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On Campus

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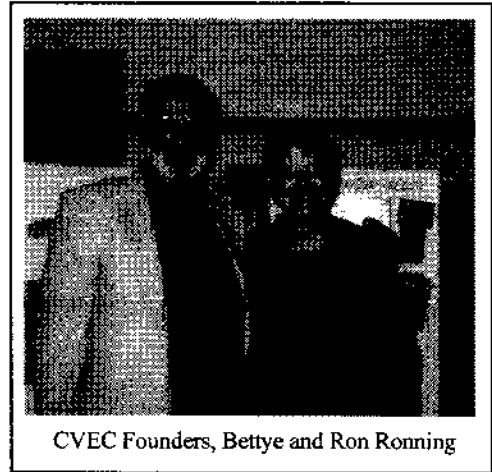
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Retiring Board Members

In May, CVEC Founders Bettye and Ron Ronning announced their retirement from the CVEC Board but not CVEC.



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Fortunately, Bettye and Ron will remain active in CVEC: Ron will continue to serve on the Finance and Curriculum Committees and Bettye on the Volunteer Committee.

Elaine Thurston also retired from the Board in June after several years of service. Elaine made outstanding contributions as Vice-chair of the Board and Chair of the Curriculum Committee. Thank you Ron, Bettye and Elaine for the years of service you have given.

New Board Members & Officers

At the May CVEC Board meeting the following officers were elected:

Chair, Bill Woehrlin; Vice Chair, George Soule; Secretary, Bob Ballentine; Treasurer, Paula Lawrence. Newly elected to the board at the Annual Meeting were: Vern Faillettaz, Paula Lawrence and Doug Kriesel.

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(Twice weekly for 4 weeks) Monday & Friday
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Reidar Dittmann	Architecture and Art in the Middle Ages and Renaissance (Begins October 7)	Tuesday 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Hartley Clark	Middle Eastern Oil and International Politics	Wednesday 9:30 - 11:30 am
Connie Sansome	Journals: Our Own Backyards	Wednesday 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Richard Maus	The Digital Revolution & How Does a Computer Really Work?	Thursday 9:30 - 11:00 am

Gifts of Music

The Collegium is blessed by talent of all kinds, and one of the most pleasing to all is music. On April 5, the Artemis Trio presented a benefit concert for CVEC at the Northfield Retirement Center. The Trio was received enthusiastically and the benefit was substantial: over \$1800 was raised. Thanks to musicians Mary Drews, Catherine Schubilske and Anna Clift, and to those who came and contributed.

Those attending the Annual CVEC Spring Meeting on May 8, also at NRC, were treated to a performance by the "Troubadears," a women's vocal ensemble led by Theo Wee. Thank you, singers, for the serenade.



The "Troubadears" directed by Theo Wee

Volunteer Committee

To broaden member participation in CVEC, the Board formed a Volunteer Committee which is being chaired by Mary Ann and Ray Eng. For more information and to volunteer call Mary Ann at 645-4393.



Volunteer Coordinators, Mary Ann & Ray Eng

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Students in **Sally Legrand's** "Seeing Architecture in Its Context" were doing just that a good deal of the time, not necessarily to be found in the slated Northfield Community Resource Center classroom #SS106 where many recent CVEC courses have been held. Indeed, field trips are a common feature in Collegium courses, from concert outings in music class to cave exploration in one of geologist **Connie Sansome's** courses.

The United Methodist Church played host to **Vern Faillettaz's** "The Many Faces of Jesus" class while a Northfield Community Resource Center traditional classroom accommodated **Bruce Burnes'** class, "A Study of Comparative Religions".

One thing is very clear: no matter where a class meets or travels, the physical location is only the launching pad for the real journey, which is that of the mind exploring other minds, worlds, and areas of knowledge and development. Prepare for take-off again next September!

Funding Matters

Elder Collegium received its full funding of \$6000 from the Minnesota Humanities Commission for this year. However, since MHC did not receive any state funding in the last legislative session, it is uncertain what may happen in the next funding year.