Chapel speaker Teel spoke on the personal responsibility of all people as stewards of God’s creation. He also drew relationships between the current war in Iraq and the impact on their agricultural systems. Student planner Sara Versluis commented, "I appreciated his statements about current world situations; it helped bring the whole theme of the week into a very relevant perspective. I think the chapel as a whole spoke well to the philosophy of the week."

While several events were specifically geared toward providing fun for the participants, each displayed a certain degree of an alternative and wholesome lifestyle. The coffeehouse held in Park Cabin featured student acoustic music and entirely homemade food and fair trade tea and coffee. Students learned the fading skill of square dancing at Saturday’s barn dance to the live bluegrass music of Reuben’s Potted Ferns. A bread-baking workshop held Saturday morning gave participants a crash course in the art of baking bread. Participants each mixed dough for their personal loaves and ended the session by sampling an array of fresh bread. Junior Linell Smith, who attended the workshop, said, "I loved the bread baking! It had a good representation of community and was an easy place to learn."

Food and Farming Week ended Saturday afternoon with a tour of GlenEco farm, a sustainable farm in Singer’s Glen owned and operated by Marlin and Christine Gingerich. The event included a walking tour of GlenEco and a neighboring farm that both utilize alternative and environmentally sustainable methods of farming. Participant Matthew Gingerich said, "Seeing the farm firsthand made me realize that farming is about a lot more than planting and gathering. It is all interconnected in ways we don’t always realize. The farm is like a mini-ecosystem if done properly."

While the events all asserted a positive theme of "living simply" and "taking only what you need," some expressed concern over whether the message was being received adequately on campus. Said Miller, "I felt student and faculty involvement was pretty low; apathy in general tends to be a big problem." Gingerich concluded, "It is hard for people to know how to change when they are living in a campus environment. I don’t think [Food and Farming Week] will necessarily make people change their lives now. It is my hope that it will, in a sense, plant a seed that will encourage us all to make more intelligent and long-term decisions concerning food and production for the future."

**Crossword Solution for April 3, 2003**

- **B**enk**-**a**llen**-**s**um**
- **O**wed**-**loamy**-**sire**
- **S**erious**-**aspic**-**eggs**
- **G**row**-**histopla**
- **I**ron**-**al**i**
- **V**ine**-**god**-**l**at**
- **R**ed**-**e**en**-**ram**-**red**
- **E**ene**-**fer**ari**-**es**
- **P**ta**-**cat**-**cisane**
- **S**pecter**-**ruys**
- **F**era**-**nis**-**p**
- **L**ugar**-**santorium**
- **E**mir**-**heanth**-**rica**
- **A**ble**-**aside**-**toll**
- **F**old**-**cedar**-**tat**

**Foot In Mouth**

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Introduction to Theology

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