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Honoring Dr. John Stahl

By Celia York

After 37 years of teaching at Geneva College, Dr. John Stahl will be retiring from his job as a professor in the chemistry department.

In 1979, he graduated from Geneva College with a B.S. in Chemistry and a newfound faith in Christ. He completed a Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry at Penn State University in 1983. After graduate school, he married his wife, Jackie, and began teaching at Bloomsburg University. In 1985, Dr. Roy Adams, his predecessor at Geneva College, retired. Adams reached out to Stahl and encouraged him to apply. Stahl received the position and began teaching at Geneva in August.

"I like working with chemical engineers and helping them find internships and seeing them develop professionally," he said. "Also, seeing them learn to write and communicate better. We actually do teach that in science."

Trying to help struggling students succeed was one of the greatest challenges Stahl faced as a professor. "In general, in life, dealing with people is a challenge. I'm naturally a little bit introverted, but I've been put in positions of dealing with people in a number of ways over the years. That's what teaching is."

Another challenge came in 2002 when Geneva renovated the Science and Engineering Building. Stahl was the faculty coordinator in charge of overseeing the project.

"It really meant doing anything and everything that neither the contractor nor the maintenance was doing," Stahl said. "From coordinating student workers to helping move furniture around as we renovated the building, to helping move classes to different parts of the building, to cleaning up dirt." This time was overwhelming for Stahl.

Teaching at Geneva helped him grow tremendously. "I've worked at other places: Bloomsburg, I spent a year at Bucknell, and I've done postdocs at Pitt," Stahl said. "And people are nice, but also sometimes there's a lot more petty infighting. And there's very little of that here."

"Another favorite part of Geneva is the ease of being able to bring faith into the classroom," he said. "Early on in one class towards the back, there was this disturbance – a couple of young ladies were looking at the floor and going back and forth, and obviously not paying attention. So, I stopped and said, 'is something wrong?'. A girl had lost an earring that was very special."

Stahl and the other students scoured the room looking for the lost jewelry but to no avail. Eventually, Stahl halted the hunt and prayed that the Lord would direct the search.

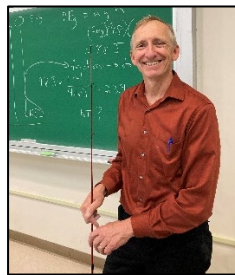
"The next class period, the girl came in just beaming. She said, 'God answered. I went home ... and in my

pant cuff was the earring.' And she might have just dropped it or lost it, but God had shown the way."

After retiring, Dr. Stahl plans to keep busy with projects at home and in the community. "I'm going to continue doing the Lord's work," he said.

He and his wife hope to visit two of their children that live in Texas and Japan. He looks forward to being able to travel more in the winter, as "neither of those places are pleasant to visit during the summer." Stahl will also return to campus to teach a one-credit seminar in the fall. In the future, he may help out with lab work and research at the college.

"People say you find plenty to do, and I'm not planning to get rusty any time soon."



In the '90s, Stahl helped develop and teach the SCS 110, Introduction to Natural Science course. His textbook is still used in the course. During his time at Geneva, Stahl also taught eight other courses.

Stahl received the Geneva College Excellence in Scholarship Award in 1993, as well as the Geneva College Excellence in Teaching Award in 1998. He received special recognition for his role as Faculty Liaison during the Science and Engineering Building renovation that took place from 2002-2003. He was also awarded the Geneva College Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award in 2004.

Dr. Stahl repeatedly expressed thankfulness for the community surrounding him at the college. "These 38 years have really been marked by having marvelous colleagues here and administration that I enjoy working for," he said. "Dr. Melinda Stephens is wonderful, and Calvin's the best president I've ever had ... It's been a marvelous community to be a part of."

Pursuing the Call Internationally

By Kelsey Gerhard

Matthew 28:19 tells Christians to go and make disciples of all nations which is exactly what Geneva College endeavors to do through international recruiting.

With the pandemic on the decline, countries are opening back up to travelers, and Geneva College is not letting opportunities go to waste. Bridget Fox, an International Enrollment Counselor at Geneva College recently arrived back in the United States after her first major recruitment trip. Fox visited schools in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, and South Korea to present and hand out information about the

programs Geneva offers. While Geneva College reaches out to these schools, Fox said that "A lot of the schools have connections with a Christian organization that helps match colleges and high schools." This system has helped Geneva College make important connections with high schools in other countries.

At some of the international schools she visited, Fox was given the opportunity to speak to the juniors and sophomores. Other schools set up a table where she could answer questions and hand out brochures.

"At those schools, I'm typically in the library or outside the lunchroom or somewhere where there tends to be traffic coming through," Fox said.

Most of the students she met with were interested in Geneva's STEM majors, such as biology, engineering, or computer science. "Once in a while, I get students that are really interested in psychology. But typically, it's a lot of the STEM fields," Fox said.

Fox said that the students in South Korea were most enthusiastic about Geneva College. Speaking of a school that she visited there, Fox said "we have two of their graduates here at Geneva now, and I think that made the students more excited ... having heard of Geneva through friends that had graduated already."

While she traveled in South Korea, Fox visited a global university in Pohang that partners with Geneva to offer study abroad programs. Fox spoke with members of the university's international affairs office who work with study abroad students. Pohang has a very large international student population, and Fox believes the location would be a good opportunity for students interested in studying abroad.

"[Students] would also have a pretty immersive experience. It's really close to a lot of restaurants and other attractions." Fox also mentioned that the university is close to a major South Korean train station. "From that train station, you can pretty much go anywhere in South Korea."

Fox related that the biggest difficulty she faced in her travels took place outside of her work as a representative of Geneva College. Since she loves hiking, Fox decided to explore a park with trails in Singapore. A monkey suddenly jumped on her backpack. "So, I took my backpack off," Fox said. She tried to grab her bag back from the animal, but "he bared his teeth at me very aggressively ... then 15 monkeys all descended out of the trees and were standing around and trying to climb my legs." Fox recounted that her passport was in her backpack too, making this experience more stressful. "How do you explain that to the U.S. Embassy? A monkey ran away with my passport."

Fortunately, Fox was able to retrieve the backpack and had no other major difficulties in her travels.

Golden Thread

By Abigail Plitt

Q: What was your favorite part of spring break?



Lydia Tweed | Class of 2026

A: The Genevans tour. Being able to go around to all of the venues and minister to people.



Olivia Anson | Class of 2025

A: Enjoying the outdoors and staying active while also being intentional with my time at home with friends and family.



Adeline Beans | Class of 2024

A: Spending time with the Genevans while on tour.



Alexis Montgomery | Class of 2023

A: Spending time with the track team and enjoying the beach.

An Inside Look at Open House

By Maria Shemer

On Friday, March 17th, 100 guests, including 40 prospective students, came to Geneva College to experience campus life and learn about the educational opportunities Geneva offers. Open House, a daylong interactive experience, provides prospective students with the opportunity to see into the heart of Christian higher education and envision a future as a flourishing student on Geneva's campus.



Beginning at 9:30 A.M., prospective students were given an overview of the college and Geneva's mission to bring community, academics, and faith together as a lifelong benefit for students. Following this, students heard from leadership, such as Dean Jamie Swank and Dr. Melinda Stephens, about campus life and how students are supported during their academic careers at Geneva.

Students and their families then embarked on a campus tour with a current student, followed by lunch and a departmental session with faculty where they learned about the requirements for each major as well as other opportunities on campus. The afternoon concluded with a session with President Troup where visitors heard about his perspective of Geneva and the love and care that he has for the college.

Rebecca Bryant, the Campus Visit Coordinator, remarked that "[President Troup] speaks not only as a leader of Geneva but also as a parent and as an alumnus, so he has a really unique perspective to share with our students." When asked about the feedback she gets from students and their families regarding Open House, Bryant said the response is gratitude. Families express joy at being able to attend and to hear what Geneva is doing as well as experience the Christian environment that shapes campus life.

Bryant said that the goal of Open House is to expose families "to the great opportunity that Geneva is in terms of building students for a life-long calling, giving them the tools in their academics to succeed, and being an environment that is going to help them excel as an individual."



A Weekend at Jubilee

By Caleb Willis

On February 17th, roughly 50 Geneva students attended the Coalition for Christian Outreach's (CCO) Jubilee conference. Every year, thousands of college students from across the country gather at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh to worship, listen to speakers, and learn about education and career opportunities. This year, the CCO also hosted Lecrae, a popular Christian hip-hop artist.

The conference took place from February 17th to the 19th. On the second night of Jubilee, Lecrae performed alongside another rapper called Hulvey and a hip-hop dance group called the Exiles. Throughout most of the event, the common area in the convention center was occupied by representatives from various Christian colleges, summer camps, and outreaches looking to recruit students. Each day had at least one main gathering with worship music, a message from a missionary or non-profit representative, and a keynote speaker.



The messages at the main gatherings were centered around the common theme of Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Restoration. Key speakers included Carmen Imes, Eric Mason, and Danielle Strickland. At several points during each day of the conference, additional guest speakers came in and offered breakout sessions on topics such as engaging with the college experience, deepening personal spirituality, and approaching vocation from a Christian perspective. During mealtimes, attendees could leave the conference and buy food from food trucks hosted by the CCO.

Whether it was just a break from classes, a chance to connect with future workplaces, or a time for worship and communion with other believers, Jubilee provided opportunities for enrichment to all who attended. Staff at CCO and Christian students alike are looking forward to the next conference in February 2024.

Cleveland Art Museum Trip

By Celia York

The Humanities Department recently received a monetary gift in honor of retired faculty. The department put the endowment to good use on March 25 by renting a bus and taking around 50 students currently enrolled in humanities courses to the Cleveland Art Museum. Docents led students for the first hour. Then, students had another hour to explore the museum on their own. Afterward, the Humanities Department provided lunch for students at West Side Market before heading home.

Chapel Digest

By Caleb Willis

Dr. Andreas Köstenberger – “I Am the Light of the World”



Spoke on John 8:12-30.

- “Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12 ESV).
- He was born in Vienna, Austria, and was raised Catholic.
- As a young adult, he became an existentialist. He wanted a religion that was not based on tradition.
- “If there’s no God, it’s up to us to create some meaning in our lives.”
- He needed comfort because his parents had divorced, and the band he had started with his friends broke up.
- He met an American opera student on a train who shared the gospel with him. After that, he read the Bible cover to cover twice in six months.
- He told an existentialist friend about his faith. The friend said, “I’m sorry for you. You think you’ve arrived at the truth, but the adventure is in the journey.”
- People in the world love to walk in darkness, but Jesus calls us to come to his light.
- Jesus’ self-identification as the light of the world alludes back to Exodus when God led the Israelites in the form of a pillar of fire.
- Dr. Köstenberger ended his message with a call for anyone who had not given their life to Christ or had fallen away to “come back to the Light.”



Testimony

Lindsay Courteau, Public Relations Department

- “Even when I didn’t know it or couldn’t see it, there was Jesus” – lyrics from “There was Jesus” by Zach Williams and Dolly Parton.
- When Lindsay was nine years old, her dad was diagnosed with cancer and given six months to a year to live. The family prayed, and her dad made it through.
- When she was fourteen, her dad was diagnosed with cancer a second time. Her granddad had died from cancer just a year before.
- People came out in masses from her family’s church and the community to pray for her dad, but she did not want to go to church. Though it was a more difficult fight than the last time, her father beat cancer again.

- In 2012, her dad developed massive blood clots. As an adult, she needed to offer her family a new kind of support. “How much more could one man’s body handle?” Miraculously, her dad pulled through again.
- In 2016, she had one two-year-old child, but her second child miscarried. Six months later, she had a second miscarriage. “Why would God have *this* planned for me?”
- Later in 2016, she, her husband, and her daughter welcomed Penelope into the family. At about the same time, Lindsay’s dad was diagnosed with cancer and beat it a third time.
- Last Fall, Lindsay had to deal with some personal health issues. She had only recently started working at Geneva, so she was concerned about her job security if she had to take time off so soon after starting in the position. She was struck by the care, concern, and prayer offered by her boss and coworkers and it has shown her more than ever that Jesus is with her.

Garvin and Medvit Receive PAC Weekly Awards

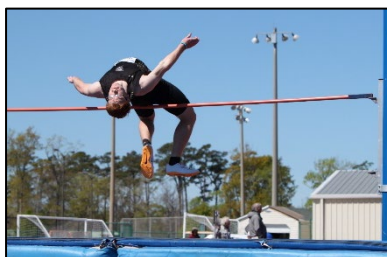
Courtesy of Geneva College Athletics

The Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC) released its first weekly awards for the outdoor track and field season, and two familiar faces were honored. Freshman Carmen Medvit was named the PAC Women’s Track Athlete of the Week, while senior Jack Garvin was named the PAC Men’s Track and Field Rookie of the Week.



Carmen Medvit

While Geneva did not compete last weekend, the Golden Tornadoes opened the outdoor season over Spring Break at a meet at Coastal Carolina. Medvit, who was honored twice during the indoor season with a weekly award, ran in just one race during the first meet of the outdoor season, but she broke the school record in the 5K with a time of 17:36.90, winning the event. That time was almost 35 seconds faster than the prior school record, set 20 years ago. That time is also the second fastest time so far this season in NCAA Division III.



Jack Garvin

Garvin, who was honored three times during the indoor season, cleared 1.93 meters in the high jump at the meet at Coastal Carolina. Garvin, who broke the indoor school record in the high jump, finished second in the event, and his jump is the top mark in the PAC this season while tying for the ninth-best mark in NCAA Division III so far.

Asked & Answered

By Kelsey Gerhard

A: How do you ask someone out if you do not know if they like you back?

Be direct but not blunt. Please do not leave the other person wondering what your intentions are. If you are not direct with a guy, he could just assume you are hanging out as friends. If it is a girl, she is going to have two to three days of replaying the interaction in her head in addition to asking everyone that she knows whether you asked her on a date or if you just wanted to hang out as friends. NOTE: This does not mean that you cannot be poetic or romantic about how you ask someone out. When my fiancé asked me out the first time, he said that he wanted to pursue me. This was direct and set the expectations of looking for a marriage partner, while still expressing it in an appropriately romantic way.

Q: If all the faculty had a battle royale (not including any coaches), who would win?

A: Hands down, Dr. Brandon Zaffini of the Political Science department. Dr. Zaffini served in the military before he came to work at Geneva College, so he has more technical training for a battle royale scenario than most other professors. On top of that, Dr. Zaffini is one of the younger faculty members, which gives him an advantage as well.



Brandon Zaffini

Q: If I want to take a trip down to Pittsburgh, what are some must-see locations?

I would make sure to visit the Carnegie Museum of Natural History. They have a wide range of exhibits, including Egyptian and Native American artifacts, numerous geological specimens, and dinosaurs. Additionally, The Carnegie Museum of Natural History is connected to the Carnegie Museum of Art, so you can get a two-for-one.

I would also recommend stopping at Point Park. This is an iconic spot in downtown Pittsburgh and, therefore, a must-see location where two rivers merge to form the Ohio River. This is a beautiful location and is free besides parking.

Close to Point Park is the Fort Pitt Museum. I might be a little biased about this one because they maintain a Pre-Revolutionary War flag that used to belong to my family way back along the genealogical line, but this is a must-see on my Pittsburgh locations list. Fort Pitt is a beautiful site that showcases the rich history of the Pittsburgh area. It creates an immersive experience for visitors while at the same time explaining the early history of the city.

Did You Know?

By Celia York

Did you know that four people requested McCartney Library to be their final resting place?

Two of these were cremated, and a cabinet holding their remains hangs on one of the walls in the West Reading Room. Library staff members are reluctant to divulge the location of the other deceased.



My Spring Break Experience

By Abigail Plitt

The track and field team traveled to Myrtle Beach over spring break to train and compete in their first outdoor meet of the season. Throughout the week we trained, relaxed, and bonded as a team.

Every day, the team woke up for early morning practices in the hot South Carolina sun. During these practices, we shared the track with other competing schools like Bethany College and Slippery Rock University.

When we were not training, we chose to spend our leisure time on the beach. Whether it was digging for shark teeth, reading their Bibles, or playing sand volleyball, the team kept busy. Throughout the trip, many of the team members had the opportunity to witness to vacationers who were curious about the group as a whole.

One thing the track team takes into account is keeping God in mind on and off the track. Throughout the whole trip, we had many people asking us who we were, what we were doing there, etc. During one of the days, the team decided to make an impromptu memorial on the beach – a hole with an island in the middle and a cross carved out of the island. On the cross, we wrote John 3:16, a reminder to all that God loves us. And during the entire time of construction beachgoers came and questioned the team about what we were doing, providing a perfect opportunity to share the gospel with others.

During the competition, our team had outstanding performances from multiple athletes, including Carmen Medvit and Jack Garvin. Carmen Medvit

broke Geneva's outdoor record for the 5,000-meter race with her time of 17:36.90. Other outstanding women's performances came from Naomi Swartzbaugh who placed sixth in the 400-meter hurdles. Maddie Castro finished eighth in the 1,500-meter run, and Jaci Mennetti finished eighth in the 5,000-meter race. This led the women's team to an overall score of 15 points, putting them in 16th place out of 28 competing schools.

For the men's team, Jack Garvin took second place in the high jump competition with his jump of 1.93 meters. David Kondraciuk finished the 400-meter race in fifth place with an outstanding time of 50.89. Along with them, Kevin Arseneaux placed sixth in the 5000-meter run. Other performances from the men led them to 10th place out of the 28 competing schools.

Senior Day Success for Men's Volleyball

Courtesy of Geneva College Athletics

The Geneva College men's volleyball team enjoyed its Senior Day tri-match on Saturday, March 25, inside Metheny Fieldhouse. They picked up a big Allegheny Mountain College Conference (AMCC) sweep of Thiel (25-19, 25-21, 26-24) to start the day, and then finished the day with a 25-14, 23-25, 25-21, 25-22 win over Division II Alderson Broaddus. The Golden Tornadoes improved their overall record to 15-13 with the two victories, 10-0 in the AMCC.

The men opened the day with an important AMCC matchup against Thiel, a squad close behind the Golden Tornadoes in the standings. The Tomcats led early in the first set before five straight points, with junior Carter Milroy and sophomore Decker Milroy contributing a kill and a block apiece, giving Geneva an 11-8 lead. A couple of minutes later, a kill from senior Jake Williams and an ace from graduate student Curtis Thomas increased the Golden Tornado edge to 15-10. Thiel battled back to pull within 20-19, but Geneva finished the set off with five straight points. Williams had two kills, and then he finished the set off with a block, 25-19.

Set two was tight early on before the Tomcats scored four straight points to take a 12-8 advantage. Thiel increased its edge as much as 18-13 before Geneva rallied. Carter Milroy had an ace and Williams a kill to pull the Golden Tornadoes within 18-16, and after a Tomcat point, Geneva rolled off five straight points to grab a 21-19 lead, and Thiel could never find a response. Senior Byron Spear finished off the set with a kill, 25-21, as the Golden Tornadoes finished the set on a 12-3 run.

Thiel led for much of the third set as well before Geneva found some late success again. Trailing 18-16, Geneva got an ace from Williams and a kill from Spear in a 4-1 run to give the Golden Tornadoes a 20-19 edge. Thiel answered with a point to pull level, but Geneva scored the next four points on two kills apiece from Milroy and Spear, getting to match point. The final point didn't come easily, though. Thiel fought off all four match points to pull even at 24-24 before a kill from Spear and a double block from the Milroy

brothers finished off the match, 26-24. Spear and Williams led the attack with 12 and 11 kills, respectively. As a team, the Golden Tornadoes hit .220. Thomas led the offense with 18 assists, while Decker Milroy added 17 assists. Geneva's blocking game was especially strong, finishing with 11 blocks, led by junior Emerson Spear's seven blocks. Sophomore Joshua Sangrey had a career-high 19 digs, while freshman Andrew Ubinger added a career-best 15 digs.

Geneva had a break before it took on Alderson Broaddus to wrap up the day, and the Golden Tornadoes got off to a great start in set one behind the serving of Williams. He had five aces in an early eight-point run to give Geneva a 10-2 lead, and the set was never close again. The Golden Tornadoes stretched their lead to as high as 20-7 before a kill from Williams finished off the set, 25-14.

The final three sets were much more competitive. Alderson Broaddus took an early lead in the second set and would never trail. The Battlers would extend their lead as high as five points multiple times before a late four-point rally pulled Geneva level at 22-22. Ubinger, Williams, and Milroy all had kills, while Emerson Spear had an ace. However, Alderson Broaddus managed to hang on, 25-23, to pull even in the match at one set apiece.

The third set followed a similar script. Alderson Broaddus jumped ahead early and led for much of the set, including a 16-12 lead midway through the set. The Golden Tornadoes rallied, though, putting together a 7-2 run, the last an ace from Milroy, to take their first lead of the set, 19-18. The Battlers answered with two straight points to retake the lead, but Geneva closed well. The Golden Tornadoes scored the next five points to take a 24-20 lead, and Byron Spear finished off the set with a kill, 25-21.

Alderson Broaddus again jumped ahead early in the fourth set, this time 8-4. The Battlers still led 14-10 before Geneva rallied again. The Golden Tornadoes used another 7-2 run to take a 17-16 lead, and the set was tight the rest of the way. The score was tied at 22-22 late before Geneva scored the final three points to win, with Spear finishing off the match with a kill, 25-22.

Byron Spear again led the offense, this time with 17 kills. Williams added nine kills and Milroy eight kills in a balanced attack. Geneva hit a solid .290 as a team. Thomas handled the setting duties, finishing with 38 assists. Sangrey led the defense with 16 digs.

The men have a week off to prepare for a road match at Penn State Behrend next Saturday at 1:00 p.m. A victory over the Lions would clinch the top spot in the regular season standings in the AMCC. If Penn State Behrend wins, the Lions would pull even with Geneva in the conference standings and hold the tiebreaker.

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