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Geneva's new president
aims to lead from the ranks

IN RESPONSE

Letters from readers

Story propagates naïve views

The recent issue of *Geneva Magazine*, with its militaristic cover and lead article lauding our present administration's policy of preemptive war in Iraq—and its consequent lack of exit planning—was, in my view, inappropriate and naïve. Certainly, the objective of the United States, however pursued, should be a just and lasting peace for the many competing factions in that troubled country. But to imply that we should support our president, who appears to believe that he is divinely appointed to take us into a war that looks more and more difficult to end, is again, naïve in the extreme.

My heart aches for our young soldiers, most of whom have no cultural understanding of the people now considered enemies. As Anthony Swofford writes in the May 31 issue of *Newsweek*, there is a disconnect between what our soldiers have seen and what they will talk about now that they are home. Joshua VanTassel talks about the Iraqi children he played soccer with; he won't mention the dead, especially the dead children.

A soldier is trained to be a killing machine. That includes our loved ones in uniform, whom we love deeply and whom we must comfort when they get home.

The enormous truck on the cover of *Geneva Magazine* advances menacingly, yet it is devoid of war's awful accouterments: bodies, body bags, and blood.

*Christine (Teale '49) Howes
Kennebunkport, Maine*

Forrest Justice remembered

In the latest *Geneva Magazine*, it was noted that Mr. Forrest Justis passed away and is now in the hands of the Almighty. Mr. Justis was my adviser during my years at Geneva, and he gave me excellent direction in my applied mathematics studies. He was an excellent and well-respected gentleman.

It was regretful to me that his life on earth has ended, but I am sure he is in the best of hands. Please extend my deepest and most sincere sympathies to the family of Mr. Justis.

*Gary Liebschner '62
Carroll, Ohio*



Marines aren't soldiers

One of the many things that I've learned since joining the Marine Corps is that words mean things. A story we were told at the basic school (TBS is an officers school) was about two marines who were assigned to an American civilian police patrol car during a riot-control situation. The policemen in the front seat spotted a suspect in a second-story window in a downtown building. They told the marines, "Cover us, we're going into the building." The squad exited the car. The policemen started for the building—and immediately dropped to the ground at the sound of gunfire.

Now, from day one, all marines are taught that "cover me" means to open fire on the designated position while someone else moves forward. So, when the policemen said "cover us," that's exactly what the marines did. They got out of the car, aimed in on the correct window, and opened fire with their machine guns.

Words mean things. In "Tires in the Sand," several times you referred to marines as *soldiers*. A member of the Marine Corps is not a soldier. A member of the Army is a soldier. Someone in the Marine Corps is a *marine*.

While this difference may not mean much to much of the rest of the country, you'll find that it's a very important distinction to every marine. To call a marine a soldier may even insult some marines. When writing about marines, you'll look smart and have a better reception among them by referring to them as marines, not soldiers.

I thoroughly enjoyed the article though. The sea-stories (personal experiences and insight shared with others) were great, especially the grenade part. Thank you for your time and understanding. And please remember, words mean things.

*Paul Jarr '96
First Lieutenant, Third Marine Aircraft Wing
San Diego, California*

I READ WITH SORROW ABOUT THE passing of Forrest Justis. He is one of those individuals in your education process whose memory stays with you. Fondly.

We engineering students had nicknamed him "Choo Choo Justis" for reasons I do not recall. That is my question to you. Have you ever heard of him being called this? Could you do some checking to see where this came from and why it was applied?

*E. John Forsyth '48
Danville, Kentucky*

Editor's note: Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice was a well-known football star in the late 1940s. He set records in high school before playing for the Bainbridge (Maryland) Navy Squad during World War II. He also played college football

for the University of North Carolina from 1946 to 1949 and professionally for the Washington Redskins.

According to Gladys Justis, Forrest's wife, Justice and Justis were officers in the Navy at the same time, and their homophonic names led to confusion. Later, someone at Geneva heard the story and started using the moniker. "He had already been tagged with the nickname by the time I was a student in the late '50s," said Dr. John Pinkerton '60, professor of electrical engineering. "Rumor was that it came from his name being the same as some great southern football player known for running over opposing players. However, none of us ever had the courage to ask him about it."

Justice died on October 17, 2003, only 13 days before Justis passed away.

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GENEVA NEWS



Orr chairs board

The college board of trustees elected the Reverend Ken Orr to succeed Dr. Ken Smith as board chair. Orr is the pastor of Los Angeles Reformed Presbyterian Church and a junior-high teacher. He has served on the board since 1996 and as vice chair since 1999. Orr has dedicated much of the past 25 years to Christian education at the elementary, secondary, and college levels. The

board chair presides over all board meetings and is an ex-officio member of all committees. Orr and his wife, Michelle, live in Glendale, California.

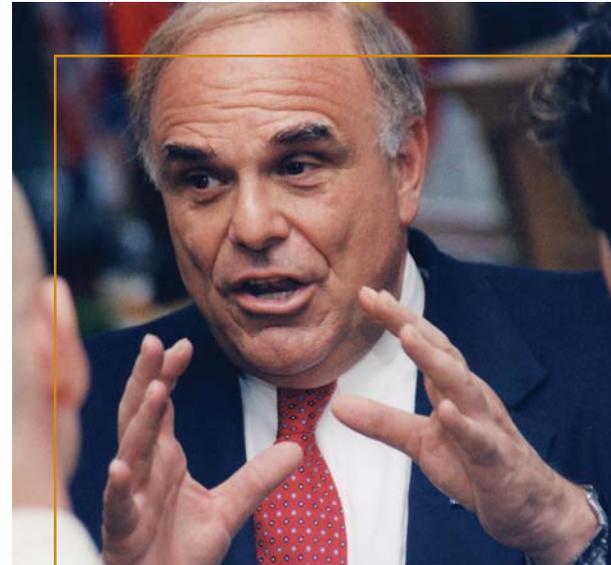
A national seal of approval

Geneva's master of business administration (MBA) program earned national accreditation this April. The accreditation was granted by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs, one of two federally approved business accrediting associations. Only 10 other schools in the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities have accredited MBA programs.

Accreditation measures the quality of MBA programs against standards enforced by an independent review board. The process took five years and included a self-study, which reported on everything from resources to curriculum and faculty qualifications, and an on-site review.

Because I'm your uncle, that's why

Geneva students, along with Jeff Schindel, executive director of public relations, conducted a voter registration drive at the college this spring. Schindel canvassed the campus dressed as Uncle Sam, persuading—and sometimes badgering—students and college employees to remember their civic duties. The student-led Geneva GOP conducted drives in the spring and fall. The GOP and Schindel's combined efforts netted about 150 registrations, and they plan to make another push this fall before the November elections.



Governor visits campus

Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell visited Geneva on April 19 to promote his economic development bill, which the state legislature passed this spring. Rendell held a signing ceremony for the bill in the Student Center's Skye Lounge.

The stimulus package will pour \$2 billion in government grants and loans into Pennsylvania's lagging economy over the next three years, he said. Pennsylvania is the nation's number one exporter of college graduates, Rendell said, and in the 1990s it ranked 47th in job creation. After the signing, Rendell spoke with reporters and students. His visit was the first by a Pennsylvania governor since 1948, when Governor James Duff attended Geneva's centennial celebration.

Also present at the ceremony were Beaver Falls Mayor Karl Boak, Beaver County commissioners Dan Donatella, Charlie Camp, and Joe Spanik, state Representative Mike Veon, and state senators Gerald LaValle and J. Barry Stout.

Tickled pink

More than 2,000 enthusiastic high school students crowded into Metheny Fieldhouse on May 27 for the 10th annual Henry Mancini Musical Theatre Awards. Fourteen troupes from Beaver, Butler, and Lawrence counties performed selections from their musicals, and judges handed out awards for the year's best productions. Beaver County Christian School, located in Beaver Falls, collected the most trophies, earning 10 for its presentation of

Study abroad office launched

Geneva students who want to spend a semester off campus will get help starting this fall. After a year of planning, the college is set to open Crossroads: Geneva's Center for Off-Campus Study. The center will marshal the services and resources of the whole campus, helping students take care of details like mail forwarding, financial aid, housing, tuition, and academic credit transfers. In the past, students who wanted an off-campus experience had to make these arrangements on their own. The center will provide training for students before they leave and help reorient them when they return. It will also establish relationships with other schools to give students a broader range of experiences to choose from.

Studying abroad is an important part of a complete education, according to Program Coordinator Ann Burkhead, because the cross-cultural experience helps students take in other perspectives and become global citizens. Geneva is behind other Christian colleges in this area, she said. Burkhead spent the past year researching other colleges' off-campus study programs and attending conferences on the topic.

The center is funded for the upcoming year by The Call, Geneva's calling and vocation program. The following year the college will support it with general revenue.



CUTS appoints new president

The Center for Urban Theological Studies (CUTS) appointed Dr. Rick McKinney as its third president in June. McKinney is a pastor, educational administrator, psychologist, and graduate school professor. In 1999 McKinney moved to Philadelphia to develop the REST (Rational Emotive Spiritual Therapy) Philly Prison Aftercare Project. REST trains urban

church ministers and lay members as counselors and mentors for inmates, ex-convicts, and their families. Within four years, REST included 103 churches, masjids, and parishes. Each year more than 1,000 inmates enroll in the faith-based group counseling provided by the project.

McKinney holds a master's degree in counseling and a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Miami in Florida. His wife, Sheila, spent 17 years at Citibank as a training and workflow supervisor and now serves as an administrator for CUTS.

"Rags." Ginny Mancini, wife of the late Henry Mancini for whom the awards are named, attended for the second year in a row, along with representatives from the U.S. Post Office. The post office unveiled a commemorative stamp bearing Henry Mancini's image. The stamp was a greater honor to her husband than the Oscars, Emmys, and Grammys he won during his lifetime, Ginny Mancini told the audience. She was joined on stage by the Pink Panther, the mascot for one of her husband's most famous compositions. Henry Mancini, who died in 1994, was a native of Beaver County.

Retiring president honored

Dr. John H. White's term as president concluded with a flurry of honors. White received the Life G Award during the annual Founders Day alumni banquet. The Life G, which is the highest honor given by the col-



lege, goes to one alumnus or alumna each year who exemplifies Geneva's standards, mission, and commitment to servant-leadership.

The college also established the John H. White Endowed Scholarship and collected \$62,000 in gifts and pledges from college friends and alumni. The fund will provide financial aid for students starting in 2005.

At the spring's final convocation service, the college renamed Old Main Auditorium in White's honor, christening it the John H. White Chapel. White retired on June 14 after 12 years as president.

Alumni council reinstated

Geneva alumni will soon have a louder voice in issues that concern them. This fall the alumni relations office is reviving the college's alumni council, which has been inactive since 2000. The council will support the efforts of the alumni office, gather input from alumni, help set alumni relations policies, and appoint alumni representatives to the board of trustees. The council's reorganization meeting will take place at 12 p.m. on Friday, October 1, during Homecoming.

Members will likely serve a three-year term, according to Ginny Caldwell, director of alumni relations. The council will hold several teleconferences a year and will convene twice annually. Alumni who graduated from Geneva and who support the college's mission are eligible for the council. Rob Baumgartner '70, a college trustee, will serve on the council to strengthen the link between the board of trustees and alumni.

For more information, contact Caldwell at caldwell@geneva.edu or 724-847-6525, or e-mail Baumgartner at reb279@ccia.com.

Geneva stewardship endorsed

Geneva's accounting practices were approved after going under the microscope this spring. The Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) conducted its periodic review of the college's accounting, financial reporting, and governance and concluded that Geneva continues to meet all of the council's standards.



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Geneva became a member of the ECFA in 2000. To join, institutions must demonstrate that they meet the ECFA's rigorous standards of responsible stewardship and adhere to the highest standards of Christian ethics in financial accounting and reporting. Approval by the council is an assurance to donors that Geneva is using gifts legally and ethically.

Athletics in cyberspace

Fans of Geneva athletics can listen to football and basketball games this year from anywhere in the world. The college signed a one-year agreement with NSNSports to broadcast Golden Tornado games live on the Internet. Games will also air regionally on WBVP 1230 AM. The broadcasts will feature play-by-play commentary by Van Zanic, Geneva's sports information director, Bob Barrickman from WBVP, and Rob Pratt and Jeff Hathhorn from Pittsburgh's KDKA. To listen to games on the Internet, go to nnsports.com. Click "Colleges" on the sidebar and select Geneva from the alphabetical list.

Paying for the pipers

by Samuel Vanderplas '07

This fall a seven-member bagpiper corps will lend a Scottish flair to Geneva College events. The troupe, which will compliment the marching band at select performances, is funded by an anonymous friend of the college.

The corps includes six Geneva students and is led by the aptly named Piper Kilpatrick, a senior chemistry major, who was heretofore Geneva's lone bagpiper. The donor says he was searching for a leader with "showmanship and Geneva pride" as well as excellent bagpiping capabilities. Kilpatrick's musical talent made him an instant standout, and his active role in Geneva's theater department finalized the decision.

Last year Kilpatrick taught the corps the fundamentals of piping, but because he wanted the group to receive professional instruction, Kilpatrick located an accomplished instructor to



offer lessons. This fall four pipers will play at performances, including Kilpatrick and two other students. A Geneva alumnus who is already proficient at the pipes will play alongside the students to strengthen the sound.

The instruments, uniforms, and professional instruction were funded by the donor. He financed the bagpiping corps not to attract attention, but to "add to Geneva pride and bring back the Covenanter tradition," he says.

"I was sad when Geneva changed the Covenanters mascot to the Golden Tornadoes," he says, "because the Golden Tornadoes doesn't have that ring to it. There are probably other Golden Tornadoes in the nation, but there was only one Covenanters." He hopes that traditional Scottish instruments such as the bagpipes will remind the college of its roots and so bring back the unique Covenanter pride and flavor to Geneva's festivals.

This fall the piper corps will play at football games, parades, the opening chapel of the school year, and at the inaugural ceremony for President Kenneth A. Smith. 🐉

Piper Kilpatrick, left, organized a student bagpipe corps. The group will play at college events this fall.



Beaver Falls to Birmingham

HISTORY RESURRECTED

by Melanie Yergeau '05

Imagine an opportunity for history to be resurrected—on a bus tour. This summer 44 people grabbed hold of that chance, gliding along the expressway to visit milestones of the civil rights movement.

Todd Allen, assistant professor of communication and the man behind the idea, first realized the potential for this quest while on a smaller version of the event four years ago. Only 13 people signed on for the first trip, but Allen's dedication has tripled that number. The tour is open to Geneva students, alumni, faculty, staff, and members of the local community.

This year's voyage not only included traditional tour features, such as museums, but also incorporated meetings with those who experienced the movement firsthand.

In an effort to chronicle imperative pieces of our nation's past, the route stretched from Charlotte, North Carolina, to Cincinnati, Ohio. While the core of the bus trip remains the same, Allen adds a few new stops each year. This year Tuskegee and Little Rock were included in the tour. Another feature was a meeting with Joseph and Brumit DeLaine, men whose father was part of a South Carolina case in *Brown v. Board of Education*.

The tour receives some support from the college through The Call, Geneva's calling and vocation program, but the bulk of the funding comes from PNC Bank in Pittsburgh through the efforts of Mandy (Padgett '98) Dlugos.

Participants in the trip wrote daily reflections on their experience. The following passages are excerpts from their journals. 

Below and opposite page: Monuments in Kelly Ingram Park, located in Birmingham, Alabama, commemorate familiar figures and scenes from the civil rights movement.



June 12—Charlotte, North Carolina

Everything I've learned has made me realize how naïve I was about how far we've really come in this battle for civil rights. . . . My generation is so far removed from what was a blunt and obvious battle for civil rights; these days the offenses are more subtle.

—TaRee Glenn-Avery

June 14—Selma, Alabama

We met with . . . Anthony Grooms, who wrote a book called *Bombingham* that stretched from the "war-torn rice fields of Vietnam to the riot-filled streets of Birmingham, Alabama." He spoke to us about his book and criticized how society wastes money that could be used for the betterment of the human race. For instance, the money it would take to give basic education, health care, and housing to every man, woman, and child in the world is the same amount of money held by the 12 wealthiest people in the world. Twelve people could change the condition of the world—that's amazing. . . . The people we met in Selma were like none I've ever met in the north or the south. It seems to me that the reality of what they suffered gives them



Right: Martin Luther King Jr.'s birth home in Atlanta, Georgia, was one of the attractions that tourgoers visited. Seated on the steps (left to right) are Carol Muroki '02, TaRee Glenn-Avery '07, Malka Saiepour '04, and Aaron Turner '05.

a low tolerance for phony, preformulated words. They've lived long and hard to be able to speak the truth.

—*TaRee Glenn-Avery*

HOW CAN I PUT THIS DAY IN TO WORDS? I CAN ONLY SAY THAT IT HAS been an emotionally draining yet uplifting experience. We began our morning in Selma. I have read about and seen reports of the events which took place here, but to experience Selma for myself was an experience I was truly not ready for. As we began to walk across the bridge, my mind played the images of Bloody Sunday. As I continued to move forward I could feel a lump begin to form in my throat and tears begin to well up in my eyes. As I reached the crest of the bridge, I began to see what the marchers on Bloody Sunday saw . . . I began to visualize the troopers standing there with batons in hand, lying in wait to beat these pilgrims for justice. The marchers pressed forward, certain that God was with them. As I stood on that bridge and began to cry, the rain began to fall. I thought, "How fitting; I am crying tears of both sorrow and joy and so is the God that I serve." Equally as fitting was that as we made it to "Jordan" (the other side of the bridge) the rain stopped and the sun began to shine brightly. It was at this point that we stopped to reflect at a memorial to persons slain in the fight for civil rights . . . a simple yet profound stone monument, inscribed with the words from the book of Joshua: "What do these stones mean?" This passage in a way sums up what this journey has been about for me personally and for the nation as a whole—what do the sacrifices of those who went before me mean, both then as well as in the future?

—*Anonymous*

June 18—Memphis, Tennessee

Today we woke up early and drove over to Memphis to meet with a man that I had honestly never heard of, the Reverend Billy Kyles. He was one of the men who was with Dr. King when he was shot and killed. He told us stories I never could have read in my history books, confirming that, even in the circumstances of Dr. King's death, God is the doer of all things. The hotel name and room number were released to the public, and the dinner that Dr. King and his colleagues were supposed to be attending was pushed back an hour. Reverend Kyles talked about the last sermon Dr. King preached, the night before he died, on how he feared no man and he was

happy, and how he would want to be remembered if he were to pass. Reverend Kyles says that sermon involved more talk of death than he had ever heard from Dr. King before. All these things fell together for Dr. King to be in that state of mind, on that balcony, and at that time for one reason—God's reason.

—*TaRee Glenn-Avery*

June 19—Beaver Falls

Never before have I been so angry and so proud all at once. As I left the bus that had been my home for the past week, I took with me more than my luggage. The exhilaration, humiliation, and continuing progress of African Americans—my relatives, my friends, and me—overwhelmed my tired mind. I was eager to share my experience, yet confused as to what to say. I learned about history, but it was something more. I learned about reality. Not just the reality of the past, but the reality of the present and the future. I learned to appreciate my freedom. I learned to appreciate my descendants. I learned to appreciate my grandmother's life that suddenly became so amazing. I learned to understand my father's life. I learned that change is a continuing process that involves me in a very real way. I learned that today's America is not a paradise; it is just the beginning of the dream that so many people have dreamt and that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. so eloquently spoke of. I learned that the civil rights movement not only achieved rights for African Americans but also began the process of providing true freedom for all Americans.

—*Maelissa Gould*

a republic of rulers

GENEVA PROFS ON POLITICS

Whether in the classroom or the cafeteria, one topic has everyone talking this year—politics. As the nation prepares to elect its next president, Geneva Magazine sat down with three of the college's more outspoken political thinkers to hear their thoughts on the current political climate: Dr. Robert Copeland, professor of music and adviser to the student-led Geneva GOP group; Dr. Eric Miller, assistant professor of history; and Dr. Howard Mattsson-Bozé, professor of history.

What are the biggest issues at stake in this election?

EM: One of the things that I'm increasingly concerned about is America's relationship to the rest of the world. We have a civilization that is interconnected. We're increasingly bound to one another for our day-in and day-out survival, economically, technologically. It is crucial that we have a national conversation in these next few months about how the United States should pursue its relations with other nations.

HM: The whole Israeli-Palestinian issue may be the most important issue internationally and for our relationships with Arab and Muslim countries. But it doesn't seem to be on the charts.

RC: The way things are shaping up now, national defense and national security, which certainly are closely related to the question of international relations, are the biggest issues at stake in this election. Do we want to have a free and sovereign United States four years from now, or not? And what does it mean to be integrated

with the world? Does it mean we have to have the permission of Kofi Annan to defend ourselves? That's the central issue.

Why should Christians be involved in politics?

EM: To me, politics is caring about how we live together. There is a formal sphere of politics that we associate with the government and electoral politics, but it's not the most important form. The most important part of politics is simply being an active part for the good in whatever communities you're a part of, from your neighborhood and your block to your business and local township.

RC: The question of Christians' involvement in politics depends in part on the type of government in which they live. In a republic, we're not just the ruled, we're also rulers. In that capacity we have a God-given responsibility to participate in the processes that can lead to justice and compassion.

Should a candidate's position on an issue like abortion take priority over other considerations?

HM: Letting abortion trump everything else in effect says that the rest of the policy—healthcare, help for the poor, taxation policy—doesn't matter. One of the major responsibilities of rulers is to seek the welfare of the whole nation. The reason I'm basically a Democrat is that I see the Democratic party as more oriented toward aid for the weak, more oriented toward tax policies that do not harm the weaker members of our society.

EM: What really is crucial is the likely effect that a particular issue could have. The abortion issue is always complicated for me because of the power of the presidency over the Supreme Court. Because I'm opposed to abortion and it's really crucial who's on the bench, it makes it very

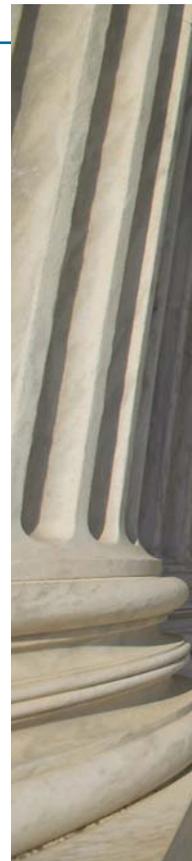
complicated to vote for somebody who supports abortion. But at the same time, when you look at the grand scheme of American politics and the abortion issue itself, what is the likelihood that anybody is going to get in there and turn back *Roe v. Wade*? I'd have to think it is very small. I tend to be sympathetic to considering the pragmatics in voting for a particular candidate: What could actually happen if this person is elected?

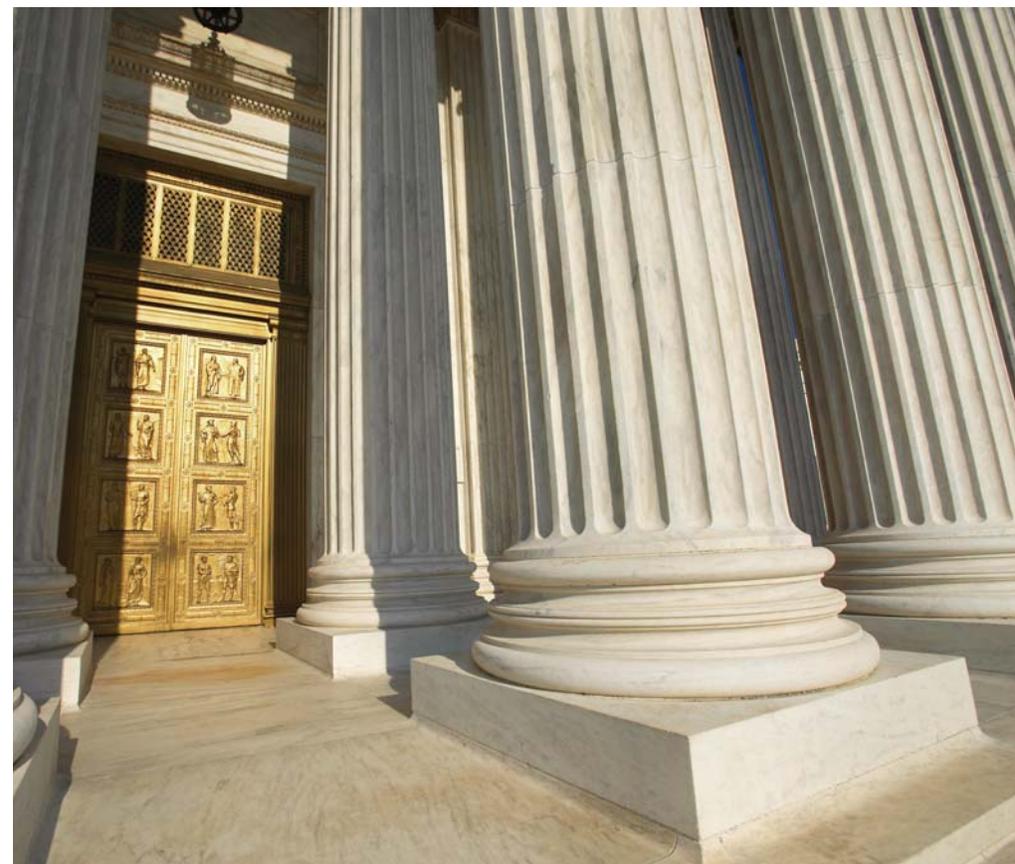
RC: In philosophical principle I say there ought not be one litmus test. But on a very personal level, I could not bring myself to cast a vote for somebody who favors abortion. A pro-death candidate is not going to make a Christian ruler. The issue is central to what life is all about and to the responsibility of government to protect the weak. I don't see any other issue that has the same stark clarity as abortion.

What's more important, a candidate's profession of faith or his or her positions on the issues?

HM: I think it's good if a person professes faith. But to me, that is so easily manipulated as a political instrument that I don't have a lot of confidence in it. What we're doing is electing a person who has a certain perspective on things, and who, we hope and trust from looking at his or her record, is a person of integrity and honesty. But I don't have much more confidence if a Christian says something than I do of someone who is not a Christian.

RC: In the first place, we don't know how genuine or deep a person's confession is, and the evidence is always ambiguous.





And in the second place, a Christian profession doesn't guarantee that you can be an effective leader. Jimmy Carter is the classic example.

EM: In the last election, when Bush was running as a self-consciously evangelical candidate, I was discussing with a class the question of whether Bush could be good somehow for the country but bad for the kingdom of Christ. Maybe what we should really think about is, What will the effect of this candidate be on the kingdom of Christ? You could imagine someone who has an ardent Christian profession creating such a bad image of what it means to be a Christian in practice that it actually damages the work of Christ. That kind of judgment would be affected, of course, by your own Christian convictions, but it's one thing we should be asking.

HM: The standard question around here is, How can a person be a Christian and be a Democrat? My response is, How can a person be a Christian and be a Republican? There's a danger at the point

where we simply identify our political preferences with our faith. I think we have to debate the issues and not try to divine who's in the lamb's book of life.

RC: A lot of evangelicals ask the wrong questions when they're trying to make a faith-based decision about politics. Simply being a Christian or having a Christian profession does not guarantee that you have the skills and wisdom to govern. The bottom line is, Will a ruler's policy be God honoring or not? We can have deep disagreements about that. But we've got to get out of the mindset that says, Oh, he's a Christian brother, therefore I've got to vote for him.

EM: The effect is really what matters when it comes to ruling. Ruling is measured by effect.

What is the most important issue that no one is addressing?

HM: Health care is not being addressed very well. Bush has created a prescription drug plan that has something like 75 dif-

ferent cards, and nobody can figure them out. I don't think we've solved the problem of the cost of medicine. And we certainly haven't addressed the problem of health care for everybody in the country. There is a substantial portion of people who don't get even basic healthcare. And with all of our tax cuts, we're creating a crisis. When you deliberately reduce government income by reducing taxes, you've obviously contributed to the problem.

RC: I would disagree with that because we have different concepts of the way economics functions. Historically, tax cuts have resulted in more total revenue to the government.

HM: I think that is wrong. President Reagan found that it was wrong and increased taxes when he had to.

EM: One thing you never hear discussed is the long-term sustainability of the economy, as well as a host of related ecological concerns. We're adverse to these long-term discussions. The last person to try to do this was Jimmy Carter in the spring of 1980, when he gave his famous "malaise" speech. It sounded so dire and sermonic that it scared everybody away from sustainability questions.

HM: The other "last person" to raise this issue was Ross Perot. He raised the question of national debt and deficit spending. He had a sort of momentary impact during the Clinton administration, but that's long since gone. It's interesting that nowadays conservatives go for deficit spending and liberals are supposedly balanced budget people. We'll see how long that lasts if the roles reverse. 

Dr. David Badger, professor emeritus of chemistry, worked as part of a team to excavate a city in southwestern Israel.

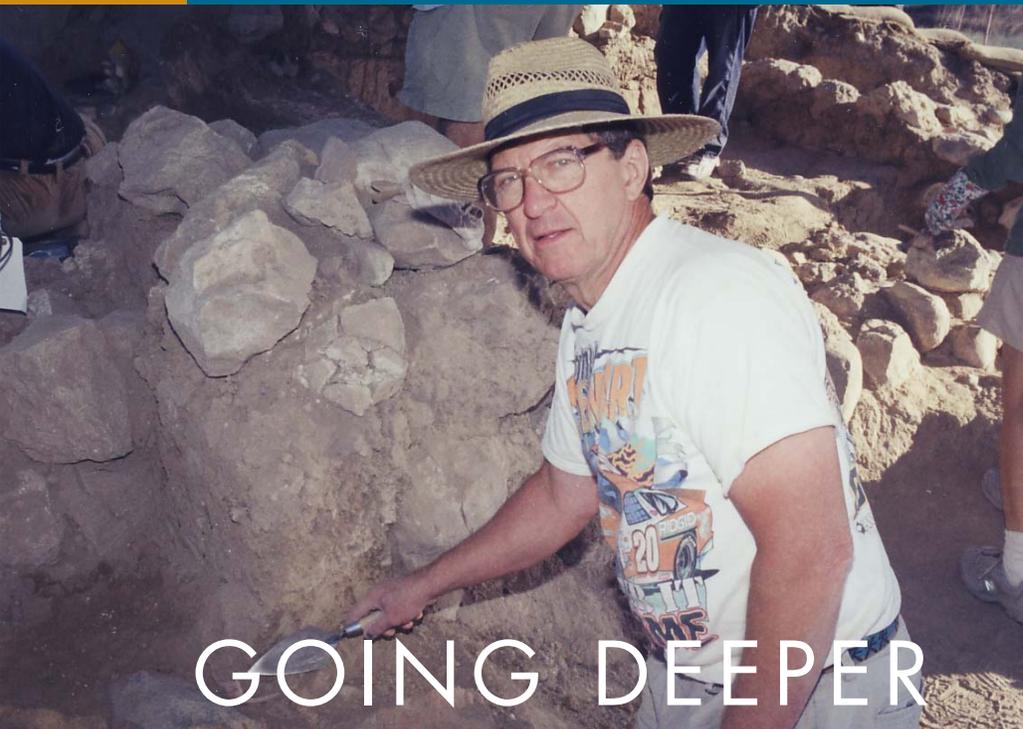
and paint brushes. “Archaeology is very slow, tedious work because you don’t want to destroy what is under the ground,” said Shidemantle.

Workdays for the group began at 4:30 a.m. with digging, followed by pottery cleaning sessions in the afternoons. According to Shidemantle, the group found a large quantity of pottery, including several partially intact food storage vessels. Geneva students also discovered some ancient jewelry, including a bronze bracelet and a flint blade dating back to the second Iron Age, and a Late Bronze Age Canaanite stone vessel. Shidemantle found a small cooking pot. “It was amazing to uncover something that had been under ground since the Iron II period. Biblical history comes alive when you’re doing this kind of work,” he said.

Most evenings, students listened to lectures from Israeli archaeological experts. Speakers included Barbara Johnson, an ancient pottery analysis expert, and Hanan Eschel, an expert on Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The trip wasn’t all work, though. On the weekends, participants toured the Sea of Galilee region, swam in the Dead Sea, and stood on the Mount of Olives overlooking the old city of Jerusalem.

“Because of the dig I got to appreciate what archeologist do,” says Joseph Oliver, a senior student ministry major at Geneva. “Being at the actual sites where biblical history occurred explains so much more than pictures or reading could.”



GOING DEEPER

Geneva group excavates ancient city

by Lisa (Chiappelli '02) Earl

This summer, a group of Geneva students and faculty members took exegesis to a new level—one deep below the earth.

The group, led by Ronald Tappy, a professor of Bible and archaeology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, spent three weeks excavating part of an ancient Israeli city, called a *tel*.

Scott Shidemantle, assistant professor of biblical studies, initiated Geneva’s involvement in the project. The trip capped off a May-term course called Archaeology of Israel that he taught with Jonathan Watt, assistant professor of biblical studies.

“I have actually toured Israel twice before but wanted an experience that would be richer—and an archaeological dig would certainly allow for that,” said Shidemantle. “I love to see students learn, and the idea of linking up with an archaeological dig and taking a few students along with me sounded like a

great opportunity to do that.”

The group excavated a site in the southwestern part of Israel that dates back to the Assyrian conquest of 701 BC. Tappy believes the ruin to be the remains of Libnah, a city mentioned in the Old Testament. The dig is part of a larger project called the Zeitah Excavations, which was launched during the summer of 1999 to help enrich understanding of life in small-town ancient Israel.

Approximately 40 volunteers from colleges and universities across the United States participated in the excavation. Volunteers were divided into groups of about 10, and each team worked on a 10-by-10 meter area, called a *square*.

Participants used picks, including a small handheld pick called a *pitiche*, to break up packed dirt. The group most often relied on small mason’s trowels to scrape off one centimeter of dirt at a time. When volunteers found something, they traded the trowel for more precise tools like dental instruments

GENEVA'S INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR *by Van Zanic '93*

Many Geneva College athletes have come thousands of miles to wear the black and gold. Stefan “The Flying Swede” Grundberg, though, came farther than anyone else. He was born and raised in Soderkoping, Sweden.

Growing up in Sweden, Grundberg always had a desire to attend college in the United States and to follow in his father’s footsteps on the basketball court. His father, originally from Boston, Massachusetts, played Division I college basketball at Lafayette University under Gary Williams, who now coaches at Maryland University.

Through a friend, the Grundbergs found a home for Stefan in the Ellwood City school district prior to the 1999–2000 school year, and Grundberg began his American dream in the classroom and on the basketball court. For two years, Grundberg starred at Ellwood City High School under the direction of head coach Al Campman. All the while, Geneva head coach Jeff Santarsiero kept his eye on Grundberg’s development as a player and as a student. “We really felt Stefan would be a great fit for our program,” Santarsiero said. “He loves the game of basketball and has worked extremely hard in the classroom to learn the language and to excel in college-level classes.”

When Grundberg graduated from Ellwood City, Santarsiero and the Golden Tornadoes were waiting with open arms. Grundberg began

his college career on the American Midwest Conference (AMC) all-freshmen team. He has since developed into one of the best players in the AMC—and in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

Grundberg’s athletic endeavors don’t end there. A standout track athlete in high school, he decided to take a shot at the high jump in college following his sophomore basketball season. This spring Grundberg set a new school record with a leap of six feet, nine inches—a height good enough to qualify for the NAIA national track and field meet. Prior to the nationals, Grundberg brought home a first-place trophy at the American Midwest Conference championships. Unfortunately, he was eliminated on the first jump at the national meet.

Grundberg has led Geneva’s basketball team to back-to-back solid years, becoming in the process the 29th player in school history to reach the 1000-career-point mark. By the end of his senior season Grundberg will be among the best ever to play basketball at Geneva.

“He is a special player,” Santarsiero said. “More than his basketball abilities, Stefan is an outstanding young man. He has become a fan favorite because of how he plays the game and how he treats those around him. He will certainly go down as one of the best players in school history, and it has been a privilege to coach him these past three seasons.”

For Santarsiero and track coach Bret Otte, the good news is that Grundberg still has one year remaining.

Since most of Geneva’s great athletes come from western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio, it’s a surprise that perhaps the best athlete in recent years came all the way from Soderkoping. Geneva’s fans and coaches are glad he made the trip. 🏀



Stefan Grundberg wanted to follow in his father’s footsteps as a college basketball player.

in motion

ATHLETICS NEWS

Baseball

The baseball team finished its 2004 campaign at 30–21, but that doesn't tell the whole story. The team enjoyed a resurgence in 2004, qualifying for the American Midwest Conference (AMC) play-offs for the first time since joining the league in 1998. Geneva also won the National Christian Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCCAA) Eastern Region over Nyack College and advanced to the association's national tournament, where the team made a strong run. On their way to a fourth place finish, the Golden Tornadoes upset second seeded Faulkner College, which had been ranked in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) top 10 earlier in the season. Eight Geneva players were honored as all-conference selections, including first-team selections senior first baseman Jon Crow, senior pitcher Dan Merrick, and freshman pitcher Matt Colella.



Senior first baseman Jon Crow led Geneva with a .437 batting average and set a school record with 66 hits this spring. Crow was named a first team all-conference performer in the AMC North.

Tennis

Head coach Mandee Craft led the Golden Tornadoes to their first AMC playoff appearance since joining the league in 1998. The Golden Tornadoes completed the season with an overall record of 6–6, posting an impressive 9–0 victory over St. Vincent College on the last day of the regular season to qualify for post-season play. The GTs lost their first-round match to Walsh University. Sophomores Amy Door and Laurie Sicurella were named to the AMC North first team.

Softball

A rash of injuries turned a promising softball season into a disappointment. After a quick 4–0 start in the AMC North, Geneva suffered injuries to four starters, including all-Americans Mandi Cwynar, senior catcher, and Jen Picard, junior pitcher. Despite the injuries,



Sophomore Laurie Sicurella was one of two Geneva tennis players to garner first team all-conference consideration. Sicurella led Geneva to a 6–6 overall record and its first AMC post-season appearance ever.

the team managed to qualify for the AMC play-offs. The Golden Tornadoes were eliminated in the first round of post-season play by Walsh, finishing the season with an overall record of 13–25. Despite missing half the season, both Picard and Cwynar were named first team all-conference selections, along with first-year player Rebecca Stewart. Cwynar was also named the NCCAA Eastern Regional player of the year.

Track and Field

Geneva's track and field teams enjoyed another outstanding season. The Golden Tornadoes qualified a record nine athletes for the NAIA national championships. During both the indoor and outdoor seasons, Geneva athletes broke 23 school records, 16 of which came on the women's side. Leading the



The softball team started strong but suffered a rash of injuries. After qualifying for the playoffs, the women were eliminated in the first round.

women in 2004 was junior Natalie Vidnovic. She scored a team-best 18.5 points at the AMC meet, including a conference title in the 200-meter event. The men won four conference events: junior Bryan Doreian in the 400-meter hurdles; junior Stefan Grundberg in the high jump; junior Josh Janov in the 110-meter hurdles; and freshman Mike Lehman, sophomore Aaron Stuck, Doreian, and Janov in the 4x100 relay.

On the national level, Doreian, Janov and Grundberg qualified for the NAIA championships. Among the women, Vidnovic qualified in the 200- and 400-meter events, sophomore Heidi Brumbaugh competed in the pole vault, junior Katie McKay made the national meet in the triple jump, and junior Kara Richard qualified in the steeplechase.

Geneva's track and field athletes broke 23 school records this spring. Junior Katie McKay, above, qualified for the NAIA championships in the triple jump.

PROFESSOR IN CHIEF

*Geneva's new president
aims to lead from the ranks*

by Josh Earl '03

Kenneth A. Smith liked to rattle his students. As an associate professor at Syracuse University, he'd often begin his classes with introductions, asking students to tell what they wanted to be doing five years before they retired and share something about themselves that their classmates wouldn't otherwise learn. He would start things off: "My name is Kenneth A. Smith. I prefer to go by Ken. I'm originally from Pittsburgh. Five years before I retire I hope to be a senior administrator at a Christian college or a big university. And my defensive handgun of choice is a Glock 23."

"And they'd freak," Smith recalls. "And they'd laugh. But it would set them off. I was honest about who I am, which gave them the freedom to be honest about who they are, and we had some very good conversations."

The 19th president of Geneva College isn't afraid to tell people who he is. He likes deer hunting and hiking and carries two folding knives, even in the office. He prefers jeans and tweed jackets to designer suits and cowboy boots to wingtips. He'd rather go hiking with his family

than chase a white ball over green grass. And he drives a Ford Ranger pickup.

Smith is open about himself, and he hopes that transparency and free-flowing discussion will come to characterize his term as chief executive. These first weeks he is spending a lot of time listening and asking questions. In the process, he seems to be shaping the role of the president to his liking, more "professor in chief" than chief executive. But before he could do that, he had to be molded himself.

Smith's journey toward academia—and Geneva—started at a young age. He was born in Wilkesburg, just east of Pittsburgh, in 1958. He was a "happy, happy child," according to his father and namesake, Ken G. Smith, who served as the chairman of Geneva's board of trustees from 1976 to 1993. As a toddler, Smith would wake up in the morning and sing in his crib for the first 45 minutes. At 5, he went around saying that he wanted to be a teacher someday. Smith acquired a love for reading and learning, although he didn't always equate these with the classroom. "My dad





used to say that I was not one who was going to let school get in the way of my education,” Smith says. He especially enjoyed C.S. Lewis’s *Chronicles of Narnia* and the works of J.R.R. Tolkien. Because of his interest in fantasy he became fascinated with role playing in *Dungeons & Dragons*. “We had to figure that out theologically,” his father says, “because it had so many hazards in it.” But instead of forbidding the game, Ken G. Smith tried to teach discernment. “There were three questions I used to pound at my kids. The first one was, What is true? The second is, What is valuable? And the third is, What is ethical? I tried to teach them the difference between what is Christian and what is of a culture that is committed to hedonism and relativism.”

The young Smith showed a creative streak; when he needed or wanted something, like a shelf to archive his books, he would make it. He also had an eye for drawing and calligraphy. Once, when the family was trying to sell a camper, Smith hand lettered a For Sale sign. “It was so ornate that people kept asking if they could buy the sign,” his father says. Smith’s talents included music, too; he played the guitar and pennywhistle, and he liked to sing.

Although people remember Smith as friendly and agreeable, he also liked to be alone. He enjoyed bike riding by himself or spending time with his books. He describes himself as personable yet introverted. While he enjoys relationships and the company

of others, he draws strength and energy from solitude.

This trait was perhaps accentuated by his family’s frequent travel. Ken G. Smith spent 11 years as the Reformed Presbyterian church’s director of Christian education, a job that kept him on the road a lot. Smith often accompanied his parents on car rides to the West Coast during the summer. In 1971 the family moved to Ireland to escape the pressures of denominational work. The following year, the Smiths moved again, this time to Cyprus. During the summer of 1974, Smith was staying with relatives in Madrid, Spain, when a coup by Greek troops sparked a Turkish invasion of the island. U.S. Marines evacuated Smith’s family by helicopter and deliv-

ered them to Beirut, Lebanon. Since the school year was starting and the family wasn't sure where it would be living, Smith flew to Lafayette, Indiana, to live with relatives and finish his last year of high school.

During high school, Smith says, people seemed to assume that he, as a son of the RP church, would attend the denomination's college in Beaver Falls, where his dad was a trustee. And so Smith, who says he's something of a contrarian, determined to go anywhere but. Which ended up being nowhere, at least initially. Unsure what he wanted to do, Smith rejoined his family in Pittsburgh for a year, working as a roofer and printer. Smith spent a lot of time at Geneva, visiting his friends. "God changed my heart," he says. "Somewhere in that year, I woke up and realized I wanted to come to Geneva." He enrolled in the fall of 1976 and declared a business major, which appealed to his practical side. At the time, Geneva's business program focused on how business worked but left him with unanswered questions. In

one conversation, he remembers being told that an economy works because "God made it work that way." He soon added a political science major to slake his thirst for the philosophical.

"Geneva really gave me an opportunity to start saying, Do I believe this because I believe it or because I heard it all my life? It really contributed to me growing up and getting serious," Smith says.

After graduating in 1980, he earned a master's degree in economic and social development at the University of Pittsburgh. He also got to know Rebecca McIntyre (*see right*). The two married in 1982. For the next several years, Smith flew all over the world as an international development consultant for the University of Maryland, while simultaneously pursuing a doctorate in strategic management. But he soon found that, although the field of

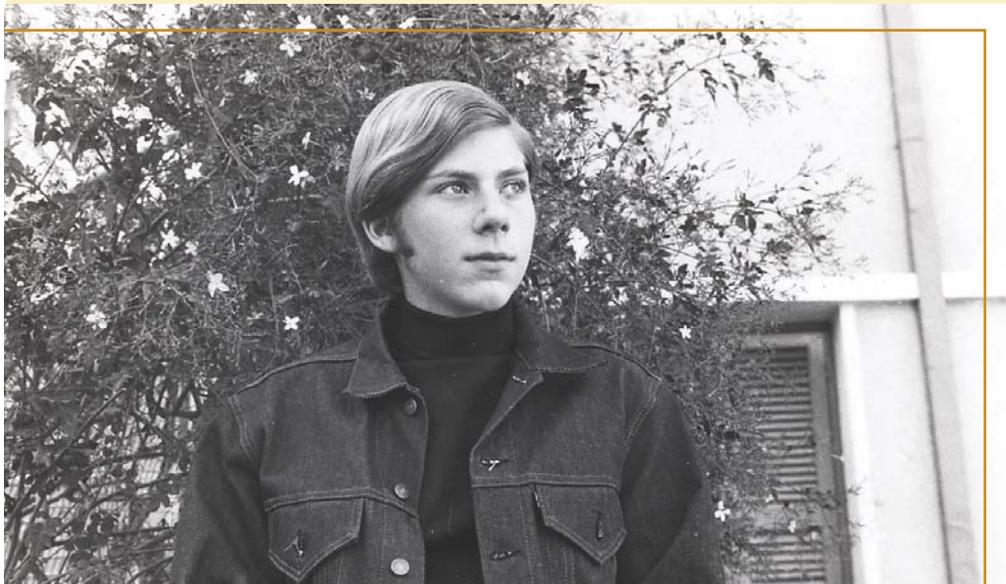
international development wedded his interest in business with his concern for social justice, the travel it demanded was taxing his young family.

So in 1990 Smith accepted a job at Syracuse University in New York, teaching strategy to MBA students, and in 1996 he earned tenure. Ever the rebel, Smith used his status as a token conservative and firearms enthusiast to

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prod his students to think. His faculty Web page included a description of his trips to defensive handgun training camps and an article titled, "A Sensible Bill of Rights," which said people have a right to earn things, not to take handouts. Smith says he was trying to show that diversity means respecting unpopular ideas. "I wanted to have people realize that well, I know the guy, he's a respected professor, and he's a gun owner," he says. "I happen to like guns, but I'm not a redneck militia member." Smith's stances sparked occasional controversy, but he won praise from his students and respect from his colleagues. "Dr. Smith is open about his views," says Dr. Kira Reed, an assistant professor at Syracuse and former coworker. "However, he encourages others to be open as well. He welcomes good discussion and debate. He doesn't believe that everyone has to agree on every topic in order to get along. They just need to respect each other's differences." In 2003 he was promoted to chair of the strategy and human resources department.

Maria Goranova, a doctoral candidate at Syracuse, took a seminar with Smith. "He is one of the best teachers I know," she says. "He is very kind and soft-spoken, but somehow manages to make important points crystal clear. He



The Smith family spent several years abroad. As a teenager, Ken Smith lived for a year in Ireland and two in Cyprus.

is a great person, benevolent, always in a good mood, very supportive. I admire him. To have such a huge family, achieve what he has, and always be so positive is quite something.”

Smith is most comfortable in the role of teacher, asking questions and directing conversation to help others reach their own conclusions. “I really believe that the art of teaching is the art of asking the right questions,” he says. According to Ken Carson, professor of psychology and a member of the committee that hired Smith, the new president’s experience as a professor is one of his strongest qualifications. “He understands the life, the demands, the concerns, and the culture of faculty life,” Carson says. At Geneva, Smith is taking steps to align himself closely with the faculty. During the hiring process, Smith requested and received an appointment as a tenured professor of business, unusual for a Geneva administrator, and he hopes to spend time in the classroom in the future. He will attend faculty senate and vote as a faculty member. “It seems to me, if I want to be serving the faculty, that they would appreciate it if I identified with them,” Smith says. “It’s a two-tiered relationship. I see myself to be a member of the faculty with the unique responsibility to serve their interests.”

His business know-how and familiarity with Geneva also qualify him, Carson says. His experience as a consultant and knowledge of accounting and finance will help him grasp the college’s daily operations. Smith served as a college trustee from 1994 to 1999 and as chairman of the board of trustees from 1999 until 2004, which gave him the opportunity to observe Geneva’s workings and direction. “He is off to a running start with regard to the issues facing Geneva,” Carson says. But Carson also was impressed with Smith’s humility through the hiring process. “He has said that his knowledge is from a flyover level. I’ve found him to be, through this

Geneva’s first family

Becky and Ken Smith first met at church—they think. “We probably met at Covenant Fellowship, where his father was the pastor,” Becky says. She was going to school in Pittsburgh at the time, and Ken was attending Geneva College, so they didn’t often see each other. “But sometime we must have been in Pittsburgh for the same weekend. There were no bells that went off at our meeting, so we don’t remember it.”

A native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Becky was raised in the Mennonite church. After two years of classes at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Becky moved to Pittsburgh to round out her bachelor’s in respiratory therapy with two years of experience at West Penn Hospital. A friend took her to Covenant Fellowship in Pittsburgh, and Becky says she was impressed with the caring and faithfulness of the church’s Reformed Presbyterian members. She joined in 1981.

Becky spent a lot of time with the Smiths, and through them she got to know Ken. When she graduated, she took a job at Shadyside Hospital as a respiratory therapist, while Ken started graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh. “Our paths crossed a lot more often after we were done with college,” she says. Ken proposed



in December of 1981, and the pair married the following October.

Early in their marriage, the Smiths decided that Becky would stay home with their children. They also made another important choice. “Ken dates his resolution to homeschool from the time we baptized the first one,” Becky says. “We took vows to give the kids a Christ-centered education, and we didn’t think that would be possible in a public school.”

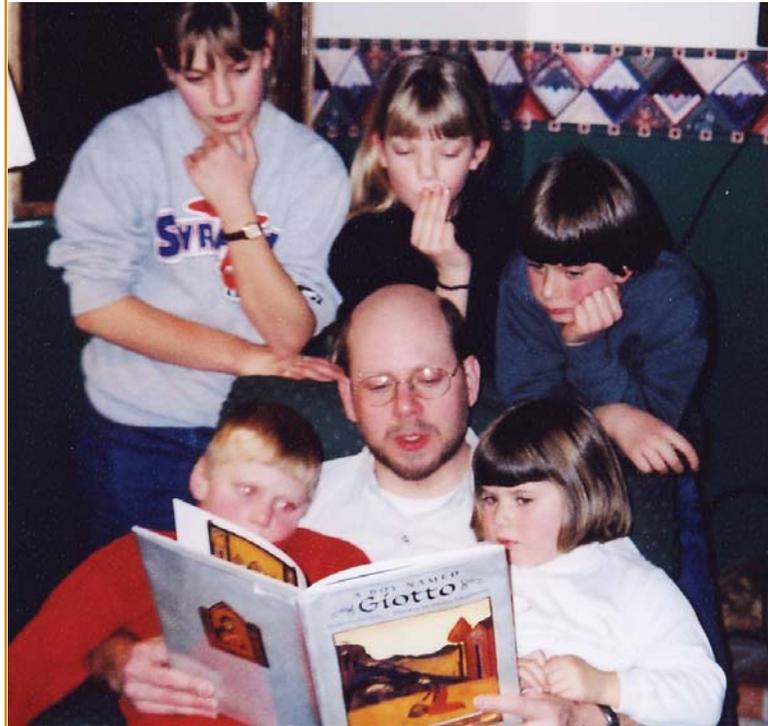
The Smiths have six children: Ian, 17; Abaigeal, 16; Bonnie, 14; Fiona, 13; Alexander (Sasha), 11; and Madelyn (Maddy), 8. All six have been homeschooled, including Sasha, a Russian-born boy whom the Smiths adopted in 2000.

Because of her commitments at home, Becky expects that her activities as Geneva’s first lady will be limited. “I see my role as to take care of Ken and the kids, and to make his home life as easy as possible so he can be a good president,” she says. —JE

process, very careful not to presume that he knows what the questions are, much less what the answers are.” Although it’s still early in his term, Smith’s administrative style seems to parallel his teaching style. He is spending his first several months meeting the players on his management team and listening to their concerns. He asks probing questions, and because he believes management is a team operation, he often prefers to leave the decisions to those who know most about the subject at hand. “I heard my dad say years ago that no one of us is as smart as all of us,” Smith says. According Reed, Smith has a participative leadership style that encourages others’ involvement. “However, he doesn’t delay making a decision until there is a consensus,” she says. “He practices the strategic management planning techniques that he teaches.”

Unlike many new chief executives, Smith hasn’t come to office proclaiming a “vision” for radical change. Vision, as he understands it, isn’t something the president alone can create. “I do not believe that it is the president’s role to set purpose or objectives,” Smith wrote last year in a letter to the board of trustees. “Rather, it is his or her responsibility to *clarify* purpose and objectives.” The president’s job, then, is to push faculty and staff members to think by asking questions: What are we passionate about? What can we be “best in the world” at? What drives our economic engine? Call it Socratic leadership—decision-making through dialog. “To the extent that people have a voice in that discussion, they’ll own it far better,” he says.

While Smith is still keeping his vision for the college under wraps, he hints at pieces of it. Geneva’s communication, both to those on campus and beyond, is one thing he wants to improve. “I get the impression that there’s a lot of good stuff going on that people don’t know about,” he says. Open communication helps in decision-making, he says. “Strategy is a consistent pattern in a stream of decisions that are made in an organization. What you’re looking for is consistency, for everyone to know how what they do fits in. For that to be true, we all have to see not just our piece but the pattern.” Another of his passions is raising Geneva’s standing in the academic community. “What I’m really interested in seeing is that Geneva become known in very broad circles as a place where serious scholarship takes place,” Smith told the *Cabinet*, Geneva’s student newspaper, in an interview last fall. “And as a consequence, serious students come here. I’d like to see a higher proportion come . . . because they know that Geneva faculty are serious about really digging into—pick a topic, biology, psychology, business, history—and that they’re seriously take it apart from a Reformed theological perspective.” Because of the college’s beliefs about education, he told the trustees, “our



Family time is a priority in the Smith home. Here Smith reads with (clockwise from the top left) Abaigeal, Bonnie, Fiona, Madelyn, and Alexander.

faculty should be engaged in ongoing scholarship that informs not only our own curriculum, but also speaks to the broader Christian community. . . . We should be seeking to fill in the gaps in our understanding of how God’s word speaks to and through our disciplines.”

The transition from Syracuse to Geneva has been difficult in many ways. In moving, Smith left behind a job and colleagues he loved, a new dream house, and a vibrant church. With a few weeks under his belt, Smith is settling in. “The thing that surprises me is how much fun I’m having,” he says. “I was very nervous. I was leaving what I knew to take on something that I didn’t know. It’s just been really fun talking to people and hearing what’s going on. I’ve had this overwhelming assurance that, yes, this is the right decision, that this truly was God’s call, that I now get to do what I enjoy doing, which is helping people do their work better.”

The president’s office is still a little bare, but Smith is starting to arrange things to his liking. A long folding table forms one wing of an L-shaped desk; it’s playing the understudy for the new desk that’s on order. On the wall hangs a painting that depicts the vision of the dry bones from Ezekiel 37. “Those are my students who didn’t read the syllabus,” jokes Smith. Always the professor. 

in review

BACK TO A PAGAN PAST

by Norman Carson '47

Arthur W. Hunt III. *The Vanishing Word: The Veneration of Visual Imagery in the Postmodern World*. Crossways Books, 2003.

In this provocative and challenging book, Dr. Arthur Hunt, associate professor of communication at Geneva, links the technological advancement of the past 150 years with the current dominance of the image over the written word. Today's society is a "tomorrowland," he says, characterized by a pagan idolatry that worships power, sex, and celebrity. He supports his argument with copious citations from widely ranging sources.

Prompted by a published debate about modern Western culture between Neil Postman, upon whom Hunt relies heavily, and Camille Paglia (ironically a pagan, nature-worshipping feminist whom Hunt quotes extensively), Hunt describes a history of conflict between the word and image. He traces this culture war from the pre-Christian era, through the "Dark Ages," the invention of the printing press, the Enlightenment and Romanticism, the industrial revolution, the rise of show business, modern visual communication media, and postmodern irrationality and image manipulation. He concludes by suggesting ways for concerned Christians to "make waves," thus countering modern image dominance.

The strength of Hunt's argument lies in his description of how current Western culture was molded over the past 150 years by technological advances, especially in the media. He argues that, rather than becoming dazzled by what technology can do *for* us, we should be alarmed by what technology is doing *to* us. He believes that "technological innovation in the communications media, coupled with a rejection of biblical truth, is ironically pulling us back to a pagan past."

Hunt is particularly disturbed by the influence of the visual media. From the pagan past to the pagan present, "the *image* exalts itself not only against words, but ultimately against the transcendent *Logos*."

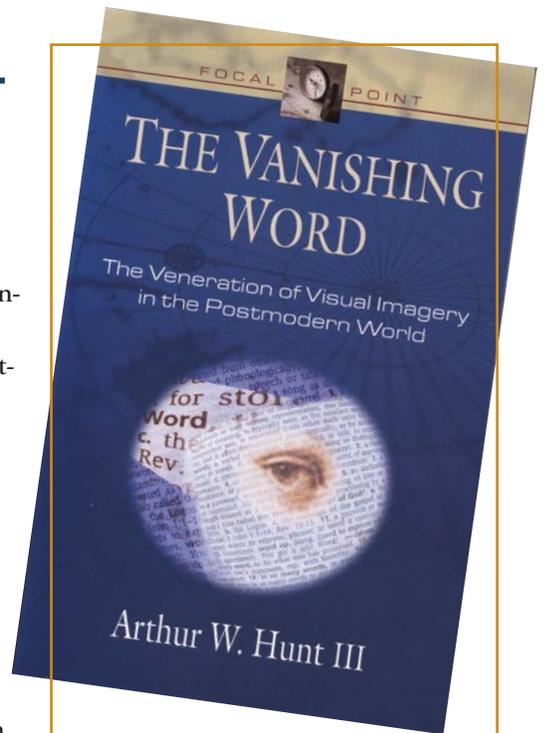
From a Reformed perspective, however, Hunt's argument is in some respects troubling. Despite the serious chal-

lenge to the standard of biblical morality presented by today's image-oriented media, does it necessarily follow that the *image* is the villain, largely to blame for the flourishing of paganism from antiquity to the present? Has not the *word* also contributed its share to ongoing paganism throughout history?

Hunt possibly tips his theological hand when he critiques 18th-century American educational practices: "Protestants justified the teaching of the classics by appealing to the principle of 'common grace.' . . . Today Christian educators sometimes prefer the phrase 'All truth is God's truth.'"

In the Reformed understanding, are not both word *and* image gifts from God? Surely one is not ascribing moral *neutrality* to the image—say, in art or film—by asserting that the problem lies not in the image but in the hearts of both creator and worshipper. Does not the pagan heart create the pagan image, rather than vice versa? The image or the word is put to a use—pagan or holy—according to its creator's heart.

That said, Hunt's book is well worth reading. It is a timely warning to evangelical Christians: We succumb to the blandishments of today's media at our peril. All too often we believe that our image-oriented media serve us, but in some ways they may dominate us. 



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in touch

NEWS FROM ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Includes news received as of June 7, 2004. Notes for the winter issue must be received by November 1.

1924

Sarah (Huheey) Galbraith of Tallahassee, Florida, celebrated her 101st birthday last fall.

1929

Alice Washabaugh Wilson celebrated her 100th birthday in May. Celebrating with her were her daughters, **Georgia (Wilson '57) McFarland**, **Ginny (Wilson '59) List**, and many other relatives and friends.



1943

Vivian (Davidson) Hewitt was featured in the *Portland (Oregon) Skanner*. The article described the exhibit of the 59 pieces of the Hewitts' collection, purchased in 1998 by Bank of America. The exhibit, *Celebration and Vision: The Hewitt Collection of African-American Art*, was on display at Portland State University's Littman Gallery.

1947

William DeWitt Snodgrass, a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, was featured in a story in the *Morning Call* in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He was visiting and reading at Northampton Community College in Bethlehem Township, Pennsylvania.

1951

Charles R. Fuget is serving as interim president at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. Previously he worked as special assistant to the president of Bennett College and as interim president of Bennett from February to July of 2002.

1965

Dean Smith has been named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers. Smith was nominated by one of his former students, who indicated that Smith had made a significant impact on his academic experience. Only 5 percent of American teachers are chosen for this honor.

1966

James Gardner received a certificate of training in the Enterix procedure from Boston Scientific in Nashville, Tennessee. The procedure offers a new alternative treatment for patients with acid reflux symptoms. Gardner has worked at Jameson Hospital in New Castle, Pennsylvania, for 27 years.

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1969

James Marnicio was one of the honorees for the Teacher Excellence Center's teacher recognition program, which honors outstanding teachers in southwestern Pennsylvania. Fifty-nine school districts in eight counties participated in this year's program. Marnicio teaches at Riverside High School in Beaver County.

1972

Scott Piccola and his wife, Darlene, became the parents of twins, Rylee Lynn and Karlee Ann, on March 23. The twins have an older sister, Khara.



1975

John Jefferis received his doctorate of divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. His doctoral thesis was on a grief recovery ministry in a local church. He has been re-signed through the Western Pennsylvania United Methodist Conference, and in June moved to Harmony-Zelienople United Methodist Church in Zelienople.

1976

John Walter is the director of institutional research and assessment at The Master's College in Santa Clarita, California. His wife, Rebecca, teaches sixth grade at Santa Clarita Christian School. The Walters live in Santa Clarita.

1977

James Willis, an animal rights activist, has written a book, *Pieces of my Heart: Writings Inspired by Animals and Nature*. It is published by Infinity Publishing. Background information and excerpts from the book are available online at www.crean.com/jimwillis/.

1979

Attention class of 1979: Your 25th reunion will be held at homecoming on Saturday, October 2. Please contact Dan Meyer at 724-847-6614 or drmeyer@geneva.edu.

Jeff Wildrick and his wife, Kathy, adopted three children, twins Jhony and Natalia, age 7, and their little sister Angela, age 5. The Wildricks traveled to Cali, Colombia, to adopt the children, who became American citizens upon entry into the United States. The family's story has been chronicled in a half-hour episode of the TV

the year FOOTBALL DIED

by Jonathan Dodd '05

Dressed in mourner's black and holding back tears, the students processed onto the 33rd Street athletic field. The group stopped at midfield, remembering vividly the sounds of the game, sounds that had filled the air just the year before. There they buried a good friend now departed—the pigskin. They feared that their campus would never be the same again.

In western Pennsylvania, football is the undisputed king of sports. And even early in Geneva College's athletic history, the school had a proud football tradition. In the 1902 and '03 seasons combined, Geneva's opponents managed to score a total of only eight points. But in the spring of 1906, Geneva's faculty members did the unthinkable.

They cancelled football.

In an effort to improve the academic and spiritual atmosphere of campus, the faculty decided that the football program was a hindrance and simply got rid of it. The then young and unruly sport was dangerous, the professors said, and it inspired intense devotion in players and fans.

The outcry that ensued will never again be matched. Before the days of cable TV in the apartments and wireless Internet in the cafeteria, the football program was the focal point of school spirit and college life (along with the fiercely supported debate team).

So when the G-men would have taken the field in the fall of 1906, the students held a mock funeral instead. They mourned their deceased friend at "the last resting place of the noble pig's skin," the athletic field.



Shane Meyer '99

Over the next year, class attendance dropped and student morale hit at an all-time low. Relations with the sports-minded community of Beaver Falls were also strained.

The Geneva Cabinet was filled with editorials about the much-missed football program.

"Since the interment of the football last spring on the athletic field, the latter, watered by the tears of mourning students, has sprung up as a fertile meadow of thistles and 'forget-me-nots,' planted by loyal friends of the deceased . . . the old-time enthusiasm that did so much to knit the school together has sadly diminished," said an editorial in the October 1906 *Cabinet*. A January 1907 editorial lamented that "college spirit seems to be a thing of the past at Geneva." Other sports felt

the repercussions, too; the college cancelled the men's 1906–07 basketball program because of a lack of student interest.

But on February 5, 1907, things took a turn for the better. An announcement was made to the student body in the auditorium of Old Main: The football experiment was over, and the sport would return to College Hill next semester. Students responded with the old college yell, near-forgotten in recent months: "Geneva, Hurrah! Hurrah!"

The March 1907 *Cabinet* was almost entirely dedicated to the praise of college athletics. A friend had returned to campus for good—football in the fall. 

show *Adoption Stories*, which airs periodically on the Discovery-Health Channel. The Wildricks have an online adoption journal at www.caringbridge.org/nj/wildrick. Jeff is the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Dunellen, New Jersey, and Kathy is the editor of a daily devotional guide, *The Secret Place*, published quarterly by the American Baptist Church.



1981

Steven Cunningham was promoted to first vice president and market manager for First Financial Bank's Coatesville, Pennsylvania, region.

Sandra (Rimer) Joseph, president of Reminders of Faith, has written a new book, *Scrapbooking Your Spiritual Journey*. Joseph, previously the national director of Memories Community, has been active in the scrapbooking industry since 1999. She is well known by scrapbookers across the nation for her numerous articles, interviews, and television appearances. Her Web address is www.remindersoffaith.com. Reminders of Faith, a new Christian publishing and product development company, is featured in The Scrapbook Club May bulletin, issue 8016, by F&W Publications, Inc.

1983

Lisa DiCerbo received a master's degree in taxation from Robert Morris University in May. She lives in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania.

Suzanne (Spear) Kiehl was featured in a story in the April 11 edition of the *Philadelphia Inquirer* headlined: "They saved the band by learning the score: Two mothers who didn't want to see music cut took crash courses and stepped up to lead."

Cathy (Edwards) Sigmund and her husband, Frank, became the parents of Solomon on April 22. Cathy teaches in Geneva's psychology and counseling department.

1985

Tom Carver was promoted to the rank of sergeant with the Delaware State Police and assigned to Troop 2 Bear in Glasgow as a shift commander. He has received a lifesaving award for administering the Heimlich maneuver to an elderly man who was choking and an exceptional performance award for apprehending two felons in the act of committing a bank robbery. Tom, his wife, **Diana (Grubbs)**, and their three daughters reside in Wilmington, Delaware.

1986

Paul Hogsett writes: "I have been teaching chemistry and general science at Halifax High School since graduation. I took one year off to pursue some additional studies at Slippery Rock University. My wife, Sonya, and I served as youth leaders at our church, Free Grace Brethren in Christ, from 1992 to 1997. I

teach adult Sunday school and I have served on various committees, including the church board. I coached my daughter's softball team this spring."

Allan Simons received a master's degree in engineering management from Robert Morris University in May. He lives in Freedom, Pennsylvania.

Dawn W. (Waddell) Witherspoon and her husband, Glenn, became parents of Megan Grace on March 26, 2003. Megan joins brothers Aidan and Colin.



1987

Tim Lee was featured in a story in *The News Journal*. Soccer has carried Tim Lee from England to Pittsburgh to Washington to Seaford, Delaware, to Boston. Lee now coaches the Seaford High boys team as well as various youth clubs in Sussex County, Delaware. He was named Region 1 boys coach of the year and he was a candidate for national coach of the year.

Gary Wieder is the director of student ministries at All Saints Church in Pawleys Island, South Carolina.

1989

Rich Noble is the coordinator for Europe and the Middle East at AY Mission. He received his doctorate in missions and cross-cultural studies from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in May.

William J. Papin and his wife, Robin, announce the birth of their first child, Julia Rose, on May 19.



Lunell (Booth) Troy and her husband, Noel, became parents of Ciara Evelyn on January 7.



1991

Heather (Clark) Henry is enrolled at Robert Morris University's marketing MBA program. She is active in the roller coaster hobby and lives in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.

Joseph and Amelia (Watters '92) Monahan became the parents of Angela Mary on March 23, 2003. Angela has a sister, Catherine Patricia.



Christina (Meyer) Plantier and her husband, Todd, became the parents of Julia Ann on July 5, 2003. She joins siblings Matthew and Jacquelyn.



Patricia “Trish” Murray writes: “I earned my doctorate in counselor education from the University of South Carolina in August of 2003. I am currently the director of the counseling center at Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, North Carolina. I also teach master’s-level classes in the counseling program at Gardner-Webb University and have a small private practice.”

1992

Amelia “Amiee” (Watters) Monahan—see **Joseph Monahan** under 1991.

Ann (Zelesnak) Geisinger and her husband, Jason, became the parents of Connor Jacob on April 12. Connor has a brother, Zachary.

1994

Chad O. and **Alison (Tweed) Agnew** became the parents of Judah Luke on April 25. Judah’s siblings are Noah, Fiona, and Silas.

Chad Baumgartner and his wife, Joanie, became the parents of Eric Joseph on August 29, 2003.

Seth Davis writes: “I’m teaching social studies at Alleghany High School in Covington, Virginia, and I’m running as an independent candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 9th district of Virginia. My campaign Web site is www.freewebs.com/sdavis2004, and my campaign e-mail address is sdavis9th@yahoo.com.”

Steve Mattocks writes: “We are home on furlough from the Czech Republic, where we serve as missionaries with Missionary Athletes International.”

Jason Russo married Sarah Galino in October 12, 2003.

Andrea Tweed married William A. Kilgore on March 27.

Bethany (Fitch) Zaborowski earned a doctorate in Arabic language, literature, and linguistics from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. She and her husband, Jason Zaborowski, reside and work in Washington.

1995

Janese (Almonte) Kendall and her husband, Michael, became the parents of Caden Michael in February. He joins sisters Marina and Breanna.

Tara (Byler) Weathers writes: “We’ve had two sons since finishing studies at Covenant Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, and served two years with Mission to the World in Guayaquil, Ecuador, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). We have been back for over a year and are now living in Concord, North Carolina, where my husband, Mark, is co-pastor of a newly planted PCA church.”

1996

Jonathan Boelkins and his wife, Sara, became the parents of David Jonathan on August 20, 2003.

Randall Bray is an applications analyst for EC/EDI Ltd. in Twinsburg, Ohio.

Lance Frederick was named girls basketball coach at New Brighton High School in Pennsylvania.

Andrew Gallagher and his wife, Holly, became the parents of Jonah Andrew on March 27. Jonah joins his sister, Hannah Daisy.

Mary Hueber was recognized as teacher of the year by the *Post Standard* in Syracuse, New York. She has been working in the local public school system as a reading teacher and conducting seminars on reading instruction.

Jennifer (Bedison) Teagarden earned a master’s degree from Arcadia University in physician assistant studies. She is employed as a physician assistant in family practice.

James B. Tweed and his wife, Jill, became the parents of Lydia Elise on September 16, 2003. Her siblings are Knox Jameson and twins Boyd Alexander and Emma Kate.

Alethia (Gillespie) Zaskoda and her husband, Jeremy, became the parents of Keira Elisabeth on December 27, 2003. She joins sister Karis Leigh.

1997

Doug and Grace (Pontier) Barnes write: “We were blessed with the birth of our fifth child, daughter Joanna Helen. She joins sister Michal and brothers Samuel, Luke, and Jacob. Doug graduated on May 21 from Mid-America Reformed Seminary of Dyer, Indiana, with a master of divinity degree. He subsequently sustained his candidacy examination before Classis Central U.S. of the United Reformed Churches and received and accepted a call to become pastor of the Hills United Reformed Church in Hills, Minnesota.” The Barnes family moved to Hills, Minnesota, on June 23.

Robert Tarullo was ordained and installed as the pastor of Community Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Newtown, Connecticut, on Feb. 28. He and his wife, **Sarah (Bingham '98)**, became the parents of Nathaniel James on April 23.

1997

Jeffery Casuccio and his wife, Julie, became the parents of Christopher John on March 3. Christopher joins sisters Ashley, Nicole, Brittany, and Alexis.



Renee (Baldwin) Gwin and her husband, Mike, became the parents of Jordan Kyle on September 3, 2003.

Heather (Romano) Johnson and her husband, Eric, became the parents of Caleb James on May 19. Caleb joins siblings Samuel and Grace.

Misty (Young) Lytle and her husband, Dave, became the parents of Noah David and Daniel Noble on December 23, 2003. The twins have a sister, Maryna Grace.

Melissa (DeSanzo) Tweed, and her husband, **David '99**, became the parents of Ian Robert on February 13, 2003.

Candi (Welsh) Young teaches third grade at Mohawk Elementary School in Mount Jackson, Pennsylvania. She married Jason Young in 1998, and their twins, Austin Andrew and Alivia Ann, were born September 22, 2003. She lives in Darlington, Pennsylvania.



1998

Aaron C. Boring received a master's degree in Internet information systems from Robert Morris University in May. He lives in Avalon, Pennsylvania.

Lisa (Walter) Brown writes: "I earned a master's degree in industrial mathematics from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. On June 14, 2003, I married Robert Brown in Easton, Maryland, and we honeymooned in Great Britain. I have been a mathematics instructor at the Community College of Baltimore County for two years, and Robert is a mathematics professor at the college. In 2003 we served on short-term mission trips to Haiti and Mexico."

Terry Cobble is now the head of security at the U.S. Embassy in Yerevan, Armenia. He is a special agent with the Department of State's Bureau of Diplomatic Security. Cobble's first assignment was at the U.S. Embassy in Antananarivo, Madagascar. He

and his wife, Jenny, have two sons: Brendan, born in June 2001, and Nicholas, born in September 2002.

Joel and Margie (Ribeiro) Comanda became the parents of Jesse Frank on September 9, 2003.

Lisa (Glass) Detwiler is employed as a counselor at Gateway Institute and Clinic in Clearfield, Pennsylvania. She is pursuing a master's in counseling at Geneva.

Becky (Mattica) Elle is the mother of three boys, Benjamin, Isaac, and Aaron. She is working with an autistic child.

Aaron Griffith married Renee Funk on May 15, 2004.

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

Mervin "Rocky" and Shannon (Debes) Nurss became the parents of Katherine Elizabeth on July 3, 2003.



David S. Troxell married Amy Krawczyk on March 27. Other Geneva alumni in the ceremony were groomsmen **Darrick Dean '98**, **Patrick Keeley '98**, and **Matt Malingowski '98**.

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

1999

Smith and Sarah (Dolan) Doubet became the parents of Lucie Marie on January 29. Sarah is the KidsFest director at Orchard Hill Church in Wexford, Pennsylvania.



Marty Goetzinger works for Blackbaud in Charleston, South Carolina, in data enrichment services.

Seth I. Greiner married Holly E. Pettit on October 12, 2002.

Kimberly (Salerno) Jenkins writes: "I am working for Allegheny County as a protective service worker for adults 60 and over. I love spending time with my husband, Carlos, my son, Lorenzo, and our dog, Mocha. Carlos and I married on October 19, 2002. Lorenzo was born on November 23, 2003. I like to run and watch TV."

Meleah (Downing) Ross and her husband, **Greg '01**, became the parents of Lalianna Marie on February 21, 2003. Meleah also earned her master's degree in counseling from Geneva in 2002.

Josh Wilsey writes: “My wife, **Stephanie (Vesolich)**, and I, along with another Geneva alum and her husband, started a company called Reformerware one year ago. Stephanie is very close to completing her doctorate in educational psychology at Pitt and anticipates finishing this summer. She is currently looking for a full-time professorship in the Pittsburgh area. I am the business manager at Crown & Covenant Publications in Pittsburgh, where I work on the *Reformed Presbyterian Witness* and all the other publications we do.”

Phaedra Shamp writes: “I’m actually a ‘friend’ of Geneva. I attended for two years, and was formerly part of the class of 1999. I am still well in touch with some of my former classmates. Big news—I am graduating from the Air Force Academy on June 2 with a bachelor of science in political science and a minor in Russian. I will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force. After graduation I will serve as a communications officer at Warner Robins Air Force Base in Georgia.”

2000

Michael D. Aleski received a master’s degree in Internet information systems from Robert Morris University in May.

Heather (Tew) Berry writes: “I am currently working in telecommunications for a major wireless company. Married life is wonderful! I have two stepdaughters and am in the process of building a new house on my farm.” Heather married Lester Berry on July 19, 2003.

Sarah Dolan Doubet—see **Smith Doubet** under 1999.

Brenda Fulkerson was selected as the outstanding graduate in the master’s program of the school of government at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Fulkerson also represented the graduating class in responding to the President’s charge to the graduates.

Lydia (Asana) Ngwa writes: “I’m involved with a foundation in my native Cameroon that aims to serve God by serving the needy. I organize the yearly AIDS awareness event and get information together for the Web site, www.stsspf.org. I live in Leipzig, Germany, with my husband, Wilfred Ngwa, who I married in December 2001. Wilfred is finishing up his doctorate in physics here in Leipzig. We are part of the Leipzig English Church.”

Rachel Ratajeski writes: “I am currently living in Nashville, Tennessee, and I am teaching elementary music and chorus, kindergarten through fifth grade, for Williamson County Schools in Tennessee. Outside of school, I teach piano lessons and work on song writing.”

Heather (Williams) Ramsay and her husband, Michael, became the parents of Gwendolyn Ruth on May 21.

Aaron and Natalie (Tyson) Shaw became the parents of Caleb Richard on April 30.

Stephanie (Vesolich) Wilsey—see **Joshua Wilsey** under 1999.

2001

Tina Acquaviva works for a strategic and management consulting firm in Alexandria, Virginia. She lives in Burke, Virginia.

Sherrie (Cancelliere) Bevington and her husband, Dan, became the parents of Levi Timothy on February 28, 2002.

Kris Bowman and his wife, Mary, became parents of Kristian Harold on October 3, 2003.

Benjamin Burchfield was promoted to manager of Eat’n Park, where he has worked for two years. **Faith (Noack)** graduated with her master’s degree in speech-language pathology from Edinboro University on May 8 and has accepted a position with the Intermediate Unit in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Rebecca Keepert has been employed as the communications director for a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. She lives in Mohnton, Pennsylvania.

Chris Prisk writes: “I have been working for almost three years at Clough, Harbour, and Associates. I am a traffic engineer in the transportation division.”

Gregory F. Ross—see **Meleah Ross** under 1999.

2002

Lisa Chiappelli married **Josh Earl ’03** on May 15. Lisa is a technical writer and trainer for McKesson Automation in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania, and Josh is the manager of publications at Geneva College. They live in Zelienople, Pennsylvania.



Heidi A. Hollobaugh married Donald J. Adamov on November 22, 2003. **Holly Lanhart ’01** was a member of the wedding party.

Matthew Moslener married **Katharine Goins** on August 9, 2003.

Danelle (Shank) Morrow received her master’s degree in speech therapy from Bloomsburg Pennsylvania University in Pennsylvania. She works for EnduraCare Therapy Management, Inc.

Julie Riggs is a human resources manager at Riggs Industries Inc. in Boswell, Pennsylvania. She recently earned a certification as a professional in human resources from the Human Resource Certification Institute. Riggs lives in Stoystown.

John Shoemaker writes: “I work as a middle school teacher for the School District of Palm Beach County in West Palm Beach, Florida.”

Matt Weleski writes: “Melanie and I are delighted to have the privilege of announcing the birth and baptism of our first child, Elijah Matthew Weleski. He was born in St. Luke’s in Boise, Idaho, on June 2, at 12:40 p.m. He weighed in at 7.5 lbs and measured 22 inches long. I must say I have a new found respect for Melanie (and all birthing mothers for that matter) since she managed a completely natural labor (I can brag since she’s not writing this!) and was up and about within hours after delivery as if nothing had happened. Elijah is doing quite well so far (he’s five days old), and he is doing plenty of feeding and resting. He is a very pleasant and calm baby and does not fuss *too* much. Melanie and I are excited to be beginning our respective callings as mother and father and hope that we can be faithful in bringing up Elijah in the ways of the Lord.”



2003

Sarah (Dolan) Doubet—see **Smith Doubet** under 1999.

Natalie (Tyson) Shaw—see **Aaron Shaw** under 2000.

Josh Earl—see **Lisa Chiappelli** under 2002.

Ashley (Adams) Ewer of Fairfax, Virginia, writes: “I write and design fundraising packages for conservative nonprofit groups and political candidates at HSP Direct, a Washington, D.C.–area fundraising firm.”

Katharine Goins—see **Matthew Moslener** under 2002.

Danila Kennedy works in the Pittsburgh Public Schools as a special education teacher.

Josh Woolley is employed by Performance Review Institute as a mechanical engineer and by the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center as a biomedical engineer.

2004

Chris Popadich has been named director of the Kairos House at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. The house is similar to the former Discipleship House at Geneva. As a member of the Coalition for Christian Outreach, Chris will also be doing relational evangelism on the Kent campus.

2005

Geoffrey H. Wheelock married Jennifer Rae Rich on November 22, 2003.

in memoriam

1920s

Mary F. (Marquis '26) Bresnan on October 19, 2003.

1930s

Elizabeth (Reno '31) Cornelius on May 12, 2004.

Clara M. (Richey '32) Anderson on April 26, 2002.

Wayne A. Deriinger '32 on December 6, 2003.

Helen Viola (Klein '32) Hoey on February 13, 2004.

Miriam L. (Latto) Burtner '33 on March 14, 2004.

Rosalyn E. Carman '37 on July 22, 2002.

Helen A. (Brown '39) Duncan on March 10, 2004.

Marie Milanovich '39 on May 31, 2004.

Ethel V. (Fogel '39) Scheidemantel on March 9, 2004.

Dr. Benjamin M. Soodik '39 on May 5, 2004.

1940s

Wallace John Copeland '40 on September 9, 2003.

Gilbert G. Gallagher '40 on May 12, 2004.

Edoris (Stauffer '42) Royal on March 1, 2004.

Mary E. Zahniser '42 on February 13, 2004.

Ralph J. Fusco '45 on November 12, 2003.

Paul A. Ward '45 on February 5, 1999.

Paul Edward Kerr '47 on January 4, 2004.

1950s

Richard J. Agostinelli '50 on November 9, 2001.

Robert B. Baker '52 on May 23, 2004.

Mary Jane (Onderka '52) Byrne on February 3, 2004.

Mildred “Millie” J. Yurmonovich '52 on February 18, 2004. Yurmonovich was the president of the Geneva Women at the time of her death.

Iva Mae Graham '53 on March 28, 2004.

Paul L. DeVinney '53 on June 5, 2004.

Hazel (Rambo) Doughty '54 on December 21, 2003.

Mary Ruth Bebout '57 on December 9, 2003.

Ronald K. Biskup Sr. '57 on April 2, 2004.

Chester A. Bonner Sr. '57 on May 12, 2004.

George J. Glatz Jr. '57 on April 2, 2004.

Mary (Nido'58) McElwain on February 4, 2004.

Patricia (Bash '59) Estermyer on May 29, 2004.

1960s

Aeriel (Barrett '60) Davenport on February 13, 2001.

John D. Kuniewicz '60 on March 9, 2004.

Jacque E. Kaercher '63 on April 10, 2004.

Paulette (Reid '65) Cooper on May 23, 2004.

Patricia Ann (Vasas '68) Gracon on July 1, 2002.

W. Edmund Hultz '68 on February 16, 2004.

Donald E. Stahl '69 on March 5, 2004.

1970s

Margaret J. Brunton '73 on June 26, 2003.

Kathlynn (Stahmer '73) Churchill on April 7, 2004.

Charles Edward Majors Jr. '76 on June 1, 2004.

Kevin E. Kellum '77 on October 8, 2003.

Christine D. Gibbons Yeager '78 on September 3, 2003.

1980s

Gregory M. Banko '81 on January 31, 2004.

1990s

Harold C. Madder Jr. '93, MA '97 on March 26, 2004.

Melissa K. Giancola '94 on May 20, 2004.

John C. Elinski '98 on May 29, 2004.

Friends

Elmer Baumann on March 31, 2004. Baumann was a Geneva supporter and the father of **Sandra Baumann '66** and **Adren Dee Cook '70**.

George W. Carson on April 16, 2004. Carson was the former pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Beaver Falls.

Helen Dvorak Lukacs on March 20, 2004. Lukacs was a former staff member in food service.

W. Kenneth Sanderson on March 10, 2004. Sanderson was a longtime supporter of Geneva College.

Matthew Swanson

1972–2004

by *Tim Russell '79,*
College Chaplain



Matt Swanson was a residence director at Geneva College in the mid-90s when I first met him, and our relationship soon deepened. We quickly grew to trust and to enjoy each other. We laughed a lot. Matt was a deeply sincere person with no pretense, an easy smile and splendid sense of humor—gentle but up front, biblical but practical, and always unambiguously intense. For these qualities we hired him as Geneva's assistant chaplain in 2003.

Shortly thereafter, Matt learned that he had an advanced form of cancer. In the past year he endured surgery and chemotherapy. Undaunted, he plunged into his new duties. Matt's health declined quickly after Christmas, but he maintained a steady trust in God.

Matt Swanson died on May 7, 2004. Certainly his wife, Renee, and his sons Jacob, 5, and Simon, 2, feel the loss most keenly. But the void, both personally and professionally, is felt by all who saw Christ glorified in Matt's life. I think, however, that Matt would want us to focus our trust anew in the only redeemer of God's people—Jesus. As I imagine him now—whole, radiant, and disease-free in the courts of glory, I think of him beholding the glory of God's presence and with awestruck joy and worship saying, "Isn't it beautiful!" Indeed, my brother it is. And we long to see what you now see so clearly. Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus. 🙏

in conclusion

a place hard to leave. . .

by Kailey Hamilton '04

It's a tragic relationship that a student has with a professor. Four years of their lives are spent investing in relationships with one another, filled with the excitement of exchanging new ideas and discovering things about truth and humanity. Four years of their lives are spent living in the same town, eating the same lunches, listening to the same chapel speakers, singing the same music-less psalms. Four years of their lives are spent building a community together—and then the student hops the first bus out of town, clad in a cap and tassel. I can't help but feel like it wasn't meant to be this way.

I plugged into Geneva four years ago like a good little balloon, filling up. It was only for so long that I could endure questions like, "Who wants to live in Beaver Falls?" before it started to affect my perspective. And so I started longing to float away to some new, exciting place, far away from the overcast skies of western Pennsylvania. But now, here I am—cap, gown, and all—and I feel deflated.

It is impossible to live in a place and interact with the people there and at the same time to remain utterly disconnected to that place and those people. Perhaps I would not have chosen to spend four years of my life in Beaver Falls had I been able to plan it all in advance, but I have been here, and I have known this place, and it has become intimately connected with who I am, regardless of where I go from here.

it was something like the feeling of being replaced

I sat on the beat-up couch cushions of the second floor of Old Main after my final class this May, waiting for someone. In a triangle around me were the voices of three professors, voices that had become dear to me. One of them began to take roll, calling out the names of students I probably didn't know, who are now sitting where I sat these past four years. There was something so strange and sad about it; it was something like the feeling of being replaced. A feeling that those classrooms were no longer mine, nor the ideas being discussed in them, nor the voices of those professors whose muffled chorus of instruction nearly brought me to tears.

How I will miss this place. There is something so profoundly empty about saying to a person you've grown to respect—indeed, even to love—"Have a good rest-of-your-life."

And so, this letter is to all of you here who strive to touch the lives of students. The time and devotion you pour into these relationships make Geneva what it is—a difficult place to depart from. Never think for a moment that you are not making a difference here. Thank you for the gift of your time. Thank you for the gift of yourselves. I will miss you more than you know.

So have a good rest-of-your-life. 



HOMECOMING 2004

Fallfest

Saturday, October 2

Honoring the classes of 1979, 1984,
1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004

25th Reunion brunch, Class of 1979	9:30 a.m.
Geneva Gang	10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
College Hill Festival	10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Cross country—Mel Vos	
Invitational & Alumni Race	10:45 a.m.
Men's soccer reunion picnic	11:00 a.m.
Men's soccer vs. Grove City	11:00 a.m.
Multiethnic alumni student reception	11:00 a.m.



Meet the president	11:30 a.m.
Alumni men's soccer game	1:00 p.m.
Annual Homecoming parade	1:30 p.m.
Alumni reunion receptions	2:30 p.m.
Women's soccer vs. Ohio Dominican	3:00 p.m.
Alumni band registration	3:00 p.m.
McKee Hall deck dedication	4:30 p.m.
Pre-game show	6:30 p.m.
Football vs. St. Francis of Indiana	7:00 p.m.
<i>Half-time featuring the Geneva marching band and alumni band</i>	

www.geneva.edu/alumni

Visit Geneva's alumni page for registration information and details on Homecoming and other college events. Or contact the special events office at 724-847-6520 or events@geneva.edu.

EVENTS

August

30 Fall semester begins at 8 a.m.

September

12 Pastoral breakfast

25 Top 100 players football banquet

October

1 President's Council dinner

2 Homecoming

15 Fall break begins at 5 p.m.

19 Classes resume at 5 p.m.

27 Scholarship appreciation reception

29 Presidential inauguration worship service

30 Presidential inauguration ceremony

November

12 Admissions open house

23 Thanksgiving break begins at 5 p.m.

29 Classes resume at 8 a.m.

December

3-4 Genevans Christmas concert

10 Christmas concert and gala

18 Semester ends

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