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Letter from the Editor

Dear students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of Geneva College,

I am writing on behalf of *The 2022-2023 Geneva Cabinet* staff. We are excited to play a role in *The Cabinet's* history. As you can tell, we have made the decision to move the newspaper online which we will touch upon later. Before that, however, we want to write about the vision we have for the paper, the direction we wish to take it in.

We want to keep up with the modern times while still respecting and honoring the rich, longstanding tradition of the newspaper. In visiting the archives, we observed some of the transformations *The Cabinet* has been through, beginning in the form of an academic journal. Looking at past editions, it was clear that the paper adapted with the times. For instance, in the mid to late twentieth century, it was full of handwritten titles and drawings which were popularized at that time. Reading these different issues was like walking through the decades. We want the newspaper to give future readers an indication of what it was like to live in 2022.

Part of the reason for the change to an online paper was financial. The hours it took to put stories into the newspaper format on a computer program was another factor in the decision. Ultimately, what we observed was that the paper's relationship with the student body was quickly fading. Our vision is for the campus to know about and be excited for *The Geneva Cabinet* again.

In the past, the newspaper was the only way for students to make their voice heard. Now, people use the Internet and social media to vocalize their opinions. How, though, does the newspaper fit into lives of students today? What has remained the same from the 1870s to now is that the campus is interested in what fellow students and faculty are doing.

As such, though we will report on campus life, we also want to emphasize stories of our current students and faculty. We want students to know and be a part of the Geneva history that is happening today. That is part of the reason we are having a logo contest among the students, to encourage them to become involved in our student-run newspaper. We want to capture valuable moments as well as the unforgettable memories made within these walls. With all that being said, the transition to an online paper has its difficulties. We ask for grace from the Geneva community as we navigate this new medium.

Christa Reese

Editor-In-Chief, *The Geneva Cabinet*



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Geneva College launches new logo

by Caleb Willis

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If you were a part of the Geneva social media community and happened to check your feed on July 11, 2022, you would have been greeted with what could only be described as a tornado of opinions – largely negative – concerning the college’s unveiling of the new logo which the campus is now so familiar with. The initial negative reaction from the student body and some faculty members is understandable. Very little public notice was given before the change, and it was hard to think of a reason that the seal *needed* to be replaced.

Although the initial reaction was negative, public opinion seems to be moving in the other direction (especially after Residence Life handed out free t-shirts with the new logo printed on them). When asked how his opinion has changed since the logo’s initial unveiling, Sam Collings, a senior double-majoring in psychology and social services, said “First it was kind of shocking to see a radical change...But I do like it now. It’s a lot more slick in a lot of different ways.” Another student, Elisabeth Parsons, a junior majoring in communication design, said “I didn’t really like it at first, it looked lopsided, and it really bugged me... It’s since grown on me.” While Geneva students and faculty slowly warm up to the change, some people are already embracing it completely. Professor Lynette Fair, director of the college’s nursing department, has taken full advantage of the design and branding opportunities that have come alongside the logo by using it to update the nursing handbook and most other media put out by her department. When asked about the reason for her quick adoption of the logo, Professor Fair said, “It’s more than just the logo. It’s the whole package they’re putting together for marketing and branding.” A representative from the marketing department seconded this

sentiment in their statement on the topic, "By investing in a new and cohesive brand – we are re-articulating and re-positioning Geneva as the best place for young men and women to prepare for lives of service to God and neighbor."

As for negative opinions, Professor Fair understands why some people might disagree with the decision – especially if they have been involved with the college for a long time and are used to the seal. However, she stresses the importance of uniting around decisions the college leadership makes – especially those decisions which are directly involved with audiences outside the school. When asked about the negative opinions some people hold, she said "As users and faculty, the logo isn't really for us. It's for everybody else. So, we have to get past what we like and don't like about it and realize it's for the community and the people that we're drawing in...We should be positive about the decisions that are made and promote those."

To read more about the new logo go to:

Covey Cup 2022

by Christa Reese

September 14, 2022

On September 9 and 10, 2022, the Geneva College residence halls competed in the Covenanter Cup, better known as Covey Cup. There was an range of events requiring physical prowess (speed volleyball, ultimate frisbee), intellectual skills (spelling bee, chess), and team spirit (sync swim). After a day and a half of competition, Yarms (Young Hall and Geneva Arms) arose victorious. Clearechardson or Clearce (Clarke Hall and Pearce Hall) came in second and McMorial (McKee Hall and Memorial Hall) finished in third. Resident Director of Geneva Arms, Alyssa Davis, told *The Cabinet* that “winning a third year in a row was an absolute blessing, but I believe the relationships we’ve built far outweigh any type of championship.”

Covey Cup takes place at the start of the school year and is Residence Life's biggest event. As Kelsey Murphy, Director of Residence Life, told *The Cabinet*, Covey Cup was intentionally created to include "something for everybody to be involved in." First year Resident Director of McKee Hall, Ashlynn Koeppe, believes that the more diverse the range of abilities on the team, the better. Kevin Donaldson, Resident Director of Young Hall, has taken part in Covey Cup since being an undergraduate student in 2016 but became far more involved after becoming an RD in 2021. Donaldson told *The Cabinet* that Covey Cup is impactful because it builds pride in the living spaces, fosters fast friendships, and encourages teamwork and community building. Covey Cup, Davis adds, also presents opportunities for the underclassmen and upperclassmen to connect.

Covey Cup has occurred annually since 2011. Some elements of Covey Cup have changed slightly over the years. *The Cabinet* interviewed Resident Director of Pearce Hall, Josh Ehko, who has been a part of every Covey Cup since 2015. Ehko says that, in the past, rather than halls competing against other halls, females competed against females and males were against males. Ehko told *The Cabinet* that a change this year was introducing capture the flag which he said, "was a big hit!" Another change this year was the Houses, Richardson, Kerr, and Schoolhouse, were not a part of Covey Cup as they are no longer being used by residents. Ehko told *The Cabinet*, that, in 2015, these halls were partnered with the commuters to form one of six teams. At that time, Young and Arms were separate teams because the North side of the buildings housed men and the East side of the buildings housed women. Though Covey Cup is being changed and adapted as time has gone on, the impact it has had on the college community will remain.

Golden Thread

by Ellyn Newman

This week I took to Sky Lounge to ask four of our students a deep, thought-provoking question:
What is the strangest thing you've ever eaten?



August S, Class of 2025

What is the strangest thing you've ever eaten?

August Stenswald, a sophomore biomedical engineering major, became my first victim. "The sole of a shoe." He happily recounted, "It was in first grade, and I looked at the bottom of my shoe and said to myself, 'why don't I eat this?' And so I did."



Ellie B, Class of 2026

What is the strangest thing you've ever eaten?

Next on the chopping block was the unsuspecting freshman, Ellie Bates, majoring in sports management. "I've had pasta with squid ink sauce," she answered thoughtfully, "it was at a seafood restaurant. It was pretty good."



Danielle L, Class of 2024

What is the strangest thing you've ever eaten?

I then approached junior, Danielle Lopes, a biology-secondary education major, who was quick to answer, "it was a conch shell. I tried it once." She then confessed that she didn't really remember how it tasted. "It was probably weird though. I didn't eat the shell, just the meat inside of it."



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Zachary M, Class of 2023

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What is the strangest thing you've ever eaten?

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It was one of my English literature majors, Zachary McDaniels, who became my final victim for this issue. "There was a time I ate a rock." Taken aback, I asked him to explain. "This was way back when I was younger. It was one of those fishbowl rocks and me and my sister were fighting over it. We were full-on wrestling over it and the idea I had... was to put it in my mouth. She lunges at my face to get the rock and I swallow it. That's the weirdest thing I've ever eaten

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but probably a close second would be rambutan. They're bright red, they have spikes all over and the inside looks like a peeled grape, and in the very center is a pitch-black pit. The fruit is sweet and delicious but the pit is poisonous." From those shocking accounts, I was sure that he had many other stories to tell, but I had to be off to relay these important tales to the good people of Geneva College.

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Chapel Digest

Rev. Titus Martin - Jesus: Clear and Vague

September 7, 2022 by Emily Keck

Rev. Titus Martin, College Hill Reformed Church

Speaking on John 1:1-5

“What we think about God is the motivation behind everything we do.”

- We use the word gospel in two different ways, a word to describe the story of the life of Jesus Christ, and the message of salvation that we proclaim to all the world
- “John is a gospel because it proclaims the good news that the Savior has come and, within this story, proclaims the message of salvation for all who believe”
- John is known to making things clear and simple, and yet shows us how simple and complex an understanding of God really is.
- Titus goes on to describe the simple yet complex ways John describes God in verses 1-4.
- Through His death, we have life; God is the only source of life.

Testimony:

Scott Gregg, Lead Groundskeeper

Gregg's lifelong journey began 30 years ago at Geneva College.

- There were required classes during Gregg's time here that he didn't want to take. He wondered, when they would be important?
- Today, Gregg is here to say that he regrets that mindset, the mindset that those classes he didn't want to take were stupid and a waste of time. Gregg says he could've gotten a lot more out of his college experience.
- Gregg learned that he was on a journey; to sharpen his tools, refine their edges. He'd use those tools, like time management, sustained attention, working memory and more, all throughout his life. He believes these tools can be sharpened even when in classes we don't like.
- Gregg maintains we are all in a process, a journey, and that college is more than a degree. He believes there is so much more to learn about life here, don't waste it.



Features

Kevin Arseneaux: Running toward the Lord

by Celia York

September 12, 2022

Kevin Arseneaux gave up his dream to run track for a Division I college. Instead, in the fall of 2021, he committed to a Division III track team when he enrolled at Geneva College.

Arseneaux discovered his love for running in elementary school when his dad made him run a 5K road race. "At that point, I was pretty mediocre at just about every sport I that did," Arseneaux said, "but running that road race kinda showed that it was one thing that I might be able to excel at." In middle school, Arseneaux began running competitively.

He continued his running career at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School in Yarmouth, Massachusetts. "I sprouted very early on in high school," Arseneaux said, "So DI school was always an opportunity I had." Arseneaux planned on attending Charleston Southern University, a Division I school in South Carolina.

During Arseneaux's junior year, he became a Christian. Around the same time, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional canceled sports because of COVID. Time alone in quarantine caused Arseneaux to grow in his faith and reconsider his "philosophy of running."

His conversion to Christianity changed his plans. "That dream of wanting to run Division I, that was something that I idolized growing up," Arseneaux said. "By the time I became a Christian, running and my life changed." While his times were still fast enough to compete at a Division I school, Arseneaux now prioritized attending a Christian college over his running career.

Arseneaux's conversion also changed his motivation for running. "Before I became a Christian, it was ... trying to build myself up and improve my own worth," Arseneaux said. "That's a very unsustainable motivator because whenever you fail, it's reason to break down." Arseneaux started to recognize that his skill as an endurance runner came from God. He continued to find deep joy in running.

During his search for a school, Arseneaux toured Geneva College. "The

Christianity that Geneva presented seemed much more genuine” than the other places he visited. Arseneaux also appreciated Geneva’s track coach, Phil Thompson. “He puts our faith first and foremost which is hard to come across if you want to run at a highly competitive level,” Arseneaux said.

While Arseneaux prefers running track, he also competes on Geneva’s cross-country team. His stats for both sports are impressive: during his freshman year, Arseneaux was named PAC Outdoor Men’s Track and Field Rookie of the Week five times. He finished fourth in the 3000-meter race in the indoor PAC Championships. In the outdoor PAC Championships, Arseneaux placed second in the 1500-meter and 800-meter. He came in third in the 5000-meter race.

Arseneaux’s favorite event to run is the mile; his current personal best time is 4:15.

As a varsity athlete, Arseneaux struggles to balance his time and energy between education and sports. Between cross country and track, Arseneaux never has an off-season, leaving him with little free time.

Arseneaux “encountered the fourth commandment for the first time” at Geneva. During his freshman year, he began abstaining from doing his homework or competing on Sundays. Trying to fit his training, homework, and track schedule into a six-day week was tough. “God always sustained me,” Arseneaux said. “I never found myself lacking for the sake of trying to honor the Lord by holding a sabbath on Sunday.”

As of now, Arseneaux is still deciding if he will compete post-collegiately. “I have the potential to go post-collegiate, especially training under Coach Thompson,” Arseneaux said. However, he also senses a calling to ministry. He plans to graduate with a degree in middle school education and perhaps a minor in teaching ESL. Arseneaux feels called to be an educator, whether that be as a local instructor, a teacher abroad, or a pastor.

“Whether I go post-collegiate or not is not something I’m ultimately worried about because I know what God has in store for me is better than I can possibly fathom.”

Bulletin Board



“Will this semester ever end?”

— Bill Starke, Geneva College Registrar



“Call and response is not just cultural, it's human. God says, 'If you call out to me I will respond. I will always respond. I will never not respond'”

-Dr. Ward



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