

Adventures in Learning Update



Fall 2001

COLBY-SAWYER COLLEGE

LEARNING AMONG FRIENDS

Profile: Deniza Martin

In just three, short years the Adventures in Learning membership has grown to nearly 300 members. This was made possible by the hard work and talent of volunteer study group leaders like Deniza Martin.

While many Adventures in Learning study group leaders are professional teachers, or have worked in course-related fields, others like Deniza draw from a lifetime interest in their topic and the desire to share their enthusiasm with others.

Whether her interest is fueled by good books or a Saturday at the movies viewing *Elizabeth and Essex* (starring Bette Davis and Errol Flynn) or the beautiful and tragic *Mary Queen of Scots* (starring Katherine Hepburn), Deniza's passion for sharing her interests with fellow Adventures in Learning members is clear. Most recently, she led a group through the intricacies and machinations of the Plantagenet dynasty, which ruled England from 1154 to 1485. Currently, she is preparing a course on the War of the Roses, and she hopes in the future to present the Tudors—who ruled England from 1485 to 1603—with all



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Deniza Martin

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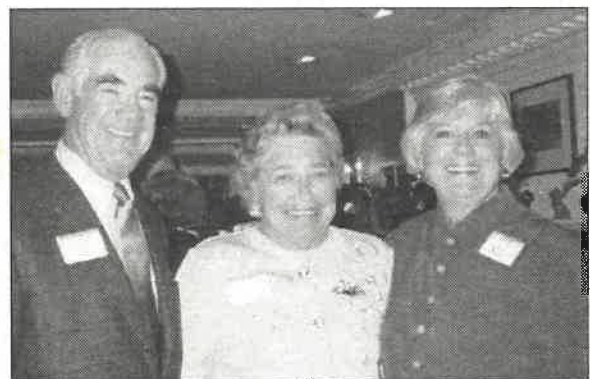
Spring Dinner Theater a Good Time

As the Adventures in Learning program has grown in popularity and enrollment, it has quickly become clear that participants and study leaders not only enjoy the stimulation of courses, but also enjoy spending time with each other. As a result, the Adventures in Learning Board of Directors decided to introduce a trial social event—an evening of dinner and theater.

On Friday, April 26, 100 lucky ticket holders met at the New London Inn for a 6:00 p.m. buffet dinner, which was preceded by a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and socializing. There was an immediate feeling of friendship, enjoyment, and conviviality. The innkeepers outdid themselves with a marvelous, multi-entrée buffet, and the evening could have successfully ended there. But there was more to come.

The theater part of the evening was a college production of *A Chorus Line*, the long-running, Broadway show and winner of the Pulitzer Prize and nine Tony awards. Directed by Colby-Sawyer Associate Professor of Fine and Performing Arts Jerry Bliss, the large cast was composed of Colby-Sawyer students (many of them first-year students) who sang, acted, and danced their way to a standing ovation.

The response to the evening was so positive that the Adventures in Learning Board is considering other out-of-classroom opportunities for members, including a possible trip with Study Group Leader Dusty Logan to the Isabella Stewart Gardiner Museum in Boston, Mass., followed by an afternoon at the Museum of Fine Arts. Other suggestions for expanding



Gerry Mayer and Susan Morrison Mayer '50 of Newbury, and Joan Whiting of Grantham were among the 100 who attended April's Spring Dinner Theater at Colby-Sawyer College.

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of their warts, wens, gore, and glory. In 1960, while living in Bethesda, Maryland, Deniza resumed her college career, which had been interrupted by marriage, moves, and babies. For nine years she organized her schedule to attend classes while her sons were in school and had the pleasure of receiving her degree the day before her son graduated from high school. Although she began her

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Preview of Fall 2001 Courses

The Adventures in Learning fall 2001 term begins September 24 and runs through November 15, 2001. During the fall term a broad array of subjects that appeal to the varied interests of the adult community will be offered. The fall catalog will be mailed during the last week in July, with the registration period opening on Monday, August 6, 2001. To avoid disappointment, register early and please designate a second and third choice. All participants are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, and classes are restricted in size to ensure the most enjoyable learning experience.



Bob Foote

Understanding Globalization

"Understanding" is the key word for this course—an effort to know why globalization is so important in our world today. Led by Bob Foote, this course will explore key economic, social, political, and other aspects of globalization we face today, and will anticipate those we'll face in coming decades.



Fred Stockwell

Adventures in Photography

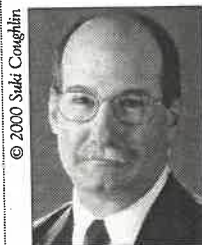
For amateur and advanced photographers alike, this course will examine the "tools of the trade" as well as emphasize wildlife, nature, scenic, and travel photography. An excellent outdoor photographer and winner of top prizes for his photographic work in several contests, Fred Stockwell will share his photographic insights and expertise.



Judy Bohn

Microbes and You

Judy Bohn returns to explore the fascinating world of bacteria, viruses, and unusual microbes in the environment around us. Curiosity is the only prerequisite necessary to begin discovering this unseen world that has completely changed our understanding of biology since the invention of the microscope.



Dr. James Schmitz

The Practical Application of Medical Ethics

Each of us has an inevitable and vital stake in the ethical aspects of health care, a field wide in scope and great complexity. New London cardiologist Dr. James Schmitz, together with a number of speakers and experts in various aspects of medicine, will discuss topics including consumer protection and healthcare, ethical concerns in reproductive technology, and end of life issues.

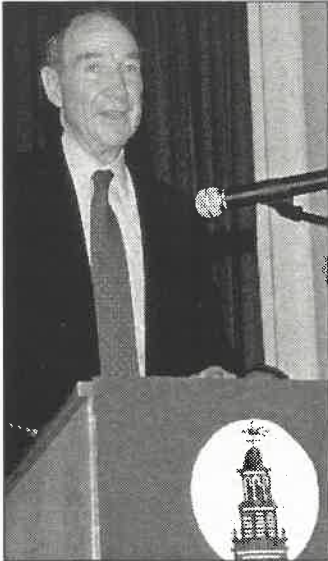
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David McLaughlin Speaks to Adventures in Learning Membership

Those attending the Adventures in Learning Annual Meeting in May were fortunate to have the opportunity to hear distinguished President *Emeritus* of Dartmouth College, and current Colby-Sawyer College Trustee David McLaughlin, speak about his views on *The Value of Disagreeing Civilly*.

With an illustrious educational and career background, David is well qualified to speak on the subject. He captured the attention of the Adventures in Learning audience throughout his talk with many moments of humor. He suggested that there was probably no one in the audience who has not been engaged in some form of disagreement on a daily basis—at work, at home, or within the community. David went a step further by reminding us of the shortcomings that arise when significant events having a profound influence on our lives aren't resolved in a constructive manner—e.g., the school funding issue in the New Hampshire legislature, the political deadlock in Congress, the problems in the Middle East and terrorism. He referred to the issues he faced as president of Dartmouth during a very contentious period at the college—relocation of the medical center, divestiture of investments in the college endowment in South Africa, reestablishment of ROTC, fraternities and residential life polarization, and the controversy over the college symbol.

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David McLaughlin

In all instances, the task is to get all constituencies to begin a dialogue that respects their differences and attempts to find reasonable grounds for agreement. Upon reflection, and through his vast experience, David was able to step back and give some thought to the cause of disagreement. He is impressed that Americans tend to disagree about most things—taxes, health care, education, environment, labor, regulations, municipal policy, etc. He feels it is useful in all these issues to find areas of agreement or to identify the cause of the disagreement with the purpose of achieving a “good society.” He quoted philosophers and teachers who offer a variety of definitions for a good society and noted that out of their teachings we can begin to understand the basis for a reasonable dialogue on civil disagreement.

David has led a number of corporations, including Orion Safety Products, the Toro Company, and Champion International. He was president of Dartmouth College for six years, and served for 10 years as chairman, president, and CEO of the Aspen Institute, a global forum that convenes leaders from diverse disciplines to address critical issues. He currently is on the Board of Directors of Viacom, Atlas Air, PartnerRe, and Infinity Broadcasting.

President George W. Bush recently announced his intentions to appoint David as the new chairman of the American Red Cross, where he has served on the Board of Governors since 1998, as chair of the Biomedical Services Committee, and on the Finance Committee and Executive Committee. We hope to again have the opportunity to hear from him in this new role.

David McLaughlin is known for his wisdom and wit. Below are some examples of both of those attributes.

On Knowledge

“First-year students bring a little in, seniors take none away, and knowledge accumulates.”

On Staying Watchful

“A day will come when the lion will lie down with the lamb, but the lamb ain't going to get much sleep.”

On Knowing Your Peers

“College is made up of many departments, each none too sure of the other's importance.”

On Remaining Stress Free

“In the midst of all these travails, if you can remain calm, you don't have all the facts.”

Lemon or Lime?

“Reaching a consensus with the faculty is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.”

On Teamwork

“When you see a frog on top of a flagpole, you know he didn't get there by himself.”

Membership Renewal

How quickly one academic year passes and another one begins. Just a flip of the calendar has brought us to July 2001 and time for Adventures in Learning to celebrate the start of its fourth year of offering not-for-credit educational enrichment for adults in the Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee region.

Our new membership year runs from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002, which means that it's time to renew your Adventures in Learning membership by sending in your annual membership fee of \$35 per person. In order to be eligible to enroll in any of our upcoming study groups you must be a member of the program.

Adventures in Learning is looking forward to the year ahead. We have planned a broad range of exciting courses and rewarding activities to stimulate your interest, and we hope you will want to be a part of what we've scheduled for the 2001-2002 academic year.

Renew your membership today. Simply complete the form below and return it with a check made payable to Colby-Sawyer College. Please mail the renewal form and payment to: Sharon Ames, Adventures in Learning, Colby-Sawyer College, 100 Main Street, New London, NH 03257.

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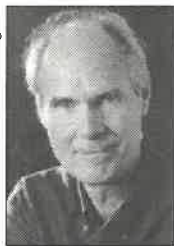
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John Goodlin

The Acting of Shakespeare

Actor and Adjunct Professor of Humanities at Colby-Sawyer College John Goodlin offers a repeat of his explorations into the plays of William Shakespeare. Discussions will focus on such aspects as the scansion, beat, and rhythm of Shakespeare's metered language; placing the thought on the word; and the ways that these considerations can enhance the vocal performance of the actor. The course also will explore the ways that language can help the actor to express and feel emotion.



Cotton Cleveland



Anne Ponder



Mel Vulgamore

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Leadership in Higher Education in America

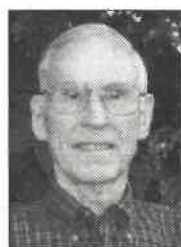
Cotton Cleveland, town moderator of the Town of New London and past coordinator of Leadership New Hampshire; Anne Ponder, president of Colby-Sawyer College; and Mel Vulgamore, past president of Albion College, will work together to coordinate a series of conversations with current and former college presidents about the issues facing colleges and universities today.

Historic Decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court

The Supreme Court of the United States, with its power of judicial review over both federal and state action, has become arguably the most important source of the basic law under which we live. Led by David Bowen and Richard Pearson, the course will consider particular cases of historic importance such as civil rights, privacy rights, separation of powers, and freedom of speech.



David Bowen



Richard Pearson



Rachel Mills

A Journal Workshop

Rachel Mills, associate professor of Humanities at Colby-Sawyer College, conducts this course that teaches participants how to put their lives and their heritage on paper. The purpose is to encourage the recording of histories, feelings, and ideas, so that one's valuable experiences will not be lost to future generations of families and communities at large.

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academic career as a pre-med student, her true interest was obvious by the time she graduated with 126 credit hours in history.

Before retiring in 1986 to Newbury, Deniza and her husband Dick moved around often, spending one of their most memorable periods in Germany during the 1970s. There, with their children grown, they developed a hearty appetite for travel, which they now satisfy frequently with trips sponsored by ILEAD, the adult education program at Dartmouth College. You can be assured that, wherever the trip, Deniza will bone up on local history.

We owe a vote of thanks to Deniza and the other members of the pilot group whose efforts have helped grow the Adventures in Learning program. By the way, Katherine Hepburn and *Mary Queen of Scots* notwithstanding, Deniza will not talk about the Stuarts, whom she considers "a silly lot."

—Marilyn Andrews

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the scope and activities of Adventures in Learning are welcomed.

Please send your requests to Sharon Ames, program coordinator at adventures@colby-sawyer.edu.

—Heidi Beckwith



(L to r) Lou Hunter, New London, Nancy Hibbard, and Louise Clark, both from Bradford



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“It has been a singular privilege and pleasure for me to have been involved in the organization of Adventures in Learning, in leading three study groups, and to have participated in several study groups as a “student.” The entire experience has been stimulating and intellectually rewarding. Adventures in Learning offers extraordinary opportunities to expand one’s knowledge of a broad range of important subjects in the fields of the arts, sciences, literature, history, and current events. Come join us as we proceed together down the paths of continuing education.”

— Vice Admiral Julien LeBourgeois, New London, NH

“We’ve been stimulated and challenged by every one of the nine courses we have taken with Adventures in Learning. Subjects about which we were curious for many years have been available for study in a stress-free, convenient location at a nominal cost. The excellent, enthusiastic leaders have woven their first-hand knowledge into each course curriculum while delightful fellow students have provided both interesting discussion and social contact. We are fortunate indeed to have this opportunity in our community and we are eager to choose many more courses in the future.”

— David and Marilyn Hopper, Springfield, NH