

Adventures in Learning Update



Fall 2000

COLBY-SAWYER COLLEGE

LEARNING AMONG FRIENDS

Profile: Curriculum Committee

One of the three standing committees that serve Adventures in Learning is the Curriculum Committee, formerly under the chairmanship of Mary Doyle and now Robert Foote. The committee is responsible for bringing together a group of talented study group leaders each term who offer us a variety of interesting and informative courses, which enrich the intellectual life of our community. Many of the members of this committee also have served as study group leaders, and all possess a broad interest in continuing education.

Chair Robert Foote graduated from Dartmouth and later received his Master's degree from Yale University. His interest in city planning led him to The Port Authority of New York in 1949, where he formed and managed the Research Division in the Tunnels, Bridges, and Terminals Division. Robert and his wife Danna came to New London in 1994 and became year-round residents in 1999.

Members who make up the Curriculum Committee include John

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Robert Foote

Annual Meeting A Celebration

The first annual meeting of Adventures in Learning was a great success. "Success" may be the wrong word; perhaps "joyful" might be better. Since it was the first annual meeting, bylaws were adopted and an entire board of nine members was elected for three-, two-, and one-year terms. At future annual meetings three directors will be elected each year to serve three-year terms.

The annual meeting also was a time for renewal of friendships and lively chatter. Unlike graduations, where old friends separate after years of study together, our annual meeting was a time of reunion; of meeting friends made studying history or poetry or genetic engineering; and with whom we will study again. It will be a different mixture of faces and study programs each session, but done with a curiosity—a common desire to keep our minds open, inquiring, and learning.

The short business meeting was followed by an address from Colby-Sawyer President Anne Ponder. Her subject was "Velocity in Higher Education." With great insight, she discussed the changes in our world and the constant need for higher education to adjust and to be ahead of the rapid changes. We appear to be a world obsessed by speed. We sleep less, we drive more, we communi-

cate instantly, and we are informed constantly. Are we approaching the limits of human capacity for processing all that we receive? The challenge to higher education is awesome.

Two highlights of the annual meeting were a short history of the beginnings



Sandy Stark, Elkins, (l), Dusty Logan, Sunapee, and Robert Gray of New London enjoy a moment during this year's first annual meeting. Over 150 people attended.

of Adventures in Learning, given by Charles Carey, and remarks made by immediate past chair of the Curriculum Committee, Mary Doyle, who presented an overview of course offerings for the coming academic year.

So that those who organized Adventures in Learning may be given the recognition they deserve, here is a condensed version of the two-year process of establishing the program.

The Adventures Story

Several people in our communities felt that we could have an ILEAD-like group here in the area surrounding our mountains, Kearsarge and Sunapee.

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and Virginia Callahan, Hilary Cleveland, Dan Darrow, Mary Doyle, Julien LeBourgeois, Deniza and Dick Martin, Peter McKee, Carolyn and Dick Sweetland, and Mel Vulgamore.

“The committee’s goal,” states Foote, “is to offer fall, winter, spring, and possibly summer courses that stimulate, attract, engage, inform, and motivate people in the greater Sunapee region in the areas of culture, science, and citizenship.”

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Preview of Fall 2000 Courses

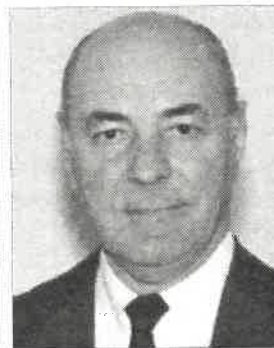
Courses scheduled for the fall 2000 term of Adventures in Learning cover a myriad of subjects that appeal to the varied interests of adult learners. The following offers a brief overview of what is to come so watch for your catalog, to be mailed later this month. To avoid possible disappointment, please register early for courses. Remember that participants are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and classes are restricted in size to ensure the most enjoyable learning experience for everyone.



Chet Reynolds

Exploring the Fourth World

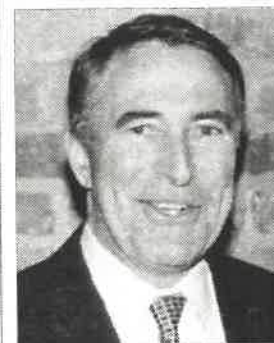
Chet Reynolds and Bob Foote (pictured in Profile) lead participants into a world of enormous variety, incredible tragedy, and heroic fortitude. Reynolds describes this as a world hard to find on a map; a world of more than 22 million people living in the least populated countries. Discover who and where these populations are, how they survive, and what we can learn from them.



Joseph Kun

22 Years That Changed the World (1918 – 1940)

Covering the years between WW I—the war to end all wars—and WW II, which was even more disastrous, this course examines what Fascism, Nazism, and Stalinism did to civilization and the responsible leaders—Hitler, Lenin, Mussolini, and Stalin. 22 Years is led by Joseph Kun, who spent his early years in Budapest, Hungary, where he lived under German and Russian occupations. His spring 2000 course on the history of the Habsburg dynasty was superb.



Charles Carey

Water: Ecologically, Politically and Economically Critical

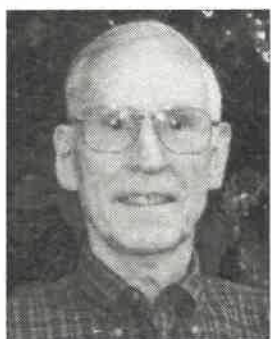
Charles Carey returns to conduct yet another fascinating course. He covers irrigation projects—historic and contemporary; the outlook for major agricultural areas that depend on irrigation; international disputes over the allocation of water; the ecological impact of major water projects; and relevant economic benefits and environmental costs.



Mel Vulgamore

The Dynamics of Faith

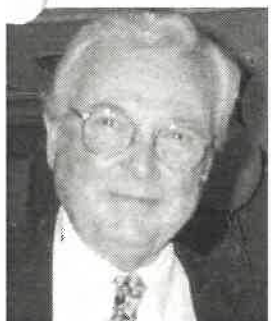
Mel Vulgamore explores the possibility and necessity of faith for our new century, presenting such issues as What faith is and is not, Types of faith, The truth of faith, and The life of faith. He presents the thoughts of Paul Tillich, leading theologian of the twentieth century, as a guide. Dr. Vulgamore is a specialist in the philosophical theology of Paul Tillich, his former professor at Harvard.



Richard Pearson

The Law in the News

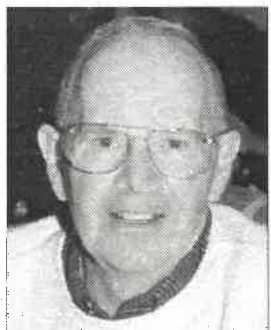
Presented by Richard Pearson, this course considers a number of legal problems that have captured public attention. Front-page stories about law often can trigger strong and sometimes emotional reactions. Here is your chance to test your reactions against those of others enrolled in the course, and to see how application of the law resolves these problems.



Charles Terry

A Study of *Hamlet*

Those who enjoyed "A Study of *Paradise Lost*," led by Charles Terry in Dartmouth's ILEAD program, will be pleased to join his Adventures in Learning course this fall. The course's topic is the language of *Hamlet*, which challenges the reader. Although video selections from productions of the play will be viewed, the course's principal focus is on the text.



Arthur Rosen

Who Wrote the Bible?

Led by Arthur Rosen, this course covers some of the subject areas about which Sunday School never told us. It tracks the solution to the mystery of Bible authorship and outlines what we now know about its writers, their audiences, and their often conflicting views. Sessions are divided between Jewish and Christian scriptures. Well qualified to teach this course, Arthur Rosen has been a life-long student of religion and the Bible.

Please refer to the Adventures in Learning fall 2000 catalog for complete course descriptions. Catalogs will be mailed later this month.

Annual Meeting, cont'd

ILEAD (Institute for Lifelong Learning at Dartmouth), is a non-credit, adult learning and enrichment program. Under the guidance of Hilary Cleveland, Sue and Dick Eaton, Charles Carey, and Julien LeBourgeois, a core organizing committee was formed. They in turn recruited Mary and Allan Doyle, Deniza



New AIL President Charles Carey

and Dick Martin, Jean and Peter McKee, Carolyn and Dick Sweetland, Bob and Susie Gray, Sheila Henry, and Priscilla LeBourgeois. The idea was proposed to Anne Ponder, who sought and received the support of the Colby-Sawyer College Board of Trustees. We are grateful to all of them for their commitment to this good cause. In particular, we thank Julien LeBourgeois, our past chair, Charles Carey, our new president, and former Curriculum Committee Chair Mary Doyle.

At the conclusion of the business portion of the annual meeting and Dr. Ponder's address, we moved to an adjoining area of the Ware Campus Center for wine, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and a lot more conversation. This first event of the program was not only a celebration of everyone's dedication, but of AIL's continuing success.

—Priscilla Obler



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Adventures in Learning is looking forward to an exciting year ahead. We are offering a variety of interesting courses during the 2000-2001 academic year. Renew your membership today!

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- I would like to serve as a study group leader for an upcoming Adventures in Learning course.

