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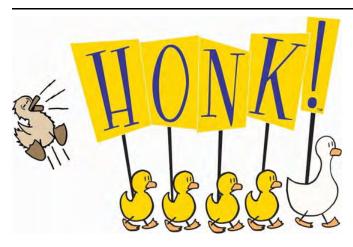
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#### Honk! If You Love Musicals

by Ellyn Newman

#### September 28, 2022

"I have to go, but I can wait," she danced with anticipation. Whether it could be attributed to the upcoming musical, her ever-filling bladder, or the dashing reporter before her was hard to tell. Either way, Nicole Shaheen, a prominent member of the Geneva College Musical Theatre Program, was brimming with things to share about the upcoming musical.

Traditionally, the Bagpiper Theatre has put on a musical every other fall. Following the success of *The Lightning Thief* from last year, however, the company decided to break from the norm and opt for *Honk, the Musical* for the fall of 2022. A retelling of the ugly duckling, Honk is full of entertaining dances, unique songs, and creative character dynamics. *Honk, the Musical* will be showing at the Bagpiper Theatre from November 4th and 5th, to the 10th and 12th. Tickets will be available to purchase online ahead of time when it gets to be a bit closer to those dates, so be on the lookout.

Many will remember the iconic style with which Geneva Theatre has performed in the past. That and more can be expected of this season as well. "Even though it's a really small theatre, my director, Mindy, is really good at having a vision for the show," Shaheen confirmed, "So I trust her..." Mindy Williams has been known to exceeded expectations and it appears that no less can be expected for this year.

Drama is not all glitz and glamor though. Putting on a show like this takes hard work and commitment from everyone involved. As the performance looms in the near future, the cast works quickly to have everything in perfect order for their fans. Shaheen is a sophomore here at Geneva, and rehearsals take up a huge chunk of the average student's study time to ensure that the community can count on an unforgettable event. "We sound really good together as a group and we've mainly been doing vocal rehearsals so far," she explained, "We've had one choreography rehearsal so it's hard getting started... but we're learning quickly."

When asked what made *Honk* special, Shaheen assured *The Geneva Cabinet* that, "It's gonna be funny! It's comical. It has a moral story of beauty being found within and it can appeal to people of all ages." This reporter is going to be sure to buy tickets as soon as they become available. The anticipation awaiting that day is unbearable. Almost as unbearable as the kind Shaheen experienced as she hurriedly rushed away to that old ivory throne at which every knee bends.

#### McCartney Library's New and Improved Periodicals Room

by Celia York

The Periodicals Room reopened a week ago and now features some new amenities intended to encourage individual and group study.

Located in the basement of the library, the Periodicals Room houses Geneva College's archives of magazines and newspapers from across the centuries. The area is also designed to be a place where students can study in groups. The library temporarily closed the periodicals room at the beginning of the semester to finish a remodeling project intended to make the space more conducive to student work.

Once again open to students, the space now includes easy chairs, an electric fireplace, carpet, and whiteboard tables.

Before the remodeling, Kailee Boylan, a Communication major, usually used other study areas around campus when completing homework.

"But since the renovation, I can already tell that I'm going to be spending a lot more time down there and planning group work there as well," Boylan said. "The room is comfy, you don't have to speak quietly, and the space just feels designed for collaboration."

Library Director, Steven Kenneally, believes the improvements will make the periodicals room a good place for individual and group work. "Hopefully it will be heavily used," Kenneally said, "and then we might get a chance a little bit further down the road to expand and create more spaces like this in the library."



# GVALS Speaker, Dr. Paul H. Thompson, speaks on The Constitution's Achilles Heel: God, Race and Ambiguity in the U.S. Constitution

by Caleb Willis

September 16, 2022

GVALS stands for Geneva Visiting Artist and Lecture Series. It is a series of events hosted by the college that allows writers, professors, and other intellectuals to come to campus and share their knowledge. When asked about the reason for having it, Dr. Jeffrey Cole said, "What we want to do is invite students into a conversation that weaves together what they're hearing in some of their classes and helps them to think about things they haven't thought about before." Dr. Cole additionally pointed out that Dr. Thompson's GVALS presentation held special importance since it was organized for Constitution Day. By law, all schools that receive federal funding must hold an event in recognition of the Constitution within a few days of the anniversary of its writing.

Dr. Paul H. Thompson, North Greenville University

"America is the only nation founded upon a creed" -G.K. Chesterton

- 55% of Americans believe that the Constitution is divinely inspired.
- More conflict has occurred over what the Constitution *does not* say about slavery than what it does.
  - The word "slave" seems to have been purposefully left out of the Constitution to avoid disagreement and controversy.
- Throughout American history, people have argued that Constitution both defends slavery and that it was written to dismantle it.
- The Constitutional Convention was organized in response to events such as Shay's Rebellion and New York's refusal to ratify an amendment to the Articles of Confederation.
- The writers of the Constitution wanted a government that could protect the will of the people while also keeping them from falling into turmoil and rebellion.
- States needed equal and fair representation, but individual states couldn't be allowed to arbitrarily ignore decisions made by the rest of the Union.
- The lack of clarity on slavery in the Constitution came about because the document needed to apply to states where slavery was legal, illegal, or where it might become illegal in the future.
- The Civil War removed the Constitution from the ambiguity that protected it from discussions involving slavery.

- The 14th Amendment did not only end slavery it opened the way for new laws involving voting rights, abortion, and marriage.
- John Bingham, author of the 14th Amendment, is often described as a "second founder" of the United States.
- Despite the many important freedoms that the Constitution has won, the argument as to whether it was written to dismantle slavery or defend it still goes on today.



Golden Thread

by Celia T York

Today as I wandered through campus, I looked for four people to ask the question, "What's something crazy on your bucket list?"



## Nick Heidengren, Class of 2024

What's something crazy on your bucket list?

I walked over to the library and talked with Nick Heidengren as he sat drinking coffee. He said, "One of the things on my bucket list would be to go hiking in New Zealand where they filmed the Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit. I'd want to take pictures in the same places that the fellowship walked through and visit all the places where they filmed." I thanked him for his answer and walked upstairs to the study carrels.



## **Emerson Spear, Class of 2024**

What's something crazy on your bucket list?

Emerson Spear was in one the study carrels. "I want to learn to play part of every musical instrument family, like strings, percussion, wind, all of it. I also want to do the Upper Gully River white water rafting at some point," he said in answer to my question.



## Kara Schisler, Class of 2025

What's something crazy on your bucket list?

Next, I walked towards Skye Lounge and found Kara Schisler sitting outside doing some homework. She said, "I would say go to New Zealand, take lots of pictures and go hiking." After talking for a little bit longer, I said goodbye to Kara and headed into Skye.



## Audrey McMahan, Class of 2026

What's something crazy on your bucket list?

Inside Skye Lounge I saw Audrey McMahan reading a textbook. After telling her happy birthday, I asked what her answer would be. "I would really like to go skydiving by the White Cliffs of Dover," she said.

## **Chapel Digest**

**Rev. Titus Martin - The Word Became Flesh** 

September 21, 2022 by Emily Keck



Rev. Titus Martin, College Hill Reformed Church

Speaking on John 14

"To the world Christianity is offensive, but to us this news is our greatest source of hope."

- Christianity by nature is offensive; there are many things in the bible that people of all religions could find offensive
- One of the least offensive things in the Bible, however, is the birth of Jesus; the birth of Jesus is a warm and comforting story to many.
- Then comes the unthinkable phrase in the Bible: "the Word became flesh." The eternal God became human and lived among us. Why do so many reject this?
- To the world this is offensive, but to us this news is our greatest source of hope
- Three questions about the incarnation:
- What do we mean?
  - He was both God and human at the same time, fully God and fully human
- Why is it offensive?
  - The humanity of Jesus causes great trouble, some people don't deny his deity but deny his humanity. It is so demeaning to God, and because we don't want God invading our world.

- Why did he become flesh?
  - So that He can identify with us in every way in order to save us
- He is forever one of us because of his humanness.

## **Testimony:**



#### Susan Layton, Communication Department

Years ago she received news that was devastating; feelings of sadness and despair consumed her day and night.

- During that time she was doing an independent study with a student who showed her Psalm 116:7.
- This brought her on a journey to find out what Gods word had for her; she read the Psalms, praying through them and praying for her family members.
- Years later she had a sinking feeling she was going to hear more terrible news about the situation, news that would make things worse.
- God nudged her, telling her she needed this time devoted to Him and to reading her Bible, so she started reading her Psalm for that day.
- The Psalm was Psalm 112: "the righteous will never be shaken, they will have no fear of bad news."
- God reminded her that, even if the bad news came, she didn't need to fear and that she didn't need to despair because God was still in control of her circumstances.
- Scripture tells us that we can be impatient, asking God when He will help us, one example in Psalm 13 tells us we have the freedom to cry out to God, and in the same verse tells us we can trust him, and goes on to praise the Lord.
- This is a reminder that even though we go through hard times, as we pour out our hearts to Him, we can still trust Him and have faith in Him.

## **Features**

#### Meet the McKee RD: Ashlynn Koeppe

by Christa Reese

September 28, 2022

Ashlynn Koeppe, the new RD of McKee, had always dreamed of being an RD and jumped when the Lord provided the opportunity to do so.

Koeppe grew up in Columbus, OH and graduated with a B.A. in Integrated Language Arts from Malone University in Canton, OH. Her journey to Geneva was an unexpected one. Upon graduation, Koeppe had a teaching job lined up to teach 7th grade English. 2 weeks before the school year began, she found out that there was a mix up- she was given a 6th grade class but was only licensed to teach 7 through 12 grade. After communicating with the school, she had to hand in her resignation. That same day, Christian Starke, the current RD of Memorial whom Koeppe went to Malone University with, called her and asked the age old question: "what are the odds you want to be an RD?" 3 days after that, Koeppe found herself moving to Beaver Falls, PA.

Once here, Koeppe said that she was pleasantly surprised by how welcoming Geneva was and is to new people. Reflecting on her role as an RD, Koeppe said her favorite part of being and RD is how it allows her to get to know people daily, like she would as a teacher, but on a deeper level since she actually "lives with the people she is building relationships with." *The Cabinet* also asked her what surprised her about the role. Koeppe answered that she had not realized how much RDs do behind the scenes.

Talking further about unexpected, Koeppe was asked to describe the strangest legal thing she has seen a resident do. She replied that she recently saw a resident at the dumpsters behind McKee holding a live bat wrapped in a towel. They set the bat on the ground and let it fly away. The bat, neither a resident nor paying for room and board, had apparently stopped by McKee for a visit and was promptly removed by the true resident. To this, Koeppe commented: "local heroes don't always wear capes."

Further, *The Cabinet* asked Koeppe what she envisions for McKee this year and asked what events McKee has coming up. She answered that she wants girls to have open doors and to feel free to be goofy while also feeling supported. Event-wise, McKee is currently having a t-shirt design contest. Also, at the end of October, there will be a McKee Masquerade- details to come.

So, if you see Koeppe around campus, don't ask her about sharks- she is not fond of them. Do, however, ask her what kind of coffee she likes, about the book of James (which she is currently memorizing as "pocket wisdom"), or about 2 Timothy 1:7, her life verse. Welcome, Ashlynn, to the Geneva community!

Spotlight: Toby Shope, Health and Counseling Services

by Emily Keck

Counselor Spotlight:

#### Meet Toby Shope!

Toby answered a few of our questions so we could get to know him better!

#### Q: How long have you been working at Geneva?

A: He has been on staff here at Geneva since 2019 and has been teaching part-time in the graduate program for counseling the past couple of years

#### Q: What is a fun fact about yourself?

A: He is often found not wearing shoes as he is an artist and enjoys spending time in nature.

#### Q: What is a dream that you have accomplished or a dream that you still wish to accomplish?

A: Serving as a Licensed Professional Counselor is definitely a dream he realized he had (particularly since he began to make that transition mid-life)

#### Q: What impact has God had in your life in the past few years?

A: God continues to meet him in the realities of life and push him further on, drawing him to God, reminding him of his great need for God and the ways that He desires to shine through his gifts AND his brokenness.

#### Q: What is your favorite part about your job?

A: He gets to work with students who trust him with their stories of life (and he is profoundly honored and grateful by that trust)

Along with Toby, the staff includes:

Amy Solman (director of health and counseling services)

Sarah Blasiman (full-time counselor)

The Counseling Services are here if you are in need of someone who will listen, someone to talk to, Geneva offers a safe space for you to talk about what you are going through. Everyone is going through something, and you are not alone.

Where are they located? The Counseling Center is in the basement of the McKee dorms.

How do I schedule an appointment?

Log into your MyGeneva —> Click Student Information, then click Health and Counseling Services (located on the left) —> Click Counseling Services Request Form —> Fill out the form; this is confidential and will go directly to the director, Amy Solman. She will set you up with an appointment and they will get back to you soon!

Be sure to follow them on Instagram @genevacounselingservices for more information!



FCA Article

by Emily Keck



What is FCA?

-FCA is the fellowship of Christian athletes that meets every Tuesday at 9:15 in the Brig.

Who is invited to come?

-While it is called fellowship of Christian athletes, you do not need to be an athlete to come and be a part of the group. All are welcome; you belong here!

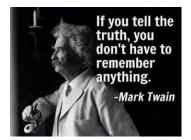
What goes on at FCA?

-Each week we do something different, but we always start off the night with worship. One night we can have an activity night where we play games, sometimes dodgeball, kickball, capture the flag, etc. Other nights we have a speaker come and talk to us about the theme of the month, other weeks we have a celebration night where we celebrate people's birthdays and have a few students share their testimonies. There are multiple student leaders who make Fca possible, and they also share and speak on different Tuesday nights. John Wilhelm also helps out with FCA, and occasionally speaks on Tuesday nights as well.

So, what are you waiting for? Come join us! We'd love to see you there.

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## **Asked & Answered**



# *Q:* Why are women so complicated? Every time I think I understand my girlfriend she says something that makes me think I'll never be able to get what goes on inside her head? -A Confused Canadian

*A:* A friend here at the Cabinet once described women's brains as spaghetti while men's brains are the equivalent of waffles. Men compartmentalize everything in their head, but for women, everything is all tangled together, and no issue is separate from any other. *Canadian*, I think that if you take some time to make observations about your girlfriend's behavior, simply noticing the things she does and the way she acts, you will begin to see how all her qualities are related to the others. This feature isn't exclusive to women of course, but men often don't realize it as much, which causes some of this "women are so complicated" type confusion. After a while, you'll realize that the reason her stress over schoolwork seeps into her personal life is because she can't separate those two strands of pasta in her head, and that both of those strands are twisted around another noodle that's craving chocolate. Then you'll find that you don't actually have to do all of this guessing because you could simply ask her questions and save a whole lot of time. This is just an example but I'm sure this method will have comparable results for you. When it comes to women, think Van Gogh; up close it makes no sense, but far away all that chaos creates one cohesive picture.

## *Q:* What is the best way to cook an egg based on efficiency, taste, and practicality? My friends and I keep disagreeing on whether scrambled or dippy is best. *-Pursuing Eggcellence*

*A:* Listen *Pursuing*, this has been one of the great mysteries plaguing society for millennia, and you expect me, a college student with no real life experience to solve it? Well, you came to the right place. Everyone will agree that the simplest and quickest way to cook an egg is scrambled. You just crack, stir, and wait. However, it's the least flavorful and most boring. Sunnyside up and over-medium eggs are a common breakfast dish and arguably more difficult and more tasty. The uncooked yolk makes for a fine dining experience provided there are a few pieces of toast to dip in it. The most efficient, effective, and practical means by which to cook an egg combine these two elements. That way is the "popped yolk" method. This is a style which was introduced to me only recently, and it has all the flavor and none of the work of a perfect, over-medium egg. All that's involved is cracking the egg into pan and, instead of scrambling it, one must only

gently stab at the yolk with a spatula until it's popped. From here one merely watches the egg until it is cooked, flips it, and then it's done! It's essentially an unscrambled, scrambled egg. Hope this saves your friendship, but if you still can't agree, I'd reprioritize whatever is most important. Clearly someone who prefers scrambled eggs is just not worth keeping in your life.

#### **Bulletin Board**

Movie Reviews by Caleb Willis

McCartney Library is home to a vast array of treasures – most of which are books. However, the library also has a great selection of movies. In the West Reading Room (to your left as you face the circulation desk), there is a themed display of movies. The current theme is "Dog Days of Summer" which means every movie on display is either about a dog or has a dog on the cover of its DVD case.

A few days ago, I took it upon myself to review every single movie in the display (fifteen in total). I did not have enough time to watch each one in its entirety, so I split the difference and watched the first five minutes of each. This gave me an excellent idea of both the plot of each movie and its overall quality. Below is a brief overview of my opinions on the first five films, each movie is followed by a rating between one and five.

**Rio:** This movie had a fun and beautiful intro with lots of birds singing and dancing in a rainforest. However, midway through the music, they all got trapped by exotic pet catchers. Unfortunately, my five minutes ran out before I could see what happened next, but the plot seemed promising. 4/5 (I had to take a point off because there was no dog in the first five minutes).

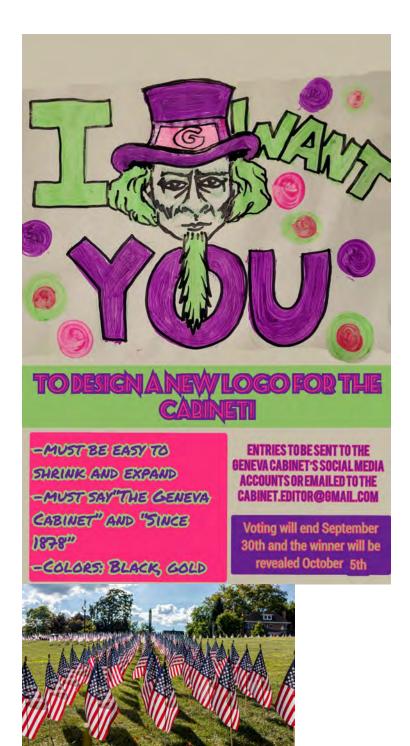
**A Dog's Purpose:** The movie started out with what looked like a dog getting killed and being reincarnated into a different dog's body – an interesting artistic choice, to be sure. The new dog later ended up with an abusive owner in a hot car and a mother and her son broke the car's window to save it. Those opening events seemed like a cycle of cruelty and violence that could not possibly end well. 2/5

**The Sandlot:** I must say this at the start: there were *zero* dogs. The whole beginning was just baseball stuff, which is fine for some people, but not what I was looking for. 1.5/5

**Call of the Wild:** Unlike the previous movie, *Call of the Wild* prominently featured a dog. However, the dog was animated which was a horrible decision on the filmmakers' part. 1/5

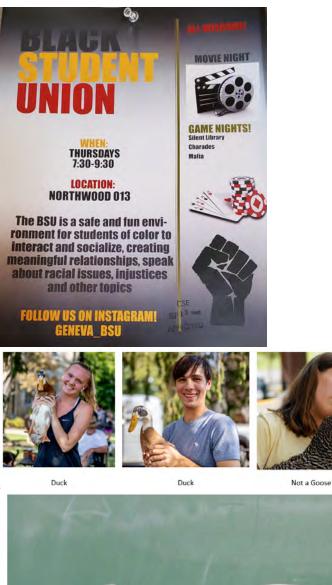
**Lady and the Tramp:** Half of the first five minutes consisted exclusively of intro credits. The redeeming factor was that each page of credits had a drawing of a dog in the background. 4/5





"I'm gonna start a goat farm here."

-Ryan Eisenhuth, Class of 2023





Dr Watt heads to the weight room. What could possibly go wrong?









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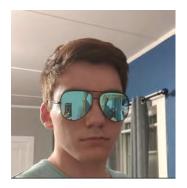
#### **Emily Keck**

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