guatemala trip



in perspective

Hank and Renee Suhr: Getting stewardship in place

Hank and Renee Suhr, pictured above with sons Jacob and Simon, have a deep love for the community surrounding Geneva College. Renee earned her master's in higher education at Geneva, and was the wife of the late Matt Swanson, assistant chaplain at the college. In 2007 she married Hank, who now teaches part time in the sociology department. They decided to buy and restore a large house in Beaver Falls, and have chosen to invest their time, money and resources in the area where they live.

Our son Jacob's middle name is "Steward." The naming was intentional — a hope that he would grow into caring for all that God entrusted to him — but we never imagined how that concept would weave itself into our lives. We have since realized that stewardship is about caring and being cared for in a place: the particular physical, geographical, cultural, economic and human community in which we live.

We bought a house in Beaver Falls that evidenced intentional care in its design, but was in need of major renovations. It was a home large enough that we could create spaces dedicated to hosting those who would need a place to call home, particularly those whose life situations deprived them of access to sufficient resources.

In caring for the financial resources God had given us, we felt it was best to invest those resources in the businesses and lives of our actual neighbors. Sometimes this meant paying more and waiting longer for things that otherwise could have been instantly supplied. The exercise of being faithful in our place took patience and sacrifice at times, but it was also wonderful.

Almost everyone, from our contractor to our kitchen suppliers and our carpet installers, came from within a five-mile radius. Friendships were built with many local business people as the work continued. We also felt that restoring property, rather than starting over with new construction, was a way to bring life back to what already existed.



Some of the most gratifying pieces of redoing our home were the comments from the neighbors, still strangers to us at that time. Most were just grateful that this empty and eroding house was returning to something beautiful. We hoped that, for those that had eyes to see, the work stood as a visual reminder and symbol that God has always been about moving into neighborhoods and towns that the world might seem to be passing by.

We have loved living in this neighborhood. Here in Beaver Falls, God has given our family the tremendous opportunity to grow in our understanding of radical stewardship rooted in place. Stewardship for us has come to mean restoring, economizing, relating and even eating in a way that says, "this place matters because God cares about it, calls and roots us here, and calls it His own."

in perspective

Jonathan Dodd: Loving the Bride of Christ

A native of Pittsburgh, Jon Dodd graduated from Geneva College in 2005 with a degree in writing. He spent the next year in China, ministering to children and families by teaching English as a second language. During his time in China, he came to a new understanding of his role as a servant of Christ's Church worldwide. Every Christian is part of the body of Christ — not just in their own communities, but in the Church around the world.

When I left Geneva College, God called me to serve as a teacher in China. I thought I'd go to see the world, gain some experience and maybe share the gospel, but so much more than that happened. During the year I spent living and teaching in Beijing, I began to understand what it means to be the Bride of Christ, and exactly how that Bride does and will look.

It was in an international church in Beijing that I first saw the multi-national Bride of Christ. It was in a Chinese church in Beijing that I first saw the multi-lingual Bride of Christ. And it was beautiful. It was from this that God called me back to America, to consider what this new picture of His beloved means for my life now.

I've been out of college for four years now, and I think a lot more about the world than I used to. I'm currently working at ELIC (English Language Institute China) in Fort Collins, Colorado. I work with teachers all over Asia who give anywhere from a summer to their entire lives to reach the people there. These teachers love the Bride of Christ in a different way than I do. They're there in an unfamiliar place where they will always be foreigners, raising their families in another hemisphere so that they can serve the Asian Bride of Christ and see it grow. They know how beautiful the Mongolian Bride of Christ is when it sings His praises, and they've seen the Vietnamese Bride of Christ lay down her life for her Bridegroom.

I marvel at how the Lord calls each of us to a specific place, and how he puts different places on each of our hearts. Just as Dutch statesman



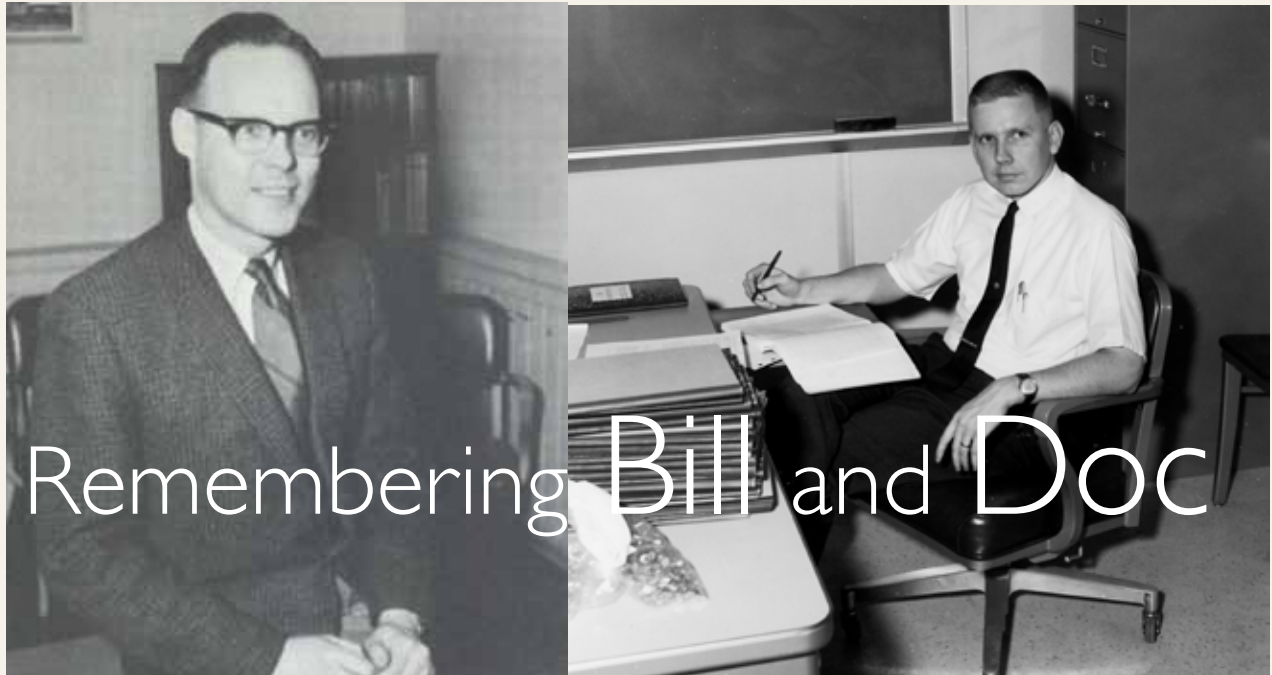
and theologian Abraham Kuyper stated famously, "In the total expanse of human life there is not a single square inch of which the Christ, who alone is sovereign, does not declare, 'That is mine!'"

I think of those square inches literally. There is no spot on the earth too remote and no slum too crowded that Christ does not declare it His. Likewise, there is no government too dark nor people groups too lost from whom Christ does not require worship. Buddhist monks will worship Christ. European socialists and tribal Africans will worship Christ. Steeler Nation will worship Christ (we are a people group, for sure).

I lived 23 years of my life in America before I spent a year in China, and now it's been three years since I returned. I hope those three years look different from the first 23 because I've asked myself, how can I support the worldwide Bride of Christ here where I am right now? How can I pray for her and her well-being? How can I love her while staying rather than going? These are questions we're all called to ask, as we're all called to serve the Church and give glory to Christ.

in conclusion

On May 6, 2009, the Geneva College community said good-bye to two beloved professors, mentors and friends: Dr. William Russell, professor of history and academic dean; and Dr. John Pinkerton, professor of electrical engineering and director of the Center for Technology Development.



Dr. William Russell (1923-2009)

"He was a Geneva College icon. Dr. Russell was my history department academic advisor in the early 1970s and provided me with guidance and knowledge that put me on the path to success in business and in life." Ted Kay '71

"Following invaluable service to Geneva College, Bill gave himself as Registrar and Professor of Church History at the RP Seminary. He leaves a legacy of making Church History fascinating and commitment to the Scriptures essential. We honor his memory and pray for his family." Bruce C. Stewart '45, President Emeritus, Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary

"Bill Russell was the representation of a good and gentle man. During my 26 years of working at the college, I was fortunate to work with him directly in the Dean's Office for over five years. Memories of him bring a smile to my face. He was so organized, his desk was so neat and he worked on his projects without the normal clutter that everyone else seemed to need. Most of all, he had his priorities in the exact right place. No matter how busy he was, he walked home each day to have lunch with his wife, Martha. There was no doubt in my mind that he was our

strength at work and she was his strength at home. There was a bond between them that Bill didn't talk about much, but ... the way he said 'Martha and I' made you know that she was the person that made him smile. We all know that Bill is smiling down on us from above, with his unique grin, because he made his commitment to the Lord and stuck by it in every way. Martha, thank you for sharing Bill with us all those years and as you move forward without him, always remember how much he loved you." Mary Agnes Tondo '97

"Between 1955 and 1960 I took just about every history course Dr. Russell offered. He could make a dry subject (to me) become alive. We will all miss him." Scott Boyle '60

Dr. Jack Pinkerton (1939 – 2009)

"I remember in the late '80s he used a blow torch and heavy soldering iron in his driveway to remove valuable electronic components from used circuit boards in order to give his students more resources to work with! This was tedious and hazardous work. That same extra-effort-beyond-the-call-of-duty attitude was normal for Dr. Pinkerton. He invested much of his time and energy to create an excellent, state of the art department for his students. He will be dearly missed as a humble leader and good friend." Tom Tomer '82

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“Doc was my professor, mentor, supervisor, friend, church member, and brother-in-Christ. Doc blessed my family with his personal resources in those early days of my college years as a poor international student. He always wanted to know how he could help my family, and that continued until his heavenly home-going. I have lived in five nations on two continents and known countless saints and professionals. I am still waiting to see a more generous man, a more humble servant of God and mankind ... his strength strengthened us; and we became better by knowing him.”
Richard Morris '97

“My memories of Jack Pinkerton go back to when he was a student at Geneva and lived off campus in our family home. I was about 10 or 11 at the time and absolutely adored Jack: he was my hero. He played basketball and football with me in the back yard, teaching me moves I never knew, and had that great dry sense of humor... Having him around was a rich experience. It doesn't surprise me he went on to bless so many students at Geneva.”
Ted Wilcox '71

“Doc was such a great example in so many ways ... his humble, tireless service, his sincere love for his students and his work, his patient endurance in trials. Scripture speaks of those ‘who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality.’ Doc never sought those things on earth, but by God's grace, he's received them where it matters. Thanks, Doc, for modeling a living faith. I owe you much.” Matt Gatchell '93

“There was no end to Jack's goodness and his youthful spirit continued to the end. Just last summer I called him to ask him to take another young man under his wing when he came to Geneva for a visit. Sure enough, the freshman class included yet another student because of Jack's kindness.”
Alex Davison '68



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