

Adventures In Learning

at

COLBY-SAWYER COLLEGE

Winter Semester 1999

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BOUQUETS: The Organizing Committee of **Adventures In Learning** wishes to express its appreciation to Dr. Anne Ponder and the staff of Colby-Sawyer College for the enthusiastic support given to the program, the initial semester of which commenced this fall. We are also grateful for the generous response from our Study Group Leaders and our many members, who have contributed so significantly to the success of the program. Our warmest thanks to all.

PURPOSE: **Adventures In Learning** at Colby-Sawyer College has been created to provide adults in the Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee area with additional opportunities for intellectual enrichment. This brochure announces the Winter 1999 semester program.

ORGANIZATION: **Adventures In Learning** will function with the support of Colby-Sawyer College but will have its own volunteer leadership. Courses, offered on a non-credit basis, will be led by volunteer Study Group Leaders over a six or eight week period with a two-hour class once each week.

The Winter semester will begin on January 18, 1999 and end on February 26. A six-week Spring semester from April 4 to May 14, 1999 is anticipated.

Classes will normally be held in the Archives Room at the Colby-Sawyer College Library, or in the Meeting Room at Tracy Memorial Library, New London.

ENROLLMENT: Attached to this brochure is a form on which you may list your course selections **in the order of your preference**. A Study Group will usually be limited to twenty members. If there are more applicants for a particular course than there are spaces available, applicants

will be chosen by lottery. Those applicants who are not able to enroll in their first choice of courses will be enrolled in their second or third choice if space is available.

If an applicant does not gain entry to any of his/her first three course selections, the term fee will be returned and the applicant will receive first choice in the Spring semester.

If an applicant desires to participate in more than one Study Group (at no additional charge) he/she may sign up on a first-come, first-served basis **after** January 5, 1999.

FEES: Members of **Adventures In Learning** pay an annual membership fee of \$35 for the academic year in order to enroll in a Study Group.

In addition to the membership fee, enrollment for the Winter semester will be \$30 per person. (Additional course enrollment without charge will be permitted **after** January 5, 1999.)

BOOKS: Books for courses will be selected by the Study Group Leader. The total cost of books will not exceed \$25 for each course. Books normally will be available through the Colby-Sawyer College bookstore.

To participate in the initial selection of courses, an application with membership fee and course fee must be received by 4:00 p.m. Friday, November 20, 1998. If you have already paid the membership fee for the academic year, only the \$30 course fee will be required.

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Course Offerings - Winter 1999

1. Ireland – Past and Present

Mondays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
CSC Library, Archives

This class will review a history of Ireland from the pre-Christian era of Gaelic Celts to the present day “Celtic Tiger.” It will go back to the Golden Age of Christian Ireland when its missionaries established monasteries across a Europe that had been ravaged by barbarian invasions. Then came the Viking Wars and the Norman invasion, followed by three centuries of oppressive British colonial rule; culminating in the disastrous “potato famine.” After a long struggle to achieve “home rule” a divided land gained independence for what is now the Republic of Ireland and an uncertain future for the northern counties of Ulster.

Class members will be asked to contribute to the discussion with reports on notable individuals and events.

Study Group Leader: Charles Carey received a BA from Wesleyan University and an MBA from New York University. He is the retired President and CEO of National Food Processors Association. His connections to Ireland are business related as well as personal.

2. Women and the Stock Market

**Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
Tracy Library**

This study group will be about women investing in common stocks. We will discuss what women know about the market, what they should know about the market, and why they should have an interest in the market. Why is the stock market important as a subject to be taught to children and teens and how can we teach them? Participants will have fun learning about basic stock analysis and portfolio management, how to compare stocks, the difference between trading and investing, full service brokers and deep discount brokers, when to buy, sell or hold, direct investing, the miracle of compound interest, computers and investing, keeping records, etc.

No recommendations for the purchase or sale of particular stocks will be given.

Study Group Leader: Virginia Williams is the founder of an investment club. She is not a professional involved with investing. A graduate of Goddard College in art education, she has taught at the college level. Three years ago, she began her investment club activities and now wishes to share her knowledge and experience with others.

3. The Results of the Break-up of the Soviet Union 1991-1999

**Tuesdays 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Tracy Library**

This course will analyze the impact of the break-up of the Soviet Union on the Russian Federation as well as on the international community. Participants will be asked to read a variety of assigned articles and do individual research on a topic that interests them. As this is a truly confusing time in Russian history, class discussion is encouraged in order to shed light on different perspectives of the period.

Study Group Leader: Hilary Cleveland has been an Adjunct Associate Professor of Political Science at Colby-Sawyer College since 1955.

4. *The Aeneid*: The Story of a Trojan Who Made it Big!

**Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon
Tracy Library**

Virgil's *Aeneid* is an epic poem in the style of Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey*. It relies in great part on the history of the Trojan War and covers Aeneas' travels in connection with the founding of what eventually became Rome. A knowledge of Homer would be helpful but far from essential.

The class will use David West's 1990 new prose translation (Penguin Books) which is reasonably priced and very readable. Since Virgil was kind enough to write exactly 12 books for *The Aeneid*, participants will need to read only two books for each of the six sessions.

Study Group Leader: Bob Gray is an almost-retired Washington aviation lawyer who has had a great interest in Greek and Roman history. He led a study group on *The Aeneid* in Dartmouth's ILEAD program two years ago and was not run out of town. He and his wife Susie moved to New London in 1984 and have not regretted a day of it. He is a graduate of Dartmouth and The Harvard Law School and is a retired Naval Aviator which makes him eminently qualified to discuss the early history of the Aegean Sea area, having flown over the Greek and Roman parts of the Mediterranean Sea at least three times.

5. The United Nations System

**Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Tracy Library**

The United Nations Charter that was signed in San Francisco in 1945 established a new world organization. But it did more. It also proved to be a framework for the creation of international organizations and programs that cover a wide range of human activities such as human rights, economic development and humanitarian assistance, as well as the primary purpose of international peace and security. The purpose of this course is to trace this system of international organizations and to reflect on their role in world politics in the 21st century.

Study Group Leader: Gene Lyons, Professor of Government emeritus of Dartmouth College; Senior Fellow, Dickey Center of International Understanding; served with UN Korean Reconstruction Agency and UNESCO. Co-editor, contributor to *Beyond Westphalia* and *The United Nations System: The Policies of Member States*.

